

COLLIER COUNTY COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
2023-2024 CTA Tennis League
Rules and Information
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LEAGUE COORDINATOR: Don't hesitate to contact League Coordinator with any questions.

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WEBSITES for all CTA information:

www.swfla-tennis.com - CTA League Rules, Information, Dates, Policies, and Pictures

Topdog Tennis (link at swfla-tennis.com) Register teams and players, view Rosters, Schedules, and Standings, and submit Scores.

CTA LEAGUE RULES AND INFORMATION

CTA ADULT DAY LEAGUE DIVISIONS – Fall, Winter, Spring, & Summer. **Players must be at least 21 years of age.**

IMPORTANT DATES

CTA Division/Day of Play/# Positions or Courts

2.5 Women – Tues. - 2 Fall / 3 Winter/2 Spring
3.0 Women - Weds. - 3 Fall / 4 Winter/3 Spring/3 Summer
3.5 Women – Fri. - 3 Fall / 4 Winter/3 Spring/ 3 Summer
4.0 Women – Thurs. - 3 positions/3 Spring/3 Summer
4.5/4.0 Women – Tues. - 3 positions
2.5 Men – Wed. - 2 Fall / 3 Winter/3 Spring
3.0 Men – Tues. - 3 Fall / 4 Winter/3 Spring/3 Summer
3.5 Men – Mon. - 3 Fall / 4 Winter/3 Spring/ 3 Summer(WED)
4.0/4.5 Men - Mon. - 3 positions
6.5 Mixed Doubles - Sat. - 3 Fall / 3 Winter/3 Spring
7.5 Mixed Doubles - Sat. - 3 Fall / 3 Winter/3 Spring
8.5 Mixed Doubles – Sat. - 3 Winter/3 Spring
3.0 Women Super Senior (65+) - Thurs. - 3 Fall / 3 Winter/3 Spring
3.0 Men Super Senior (65+) - Fri. - 2 Fall / 3 Winter/2 Spring

2023 CTA SUMMER SEASON *

REGISTRATION: May 8 - May 24, 2023
TEAM ROSTERS DUE: Wed., May 24, 2023
SCHEDULES AVAILABLE: Mon., May 29, 2023
PLAY BEGINS: June 5-9, 2023
PLAY ENDS: July 21, 2023
LAST DAY TO ADD PLAYERS to rosters: July 21, 2023
PLAYOFFS: No Playoff

2023 CTA FALL SEASON *

REGISTRATION: September 4 - December 9, 2023
TEAM ROSTERS DUE: Mon., September 25, 2023
SCHEDULES AVAILABLE: Mon., October 2, 2023
PLAY BEGINS: October 9-14, 2023
PLAY ENDS: December 9, 2023
LAST DAY TO ADD PLAYERS to rosters: Sat. December 9, 2023
PLAYOFFS: December 11-16, 2023
MAKE-UP DATE - PLAYOFFS: Saturday, December 16, 2023

2024 CTA WINTER SEASON *

REGISTRATION: November 27, 2023 - March 9, 2024
TEAM ROSTERS DUE: Wednesday., December 20, 2023
SCHEDULES AVAILABLE: Mon., January 1, 2024
PLAY BEGINS: January 8-13, 2024
PLAY ENDS: March 9, 2024
LAST DAY TO ADD PLAYERS to rosters: Sat. March 9, 2024
PLAYOFFS: March 11-16, 2024
MAKE-UP DATE - PLAYOFFS: Saturday, March 16, 2024

2024 CTA SPRING SEASON *

REGISTRATION: February 19 - April 29, 2024
TEAM ROSTERS DUE: Mon., March 4, 2024
SCHEDULES AVAILABLE: Mon., March 11, 2024
PLAY BEGINS: March 18-23, 2024
PLAY ENDS: April 29, 2024
LAST DAY TO ADD PLAYERS to rosters: April 29, 2024
PLAYOFFS: No Playoff

Official Rules of Tennis ~ The CTA League follows the Friend at Court Rules of Tennis, including The Code, published by the USTA (except where otherwise stated in the CTA League rules), available for purchase at www.ustashop.com (Search for 'Books') The League recommends that each Captain have this publication and a copy of these CTA League rules available on the court at match time. Click on the link at swfla-tennis.com 'USTA Tennis Rules,' to view.

CTA League Questions ~ All questions and concerns should be directed to League Coordinator.

