

**2019 USTA LEAGUE TENNIS- RULES AND REGULATIONS APPENDIX:
USTA/KANSAS (KANSAS DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION)**

These USTA/Kansas (Kansas District Tennis Association) rules and regulations are supplemental and subordinate to the USTA National League Tennis Program Rules and Regulations and the current USTA Missouri Valley League Tennis Rules and Regulations. Further league information will be at <https://www.usta.com/en/home/about-usta/who-we-are/missourivalley/mvkansas.html>

Section 1 – League Administration:

For any matters regarding USTA League Tennis, please contact Kansas District Adult League Coordinator, **Becky Samaniego** at rmann80@gmail.com.

Section 2 – TennisLink:

A. TennisLink is an internet based system used by the United States Tennis Association (USTA), USTA Missouri Valley, and USTA Kansas

B. All players must be registered on TennisLink Leagues before playing any USTA match and must meet all USTA, Missouri Valley Section and Kansas District eligibility requirements.

C. TennisLink provides the following functions:

- 1) Enters players on the roster of their chosen team and collects all appropriate fees
- 2) Verifies the players USTA membership status and NTRP level.
- 3) Provides the source for league schedules
- 4) Accepts match results (as entered and confirmed by opposing captains).
- 5) Keeps track of flight standings, including tie breaks.

Section 3 – Rosters

A. All players **must** have a valid NTRP rating and USTA membership valid through all league matches, although it is recommended membership be current through the end of the championship year. A player not meeting these requirements will forfeit all matches played while ineligible. Players may obtain USTA membership by calling **1-800-990-8782**, or may join online at www.usta.com. Payment by credit card will be required.

B. All team rosters must have the minimum number of players to fill the required number of courts in a division's format.

C. PLUS (+) NTRP Levels of Play

- 1) 18 & Over 5.0 Plus(+) NTRP level teams may include up to two(2) players from the next higher NTRP level (5.5).
- 2) 40 & Over 4.5 Plus (+) NTRP level teams may include up to three (3) players from the next higher NTRP level (5.0).
- 3) Plus(+) players must always play in the #1 position, #1S or #1D. Only one Plus (+) player may compete in a team match when the Plus(+) NTRP level utilizes three (3) individual matches within a team match. Two Plus (+) players may compete in a team match when the Plus (+) NTRP utilizes five(5) individual matches within a team match.

D. Captains should consider possible injuries, vacations and scheduling conflicts in determining roster numbers.

E. **Out of District Players** are limited in the following league divisions:

- 1) NTRP rated 5.0+ teams in 18 & Over division may roster no more than two (2) out of district players.
- 2) Adult 18 & Over and 40 & Over teams in 3 court leagues, at all other NTRP rated levels, may roster no more than two (2) out of district players.
- 3) Adult 18 & Over and 40 & Over teams in 5 court leagues, at all other NTRP rated levels, may roster no more than three (3) out of district players.
- 4) Adult 55 & Over and Tri-Level teams may roster no more than two (2) out of district players.

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- 5) Adult 65 & Over teams may roster out of district players in order to fill teams in that age division as representatives of Kansas District. **Potential rosters may not contain more than 30% out of district players.**
- 6) Mixed Doubles teams in 18 & Over and 40 & Over divisions may roster no more than two (2) out of district players.

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>CORE TEAM MINIMUM BY DEADLINE</u>	<u>TEAM ROSTER MAXIMUM</u>
ADULT 18 & OVER INDOOR 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 (3 cts) Advancing teams must be able to fill 5 court format	5	18
ADULT 18 & OVER OUTDOOR 3.0 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 (5 cts)	8	18
ADULT 18 & OVER 2.5 & 5.0+ (3 cts)	5	12
ADULT 40 & OVER INDOOR 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+ (3 cts) Advancing teams must be able to fill 5 court format	5	18
ADULT 55 & OVER, 65 & OVER 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 (3 cts)	6	14
ADULT MIXED 18 & OVER 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 10.0	3 MEN - 3 WOMEN	18
ADULT MIXED 40 & OVER 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0	3 MEN - 3 WOMEN	18
ADULT MIXED 55, 65 & OVER 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	3 MEN - 3 WOMEN	18
TRI-LEVEL MEN & WOMEN (3 cts)	*3.5, 4.0, 4.5 W/ 2 AT EACH LEVEL	18
	*See KS Tri-Level reg G.7	

F. Early Start Leagues and the Elimination of Early Start Ratings

1) An Early Start League begins its season before the Year End Ratings are published. *USTA 2.05B(3)* Early Start League players must follow the procedures set forth below when they receive a year-end computer rating that places them above the NTRP level at which they are competing.

2.05B3(a) Players who are found to have valid computer ratings, after the appeal process, that place them at the clearly above level mark must immediately adjust to their new NTRP level . Prior team matches played are valid.

2.05B3(b) Players who are found to have valid computer ratings, after the appeal process, that place them above the NTRP level at which they are competing, may continue their participation at the lower NTRP level through the conclusion of any Early Start League in progress or until such other date or championship level as determined by the Section. Missouri Valley Section Allows participation at the lower NTRP level through the conclusion of any Early Start League in progress or until such other date or championship level as determined by the Section. They shall not be permitted to advance to any National Championship at the lower NTRP level. Prior team matches played are valid.

