

December 19, 2008 AATL Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Minutes from the 12/19/2008 AATL Board Meeting are provided below. Please pay attention to the action items (shown in red text). We should meet again in early January to discuss the FunFreeze and work out who is responsible for the various volunteer activities.

Attendees:


Secretary: Eddie Estochen

LLC: Royce Borden

Website Coordinator: David Hoel

Media & Promotions Coordinator: Gayl Hoel

ACTION ITEMS FROM AGENDA:

*Suggestion for Independent CPA audit of AATL books, to be conducted every three years, recommended for addition to Constitution, Article XII. AATL Board to consider and make decision prior to ratifying Constitution. 

*Funfreeze Meeting to be scheduled to discuss division of AATL volunteer labor.

Agenda:


MEETING AGENDA

1. Revised 2009 AATL Constitution (attached, please review)

*Secretary confirmed Treasurer (absent) was in agreement with 2009 Constitution, and Vice-President was aware of proposed organization changes.

*New Board composition for 2009 consisting of LLC, Deputy LLC, Treasurer, Website Coordinator, Media & Promotions Coordinator

*Several changes discussed. Secretary (now Deputy LLC) has made revisions, and attached revised document.

*Suggestion for Independent CPA audit of AATL books, to be conducted every three years, recommended for addition to Constitution, Article XII. AATL Board to consider and make decision prior to ratifying Constitution. 

2. SCTA and 2009 AATL Rules (attached) Changes:

*Secretary confirmed Treasurer is in agreement with DRAFT 2009 rules.

*Several minor changes recommended.

*Secretary has revised rules, and attached for final Board review prior to LLC sending them to State LC.

3. Singles & Doubles League Discussion

2007 number of players=121

2008 Singles=49, Doubles=177, Total=226!

4. SC Regs, Championship rosters can now be emailed, and team numbers must be included in spreadsheet of teams advancing.

5. Senior Discussion: Push bigger league for Spring 2009, and move adult matches to weeknights to accommodate Seniors (4.0 men)

Senior+ Total=242

By NTRP and Age

3.0SW-14

3.0SSW-21****

3.0SDSW-4

3.0SM-13

3.0SSM-21****

3.0SDSM-5

3.5SW-31

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3.5SDSW-3

3.5SM-15

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3.5SDSM-4

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6. List of refunds eligible for State reimbursement has been provided to LLC by Secretary.

7. New Medical Appeal form should first go to LLC who will then forward to SLC. For a Medical appeal to be granted the injury must either be permanent or have a long-term recovery (2+ years). Additionally, medical appeals can only be approved at the National Level though they can be disapproved at the State and Sectional levels

8. Funfreeze:

*Mi Rancho is the restaurant chosen for Saturday night dinner.

*Policy is for Mi Rancho to supply any served alcohol

*Gayl to investigate purchase of a keg by Mi Rancho since A&B will supply tournament separately.

*Eddie & David Hoel will not play in tournament, and will make draw, work desk etc. as necessary.

*Latest list of players (attached)

*Funfreeze Meeting to be scheduled to discuss division of AATL volunteer labor.

9. Grievance and Grievance Appeals Committee volunteers:

Sandy Harris OW Grievance

Mary Abele WS Grievance

James Mosteller OW Appeals

Donna Schlagel HL & OW Appeals

Rob Lascola F Appeals

Other Volunteers not chosen: Chan Jones WS, Mike Griffin OW, Dawn Calvert OW, Ashley Wood HL

10. Add Super Senior Mixed Doubles where enough teams exist, and Super Senior League in September/October for flights with more than two teams (3.5 Men).

11. SOUTH CAROLINA Championship Schedule

USTA League

Seniors	May 09-11	Hilton Head
Adult, 4.0-5.0	May 16-18	Aiken
Adult 2.5 3.0-3.5	May 30-June 1	Greenville
Mixed Doubles	Sept. 12-14	Charleston
Super Seniors	Nov-.06-08	Isle of Palms
STA Combo Doubles	October 23-26	Daniel Island

2 attachments:

AATL 2009 Constitution Revision

AATL Rules 2009 Revisions

AIKEN AREA TENNIS LEAGUE 2009 CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this league is Aiken Area Tennis League. Hereinafter referred to as AATL.

ARTICLE II: Purpose

This league is a non-profit organization to promote interest in tennis through sponsorship of competitive play for members within the Aiken Area boundaries, as defined by the South Carolina Tennis Association (SCTA), for Adults, Seniors, Mixed Doubles, Combo Doubles, Super Senior and Fall Leagues. The AATL will publish and maintain specific local league rules of play and endorse high standards of sportsmanship during league play through enforcement of the latest revision of the USTA publications "Friend at Court", and "The Code".