League Format ~ The CTA is an Interclub Adult Doubles Tennis League (Club vs. Club).

League Seasons ~ Fall, Winter, Spring, & Summer Adult Day Tennis League

Facility Requirements ~ All participating clubs must have soft courts available for home matches. League approval is required for exceptions to this requirement for reasons such as facility renovations. No facility may have more League teams than courts available per home match time slot. If they do, they must provide an alternate home match time.

Cost ~ \$26 per player per team. Fees are paid online with a Visa or MasterCard at registration. Sorry, no refunds.

Club Membership ~ All league team players must be members of the Club they represent. A player must be a member while playing on a team unless granted an exception by the league coordinator. Exceptions: Club membership is not required for the Men's and Women's 4.0 & 4.5 divisions. Mixed Doubles players are not required to have a club membership. Individual Clubs may have restrictions regarding the play of non-members on their teams. Renters that have a membership with their rental are eligible to play on a team. Combo teams with multiple clubs/communities may be granted prior approval from the league coordinator.

Time of Play ~ Matches are scheduled with start times no later than 2:00 p.m.

Team / Team Roster / Team Match ~ All teams must be identified with a club—no Nomad teams. The number of positions for a match varies depending on the League and division. See the information above. Team rosters should have enough players to play a match, plus two to four extra. Example: A Division that plays three courts should have 8 to 10 players on their roster. There is no limit to the number of players on a team roster.

Team members may not have a higher TopDog NTRP rating than the maximum NTRP rating of the level where they compete. No Individual is allowed to play in a match until they have been registered on their team in Topdog Tennis. Notifying the League Coordinator **BEFORE** the match by e-mail, text, or phone is acceptable if Topdog Tennis registration is impossible. Failure to register an individual or inform the League Coordinator of an attempt to register an individual **before** play will result in a default of that court.

Mixed Doubles/Team Roster/Team Match

7.5 Rosters must have at least (no less) than three players rated at 4.0. 6.5 Rosters must have at least (no less) than three players rating 3.5. **The rating spread between partners may not exceed 1.0.**

Home Team provides the regular duty felt for "soft court" balls and access to water for the match. In addition, many Home clubs offer refreshments after the match, but this is not required.

NTRP Rated ~ NTRP ratings will be required for every player listed on the roster. Current USTA NTRP computer ratings should be used unless the league coordinator approves. Players may have a higher TopDog rating than USTA when deemed necessary with the approval of the league coordinator. Captains should check to see that all their players' ratings are correctly listed on the roster. See the link 'USTA Ratings' at www.swfla-tennis.com. If you feel that the USTA has incorrectly rated you or your player, you can appeal their rating. See the Rating appeals below. New CTA players that do not have an NTRP rating may self-rate. Your Club professional should help you with your self-rating. The League reserves the right to adjust the ratings of players. The CTA/Bonita league may not accept USTA self-ratings until results are shown at the self-rated level.

Topdog Tennis is not linked to the USTA NTRP rating database. Please contact CTA League Coordinator to change any incorrect ratings in TopDog Tennis so that they match the USTA website if computerized. If the USTA changes a player's rating during the middle of a CTA League season, players may finish the season at their current level. Changes will not go into effect until the following season. Matches played by players using an incorrect USTA NTRP rating may result in a default.

NTRP Rating Appeals ~ **NTRP Rating Appeals** ~ CTA League will accept rating appeals. All appeals must be submitted by your Club USPTA Professional or Director of Tennis. If your Club does not have either, the appeal must be submitted by your team captain. Appeals will not be accepted by individual players.

Once a player successfully appeals to their rating, they can play at the new level. Their ability is considered equal to those at the new level for the current season only. Appeals of USTA ratings are valid for one season. If a player has a USTA rating different than the requested CTA League rating, they must appeal their USTA rating each season.

Appeals should be granted BEFORE matches are played. Matches played before an appeal is given subject to default.

Annual Review ~ This Review is completed each offseason of every player in the CTA League. The Review looks at the dynamic rating of each player. Players with an excessive dynamic rating will have their NTRP rating increased for the upcoming seasons, including Fall, Winter, and Spring.

Dynamic rating ~ Ratings are calculated based on the prior ratings of the players, the score of the match, and the type of match played (which determines weighting). For every match, there are expected outcomes of the match based on the ability of the players. If the actual results of the match are the same as the expected values, then the players will not have any movement in their rating. If the outcome does not meet the expected value, then the players' ratings are adjusted accordingly.

