



NORTHERN

USTA Northern Section League Policies

Registration Policy

- Captains are required to enter an accurate Home Court Facility when creating a team in TennisLink. You must have your home courts approved by the tennis director prior to creating your team. Secure your home courts early and get an email confirmation along with a copy of the facility's USTA League Policies.
- Teams must be created by the published Team Registration Deadline. **This is your team's commitment to play.** We need to know you are committed to the play season in order to schedule matches.
- The Captain's last name(s) must be included and listed first in your team name. This is how your team appears on the schedule and other captains, facilities, and the USTA Section staff need to know who to contact.
- **Refund Policy.** League Registration Fees are **non-refundable**.
- Minimum at-level requirements per the Twin Cities Area Regulations for Adult Leagues must be met by the first day of the play season.
- **Exchanges.** Players may be moved from one team to another in the **same championship year**, if they have not participated in any matches. It is the player's responsibility to request an exchange and notify the league coordinator of their new team.

Rescheduling Policy

- This is a captain responsibility not the League Coordinator's.
- Both team captains must agree in order to reschedule a match.
- Only reschedule a match if absolutely necessary. Court availability is an issue, especially in the indoor season.
- Play as many individual positions as possible on your scheduled date. The majority of individual positions must be played for a match to be valid.

- The team available to play the match as scheduled should provide three dates to reschedule.
- Matches should be completed within two (2) weeks. If this is not possible, they must be completed by the end date of the league season as published in the USTA League Regulations.
- Email the Match ID along with the new date/time/location to Taylor Heltne at taylor@northern.usta.com so TennisLink can be updated.
- Please note: most facilities have a 24- 36 hour cancellation policy and the defaulting team may be responsible for court fees if cancelling at the last minute.
- Please remember the objective is to play the match!

Score Reporting Policy for Incomplete Matches

- Record the scores for all complete individual matches.
- Record incomplete individual matches as a Double Default.
- Scores stand as played with play continuing from that point at another date/time/location as agreed upon by both teams' captains and players.
- Matches should be completed within two (2) weeks. If this is not possible, they must be completed by the end date of the league season as published in the USTA League Regulations.
- Upon completion, email the scores to Taylor Heltne at taylor@northern.usta.com to record in TennisLink.
- If one team is unwilling or unable to complete the match, the actual scores when play stopped are recorded as a win by retirement for player(s) willing and able to finish.

Total Team Default Policy

- Total team match defaults are a violation of good sportsmanship and the Player Agreement that each player agrees to abide by when they register to play in any USTA League.
- This Player Agreement is an implicit commitment by the player to complete the USTA season in which they are competing and for the team to provide a match for each opponent as scheduled. When a team defaults an entire match it has adverse and sometimes unintended consequences for each and every other team playing in that flight. Players may not be aware that when a team defaults a match, standings may be affected. Teams may be moved up or down in the standings by no fault of their own.
- Because of this adverse effect, the USTA Northern may place sanctions on USTA League teams who default entire matches.

Winter Weather Policy

- Either team can cancel the match if the National Weather Service publishes an official No Travel Advisory.
- If an official No Travel Advisory is NOT issued, both team captains must agree in order to reschedule the match.

- Captains are responsible for rescheduling and should coordinate a reschedule date immediately. Typically, team captains work together to come to a mutually agreeable solution.

Outdoor Public Court Rental Policy

- For ALL USTA League matches the cost of renting court time from outdoor public facilities should be split equally between the two teams.
- No team or captain should be renting court time from a public entity and reselling that court time for a profit as part of any USTA League match.