ARTICLE III: Affiliation

The AATL shall be affiliated with the United States Tennis Association (USTA), Southern Tennis Association (STA), and the SCTA. By these affiliations, the AATL shall abide by the rules, principles, and obligations as set out in the rules and regulations of the USTA for USA League Tennis, as amended by both STA and SCTA, as applicable to AATL. USTA-National (highest precedence), STA-Sectional, SCTA-State, and AATL-Local defines the order of precedence for Rules and Regulations. If a conflict in a rule or regulation for different affiliations occurs, the highest precedence affiliation version applies.

ARTICLE IV: Membership

Any person interested in the purpose of AATL is eligible for membership and is determined to be a current AATL member through play in the current local league season. USTA membership is required for all league play and open to all individuals who reach nineteen (19) years of age prior to the end of the current league year.

ARTICLE V: Dues

Each member of AATL shall pay dues through Tennislink as part of the registration fee for each team joined during the league year. Dues are determined by the League Board before each season and are based on anticipated funding requirements of the local league. Dues are voted on by the League Board and are deemed approved by a majority vote. Dues may be refunded under special conditions as documented in the AATL General Local League Rules which are approved by the SCTA and published separately at the beginning of each league year, and made available for the entire AATL membership via publication on the AATL website.

ARTICLE VI: Officers and AATL Board

The AATL Local League Board will appoint a Local League Coordinator (LLC) to implement and administer the USA League Tennis Program on the local level and have the authority to interpret the AATL Local League's rules, regulations, and procedures. The appointment of a new LLC requires approval by the STA State League Coordinator. The AATL Officers will consist of the LLC, Deputy LLC, Treasurer, and Past Local League Coordinator if applicable. The AATL League Board consists of the Officers, Website Coordinator, and Media/Promotions Coordinator. The LLC will have the authority to appoint additional Coordinators as needed to support AATL activities. The AATL Board will also have the authority to replace any Board member who resigns prior to the end of a league year. The AATL Board shall meet at the discretion of the Local League Coordinator, or at the special request of any Board member.

ARTICLE VII: Committees

1. Grievance Committee: The USTA USA League Tennis regulations require each Local League to have a Grievance Committee. The AATL Grievance Committee will be chaired by the Deputy LLC and consist of two other non-board members. These members will be approved by the Local League Coordinator and will be representative of the different geographical areas of AATL. The committee members will be published in AATL General Rules at the beginning of each year prior to the start of the Spring season.
2. Grievance Appeal Committee: If a decision of the Grievance Committee is appealed, it should be directed to the Local League Grievance Appeals Committee, which shall be appointed by the Local League Coordinator. The

committee members will be published in AATL General Rules at the beginning of each year prior to the start of the Spring season.

ARTICLE VIII: Meetings

Section 1. The annual AATL Captains meeting shall be held during the month of January, as fixed by the League Board. The Local League Coordinator shall designate the place for the annual meeting. Notification will be by email using a distribution list of captains maintained by the Deputy LLC.

Section 2. Special meetings of AATL Local League may be called via email by the Local League Coordinator or the League Board at any time as needed. At all meetings of AATL Local League membership, those captains present shall constitute a quorum and a majority of those captains present shall constitute the action of AATL Local League membership. Captains shall be defined as individuals identified in Tennislink as the captain of an AATL team for the most recent season of the (Adult and Senior as applicable) following Leagues: Spring, Mixed, Combo, Fall, Super Senior. Each individual present shall be eligible for one vote regardless of the number of different teams captained.

Section 3. The AATL Board will meet twice per year, at a minimum, with additional meetings held at the request of any Board member. These Board meetings will be limited to the League Board only. The minutes from these meetings will be published on aikentennis.com for the review by the entire AATL membership.

Section 4. League Board—All members of the League Board are responsible for attending meetings called by the Local League Coordinator. If a member of the League Board is unable to attend a meeting, it is required for the member to vote in absentia given adequate explanation of the issue requiring a Board vote. The Deputy LLC will coordinate and document any absentia voting per the responsibilities documented in the following article.

ARTICLE IX: Responsibilities

Local League Coordinator:

- Promote and support the growth of USA League Tennis including recruiting and training volunteers to assist with league support activities.
- Lead AATL general membership and Board meetings.
- Complete all necessary state required paperwork/activities to support league operation and AATL team advancement towards National Championships.
- Develop and distribute calendars to Board members that correspond to National, Southern and State events/deadlines.
- Administer and enforce all Rules and Regulations from USTA, STA SCTA and provide final decision related to AATL Rules and Regulations.
- Identify and resolve any local league issues.
- Be primary point of contact for entire AATL membership in regard to league scheduling, rule/regulation interpretations, facility usage coordination, and any other issue identified by AATL members.
- Provide information, completed forms and volunteer services, as requested by SCTA, to conduct SCTA state championships for all Leagues.
- Appoint committees or additional Coordinators deemed necessary to run the league including Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees.
- Train Deputy LLC to become competent in all LLC responsibilities, and to meet SCTA State League Coordinator approval for replacement.
- Complete yearly revision of rules and regulations of the league, obtain approval by SCTA, and distribute to AATL prior to beginning of Spring season.
- Issue Mixed, Combo, Super Senior and Fall League specific rules, obtain SCTA approval if required, and publish to AATL membership prior to league play.