Rating adjustments are not based on whether the player 'won' or 'lost' but how they did compare to what was 'expected.' The rating of the higher-rated player may decrease even if they win a match. If they were 'expected' to win 6-1, 6-2, and they won 7-6, 6-7, 7-6, they did not do as well as 'expected.' Their rating will decrease. Also, a lower-rated player may lose a match but still have their rating increase. If a lower-rated player is expected to lose 6-1, 6-2, but they lost 7-6, 6-7, 7-6, they played better than 'expected,' and their rating will increase.

For Doubles - We take the average of the two players before the match, which is used for the team rating. The amount of movement is then applied to their Individual Doubles Rating.

EXAMPLES

- Player A (rated 3.652) plays Player B (rated 3.482). Player A beats Player B 6-2, 6-2. The program would expect that players with these ratings would have had a closer match (6-3, 6-4, for example). Since the match was not within the expected range, the ratings will change. Based on the weighting for a social match, Player A's rating changes to 3.682, and Player B's becomes 3.452.
- Jim (4.500) beats Bob (4.732) 6-4, 6-4 in a USTA Tournament. In this example, the higher-rated player lost the match. Based on the score, the program changed Jim's rating to 4.575. Bob drops to 4.657. Jim's first victory over Bob does not place his rating above Bob's.

Suppose these two players played again in a tournament, and Jim once again prevailed 6-4, 6-4. The program will now rate Jim as 4.635. Bob's rating falls to 4.597. Jim's rating is now above Bob's.

Team Players ~ Players must be at least 21 years of age. Players may be on the roster of two teams within the same League as long as the two teams are at different NTRP levels. (Example: A 3.5-rated player cannot play on two 3.5 teams but can play on a 3.5 and 4.0 team.)

Club Staff Players ~ Club Staff with "playing privileges" are not considered club members. Therefore, any club staff that wishes to play in the League must first obtain approval from the League Coordinator. The exception is for the Men's and Women's 4.0 & 4.5 divisions. Mixed 8.0 may also use Club Staff.

Playing Up ~ Players are encouraged to play at their rating level. Players who play 'up' may only move up one level. Ex: a 2.5 player may play on a 3.0 team but not on a 3.5 team. Players are not allowed to play down a level. A player may be on two rosters within the same League as long as the rosters are at different levels of play. For example, they may play at the same level if one is the CTA League and the other is the Bonita League. The 4.5/4.0 Women's Division will exclude 3.5 rated players from participating.

75% - 25% Rule ~ All team rosters should maintain at least 75% of their players at the NTRP designated team level (# of correctly rated players divided by total # of players). There is no specific percentage needed during match play. Occasionally teams may receive permission from the League to be exempt from this Rule. A 75/25 Reference:

Total # of Players on Roster	Total # of Players Allowed at Lower Level on Roster
6-7	1
8-11	2
12-15	3
16-19	4
20-23	5

Flights ~ Divisions with large teams may be placed on several flights. The location will be taken into consideration when forming flights.

Schedules / Scheduling Conflicts ~ CTA League clubs are experiencing many scheduling difficulties due to the growth of tennis in our area. When registering teams for the Fall or Winter C.T.A. League, scheduling conflicts may occur due to the large number of teams playing. A team may have more away matches than home to avoid conflicting schedules. Suppose a Club registers multiple teams playing on the same day and time and cannot accommodate all their teams at home at the same time. In that case, the Club must provide a separate later start time to be used as necessary to accommodate scheduling.

The CTA League may occasionally schedule a match later to accommodate play. Captains should make every attempt to help each other in the rescheduling of conflicting matches. The team captains are responsible for working out these conflicts. The match may have to be moved to the away team's Club or rescheduled for a different day or time. Individual matches may be scheduled at other times and locations. **Captains, please notify the League Coordinator of any schedule changes. Be sure to contact your clubs with any schedule changes so they can revise their court reservation schedules.**

Schedules will be available at Topdog Tennis on the dates published. Please check your schedules and resolve conflicts early. The match schedule is subject to change after publication if disputes occur; all Captains must check the online match schedule for any changes.

All teams must play all scheduled matches. The League Coordinator should be consulted before a team defaults their entire match (all the positions). Any team deliberately forfeiting an entire team match is subject to disqualification. All matches should be played before the last match of the regular season (before playoffs).