2.05B3(c) Players on a 2.5 team who are found to have valid computer ratings, after the appeal process, that place them above the 2.5 NTRP level may continue their participation through all championships at the 2.5 level UNLESS their year-end rating reached the clearly above level mark. If it did, they must immediately adjust to their new NTRP level. Prior team matches played are valid.

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G. Tri-Level Teams shall consist of men's and women's doubles teams of straight NTRP levels 3.5, 4.0, & 4.5. This level of Tri-Level has opportunity to advance to section championships and a national invitational event. Local leagues of straight NTRP levels 3.0, 3.5 & 4.0 may be formed but there is no opportunity for advancement.

- 1) Tri-Level match format shall be three courts of doubles, one court of each NTRP level.
- 2) A player may play up one level.
- 3) An individual may only play in one match within a team match.
- 4) All USTA League Tennis Regulations in Section 1.00 GENERAL and Missouri Valley Tri-Level regulations shall apply to Kansas District Tri-Level regulations.
- 5) Tri-Level match ratings will be included in USTA year-end ratings.
- 6) Tri-Level teams will not be subject to the move up/split up rules.
- 7) Tri-Level teams eligible to compete at the 2019 Section Invitational must have at least two (2) rostered players at each of the NTRP levels stated above. Otherwise, they will not be invited to attend. *(2017 MV Tri-Level Section #17)*
- 8) Players must play at least one match with their team to be eligible to play at the Section or National event.
- 9) National Open Tri-Level Championship rules allow each Section's team to be comprised of a minimum and maximum number of players determined by the Invitational Event administration. Only 12 players on a team may advance to National Championships.
- 10) **Kansas District Tri-Level rules allow team maximum of 18 players in each gender.**

H. The TennisLink system will be used to submit rosters. TennisLink will verify USTA membership, NTRP levels and will collect fees. A non-refundable administration fee of \$3 per player will be charged by USTA; a **\$7 (seven dollar)** fee per player is charged by Missouri Valley.

I. Players must play in at least two (2) matches to be eligible for Section Championship play. One default may count toward eligibility for Section Championship play. In order to advance to any Adult National Championships, an individual player must have participated in three (3) matches during all competition on that specific team. One (1) default may count as a match played. *(USTA 2017)*

J. All USTA League participants must be 18 years of age, or turn 18, in the calendar year in which they will play. Players in higher age divisions, i.e. 40, 55 and 65 & Over must reach the league division's required minimum age during the calendar year in which they will play.

K. Players must not play at a level below their NTRP rating and may not play more than one (1) level above their NTRP level. (i.e. A 3.5 player may play in a 3.5 or 4.0 league but may not play at the 4.5 level.) USTA has established minimum NTRP levels for players to be eligible to participate in Age Groups that use combined NTRP team levels in the Adult and Mixed Divisions.

L. If an Adult 18 & Over or a 40 & Over league consists of only two teams in a level, each team must maintain its roster with at least 40% of its players at the designated NTRP level of play.

M. Each Adult 18 & Over and 40 & Over team must maintain its roster with at least thirty percent (30%) of its players at the designated NTRP level of play regardless of the number teams in the league.

N. All two team leagues, in any division, must have two viable teams participating, including any combination rating league types. No accommodation matches will be created for local league advancement. "Viable" would mean a minimum number of combination rated players to fill court formation. EX: 3 courts of 9.0 combination doubles teams, minimum to participate in Adult 55 & Over 9.0 League.

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Section 4 – League Deadlines:

A. All Kansas District league matches shall be subject to the deadline dates posted in the Missouri Valley Rules. All qualifying matches must be played by these deadlines for teams to advance to Section Championships. Published deadline dates are absolute except for:

1) National TennisLink malfunction, permanent move into district from another district or a dynamic disqualification from a lower league level. Players moving up from dynamic disqualification or moving in from another district should contact the District League Coordinator to be added to a roster after deadline, subject to individual coordinator's discretion and overall league coordinators' final decision.

B. Each district shall set a registration deadline for players on teams advancing to Section Championships. A minimum number of players on the advancing team must complete online registration by the district deadline or may not be allowed to play in Section Championships. In which case, the District League Coordinator may invite the second place team to immediately register by a revised registration deadline. The District League Coordinator may continue to invite teams in the order of finish and to establish revised registration deadlines until the coordinator finds an eligible team to compete. Once the advancing team has been determined and the required minimum number of players registered, no fees will be refunded for any reason. District deadlines must be set to coincide with a date fourteen (14) days before section events and must coincide with registration deadlines published by Missouri Valley Section. See page 14.

C. 2019 USTA Kansas League schedules and deadlines are attached at the end of this Appendix. Additional league information may be found at

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/organize/program-resources/missourivalley/mvleagueregules.html>

Select USTA Kansas Rules and Regulations.

