

AIKEN AREA TENNIS LEAGUE (AATL)
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LEAGUE RULES – 2010

STATE LEAGUE COORDINATOR (SLC)

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LOCAL LEAGUE COORDINATOR (LLC)

The following person has been appointed to implement and administer the Aiken Area Tennis League and to interpret the Aiken Area Tennis League Regulations:

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The Local League Coordinator's (LLC) responsibility is to organize, coordinate and supervise all USTA League Tennis activities on the local level and report to the State League Coordinator.

USTA League Tennis National Regulations, Southern Regulations and South Carolina State Regulations shall apply and take precedence over AATL Local Rules.

The purpose of the Rules and Regulations is to assure that fair play and good conduct is maintained at all times and to assist the tennis league in rendering equity to all teams and players. The Rules and Regulations are approved by the State prior to League matches.

It is the responsibility of each Team Captain to familiarize all team members with the Rules and Regulations. New regulations or changes in regulations are underlined.

GENERAL

1. Each 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 Adult team must have at least eight (8) players. Each 2.0, 2.5, 5.0 and Open team must have at least five (5) players. Each Senior team must have at least six (6) players. Both Adult and Senior team rosters are limited to a maximum of 14 players.
ADULT – Player must reach at least 18 years of age during 2010.
SENIOR - Player must reach at least 50 years of age during 2010.

- (a) All team members must be paid members of the USTA, SCTA and AATL through the League Season. See AATL policy for granting refunds at the end of the rules section.
- (b) No players may be added to a team roster after the **Add-On Deadline**, except in the case of appeal decisions made after this deadline. Players **may not** switch from one team to another after the **start of the league season**. Byes, late starts, etc. are not considered and do not affect this date.
- (c) During the Local League Season a player **may** play on more than one NTRP level in Adult and/or Senior divisions in the **same** Local League during the **same** season.
- (d) A player **may not** play at the **same** NTRP level in the same division (Adult or Senior) on teams in the **same** local league.
- (e) 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.
- (f) Out-of-Area (OOA) and Out-of-State (OOS) Player Participation
A player from another state (as defined by the player's primary residence as listed in USTA records) may not participate in South Carolina, or register for an AATL team, without prior approval by the Local League Coordinator representing the area that is affected and the State League Coordinator. A player playing out of his/her home state, that registers for an AATL team without obtaining prior approval, will be subject to sanctions, including, at a minimum, loss of registration fee and defaulting of all matches played prior to receiving approval. Sanctions may be applied to the team captain as well. A player from another state who received approval to play in South Carolina previously, and who has played in South Carolina in every year since that approval was granted need not reapply for approval to play in 2010 in the same local league and the same division (Adult or Senior) and same level as in 2009.
 - i. 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 f.(vii) 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.
 - ii. Flights with 5 position matches (2 singles, 3 doubles) are limited to 3 OOS players per team.
 - iii. Teams with 3 position matches (Adult 2.5 &>4.5, Mixed, Senior and Combo) are limited to 2 OOS players per team.
 - iv. 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).
 - v. 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),
 - vi. OOS players who were approved for 2009 competition in a specific league and flight (e.g. Adult Men 4.0, Senior Men 3.5, 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.

vii. Except in the event of a singleton team, AATL teams are required to have >50% players from within the AATL boundaries. The combined number of OOA and OOS (maximum 2-three position matches, 3-five position matches) is required to be <50% of team total. AATL teams must play home matches at facilities within the AATL boundaries.

viii. The League Coordinator, with State League Coordinator approval, may increase the 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.

- (g) Players who qualify for South Carolina Adult State Championships may advance on more than one Adult team in the 2010 league season, but not at the same level of play.
- (h) Players who qualify for South Carolina Senior State Championships may advance on more than one Senior team in the 2010 league season, but not at the same level of play.
- (i) 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 and complete the self-rating process on TennisLink when registering for a team. Failure to do so or 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.
- (j) Once a player self-rates for a league, they may not self-rate lower for another league.
- (k) Players may appeal their 2009 year-end ratings on line at any time during the 2010 league year. TennisLink will allow only one granted appeal. 2009 State, Area, Sectional and National benchmark players cannot appeal their 2009 year-end ratings except for medical reasons. Medical Appeals and appeals to move down from a self-rating must be submitted in writing, by fax, mail, or e-mail Mary Goins, P.O.Box 386, Easley, SC 29641, e-mailed to mggoins@charter.net, or faxed to 864-859-4502. *Medical Appeal Forms can be found on the USTA South Carolina Tennis webpage at, sctennis.com. Appeals must be done on an individual basis; no group appeals will be accepted.* (The form can also be found under the Rules tab on the website, www.aikentennis.com).