Deputy Local League Coordinator:

- Taking minutes during all meetings and providing these minutes to the Website Coordinator for publication on AATL website.
- Responsible for helping to run the league programs and organize events to help grow the league. This includes helping with scheduling, making suggestions for growth opportunities and assisting members when possible.
- Miscellaneous mailings/communications to AATL membership as deemed necessary by the League Board or LLC.
- Other miscellaneous activities per the LLC.
- All LLC activities as part of training to become an SCTA approved LLC.

Past Local League Coordinator (if applicable):

- Miscellaneous activities per the LLC.

Treasurer:

- Handling cash disbursements and deposits.
- Maintaining all accounts relative to AATL, including ordering checks, reconciling to bank statements and writing checks.
- Upon request, providing financial reports for review by the League Board.
- Aiding with the budget submission for State Requirements or for grant approvals.

Website Coordinator:

- Maintaining all portions of the AATL website as current.
- Publication of League Scheduling, Standings, Rules & Regulations, Facilities, AATL Board Information, and other information used to promote the AATL on the website.
- Maintaining an AATL Board page that includes the current Constitution, Meeting minutes, and Board/Committee/Coordinator Contact information.

Media/Promotions Coordinator:

- Non-Voting Member of AATL Board
- Advertisement (e.g., banners, newspaper ads, mass email and mailings) of AATL and AATL Activities all over the CSRA, and at all championships to which AATL teams advance.
- Liaison between AATL and other tennis bodies within boundaries of Aiken Area (as defined by SCTA).
- Provide input to SCTA Western Area Director in regard to all league related information.


ARTICLE X

Committees

- The Local League Board – Made up of leadership positions. See above for details.
- Local League Grievance Committee – appointed by LLC at the beginning of each year for 1-year term, and defined in AATL General Rules yearly revision, published separately.
- Local League Grievance Appeals Committee - appointed by LLC at the beginning of each year for 1-year term, and defined in AATL General Rules yearly revision, published separately.

ARTICLE XI

Financial

- Dues will be used for operation of the AATL League. Any disbursements outside of what is considered normal operating expenses must be approved by the League Board. Examples of normal operating expenses include, but are not limited to, state fees incurred for teams progressing to the State Championships, eligible player refunds, postage for mailings, supplies to support AATL publications and SCTA form completion, Board meeting expenses.
- All travel expenses, not covered by the SCTA, shall be paid for the LLC and Deputy LLC to attend the USTA South Carolina meetings and all Local League Coordinators' meetings.
- The expenses of the LLC, Deputy LLC or other AATL Board Members when requested by the SCTA, not paid by the SCTA, shall be paid to attend the State Championships for the purposes of serving as a staff and/or committee member in support of the State and to act as a support person for AATL players at Championships.
- The League Coordinator will keep a record of spending activities and will monitor the AATL account along with the Treasurer. Records kept by the LLC and the Treasurer will be annually (at a minimum) compared and reconciled and a financial report, with all activity, will be generated for review by others. 

ARTICLE XII: Amendments

This Constitution will be reviewed, revised if necessary, and approved by the AATL Board annually. The yearly Constitution update will be made available to the AATL membership through publication on Aikentennis.com.

The AATL General local rules will be revised annually and prior to each league (e.g., Mixed, Combo, Super Senior) without approval of local membership if State, Sectional, or National USTA Regulations are changed.

ARTICLE XIII: Disclaimer

Any situation not covered by the AATL Local League Rules and Regulations will be decided using applicable USTA USA League Tennis Rules and Regulations, STA Rules and Regulations and SCTA Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE XIV: Diversity Statement

The Aiken Area Tennis League welcomes all people who play, watch, support or enjoy the game of tennis in our facilities, events, tournaments, programs, membership and leadership and will not discriminate against any person on the basis of age, sex, race, ethnicity, creed, sexual orientation, physical condition or national origin. We

recognize diversity is essential to achieve the mission of the USTA "To Promote and Develop the Growth of Tennis."

2009 AATL LEAGUE BOARD

Local League Coordinator	Royce Borden
Deputy Local League Coordinator	Eddie Estoche
Treasurer	David Snyder
Website Coordinator	David Hoel
Media/Promotions	Gayl Hoel (Non-Voting)

AIKEN AREA TENNIS LEAGUE
2008-2009 LOCAL LEAGUE RULES----- & REGULATIONS-----
GENERAL

1. The AATL local league has appointed a local league coordinator, the state has approved Royce Borden, to implement and administer the USTA League Tennis Program and, in conjunction with the AATL Board Executive Committee, interpret the AATL local league rules, regulations and procedures. USTA Regulations and Southern Section Regulations may be amended by the Section Adult League Committee.

USTA League Tennis, Southern Section, and South Carolina State regulations take precedence over the Aiken Tennis League Local League Regulations. If any conflicts occur, the Local League Regulations will be overruled by the other regulations.