Match Line-up ~ Captains should print out the correct match scorecard, available on the Topdog Tennis website, and bring it to the match. Team captains for each team shall exchange their team scorecards simultaneously before the beginning of the team match. No substitutions may be made in an individual match after the line-up has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, no show of, or disqualification of a player, before the start of such match. The start of a match is defined as when the first point is played. The substitute player is entitled to a five (5) minute warm-up if the substitution is made during the warm-up. Team matches must proceed on the court and start in the following order: Court #1, Court #2, Court #3, and Court #4. Captains are both responsible for having their players on the correct courts.

NO STACKING ~ **Each team must play their individual doubles teams in order of strength.** The CTA League promotes fair and competitive tennis; to put your lesser-qualified team/players on the top courts **IS NOT FAIR.** Your best two players do not have to play together in the first position. Make sure your best 'individual team' plays on court one that week.

If an opposing team files a grievance suggesting there has been stacking, the Bonita League will review the order of play and penalize appropriately.

- 1) Players of a lesser rating 'playing up' on a higher-rated team should play below players of a higher rating. So, for example, if a 3.0 player is playing with a 3.5 player, they should not play higher than two 3.5 players.
- 2) A match may be declared a stack when player movement and sandbagging rules are violated.
 - a. Player movement rules apply to both individuals and pairs.
 - b. Sandbagging rules apply only to pairs.
- 3) **Individual players may be moved** up or down positions from their last legal position, provided this does not violate player movement rules for the pair or the sandbagging Rule.
- 4) **Pairs may be moved** up or down one position from their last legal position, provided this does not violate the sandbagging Rule.
- 5) **Sandbagging occurs when a winning pair is moved down and a losing pair is moved up.**
 - a. This Rule applies even if the pair have only played once in the current season.
 - b. Winning and losing are determined by the matches played to date during the current season.
 - i. A pair that has won more times than it has lost is a winning pair.
 - ii. A pair that has lost more times than it has won is a losing pair.
 - iii. A pair that has won as many matches as it has lost has no winning or losing record.
 - iv. A pair that has not yet played together during the regular season has no record.

Captains, if you feel your lower-rated players are rated too low and should be changed to a higher rating to reflect their level of play, please get in touch with the League Coordinators to have them review the players' performance and ratings.

Appealed players and stacking- Once a player successfully appeals their rating, they are eligible to play at the new level, and their ability is considered equal to those at the new level for the current season only. This means they don't have to play on court #1 if appealing down or the last court if moving up. Very play your best team at court #1, the second-best team at court #2, etc.

Men's 4.0/4.5 Division ONLY: Only one 4.5 player may play each week for your team. The 4.5 players must play in the first position only. Your team may have as many 4.5 players on the roster as you want, but only one 4.5 can play each week.

Combo Doubles Mixed Division ONLY: This division is for men and women. The total Top Dog rating cannot exceed the level of the team. For example, the possible make-up of a 7.5 team could be 4.0/3.5; **the rating spread between partners may not exceed 1.0.**

Women's 4.5/4.0 Division Only: Must have a minimum of two 4.5's roster. No 3.5's may be rostered. Line 1- May have up to two 4.5's, Line 2 – two 4.0's, and Line 3 – two 4.0's. 4.0's may play Line 1 if no 4.5's are in the line-up.

Defaults ~ A match default is defined as 15 minutes after the scheduled time, the match has been called to start, and the court is available. Please use your discretion before calling a default. If the opponent is late for just cause, please try to be understanding and play the match. Scoring in the event of a default, forfeit, or disqualification shall be 6-0, 6-0. In case of a retirement, the non-retiring doubles team will be credited with such a number of additional games as would have been won if the match was completed and the non-retiring doubles team won every subsequent game.

If a team cannot field the required number of players, **default to the bottom position**. Some positions may have to move up one spot. Opponents should be contacted as soon as possible if your team cannot field all positions for a match. Having insufficient players is not a valid reason to request a reschedule.

Scoring ~ All matches will be the best of two sets with regular scoring and a set tie-break at 6-all in each set. The set tie-break is a 7-point tie-break, the first to seven by two points (Coman Style). No rest break is allowed after the first game during a set.