D. Any player who has missed the Sectional Registration Deadline set by the section, and who wishes to participate in the championship, must contact the Section Adult Program Manager for permission. The player shall submit a check, payable to USATMV, by credit card or by cash, at the captains check-in to be eligible to play. No players will be allowed to play in the championship if they have not registered and paid the fee. Missouri Valley Section Championships and National Championships dates, deadlines and locations are attached at the end of this Appendix on page 15.

E. Kansas District player add deadlines shall be the day before a team's second to last match date of the team's published match schedule.

Section 5 – Status of Promoted Players

A. If a captain of a 2.5 or a 3.0 Adult 18 & Over team, or that of a 3.0 Adult 40 & Over, team has a player who is promoted, the captain may replace that player within the time frame of scheduled matches for the season before the player add deadline, as players at these levels should improve.

B. If a captain of an Adult 18 & Over, 40 & Over, at the 3.5 level or above, has a player who is promoted, the captain **may not** replace that player. Captains should make this a consideration when establishing team rosters.

C. If a captain of a 55 & Over, a 65 & Over, Tri Level or Mixed Doubles team (at any rating level or age division), has a player who is promoted, the captain **may not** replace that player if the player add deadline has passed or if the team roster is full. The promoted player may continue to play on that team paired with a partner whose rating corresponds with his/her new rating.

Section 6 – Guidelines for Self-Rated Players:

A. Players will only be allowed to "self-rate" if they do not have a valid computer rating from league tennis anywhere in the United States.

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- B. See last page in 2019 USTA League Regulations for specific age guidelines regarding duration of NTRP computer ratings.**
- C. Players with expired ratings will not be allowed to self-rate at a lower level than their last published NTRP rating. However, they will have the opportunity to file a self-rate appeal.**
- D. Players should study the NTRP guidelines found at www.usta.com and should complete the entire Self-Rate questionnaire by answering every question honestly in order to avoid disqualification and penalties that may result from an attempt to be placed in an inappropriate level by the system.**
- E. Players should look at the NTRP ratings of Kansas players with whom they have played to be sure they are at level.**
- F. For future guidelines, players should consult a tennis professional or former head verifier.**
- G. If you have questions about appropriate level, players may contact the District League Coordinator about whom to contact.**
- H. Players, **not the captain** seeking to place players on a team, are responsible for their rating, the completion of Self-Rate questionnaire and any subsequent Self-Rate questionnaire appeals.**
- I. Players should take care not to register below their ability as they will be most susceptible to being moved up in the middle of a season and having matches forfeited.**
- J. A player will generate a computer rating even if he or she only plays Mixed Doubles.**
- K. Players who are good athletes, or intend to spend a good deal of time taking lessons or practicing or who formerly played should be aware that their improvement may be significant enough to surpass their original self rating by the time they reach the end of the local league season or championship level. To avoid NTRP disqualification and forfeits, these players should enter at a level higher than they hope/expect to attain.**
- L. Players disqualified during a league season **must** re-register and pay again to play on another team.**
- M. District or Section League Coordinators may file Self-Rate grievances at any time.**

Section 7 – Fees:

- A. Team registration fees are \$35 per player for each team on which they are eligible to play in all USTA Kansas leagues except Tri-Level. Tri-Level fees will be \$25 per player.**
- B. Players who register but are injured or unable to play due to schedule conflicts or relocation may be eligible for full or partial refund by applying to Kansas District League Coordinator, **Becky Samaniego** at rmann80@gmail.com . Players who play one or more matches will not be eligible for a refund under any circumstances.**
- C. Provided a team has not had a previous total team default, team captains are responsible for a \$100 deposit per team. The deposit is to encourage teams to show up for all scheduled events and to only use eligible players. Deposit checks not cashed will not be returned at the end of the season, but will be destroyed.**
- D. To encourage competition, teams which forfeited one or more matches will be required to pay a \$200 deposit to register a team in the next league year.**
- E. KDTA will pay court fees for matches played outdoors.**
- F. **Team captains are responsible for court fees for all matches played indoors (either scheduled or moved indoors due to bad weather).** Fees must be paid before the match starts. The following fee schedule shall be used in determining costs for indoor matches at all facilities. **Flat fees** of \$100 for 3court format (\$50 per team per match) and \$160 for 5 court format (\$80 per team per match) will be charged by the facilities. **Facilities should adjust fees downward to account for varying sales tax for which they are responsible.****

5 player teams (3 courts- 1 Singles, 2 Doubles) shall be \$10 per player per match
6 player teams (3 courts Doubles) shall be \$8.35 per player per match

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8 player teams (5 courts – 2 Singles, 3 Doubles) shall be \$10 per player per match

Captains are to collect fees from their players and remit the court fees to the facility by payment with one check or credit card transaction.

G. In case of a total team default, defaulting team will be required to pay all court fees incurred as a result of the default if courts are not cancelled 24 hours before the match time. Teams failing to notify opposing captains and the reserved facility of their inability to fill all reserved indoor courts, will be required to pay for all reserved courts regardless of how many courts are actually used for the scheduled match. Failure to fully pay fees may result in deposit forfeiture, match forfeiture, both, or other remedy.