It may be necessary to correct or change-revise the Local League Regulations in order to react to changes in USTA League Tennis, Southern Section or South Carolina State regulations.

2. The Grievance Committee is Chaired by the AATL Deputy LLC per the AATL Constitution. Remaining Grievance Committee and ~~The~~ Grievance Appeal Committee are appointed by the Local League Coordinator selected to represent the various AATL tennis facilities from a list of volunteers. -If a grievance is filed and/or appealed and a committee chairman or committee member is close in anyway to either party of the grievance, the Local League Coordinator may replace the chairman and/or the committee member to ensure maximum objectivity in the grievance process.

Grievance Committee

Grievance Appeal Committee

Chairman - ~~Vicky Hudson~~ Eddie Estochen

Chairman - ~~David Cruse~~ James Mosteller

Member - ~~Robert Hottel~~ Sandy Harris

_____ Member - ~~Paul Spitale~~ Rob Lascola

Member - ~~Greg DeCamp~~ Mary Abele
Schlagel

_____ Member - ~~Rob Bromley~~ Donna

3. Each league will set deadlines and procedures for registering teams on TennisLink. -
4. There will be flights: 2.5; 3.0; 3.5; 4.0; 4.5; 5.0; for Adult men and women. A 2.0 Flight may be added or deleted as needed. For Senior men and women flights will be: 2.5; 3.0; 3.5; 4.0; and 4.5. Additional SCTA approved rules for Super Senior, Mixed and Combo

flights will be published separately prior to the league season ~~along with any rules specific to those leagues.~~

5. All AATL teams must play at facilities within South Carolina, and the AATL boundaries as defined by the South Carolina Tennis Association. Each team must have at least 8 players for Adults, with the exception of the 2.0, 2.5 ~~and or~~ 5.0 or above levels, where they must have 5 players. Each team must have at least 6 players for Senior, Mixed and Combo play. There is a maximum limit of fourteen (14) players ~~on an adult team for and maximum limit of fourteen (14) players for a senior team~~ all AATL teams. Team rosters must meet the player minimum number by the published Initial Roster Deadline for a team to be considered for league play. Teams that fail to meet player requirements by the initial roster deadline may be removed from the league, and registered players either moved to another team, or given a refund (less the USTA \$3 processing fee). ~~At least 2 or 3 substitutes are recommended. A player may play on more than one NTRP level in adult and/or senior divisions. A player may not play at the same NTRP level in the same division (Adult or Senior) on teams in separate Local Leagues in South Carolina during the same season. A player may play at different NTRP levels in the same division on teams in the separate local leagues in South Carolina during the same season. A player may play on more than one (1) NTRP level in Adult and or Senior divisions in the same local league during the same season.~~
6. ~~Each Adult team must have at least 8 players, with the exception of the 2.0, 2.5 or 5.0 levels, which must have 5 players. Each Senior team must have at least 6 players. A player may play on more than one NTRP level in adult and/or senior divisions. A player may play at the same NTRP level in the same division (Adult or Senior) on teams in separate Local Leagues in South Carolina during the same season, but must choose a single team, per NTRP level and flight (i.e., Senior 3.5 Men), to play for at state championships as a member of multiple championship qualifying teams. A player may play at different NTRP levels in the same division on teams in the separate local leagues in South Carolina during the same season. A player may play on more than one (1) NTRP level in Adult and or Senior divisions in the same local league during the same season.~~
7. Out-of-Area (OOA) and Out-of-State (OOS) Player Participation
 - a. South Carolina Players from outside of the AATL boundaries are no longer required to submit OOA approval forms. However, teams are limited to OOA players per 7.g below. Out-of-State (OOS) residents (as determined by address in Tennislink) are required to submit an OOS approval form to the League Coordinator [The electronic OOS form may be found at Aikentennis.com on the rules page.], which will be subject to approval by both the AATL LLC and the State League Coordinator.
 - b. Flights with 5 position matches (2 singles, 3 doubles) are limited to 3 OOS players per team.
 - c. Teams with 3 position matches (Adult 2.5 &>4.5, Mixed, Senior and Combo) are limited to 2 OOS players per team.
 - d. OOS player forms shall be approved prior to a player signing up for a team (OOS players who sign up for a team, and are not granted approval to play will forfeit their entire registration fee).

e. All matches played by OOS players who do not have approved OOS forms filed with the league will be changed to defaults received by the OOS players opponent(s).

f. OOS players who received approval in 2008 for a specific league (Adult, Senior, Mixed or Combo) and flight (e.g. Adult Men 4.0, Mixed 7.0, Senior Men Combo 6.5, etc.) do not need to submit an OOS approval form for 2009 to play in the same league/flight, but will count towards the per team OOS player maximum.

g. AATL teams are required to have >50% players from within the AATL boundaries, and must play home matches at facilities within the AATL boundaries.

h. The League Coordinator, with State League Coordinator approval, may increase the OOA and OOS limits if necessary to avoid a singleton team at an NTRP/flight that is required to play a local league season for advancement to championships.