2. Home Team Captain is responsible for contacting visiting captain ahead of time to confirm match time, location, etc. 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 order (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 order. If courts are not available at beginning of play to start all individual matches, those positions not starting at scheduled match 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. Home team captains to are required to inform visiting captains of court surfaces to be used at each position prior to scorecard exchange.
3. Home Team Captain is **responsible for contacting** Visiting Team Captain prior to the scheduled match time if the weather will not permit play. The captains can then discuss postponement, rescheduling, etc. If weather and availability of courts at **visitor's site permits play, match should be played at visitor's courts.**
4. **Rained out matches must be made-up per the mandatory "Weather Affected Matches" procedure at the end of these rules.**

5. Home Team is responsible for providing new balls (New balls may be introduced into a match at any time, if agreed upon by all competitors.).
6. **Each team must have a Captain or acting Captain present at every match. Each Captain must have a scorecard printed from TennisLink and exchange written line-ups simultaneously** prior to start of play. It is recommended the scorecards be printed off for each match (or at least for matches after the add-on deadline) in order to have a complete roster of both teams. **Captains should agree on scores and names of players** to be recorded on TennisLink and **sign each others scorecards** before leaving the match. Signed scorecards will be used if dispute occurs after scores are entered on TennisLink. **Captains must record scores of each match on Tennis Link within 24 hours of match completion.** Either captain may enter score results into Tennis Link and the non-entering captain is to confirm or dispute the score entry. **If the match score is disputed, the League Coordinator must be notified IMMEDIATELY** with the details of the dispute. **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.
7. If there are multiple playing surfaces at a site, the visiting captain is entitled to know which line will be played on which surface before line-ups are exchanged.
8. 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 a team does change their line up for this reason, the opposing team may not change his/her line-up. 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.
9. A player can play only once per match.
10. Players must report to scheduled matches on time. There will be a fifteen (15) minute default rule in effect. Play must be continuous throughout the match, as specified in USTA rules.
11. **CELL PHONES** must be turned off (not put in silent mode). If a cell phone ring/actuates during a point, the opponent wins the point based on a hindrance. No other electronic devices of any type are allowed on court.
12. Each team must play a Round Robin with at least one other team of the same level. Each team in a round robin must play every team in the round robin an equal number of times.
13. Once an individual match has begun, no coaching may be given a player by team captains, coaches, pros or any other spectator, except during the 10 minute rest period between the second

and third sets if the scoring method is the best of three tie-break sets per USTA League Reg. 3.01H (6)

14. Each team must guarantee availability of 3 courts for AATL 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.
15. Each player must play at least two matches locally for Adult (with no more than one being a default) and two matches locally for Senior (with no more than one a default) to qualify for further championship play (one default received will be used to qualify for advancement to State Championship and Sectional Championship). Three matches must be played to advance to National Championships (defaults will not count for advancing to National Championship).
16. Each team must play at least three matches to qualify for championship play.
17. 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.
18. For Matches affected by Inclement Weather or other events, See Mandatory Procedures at the end of the rules section.
19. USTA rules govern play. Also, "The Code" as a handbook of **ethics and fair play should be understood and followed by every player**. Captains and team members are urged to familiarize themselves with the official USTA, STA, SCTA, AATL rules, and "The Code".
20. All Adult team members must be 18 years of age or older during the calendar year (Jan.-Dec.) and 50 years or older during the calendar year for seniors.
21. Matches will consist of:
Adults: Two singles matches and three doubles matches at 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 4.5 levels
One singles match and two doubles matches at 2.0, 2.5, 5.0, Open levels
Seniors: Three doubles matches
Scoring will be: Best two of three sets with a Coman tiebreak used in any set when score reaches 6 all, and a Coman tiebreak with victor being the first to reach 10-points by a margin of two points.
22. **DEFAULTS – RETIREMENTS:**
Default is when a team knows in advance it will not be able to field all positions. In this case, the lowest singles or doubles position must be defaulted.
Forfeit by Default is when a player who was expected to play fails to appear on time or becomes unable to play and no substitute is available. In this case, the position in which the player was scheduled to play is defaulted.
 - A. A defaulted line, for any reason, is scored as one point for the opposing team. The names of the **winning players only** should be entered in the proper place on the scorecard, as if the match had been played as scheduled.