H. Captains of teams advancing to Missouri Valley Section Championships or USTA National Championships may receive some reimbursement from USTA Kansas after Section and National Championships are concluded. Players who are qualified will be required to register themselves before a deadline set by Kansas District. Players will pay individual entry fees for Section Championships. Registration for Tri-Level and National Championships may be conducted in a different manner and will be communicated to teams after Section Championships are concluded.

Section 8 – League Season/Match Scheduling

A. League Coordinators shall consider the following guidelines when creating league schedules.

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| 1) Leagues consisting of | 2 teams | play 5-8 matches |
| | 3-4 teams | play each team 3-4 times |
| | 5-6 teams | play each team 2-3 times |
| | 7-8 teams | play each team 2 times |

2) Local leagues may be divided into divisions. League play would be between teams within the division. Local league play may be scheduled on week nights if league numbers dictate the necessity.

3) Two matches per day may be scheduled depending on availability of courts and league registration.

B. Captains and players should use sound discretion when bad weather makes travel dangerous. District or local league coordinators may cancel matches if road conditions are hazardous. Decisions to cancel will be made only on the day of the match and will be based on current information from the Kansas Highway Patrol, the National Weather Service, Weather Spotters, etc. Contact the league Coordinator the morning of the match if there are questions.

C. Non-weather related schedule changes are not permitted.

D. Absent rain-outs and depending on league participation, Outdoor League play generally will not be scheduled on the following:

- Easter Weekend
- Memorial Day (weekend)
- Mother’s Day (day only)
- Father’s Day (day only)
- 4th of July (when falling on Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday)

E. Scheduler will attempt to avoid scheduling matches on weekends of traditional local tournaments in Salina, Topeka and Wichita. There are no guarantees.

Section 9 – Match Procedures

A. Captains should confirm court reservations with each other and the facilities to insure correct location and times of matches 24 hours in advance.

B. Captains must inform each other in advance, as much as possible, of any default courts.

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Defaulting of courts **must** follow procedures outlined in Section 10.

C. TennisLink scorecards should be completed and exchanged simultaneously 15 minutes prior to the scheduled match time.

D. League Formats:

- Adult 18 & Over Indoor – One (1) court singles, Two (2) courts doubles
***Adult 18 & Over Indoor teams advancing to Section Championships must be able to field a team to fill five (5) court format - Two (2) courts singles, Three (3) courts doubles. Five court format will also be used for 18 & Over Adult Kansas District Championships.**
- Adult 18 & Over Outdoor – Two (2) courts singles, Three (3) courts doubles
- **Adult 40 & Over League Indoor – One (1) court singles, Two (2) courts doubles**
***Adult 40 & Over teams advancing to Section Championships must be able to field a team to fill five (5) court format - Two (2) courts singles, Three (3) courts doubles.**
- Adult 2.5 and 5.0+ match format – One (1) court singles, Two (2) courts doubles
- Adult 55 & Over, 65 & Over, Mixed Doubles – Three (3) courts doubles
- Tri-Level – Three (3) courts doubles (one at each 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 NTRP level or 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 NTRP level)

F. Players **need not** be present at the time of the line-up exchange.

G. Players arriving late will be penalized according to the following time frame and game forfeits:

- 5 minutes or less: Loss of toss + one game
- 5:01 to 10 minutes: Loss of toss + 2 games
- 10:01 to 15 minutes: Loss of toss + 3 games
- More than 15 minutes: Default of match

H. Penalties may not be waived, even if the offended captain would consent due to court rescheduling restraints. Captains should be sure players arrive on time.

I. Captains should confirm scores and sign the opponents scorecard to assure correct scores are recorded at the conclusion of the match.

J. Home team shall provide new USTA approved balls.

K. TennisLink system must be used to record match results.

L. Ten minute warm up is permitted. Matches scheduled for 10:00 a.m. – actual play is to begin no no later than 10:10. This assumes the court was available at 10:00 a.m.. Delays due to weather or earlier matches will result in appropriate adjustment.

M. All **warm up serves will be taken before the start of the match.** Do not warm up the serve of the player serving first, play the first game and then warm up the second server. Do it all before the first point of the match.

N. If rain interrupts a match in progress, the captains are to document the exact score, service, and side of court. Resumed matches shall pick up exactly as left off. This is true whether there is a ten minute delay or a two week delay.

O. A player may expect no more than a 30 minute break between back-to-back matches.

P. All electronic communication devices (cell phones, pagers, etc.) must be OFF while players are on the court.

Section 10 – USTA/Kansas Adult League Forfeit Rules

USTA rules state #2 Singles court must be forfeited before #1 Singles. Further stating #3 Doubles must be forfeited before #2 Doubles, and on to #2 Doubles before #1 Doubles. Kansas District has elected to impose additional rules. In the event a team must play with fewer than the required minimum number of players as stated previously (Section 3 B), the captain shall be informed prior to the exchange of lineups and the following forfeit policy shall apply:

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<u># of Players Available</u>	<u>Action</u>
7	Forfeit #2 Singles
6	Forfeit #3 Doubles
5	Forfeit #2 Singles and #3 Doubles
4	Forfeit #2 Doubles and #3 Doubles
3 or fewer	Forfeit Match

All forfeited matches are recorded as 6-0, 6-0 for the winner and 0-6, 0-6 for the forfeiting team.