~~The maximum number of players on any AATL team is fourteen (14).~~

87. All team members must be paid members of AATL Local League and a current member of USTA in good standing, be domiciled within the boundaries of a USTA Sectional Association and have reached the age of **nineteen years prior to or during the calendar year** in which such player plays his/her first adult local league match and **fifty years prior to or during the calendar year** in which such player plays his/her first senior local league match.

98. Each team must guarantee availability of 3 courts for AATL ~~Adult matches and 2 courts for Mixed, Combo, Senior and Super Senior AATL matches~~ matches. Any approved USTA surface is permissible, including indoor and outdoor (soft and hard). It is the home team's responsibility to have courts available and playable at match time. Separated courts may be used. Captains must designate the exact location of any separated courts prior to the match. (See "SCHEDULE" #2)

109. A player must play in at least two matches during the Adult local league season (which includes local league playoffs) to be eligible for any championship play-offs. Playoff eligibility requirements for Mixed, Combo, Senior and Super Senior leagues will be published separately with any other rules specific to those league/divisions. A default will count as a match played if the player receiving the default is present, and on court, to receive the default. The scorecard will not include the name of a player giving the default. (See "MATCH PLAY" #5c)

110. Each team must have a captain or acting captain present at every team match.

124. Captains must simultaneously exchange written line-up no later than the scheduled match time. At scorecard exchange, only players physically present shall be listed, with any blanks on the scorecard listed at the lower positions (i.e., players on the way shall not be added until they are present at the courts). If blanks are not filled within 15 minutes after scheduled match time, the blank position is recorded as a default per rule #~~1213~~.

132. An individual match is started when the first ball of that position is put in play. In the event of illness, injury, disqualification, or no-show of a player prior to the start of an individual match

(once the lineup has been exchanged), a team may substitute a player, in the affected position within the 15-minute default time, using a player not already listed on the scorecard. If no such substitution can be made, the affected position will be defaulted. Default will be written on the score line and will count as one of the team's defaults. Persons who have received a default on the line-up card may not be substituted in other positions. Players may not be changed in an individual match that has already begun. After the start of an individual match, if injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player occurs, the opponents will be awarded a default/retirement for that individual match only. NOTE: Refer to "Matches Affected by Inclement Weather" for rules specific to weather affected matches.

143. Captains must record scores of each match on Tennis Link within 24 hours of match completion. ~~"Home"~~Either captain ~~may is to~~ enter score results into Tennis Link and the ~~"Visiting"~~non-entering captain is to confirm or dispute the score entry. If the match score is disputed, the ~~Level-League~~ Coordinator must to be notified IMMEDIATELY with the details of the dispute.

154. No electronic devices of any type will be allowed on the court. Any infraction will result in the forfeiture of the point on the grounds of hindrance by the offending party.

165. Players may be added to the team roster only until there are an adequate number of matches remaining for new players to qualify for playoffs. Players added after a match is postponed due to inclement weather are not eligible to play in the postponed match.

Self-Rated player ~~regulations~~Regulations: Players who do not have a computer rating on file in TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) Guidelines. Omission of information regarding a player's tennis history will subject the player, the captain and/or others who condoned inaccurate self-rating to sanctions and disqualification.

SCHEDULE

-1. Regular matches will be scheduled and played weekdays and weekends. Spring play will begin in February, Mixed in May, Combo in August and the Fall league will begin ~~in September~~after the completion of the Combo season. ~~The number of matches scheduled, will be determined by the number of teams in each flight.~~ If required to determine a team to advance (i.e., multiple teams at a given level), the Super Senior local league season will be played coincident with the Combo season. The number of matches scheduled, will be determined by the number of teams in each flight.

2. Home team captains must contact visiting captains or co-captains 3 days prior to the match to discuss place and order of matches. If matches are to be staggered, captains should agree on order and time of play. If they cannot agree on order, the visiting team shall have odd position choice of orders (i.e., choices of which positions play 1st, 3rd and 5th for a 5 position match) with the home team having even position choice of orders. If courts are not available at beginning of play to start all individual matches, those positions not starting at scheduled match ~~schedule~~ time have the option of arriving thirty minutes later. If matches are staggered, those positions waiting to play will begin their match when the first court is available-regardless of the surface. As a courtesy, we urge home team captains to inform visiting captains of court surfaces to be used at each position. ~~The home team is encouraged to provide some form of refreshment.~~
3. If both captains agree, the match may begin earlier ~~than~~ the scheduled match date/time without prior permission of the Local League Coordinator. For playing matches on earlier dates, refer to "MATCH CONFLICTS WITH OTHER EVENTS". Captains may not agree to start matches later than listed except in the case of inclement weather (Refer to "MATCHES AFFECTED BY INCLEMENT WEATHER"). The 15-minute default rule goes into effect 15 minutes after the scheduled time for the match to begin or 15 minutes after a court becomes available for a staggered match.

