



2019 USTA Captain Meeting FAQs

Thank you for captaining your USTA Team!

Competition Format

- All matches scheduled during the league season are expected to be played.
- Once the match starts, which includes the warm-up time, play is continuous after the first game. Your first break is not until AFTER the 3rd game of a set. **THERE IS NO BREAK AFTER THE FIRST GAME.** If your first set ends on an even number, i.e. 6-0, or 6-2, TAKE A SET BREAK....because there is NO BREAK AFTER THE FIRST GAME OF THE 2nd SET!
- At NO time are electronic devices allowed to be used on the tennis court during a match; this includes cell phones and smart watches.
- **Coaching is not allowed in USTA matches.** Coaching is considered to be communication, advice or any instruction that is audible or visible to a player from someone off the court.
- If the team prior to your match is in a third set tiebreak, please be courteous to players on the court by allowing them to finish their tiebreak. Do not go out to warm up for your match prior to your scheduled time if there is a match in progress on any of your courts. **No longer are we allowing players to go out if there is a court in between a match being completed. It is too disruptive to the ongoing matches. PLEASE BE COURTEOUS!**
- If a team forfeits 25% of the courts scheduled for matches in the season, a grievance WILL be filed by the LLC against the team, and the team may be removed from competition.
- Cell phones are the official time for the start of the match. *However, since not all cell phone times may be the same, the benefit of the time goes to the earliest time on a cell phone.* **Comment: For purposes of a default,** all players must be on the court, and not merely at the facility, going to the bathroom, stretching, etc., no later than 15 minutes after the scheduled start time. **League rules support a default of the individual match if players are not on court.**
- The policy of the League is that there will be NO RESCHEDULING of matches during the season. However, there may be an occasion where a match or individual courts need to be rescheduled. **Both Captains must agree and the match must be played within two weeks at the originally scheduled facility.** If a court or more is rescheduled, do not enter the scores until the match is completed. The LLC must be notified via e-mail when an agreement has been reached. **Comment:** When working with a captain on a reschedule, keep in mind that maybe not all courts need to be rescheduled. Try and play some courts at the scheduled match time and then reschedule the remaining courts within the 2 week period.
- TennisLink is the official system for reporting scores and providing standings for the USTA League. The initial entry of match scores into TennisLink **must** take place within 48 hours of the completion of the match. Either captain may enter scores. After match scores have been entered in TennisLink, they **must** be confirmed by the opposing team within 48 hours of the initial entry or the initial score will automatically be considered valid. **Failure to comply may subject teams to a grievance and/or double default.**

2019 Louisville League Dates & Deadlines

Adult 18 & over League (local league fee \$22 plus tax plus \$3 tennislink fee)

Session One: 2.5, 3.5, 4.5 Levels

Registration Opens: November 28, 2018 (or just after ratings come out)

Initial Roster Deadline: December 10, 2018

League Play: January 4 – March 3, 2019 (could be extended into next session)

Session Two: 2.5, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0 Levels

Registration Opens: February 2, 2019

Initial Roster Deadline: February 12, 2019

League Play: March 8 – June 2, 2019

Last day of match play: June 2, 2019
 State Tournament: June 14-16, 2019 – TBD

Adult 40 & over League (local league fee \$22 plus tax plus \$3 tennislink fee)

Session One: 3.0, 4.0 Levels (Women 3.0 and 4.0 will be playing 1 singles, 4 doubles format)
 Registration Opens: November 28, 2018 (or just after ratings come out)
 Initial Roster Deadline: December 10, 2018
 League Play: January 4 – March 3, 2019
 Session Two: 3.5, 4.5+ Levels (3.5 women only will be playing 1 singles, 4 doubles format)
 Registration Opens: February 2, 2019
 Initial Roster Deadline: February 12, 2019
 League Play: March 8 – June 9, 2019
 Last day of match play: June 9
 State Tournament: June 21-23, 2019---TBD

Adult 55 & over League (local league fee \$22 plus tax plus \$3 tennislink fee)

All levels
 Registration Opens: November 28, 2018 (or just after ratings come out)
 Initial Roster Deadline: December 10, 2018
 League Play: January 18 – May 12, 2019
 Last day of match play: May 12, 2019
 State Tournament: May 24-26, 2019—Henderson, KY

Mixed Doubles:

Dates TBD
 State Tournament: September 5-8, 2019--Bowling Green, KY

Combo Doubles:

Dates TBD
 Combo State Tournament: October 3-6, 2019 –Lexington, KY

Tri-Level State Tournament: August 9-11, 2019 –Owensboro, KY
 ----**Tri Level Sectional Tournament** – October 18-20, 2019 – Louisville, KY

Progression to Adult (18s,40s,55s) State Tournament

Adult 18 & over / 40 & over	
Total Number of Teams	Team(s) Progressing
2	1
3 – 5	2
6 – 10	3
11 – 15	4
16+	5
Adult 55 & over / Mixed Doubles	
2 -5	2
6 – 10	3
11+	4

Questions during the season?

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