A. If both teams are missing players, the above plan **must** be followed using the guidelines for the team with fewer players so that the maximum number of players present can play consistent with the league. Both teams will forfeit the courts in which they cannot field a full team. Term used in TennisLink is “Double Default” for entering scores in the scorecard.

B. If a team default occurs, the results in TennisLink will remain. Final team standings will be determined at the end of the league season by the District League Coordinator manually tallying match results. A team default ‘received’ cannot be the deciding factor in final team standings.

1) If all teams in contention for championship played valid matches against the defaulting team, those match results stand as played in determining final team standings.

2) If any team in contention for championship received a default win, none of the defaulting team’s matches in that round robin will count in determining final team standings.

3) If a defaulting team is in contention for championship, the match default committed will stand in the defaulting team’s record as 0-5 loss (0-3 for three (3) court format).

C. Total team defaults in a league schedule must be reported to the District League Coordinator. Teams failing to complete play in their published league schedule will be subject to penalty including loss of deposit, if the default affects the outcome of team standings for the league. If the resulting default does not affect the league standings the penalty may be waived upon decision by the District League Committee. **Teams totally defaulting a match will not be allowed to advance to Section Championships nor will the team be eligible to accept a wildcard offered the district in their division.**

D. Notify the league scheduler, Myron Pushyk at mpushyk@genesishealthclubs.com, as soon as possible if match dates must change **due to weather**. The League Scheduler must have notice within one week that a mutually agreed upon date for a changed match has been set by captains involved in changing match dates. Rescheduled matches **MUST NOT** overlap from one season to the other as in Indoor and Outdoor league seasons. Rescheduled matches in the Outdoor league season **must be completed one week before the posted District Playoff dates or be counted as defaults for both teams and both team deposit checks WILL BE FORFEITED.**

Section 11 – Weather Policy

A. League coordinators and schedulers do not have special ability to predict Kansas weather. The weather channel is the same at your house as it is the coordinators’. (i.e. Don’t call at 5 a.m. and ask if it’s going to be raining in 4 hours.)

B. Host captains shall be responsible for securing indoor facilities, if necessary and available, and shall make every effort to play on the day scheduled to avoid TennisLink problems.

C. Host captains are asked to be responsible for all matches being played at their level, in their city/site, on a given day. (For example, we use schedule formats that often bring 2 teams from other cities to a third city to play – Salina, Topeka and Wichita may gather in Wichita to all play. The

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Wichita captain is asked to secure courts for the matches between Salina and Topeka as well as for the matches involving the Wichita team.)

D. Make every attempt to play matches on the date scheduled. This may involve playing indoors or waiting a few hours for a storm to pass and courts to dry.

E. Play interrupted by rain should continue indoors if courts are available. All games and points are to be recorded and play is to resume exactly where it left off. Match locations that do not have indoor court facilities will require play to be rescheduled.

F. Team captains are responsible for court fees for indoor matches. (See Section 7 F.)

G. Kansas weather changes rapidly. We have all witnessed, many times, heavy rains followed by sunshine and dry courts within an hour. It can also rain all day.

H. Kansas District recognizes that lengthy travel is often required and that most players don't want to drive 2-3 hours only to get rained out. When this threat exists:

- Coordinate with the host captain
- Rely on weather radar and local forecasts
- If prudent, delay the start times of the matches
- Secure indoor courts, if possible
- Exchange cell phone numbers and communicate

I. Captains are responsible to inform their players of match location and time changes.

J. Notify the League Scheduler, Myron Pushyk mpushyk@genesishealthclubs.com or District League Coordinator Diana Christman within 48 hour of changes in play dates due to weather.

K. Captains are asked to reschedule complete or partial rainouts within one week of the original match date. The league scheduler shall be notified of the proposed make-up date and site and must approve both. (This does not mean the make- up match must be played within one week, simply that the new date is scheduled and approved by team captains.)

L. Rainouts not rescheduled within this time frame will be rescheduled by the League Scheduler.

M. Captains of teams residing in the same city should decide 30 minutes prior to the scheduled match start whether to play, move indoors, or reschedule. If indoor courts are available for the matches to be played it is advisable to play as many teams as possible. If court time is limited so that only two or three lines can be played, put on doubles teams first and consider playing singles lines at a rescheduled time.

N. Summary:

- 1) Make every attempt to play on the scheduled date
- 2) Delays in start times are permissible due to bad weather (Communicate with the tennis facility if they have a phone/staff to ensure court availability.)
- 3) Changes in plans (moving indoors, rescheduling times or dates) shall be done by the Participating captains by agreement.
- 4) The host captain shall be responsible for logistics when weather becomes a factor.

Section 12 – On Court Rules and Conduct

A. **The District League Coordinator has a right to summarily suspend the captain, player, or a team whose behavior has been found not to be in compliance with the regulations and/or violates the standards of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship, including egregious, disruptive or abusive behavior that interferes with the administration of the league.** Please follow “The Code” as it appears in the Friend At Court.