If a team arrives after the last possible legal time to play the match, the captains can agree to play the match for points as long as all team members are aware of the agreement. However, the Captain of the team with players present on time has the final decision as to whether or not the match will be played for points.
4. Warm-ups will be completed within 15 minutes, including service warm-up.

MATCH PLAY

1. A local league season will consist of all local league matches played, including all local league play-offs. A round robin format for each flight or division will be played. Adult Team matches will consist of 3 doubles and 2 singles, except for the 2.0, 2.5, or 5.0 levels that play 1 singles and 2 doubles. Senior, Super Senior, Mixed and Combo Team matches will consist of 3 doubles. Individual matches will be the best 2 out of 3 sets. Twelve-point tie-breakers as specified by USTA will be in effect any time the score reaches 6-all for the first and second sets only. The ~~ten~~Ten-Point match tiebreak (first to ten by a margin of two) will be used in lieu of the third set for all adult and seniors matches.
2. ~~The total score will be 1 point, awarded to the winner of the entire team match. The local league winner will be determined at the end of the season by the team who has won the most match points during the local league season.~~

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~~2. The total score will be 1 point, awarded to the winner of the entire match. The local league winner will be determined at the end of the season by the team who has won the most match points during the local league season.~~

3. In the event of a tie at the end of the season, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so (as read from left to right in Tennislink Standings for A-C):

- A. Individual matches. Winner of most individual matches.
- B. Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets.
- C. Games. Loser of the fewest number of games.
- D. Head-to-head. Winner of largest number of head-to-head matches.
- E. Toss of coin. The coin shall be tossed by a league official.

4. During the individual matches, continuous play after the first game of each set is to be followed; a 2 minute break is allowed between the first and second sets; A 2-minute break may be taken between the 2nd set and ~~ten~~10-Point match tiebreak.

5. DEFAULTS:

~~—A. The number of full team (majority of individual matches are defaulted requiring all individual matches to be entered as defaults for the team match in Tennislink) defaults allowed an AATL team is determined by the number of matches in the local league season.~~

—The number of full team defaults allowed an AATL team is determined by the number of matches played during the season.

- 1. <5 matches- One default
- 2. 5-8 matches – Two defaults
- ~~3.~~ 9-12 matches - Three defaults

—If a team has one default over the limit, the team will then be considered a "Bye" for the season. All points for the remainder of the teams in that division (or level) will then be recalculated.

B. Defaults must be recorded by defaulting the lowest positions first. Defaults shall be determined by team captain or coordinator in accordance with the following:

- 1. Singles- the #2 singles must be defaulted before the #1 singles may be defaulted.
- 2. Doubles- the #3 doubles must be defaulted before #1 or #2 doubles; #2 doubles is defaulted before #1 doubles.

—3. Examples:

- a. One player absent- Default #2 singles or #3 doubles.
- b. Two players absent- Default #1 and #2 singles or #3 doubles.

4. See General rule #12 for additional information on defaults.

C. To receive a point for a default, the non-defaulting player or players **must be present on court, ready to play**. A notation should be made on the scorecard to indicate that it is a default. Do not write the names of player(s) giving the default.

D. If there is a default by each team for the same position, the scorecard shall reflect that it is a ~~dual~~Double Default. No points for a Dedual Default(s) will be considered for that match. If the teams win an equal number of individual matches, the team match winner will be

determined using "MATCH PLAY", Rule 3 procedure starting with fewest number of sets lost.

6. In the event an NTRP Rating disqualification occurs, the last match played by the disqualified player shall be considered a loss and that match shall be considered a win for the opposing player or doubles teams.
7. In accordance with USTA regulations, no coaching of any player will be permitted at any time ~~between sets~~during a match.
8. The only time a player may leave the court is ~~to~~:
 - ~~A. _____~~ Take a bonafide rRestroom visit.
 - ~~B. _____~~ Fix an item of clothing necessary for play. (A player may not leave the court to fix or obtain a new racquet.)
9. No lines-person or umpire will be provided for scheduled season matches. Players are urged to call the score after each point to avoid confusion. If there is a conflict in the score during a match, players should try to recall the points and go back to the last agreed upon score. Total disagreement concerning the score in the game results in a spin of the racquet. If a conflict occurs during match play over line calls, the players involved may request that the captain of each team appoint a lines-person for the remainder of that match.
10. Spectators may not aid players in making a line call nor in determining the correct score. Spectators should not participate in the match in any way and should refrain from doing so even if asked by the players.

Spectators may quietly watch a match in progress. They should not sit or stand at the end of the court immediately behind the servers or receivers if it is distracting to the players.

Spectators may quietly clap for points well played. It should be remembered that the well-played point should be applauded regardless of who won the point. It is considered to be poor tennis etiquette to clap for unforced errors.