In split sets, a 10-point SUPER TIE-BREAK, the first to 10 by two points (Coman Style), shall be played in place of the third set with a two-minute set break. The Super Tie-Break shall be scored as 1 set and one game for tie-break procedures (1-0 on the scorecard). In addition, one (1) point is awarded for each overall team win (not individual courts won).

To determine season standings and playoff participants, if overall matches won are tied in the season standings: least individual matches lost; then if still tied, least individual sets lost; then if still tied, least individual games lost will be used to break ties.

The goal of the CTA League is to give players as many matches and play as many different teams as possible during the time allotted. Some teams may have a bye, while others do not. Sometimes the number of teams in a division and the number of weeks of play do not allow for a complete rotation through the flight. Divisions will use % won if the teams in a division play uneven numbers of matches. (% = # of Overall Team Wins divided by the # of Matches Played.) In the CTA League standings, the points column, the first column in the standings, to the left of the match win/loss, is the "percentage."

TIES in the regular season matches are decided by the least individual sets lost if still tied, then the least Individual games lost. The standings in order of priority, working from left to right in the divisional standings:

1. Points- the percentage of overall matches won. (Where applicable).
2. The least individual matches lost. (Each weekly team overall win counts as 1)
3. The least individual sets lost
4. The least individual games lost

Topdog Tennis software shows up to the minute standings. All teams are displayed in order of strength. Contact the League Coordinator with questions regarding the standings.

Continuous Play/Breaks ~ There is no rest after the first game in ANY SET. A two (2) minute rest may be taken between sets if a player requests. No extra time shall be given to allow a player to recover their condition; however, a player suffering from a treatable medical condition may request one medical time-out for up to THREE minutes. A maximum 15-minute medical time out is allowed for bleeding injury. Play shall be suspended if any player feels the court is unsafe due to rain or drizzle.

Reporting Scores ~ Match scores must be entered into Topdog Tennis by either Captain within 24 hours of the completion of the match. The OPPOSING Captain must Confirm or Dispute the scores entered within 48 hours of the entry. Disputes: Call or e-mail the Captain who entered the original scores to correct them. If scores are not confirmed or disputed within 48 hours by the opposing Captain, Topdog Tennis will accept the scores as entered. Both captains should retain a copy of the scorecard. Teams/Captains that consistently do not enter or confirm their scores promptly may be subject to penalty.

Coaching / Court Conduct ~ NO COACHING IS ALLOWED AT ANY TIME DURING THE MATCH BY CAPTAINS, TENNIS PROFESSIONALS, OR SPECTATORS. PROFANITY OF ANY KIND IS AGAINST THE RULES AND IS SUBJECT TO PENALTIES. All electronic devices capable of sending or receiving messages must be off. 1st offense loss of 1 point, 2nd offense loss of game, 3rd offense is match default. Penalties enacted by opponents on the court. **Line Calls or disputes** during a match can only be resolved by players participating. General supervision of all aspects of the play belongs to the Club's Tennis Director.

Rain Delay ~ Official rainout is one (1) hour after the original match start time unless BOTH captains agree to declare it sooner. The individual players must be available to play in case of a rain delay. They should go to the home club and be ready to play.

If no individual matches have started, play: If the match has started, the original line-up must be used. If the rain delay occurs before the start of play, line-ups will again be exchanged on the new date agreed upon by the Captains. If the rain delay occurs during warm-up or before the first point has been played, teams may alter their line-up for the make-up match at the start of the rescheduled match.

Match Started, Suspended, and Resumed- Same Day: If the match has started and play has been suspended and will resume on the same day, at a rescheduled time, match play will resume with the same players at the same positions, where play stopped at the exact score, set, and game point. All completed games, sets, and individual matches will count as played. No player changes to the initial roster. Any court that can't be played with the same players will be recorded as a retirement.

Match Started, Suspended, and Resumed- Another Day: If the team match has started and play has been suspended and rescheduled for another day, a new line-up may be presented for any individual match that hasn't started and for any individual match indicated as a default on the initial line-up. Individual matches that started will resume play at the point play was suspended. Both captains should write down the scores and note serve rotation, which is to serve next, which side of the court everyone is on, etc.

Team captains should mutually agree upon a time to reschedule a rain-delayed match. Every attempt should be made to reschedule matches within TWO weeks. All matches should be played before the last match of the regular season (before playoffs). Individual matches may be scheduled at different times and either Club. The time of the make-up match does not have to follow the 'before 2 p.m.' rule. If the teams cannot agree upon a make-up date for the match, the League Coordinator may pick a date for the make-up match. The Home Club will have the first option of playing the match at their facility at a time determined based on court availability. The match may be played at the away Club if the home club does not have courts.