Section 13 – Match Scoring

A. All Men's Women's and Mixed Doubles matches shall be 2 sets with **match tiebreak in lieu of a third set** in both Indoor and Outdoor leagues, **unless the match is time restricted.** See

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1) A **set tiebreak** shall be played at 6-6 in all sets. **Coman tiebreak** procedure shall be followed.

2) A **two minute rest period** (called a set break) is permitted between all sets **when a tiebreak is used in lieu of a third set.**

3) **COACHING IS NOT PERMITTED during any 2 minute set break.** (*Friend at Court USTA Comment 30.2, pg. 26; Item #3 Note, pg. 32.*)

B. TIME RESTRICTED MATCHES: Indoor matches are scheduled to be two (2) hours in length. PLAYERS MUST determine match ending time for their specific court. When matches must be completed within a specific time the following rules shall apply:

1) At 15 minutes before **determined end of play, no new game shall begin. PLAYERS shall assess their match using the following information:**

2) All games “in play” are completed.

3) If a player/team is ahead by two games, they have won the set.

4) If no player/team is ahead by two games, they shall play a **set tiebreak.** The winner of the tie-break wins the set.

5) If the sets are then split, a **7 POINT tiebreak (not a 10 POINT tiebreak)** shall be played in lieu of the third set **when play has extended into the 15 minute time zone.**

6) A game **or point** is in play once the server has struck the first ball.

7) **THIS PROCEDURE IS USED ONLY WHEN TIME HAS ELAPSED IN AN INDOOR TIME RESTRICTED MATCH.**

C. Set Tie-break Procedure: Players follow the same service rotation as in the set being played. Players play first team to 7 by an advantage of 2 points. Traditional or Coman Tie-break procedures are to be followed as stated in Section 13A or B depending on which division is playing the tie-break.

D. Match Tie-break Procedure: Match tie-breaks are played with the same procedure as explained in Section 13D, except play continues until one team or player scores 10 points with a 2 point advantage. Match tie-breaks are used in lieu of a third set as is the policy at Section and National USTA Championships and as stated in Section 13B regarding Kansas District Women’s division matches.

E. Match scores must be entered by captains within 48 hours after the completion of a match. The other team then has 48 hours to **confirm** or **dispute** the scores entered. TennisLink will automatically confirm scores after 48 hours of being reported. It is suggested that the home team captain enter scores and the visiting team captain confirm.

F. Scorecard entry errors should be reported to the District League Coordinator. Scores will be utilized in TennisLink Dynamic Rating System and updated daily. Timely reporting of scores is necessary to generate ratings. **If a question arises about a score entry, select the ‘dispute’ button to place the scorecard on hold until the error can be corrected.**

Section 14 – League Standings/District/Section Championships

A. Each 5 court match (2 singles & 3 doubles) or 3 court match (1 singles and 2 doubles, or three doubles) event shall be referred to as a ‘TEAM MATCH’.

B. The team in each league level with the best team match record shall be the league champion. A team shall be credited with one win by winning 3 of 5, 4 of 5, or 5 of 5 individual matches of a 5 court team match, or 2 of 3 or 3 of 3 of a 3 court match.

C. In the event of a tie **in a team match** (due to individual match forfeits this is possible) the team match winner will be determined by:

1) Total sets lost. (Includes defaulted matches)

2) Total games lost. (Includes defaulted matches)

D. If a tie, based on team match records, exists at the end of the league season play within a level, a tie-break will be applied in the following USTA order:

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- 1) Individual Matches. Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.
- 2) Head-to-Head. Winner head-to-head matches.
- 3) Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets. (A 2-set loss is better than a 3-set loss.)
- 4) Games. Loser of the fewest number of games.
- 5) 1 match play-off.

E. Teams with the highest standings in their level in Indoor and Outdoor league play will play a Single District Championship Tournament if two different teams have won the Indoor and Outdoor Leagues. **Teams which are the winners of the Indoor League must be able to field enough players to compete in a 5 court format (2 singles, 3 doubles) in the District Championships.**

F. Kansas District Championship dates will be scheduled according to Missouri Valley guidelines and must be played before the deadlines set by Missouri Valley Section. Winners of District Championship will qualify to advance to Section Championships.

G. The captain(s) whose teams has won both the Indoor and Outdoor league in their level will have the Outdoor team declared the winner.

H. Teams should not accept **any** District, Section or National Championship invitation unless they have enough players attending to fill all courts for every match. Teams are required to fill all courts for every match. Teams are required to play all championship matches scheduled. Any team withdrawing without coordinator approval is subject to a grievance and penalties.

I. In the event Kansas receives a Section Wildcard in a particular NTRP level, the wildcard position shall be determined as the second place team in that level's District Championship between the winners of the Indoor and Outdoor league. Wildcards will not be offered to any district with only two teams in a league NTRP level. Wildcards will be offered to districts who have three (3) or more teams in a league with the exception that all districts which fielded teams in the level had only two teams in the level. Wildcards will be offered if the requirements of **MV Regulation 10.a** is also met.