It is the responsibility of each team to control the noise and behavior of its spectators. Loud, boisterous or unsportsman-like behavior is unacceptable. If a problem exists with a spectator, the player(s) or her opponent(s) should ask the spectator to refrain from the particular behavior. If the behavior persists, team captains should be summoned to handle the situation.

11. DISPUTES ON COURT:

- A. In matches where there is no umpire, as in AATL matches/league play, players themselves act as umpires and must see that obvious violations of the rules do not occur. Therefore, it is imperative that players know the USTA regulations, STA Regulations, SCTA Regulations, and AATL rules that govern play. They must also be familiar with the USTA's publication of "THE CODE", which is a handbook of ethics and fair play. Captains should have a copy of "FRIEND AT COURT" which contains "THE CODE" present at courtside during match play to utilize in settling disputes. ("FRIEND AT COURT" may be found on the Aikentennis.com Rules page.)

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B. Coaches or club pros must refrain from intrusion in discussions or negotiations between players or captains unless specifically asked by ~~both~~ BOTH captains. Even then, it is the responsibility of the two captains, not the pro, to decide on the resolution of the incident.

C. Disputes should be settled between players before the match is finished (as indicated by the shaking of hands at the net). ~~Remember that a~~ All points played in good faith stand. It is hoped that the players involved can resolve any dispute by themselves. If that is not possible, the procedure to follow is

1. A player should inform opponent of the problem and his/her intention to leave the court to obtain the assistance of his/her captain.

2. The captain should contact the opponent's captain, and they should try to resolve the dispute. If the captains are involved in playing a match, the players may have to postpone their play until the captains are available to assist them.

3. If the captains and players cannot agree on a resolution to the conflict, the offended player(s) may:

a. Notify the opponent that due to his/her opinion that a violation of the rules has occurred, he/she is going to continue to play but that he/she is "playing under protest" and intends to file a grievance with AATL after the match is completed. The captain would then indicate the protest on the scorecard, and delay entering match scores into tennis link until resolution of the protest is completed.

b. Stop play, telling the opponent why, and have the captain indicate on the scorecard that the match was stopped in protest. The exact place and score of the match when play stopped must be recorded and signed by both captains.

D. A complaint against a player or team alleging a violation during local league competition shall be filed in writing with the chairman of the Local League Grievance Committee prior to the commencement of the next team match involving such player or team, or within twenty-four hours after the end of local league play, whichever occurs first, except a complaint based on ineligibility ~~under 2.02~~ (USTA League Regulations booklet), which may be filed after knowledge thereof. At the same time, the complaining party shall send a copy of such complaint to the party(ies) against whom the complaint has been made.

12. The Local League Coordinator, or any other AATL dues paying member, has the right to file a grievance against any team, ~~or~~ team player, regarding sportsmanship, player or spectator conduct, sense of fair play, defaults, forfeits, rules violations, eligibility, etc.

13. The home team must furnish one can of unopened yellow championship quality balls for each position. (New balls may be introduced into a match at any time, if agreed upon by all competitors.)

14. The infraction of any USTA, STA, SCTA or AATL regulation may result in the loss of ~~the entire~~ match points against that particular opponent by the offending party.

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MATCHES AFFECTED BY INCLEMENT WEATHER

General Weather Related Rules (Apply to all Inclement Weather Cases)

W1. Matches may only be postponed if courts are unplayable, as verified by both team captains, due to moisture, freezing, or the match time temperature is below 32 degrees. Matches may not be postponed due to excessive wind or heat.

W2. Matches may not be postponed more than one hour before match time.

W3: Only players on the team roster for the originally scheduled match date/time are eligible for make-up matches.

W4. If some courts are playable at match time, other individual matches, not started due to unplayable courts, may not be postponed to a later date unless courts are still unplayable 30 minutes after the original match time. Postponed individual matches are subject to rules 2A-2D below.

W5: Team Captains shall schedule all individual and team make-up matches. Since substitution applies to all matches not started, exchange of scorecards, and relying on players to arrange times to complete a make-up match is ~~not~~ **NOT** permitted.

W6: Failure to follow the prescribed inclement weather make-up procedures listed for cases 1-3 will result in individual match or team defaults for the offending team, or a double-default for both teams.

Case 1: If courts are unplayable due to moisture, or temperature is below 32 degrees at match time, and both captains agree to postpone the match.

1A. Postponed matches may be made up, either as a team, or individual positions separately, within two weeks from the original match date. Exceptions may be granted by the LLC after receiving written (email) request by either captain.