Partially completed matches cannot be entered into Topdog Tennis. However, if the match is rained out or rescheduled for any reason, the HOME captain can change the match date in Topdog. Click on 'New Date' on your schedule, and the home captain can enter a new date for the match.

If some or all matches are rained out during the last week of play, the matches for the last week MAY be deleted or canceled.

When the home captain enters a new date, an e-mail is automatically sent to the opposing Captain. The opposing Captain must confirm the change. The match will be labeled 'unconfirmed' until the opposing Captain agrees to the new match. If matches are to be played on different dates, the dates can be listed in the 'comments' section. The captains and players can easily read the 'comments' section to see how the rescheduling of the match has progressed. Once the mutually agreed date has been confirmed, it can only be changed due to rain/hurricane.

If a rain delay occurs on the last match of the scheduled League, the Coordinator will work with the captains to determine the date and time of the required make-up match, or the last match may be canceled.

Hurricane Rescheduling ~ If there is a need to cancel matches for Hurricane related reasons, please follow the guidelines for the rain-delayed matches. Captains should contact one another and work on rescheduling any missed matches as soon as possible.

Team Levels / Rating Review ~ To keep the League competitive, an annual review of team and individual results will be performed at the end of each Spring season. Topdog Tennis software performs this analytical Review. Teams and Players may be asked to move up or down. A report listing players whose ratings have been changed will be posted on the website in the summer. If a player's performance significantly exceeds the level that they are playing, they may be asked, at any time, to move to a higher level.

Season Awards ~ An award will be given to the first-place team in each division. In divisions with several flights, an award will be given to the first-place team in each flight.

Team Captain Responsibilities

- 1) Read and know the rules of the League in which your team is competing.
- 2) Verify team members' USTA NTRP ratings before registering players on your team roster. See the link at www.swfla-tennis.com.
- 3) Enter your team's complete roster information online and pay the team fees by Visa or MasterCard online in Topdog Tennis.
- 4) Verify courts are reserved at your Club for your home matches.
- 5) Provide schedules and schedule team members for matches.
- 6) Captains should contact each other at least three (3) DAYS in advance to verify the location, number of courts, and start time.
- 7) Inform your opponent of your Club's dress code or gate entry requirements.
- 8) Captains should print match-specific score sheets from Topdog Tennis and fill them in with their line-up. Then, captains exchange their completed line-ups simultaneously before the start of play.
- 9) Captains are responsible for verifying that players are on the correct courts.
- 10) The home team provides balls for the matches.
- 11) Some clubs provide refreshments after the match. This is not required.
- 12) Both Captains should retain a copy of the completed scorecard.
- 13) Either Captain may enter the scores in Topdog Tennis within 24 hours of the completion of the match.
- 14) Or confirm the scores within 48 hours. If the scores are not confirmed or disputed within 48 hours by the opposing Captain, the scores will be accepted as entered, and any disputes may be denied.
- 15) Bring a copy of these rules and the USTA The Code or Friend at Court tennis regulations to every match.
- 16) Post any make-up match dates and times as soon as you decide on TopDog Tennis. Also, be sure to contact your clubs with any schedule changes so they can revise their court reservation schedules.
- 17) File grievances promptly.

Club Professional Responsibilities ~

Club Professionals will receive informative e-mails from the League.

- 1) Verify team members' NTRP ratings before registering team players.
- 2) Responsible for any actions made by a team representing their Club.
- 3) Keep up to date on all league rules, dates, and procedures.
- 4) Provide league players with schedules and playoff information.
- 5) Make sure courts are 'reserved' for home matches at your Club.
- 6) Stay informed of your team's league standings (available at Topdog Tennis).
- 7) If your Club fields the winning team, let the League Coordinator know as soon as possible if your Club cannot host playoffs.

Grievances

Using the following steps, the Team Captain or Club Director of Tennis may file all complaints alleging a violation during league play. Grievances will not be accepted by individual players.