J. Should no District Championship take place, the second place team in the Outdoor league shall be offered the position confirming the team can meet the minimum number of players stated in the USTA regulations. The next team in the Outdoor League shall be awarded the Section Wildcard berth if the League Champion (or Wildcard team) declines a Section Championship bid.

K. Section and National Championship dates and locations will be published on USTA and Missouri Valley websites. Registration for these events will be online. District Coordinator will provide additional information.

Section 15 – Grievance/ Appeal Procedures

A. Self-rate NTRP Grievance: Players who enter the USTA League Tennis program by inappropriately self-rating at an NTRP level lower than their actual skill level are considered to have violated the standards of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship. These players may be subjected to an NTRP Grievance. A player who inappropriately self-rates, and captains and others who condone inappropriate self-rating may be subject to possible sanctions, including disqualification and suspension.

B. A player with a valid NTRP Computer 'C' or Benchmark 'B', or a granted Automatic Appeal 'A' of a computer rating is not subject to a self-rate grievance. Any other player is subject to a self-rate grievance.

C. Self-rate grievances should be directed to Missouri Valley, c/o Lori Therrien, 4121 W. 83rd St., Suite 108, Prairie Village, KS 66208, 913-322-4829. Email to Therrien@movalley.usta.com Section Grievance Committee will process self-rate NTRP grievances. See Missouri Valley rules for further details regarding appeals to the League Grievance Decision.

D. Other grievances: a formal complaint by a captain against an opposing team or player may be filed, in writing, with the Kansas District League Coordinator within 96 hours of the infraction.

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General complaints involving violations of USTA or District Rules and Regulations will be forwarded to the Kansas District League Grievance Committee for resolution.

E. A complaint regarding failure to meet eligibility may be filed by a team captain, a League Coordinator or a member of a championship committee at any time.

F. A League Coordinator or a member of a championship committee may file a grievance against an individual or team at any time. (*USTA 2014 Section 3.00 Grievance Procedures*)

G. Refer to grievance procedures on the USTA website for details of the process for both initial filings and any appeals to the USTA Missouri Valley.

H. Players disqualified by the Dynamic Rating System will receive a letter from the Missouri Valley office.

I. *The Missouri Valley Section NTRP Appeals Committee* will process all self-rate appeals. Please visit missourivalley@usta.com

See drop down menu under 'Play Tennis' heading, USTA Leagues, Appeals.

J. A medical appeal may be requested by a player for reconsideration of his/her NTRP rating based on a permanently disabling injury or illness that has occurred since the player generated the year-end. **Only the player** may appeal his/her computer generated rating DUE TO MEDICAL REASONS. To file an appeal, the player **MUST** submit a written request for reconsideration of his/her rating, the *USTA League NTRP Medical Appeal Form* and the *Attending Physician's Statement* via email, fax or mail to his/her USTA Section League Coordinator (Therrien@movalley.usta.com) who will forward to the Chair of the designated Medical Review Committee. When possible, forms should be submitted via email.

K. All NTRP Appeals should go through the 'Auto Appeal' function via TennisLink.

[2019 LEAGUE DEADLINE TIMELINE FOLLOWS on next three pages]

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2018-2019 USTA Kansas Adult and Mixed Doubles League Schedule and Deadlines

2019 Leagues	Level	Registration Opens	Team Numbers Requested Captains Registered	Schedule Posted	Minimum Players Registered, Schedule Adjusted	2018 League Season
Indoor (3 cts)						
Adult 55 & Over	7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Nov 1	Nov 10	Nov 15	Nov 20	Dec 1 -Mar 1
Mixed 18 & Over	6.0	Nov 1	Nov 10	Nov 15	Nov 20	Dec 1 -Mar 1
Holiday Break December 18, 2018 -January 2, 2019						
Mixed 40 & Over	7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Dec 1	Dec 10	Dec 15	Dec 20	Jan 5 - Mar 15
Indoor (3 cts) 1 Singles 2 doubles						
Adult 18 & Over*	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+	Dec 10	Dec 20	Jan 1	Jan 10	Jan 20 - Apr 1
*18 & Over Indoor Adult teams must be able to field 8 players in 5 court format (2 Singles 3 Doubles) to advance to District & Section Championships						
March 15-31 Spring Break * April 14 - Palm Sunday * Easter - April 21 * Eastern Orthodox Easter - April 28						
Adult 40 & Over*	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+	Jan 15	Feb 1	Feb 10	Feb 15	Feb 20 - May 24
*40 & Over Adult teams must be able to field 8 players in 5 court format (2 Singles 3 Doubles)to advance to Section Championships						
Mother's Day May 12* Memorial Day May 27						
Outdoor (5 cts) 2 singles 3 doubles						
Adult 18 & Over	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+	Mar 15	Apr 1	Apr 10	Apr 15	May 1 - July 7
Outdoor (3 cts)						
Mixed 18 & Over	7.0	Apr 15	Apr 30	May 10	May 15	June 1- July 31
Mixed 18 & Over	8.0	May 1	May 15	May 20	May 25	June 15 - Aug 15
Mixed 18 & Over	9.0	June 1	June 15	June 20	June 25	July 5 - Aug 18
July 4 - Thursday* Labor Day - September 2						