1B. Within 24 hours from match postponement, the home team captain shall provide the Visiting team captain a minimum of 3 dates for each affected position, with proposed match times, (maximum of one Saturday or Sunday date, weekday times before 6pm may be given, but do not count towards the 3 date per position minimum as these times do not accommodate working players) to choose from for the make-up match(es). The AATL LLC ~~and Secretary~~ shall be notified, via email, of the postponement and proposed make-up dates/times at the same time as the visiting team captain. Acceptable examples for a 5 position match, rained out on a Sunday, include (3 options for each singles position, and 3 options for each doubles position,

*Monday, singles (1 position at 7pm), Doubles (2 Positions at 6pm)

*Wednesday, singles (2 positions at 6pm), Doubles (1 position at 7pm)

*Sunday, Singles (1 position at 2pm or 7pm), Doubles (3 positions at 7pm)

*Wednesday #2, Singles (2 positions at 7pm), Doubles (2 positions at 6pm)

Note: 4 different days are given, that include times after 6pm during the week, and any time on one weekend day. 6 total singles position times (3 for each of the two positions), and 9 doubles position times (3 for each of the three positions) are provided. This is the minimum, but captains are encouraged to provide as many options as they can.

1C. After receiving the proposed make-up dates/times, the visiting team captain may decide ~~which match~~ how many of each position (Line numbers shall be recorded on the scorecard in the chronological order they are played except in the case of defaults as described in 1D below) are played on the given dates/times and notify the Home Team Captain ~~and, League Coordinator and League Secretary~~, via email, within 24 hours **(NOTE: Based on the timing in rules 1B and 1C, the schedule for make-up matches should be established with 48 hours after original match postponement.)**

1D. After make-up scheduling, if a team must default (per GENERAL Rule #12) an individual match on any of the make-up dates, the defaults shall be recorded at the lowest positions when scores are entered in TennisLink regardless of the defaulted match position.

1E. If a make-up match must be postponed due to inclement weather, it must be made up within one week, and rules 1A-1D, or 2A-2E if applicable, apply to all successive make-ups with the one week limitation applied.

Case 2: Courts become unplayable after match start time, but before the start of the first point in the match.

2A. Case 1 rules 1A-1E apply.

2B. Defaults received during scorecard exchange count.

2C. For make-up matches, substitution of players on original scorecard may include any player eligible per rule W3.

2D. In the case of defaults received at originally scheduled match time, the players listed on the scorecard at original exchange receive the default, and are not eligible for substitution at other positions for this team match.

Case 3: Courts become unplayable due to moisture after the first point has been played in an individual match.

For this case, the match must be resumed from the exact point where it was stopped (i.e, same players, score, court position, court surface but not exact court, and service rotation) completed within two weeks of the original match date using rules 1A-1E Above. ~~For Senior matches - rain make up Matches~~

will be ~~made-up~~completed line by line/position by position unless the team agrees to ~~play complete all matches as a team~~one time. All three positions on the team **must** complete their matches, and have them entered in Tennislink, within 15 calendar days from the day the match was originally scheduled.

MATCH CONFLICTS WITH OTHER EVENTS

Except in the event of weather, matches may not be played after the originally scheduled match date. Matches may be played up to 2 weeks in advance of the originally scheduled match for 4 reasons: (1) If the match date interferes with a league championship. (This includes Adult, Seniors, Super Seniors, Combo, and Mixed Doubles); (2) If the match date conflicts with a previously scheduled TEAM commitment to a tennis related event out-of-town, such as an adult tennis camp, or an out-of-state tennis tournament where the TEAM is competing; (3) If a majority of team members are affected by school holidays, and are not available to play (4) Special event deemed acceptable by the Local League Coordinator (i.e., tournament, tennis facility event, funeral, etc.). However, both captains must agree to this change, and permission must be granted by the Local League Coordinator, or else the match will be played as scheduled.

Three dates, minimum, with proposed match times should be given to the visiting captain to play the match early using the procedure given in rules MATCHES AFFECTED BY INCLEMENT WEATHER rules 1B-1C. If no agreement can be reached on a date to play, the Local League Coordinator has the final say. If it rains the day of the match, and no other day can be agreed upon to play, then the original date of the match stands.

AATL Policy on Paying for Teams to attend SCTA Championships

Teams qualifying for State Championships, are required to submit a check to the AATL League Coordinator for an amount that includes \$20 for each player that will attend the championships. For all teams that attend state championships, submitted checks will be destroyed promptly after championship play is completed, as the AATL will pay player fees for all AATL teams at championships. Prior to the completion of the league season, League Coordinator will communicate the deadline by which checks must be received (typically one to two weeks prior to state deadline for receipt) to affected captains. If a team does not submit the check by the published deadline, the delinquent team will be removed from consideration for playoffs, and other AATL teams will be given the opportunity to replace the delinquent team in the Championship draw. If a team that has paid the team fee decides to not attend State Championships after the published deadline, the check will be forfeited to the AATL to offset fees paid to the SCTA regardless of whether another AATL team is available to replace the team dropping out.

AATL Policy for Granting League fee Refunds

Full refund (minus the USTA National Processing fee) of the league registration fee will be granted if a player requests to be removed from a team prior to the start of the league season for any reason. Requests for refunds will not be granted after the league season begins except in the case where a player moves out of the AATL local area before participating in any matches. It is a player's responsibility to submit refund requests to the AATL.

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