1. Stay calm and be courteous to the opposing team when a problem arises. Patience and courtesy are appreciated.
2. Play the match. File a grievance, and the League will decide on the issues later.
3. All complaints alleging a violation during the local League must be filed IN WRITING / E-MAIL with the League Coordinator before the commencement of the following team match or within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of local league play, whichever occurs first.
4. The grievance should state the following:
 - a. Team Captain's Name, e-mail address, and telephone number.
 - b. Name of the League and level of playing.
 - c. Date, Time, and Location of incident.
 - d. Names and telephone numbers of all parties involved.
 - e. Description of incident. Why do you feel there is a grievance?
5. The League will review the grievance and decide as quickly as possible. All decisions are final.

Playoffs

Divisional Playoffs ~ Most divisions will have a playoff the week following their last regularly scheduled match on their regular day of play. Once the season begins, the captains will be notified of the date of their division playoff. Very small divisions where teams have played one another an equal number of times and several times may not have playoffs.

If the division has seven (7) teams or less, there will be a playoff for the top two teams. For those divisions with eight (8) or more teams, the top four teams in each division will play in the playoffs. If a division has two flights, the top two positions in each flight will play in the playoffs. If the division has three flights, the top position in each flight will play in the playoffs, and one 2nd place team with the best overall record will play in the playoffs. Ties for the #2 team will be resolved with a drawing. If an eligible team cannot play in the playoffs, the team with the next-best record may be invited to participate.

Divisional Playoffs Tie-Break Procedure ~ There could be multiple ties when determining which teams go to the playoffs. Therefore, Topdog Tennis lists teams in order of strength using the tiebreakers listed in the rules. (See section 'Scoring' above.) If teams are still tied, ties will be determined with a drawing.

Playoff Match ~ Playoffs are played on the same day of the week as your scheduled matches. Playoffs are completed in one day. Teams will field the same number of positions as in regular season matches. **If participating clubs do not have enough courts to host a playoff, the number of positions played may be reduced.**

Rostered Players Only ~ All players on your roster are eligible to play regardless of how many regular season matches they have played.

Two Teams in playoffs ~ A regular two-set match is played with a third-set Super-Tiebreaker (if necessary).

Four Teams in playoffs ~ play will be two rounds of eight-game pro-sets. If the set score reaches 7-7, a 7-point Coman-style tiebreaker (first to 7 by 2 points) will be played.

First Round: If there is one flight in the division, the first-place team plays the fourth-place team, second plays the third. If the division has two flights, the first-place team in Flight 1 plays the second-place team in Flight 2 and vice versa. With three or more flights, the best record will determine the seed order using the regular season tie-break procedures. The first seed will play against the fourth seed and the 2nd seed against the third seed in Round 1. In case of a tie, a random drawing will be used to determine seed position among tied playoff teams. **Second Round:** The winners of the first round play each other for first place, Playoff Champion, and the losers play each other for third place. Teams may use different players from their roster for the second round.

Playoff Tie-break ~ At the end of the playoff match, if the number of courts won is tied (1-1 or 2-2), the least individual sets lost will be counted, and then if still tied, the least Individual games lost will be counted. If still tied, on separate sheets of paper, Position 1, 2, 3, 4 (or 1, 2) will be written, and the slips thrown into a hat. Then, a drawing by an impartial party will determine which position will play in the final tie-break.

The position selected will have the two players from Team A who just played in that position play against the two players from the same position on Team B. They will immediately proceed to play a 7-point Coman-style tiebreaker (first to 7 by 2 points) to determine a winner and break the tie.

Cost ~ There will be no additional charges by the League to play in the playoffs.

Balls ~ The League will provide balls for playoffs.

Refreshments ~ Host Club will receive funding from the League to help defray the cost of refreshments. The money provided varies with the number of teams and the number of positions played.

Two courts, two teams - \$50.00	Two courts, four teams - \$ 100.00
Three courts, two teams - \$75.00	Three courts, four teams - \$ 150.00
Four courts, two teams - \$100.00	Four courts, four teams - \$200.00

Playoff Locations ~ The highest seed will host at their home club at the time that works best for their Club. Exact times and locations for playoff matches will be posted on the website as soon as final match results have been entered and locations have been determined.

Host Club ~ is responsible for running the playoffs at their Club. The League Coordinator will provide the Host Club with the line-up, score sheets, balls, and awards.

Playoff Pictures ~ Arrive looking great! The host Club / League Coordinator will take group pictures of all the participating teams.

Playoff Awards ~ The playoff winners in each division will receive a team award. No award will be given if playoffs are canceled.

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