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	Level	Registration Opens	Team Numbers Requested Captains Registered	Schedule Posted	Minimum Players Registered, Schedule Adjusted	2018 League Season
Outdoor (3 cts)						
Adult Tri Level**	3.5, 4.0, 4.5	July 15	Aug 1	Aug 15	Aug 20	Sept 3 - Oct 27
Adult Tri Level	3.0, 3.5, 4.0	Aug 15	Aug 30	Sept 5	Sept 15	Sept 20 - Dec 1
**Tri Level 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 Teams will compete to advance to Section Championships						
Indoor (3 cts)						
	Level	Registration Opens	Season complete	Sect Regist deadline		HOA Sect Championships
Adult 65 & Over	6.0-9.0	May 1	June 24	June 27		July 19-21
July 13 & 14, 2019 - USTA Kansas Adult 18 & Over District Championships						
July 10 - KS Deadline for minimum number 55 & Over Adult players registered for Section Championships in St. Louis, MO and Oklahoma City, OK						
July 18 - KS Deadline for minimum number 18 & Over Adult players registered for Section Championships in St. Louis, MO and Oklahoma City, OK						
August 20 - KS Deadline for minimum number 40 & Over Adult players registered for Section Championships in Tulsa, OK & Omaha, NE						
August 27 - KS Deadline for minimum number 18 & Over and 40 & Over Mixed players registered for Section Championships in Topeka, KS and Ankeny, IA						
18 & Over Mixed Doubles Kansas District Championships must be played and scores recorded on or before August 25, 2018 Section Deadline						

Section and National Championship registration deadlines. or most current dates consult <https://www.usta.com/en/home/about-usta/who-we-are/missourivalley/missourivalley.html>

[TABLE FOLLOWS WITH SECTION AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DATES]

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2019 Adult Section Championship 11/14/2018										
		SECTION DEADLINES			SECTIONAL	SECTIONAL	SECTIONAL	NATIONAL	NATIONAL	NATIONAL
LEAGUE	LEVEL	teams formed	Season COMPLETE including district champs	SECT. REG. deadline	DATES	LOCATION	SURFACE	DATES	LOCATION	SURFACE
Adult 18	2.5							Oct 25-27	Orlando, FL	Hard
Adult 18	3.5	Jun 16	Jul 21	Jul 28	Aug 8-11	St. Louis, MO	Hard	Oct 4-6	Arlington TX	Hard
Adult 18	4.5							Oct 18-20	Arlington TX	Hard
Adult 33	6.0	Jun 16	Jul 21	Jul 28	Aug 8-11	St. Louis, MO	Hard	Oct 23-27	Surprise, AZ	Hard
Adult 33	8.0							Oct 23-27	Surprise, AZ	Hard
Adult 18	3									Hard
Adult 18	4	Jun 16	Jul 21	Jul 28	Aug 22-25	Oklahoma City, OK	Hard	Oct 11-13	Arlington, TX	Hard
Adult 18	5							Oct 11-13	Las Vegas, NV	Hard
Adult 33	7.0	Jun 16	Jul 21	Jul 28	Aug 22-25	Oklahoma City, OK	Hard	Oct 4-6	Las Vegas, NV	Hard
Adult 33	9.0							Nov 1-3	Surprise, AZ	Hard
Adult 40	3.0	Jul 28	Aug 18	Aug 23	Sept 5-8	Tulsa, OK	Hard	Nov 1-3	Surprise, AZ	Hard
Adult 40	4.0							Oct 18-20	Orlando, FL	Hard
Adult 40	3.5	Jul 28	Aug 18	Aug 23	Sept 5-8	Topeka, KS	Hard	Oct 11-13	Surprise, AZ	Hard
Adult 40	4.5+							Oct 23-27	Orlando, FL	Hard
Adult 63	6.0-9.0	Jun 18	Jun 30	July 3th	Jul 18-21	Overland Park, KS	Hard	January-2020	Surprise, AZ	Hard
Mixed 18	6.0									Hard
Mixed 18	7.0	Jul 28	Aug 23	Sep 1	Sep 12-15	Omaha, NE	Hard	Nov 1-3	Orlando, FL	Hard
Mixed 18	8.0							Nov 8-10	Orlando, FL	Hard
Mixed 18	9.0							Nov 1-3	Orlando, FL	Hard
Mixed 18								Nov 8-10	Orlando, FL	Hard
Mixed 40	6.0									Hard
Mixed 40	7.0	Jul 28	Aug 23	Sep 8	Sep 26-29	Ankeny, IA	Hard	Nov 15-17	Orlando, FL	Hard
Mixed 40	8.0							Nov 15-17	Orlando, FL	Hard
Mixed 40	9.0							Nov 15-17	Orlando, FL	Hard
Tri-Level	3.5-4.5	Sept. 30	Oct 27	Nov 1			Hard	March 2020	Indian Wells, CA	
		2019 Events in 2020								
		Changes as of Nov 2018								