



USTA - Wisconsin District La Crosse Area League Tennis (LAL) 2020 Local Rules and Procedures

2020 USTA League Regulations, USTA/Midwest Section League Regulations and the Wisconsin District Rules shall apply with the exceptions listed below. The Code of Conduct will apply for all matches without officials. See “The Code” in 2020 *Friend at Court*.

Competition Format and Scoring:

1. Scoring

- All Adult 18 & Over, Adult 40 & Over, Adult 55 & Over, Adult 65 & Over, Mixed 18 & Over, Combo or Tri-Level leagues and any indoor match will be best of 3 sets with a 12-point Set Tiebreak at 6 all. A Match Tiebreak will be played in lieu of the 3rd Set, using the Coman Format Tiebreak Procedure.

2. Team Match

Each team match in the La Crosse Area Leagues will be as follows:

- Adult 18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5) and Adult 40 & Over - (3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+) - 2 singles and 3 doubles matches
- Adult 18 & Over (2.5, 5.0+) - 1 single and 2 doubles matches
- Combo , Adult 55 & Over, Adult 65 & Over and Mixed 18 & Over - 3 doubles matches
- Any other format approved by the WTA League Committee.

Advancing teams must be prepared to fill all positions required in championship play.

3. Team Scoring

The team with the most **INDIVIDUAL match points** accumulated during the season will be the winner. Each singles and doubles match counts as 1 point; a total of 3 points for Adult 18 & Over for 2.5 and 5.0+ NTRP, Adult 55 & Over and Adult 65 & Over; and 5 points for the Adult 18 & Over and Adult 40 & Over leagues each time a team plays. **Match points will be cumulative. The team with the most points at the end of the season wins the league.** Ties will be broken by the 2019 USTA League Regulations 2.03H, (pages 21).

General Procedures:

League Play: Local leagues must begin play for Adult 18 & Over and Adult 40 & Over by July 1; Mixed 18 & over by July 15 and Adult 55 & Over, Adult 65 & Over and Mixed 40& over by August 15. Players in Combo leagues must be registered on a team by December 15.

Rainouts and Rescheduled Matches:

1. Matches that are rained out must be played within two weeks of the original match date or prior to the end of the league season, whichever comes first.
2. Players are responsible for all costs incurred if the decision is made to continue the match indoors.
3. In-progress matches should resume exactly where the players left off. Players will begin the match with the score that existed at the time of the rain out. The match continues as if there was no interruption in play except for a 10 minute warm up. If no matches have started, the line-up may be changed for the rematch.
4. HOME team has the final decision on where the match will be played.

If an USTA League Age Group consists of only two (2) teams in a level of play, each team must maintain its roster with at least 40 percent of its players at the designated NTRP level of play. The exception is the Adult 55 & Over league type that uses combined NTRP rating levels and will not be required to comply with Regulation. USTA League Regulation 1.04D(5).

Key Dates:

Registration for a team will close two weeks before the final match. Adult 18 & Over, Adult 40 & Over, Adult 55 & Over, Adult 65 & Over and Mixed 18 & Over two (2) local matches (one default may count) must be played to advance to Local Playoffs and State Championship.

All matches must be completed no later than one week before Championship Playoffs begin. All matches listed on the schedule must be played.

GRIEVANCE & APPEALS PROCEDURES & NTRP GRIEVANCE COMPLAINTS

A grievance is an allegation that the opponent violated a local, USTA/Midwest Section Standing Order or USTA League Regulation. A NTRP Grievance: A grievance contending that player's NTRP level is lower than the actual skill level. 3.02E

- All grievances shall be directed to the Local League Grievance Committee. There is an Appeals Committee for any member involved in the grievance. A filing fee of \$50.00 will

be assessed for any Grievance or Grievance Appeals. If the original grievance is upheld, the fee will be returned to the filer. Please send a copy and check to Liz Ritter.

- All NTRP Grievances shall be forward to the USTA Midwest Section. There is a \$50 filing fee. If the grievance is upheld, the \$50 fee will be returned. A credit card number must be provided along with the grievance and be sent to the USTA/Midwest Section c/o Diane Ansay, 1310 E. 96th St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

After July 15, all NTRP Grievances and Appeals fees go up to \$100.00 due to time restraints on determining winners of the local league, or progression of teams to championships.

- All grievances shall be filed in writing with the appropriate committee. Each committee shall consist of no less than three persons including the chair.

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