- B. Retired – in the case of a retirement the non-retiring player(s) shall be credited with the number of played games. **For all players involved, a retirement counts as a qualifying match.** **NOTE:** For NTRP computer data entry, actual scores are required.
- C. Defaults – the non-defaulting player should be credited with a 6-0, 6-0 win, and 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. Defaults – an adult team must have a minimum of four eligible players available for play in each match or the entire match shall be defaulted. A team may default a maximum of two positions in a match without defaulting the entire match. In such case, defaults shall be determined by a Team Captain in accordance with the following:
 - a. Singles – the #2 singles must be defaulted before the #1 singles may be defaulted
 - b. Doubles – the #3 doubles must be defaulted before the #2 doubles may be defaulted.
 - c. Examples:
 - i. One player absent – default #2 singles or #3 doubles
 - ii. Two players absent – default #1 and #2 singles or #3 doubles or #2 singles and #3 doubles
 - iii. Three players absent – default #2 singles and #3 doubles or #2 and #3 doubles
 - iv. Four players absent – default #2 and #3 doubles
- E. Forfeit by default – If line-ups have been exchanged and a player on scorecard fails to show within 15 minute default rule, only that position needs to be defaulted – meaning the rest of lineup positions remain the same. Also, if a team member not on the scorecard is on site within the 15 minute default time, they can be put in line-up for the affected position only, if the original player does not show, is sick or has had an accident.
- F. Double-Defaults - If there is a default by each team for the same position, the scorecard shall reflect that it is a Double Default, and the line entered in Tennislink using the Double-Default option for that line.
- G. Full Team Defaults:
 - i. Full teams are not permitted in the AATL.
 - ii. Full team default results in deletion of all future matches from the league schedule for the offending team with those match dates becoming byes for opposing teams.
 - ii. If not in the last round robin of the local league season, the offending team will be DQ'd in all matches played in the round robin where the team default was given.
 - iii. Players on a team DQ'd for granting a full team default are not entitled to refund of any portion of their league registration fees.
 - iv. All players on any team giving a full team default may have sanctions imposed via grievance against them to include ineligibility to compete at any SC State Championship for a period not to exceed one Championship year.

23. **SPORTSMANSHIP:**

- A. No linesmen or umpires will be provided for matches.
- B. Every player is expected to call shots on his side, as he would expect his shots to be called on the other side and **loud enough for his/her opponent to hear.** Any out ball must be called instantaneously; otherwise, it is presumed good and in play. Avoid late calls.
- C. Balls that are not clearly out should be awarded the opponent. In the case of doubles, when partnership is in disagreement of a call, it should be awarded the opponent.

- D. Players are advised to call the score before each point to avoid confusion. If the players can not agree on the score, the score reverts to the score at which the players last agreed.
- E. Players should advise their home fans to also show sportsmanship and applaud for good shots made – not points won for errors. Also, respect players on neighboring courts. 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 unsportsmanlike 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.
- F. Coaches or club pros must refrain from intrusion in discussions or negotiations between players or captains unless specifically asked by *BOTH* captains. Even then, it is the responsibility of the two captains, not the pro, to decide on the resolution of the incident.
- G. All complaints alleging a violation of fair play and unsportsmanlike conduct shall be filed in writing to the LLC who will forward the complaint to the Grievance Committee and other appropriate persons. The Grievance Committee will review the alleged grievance and determine the necessary actions that should be taken.

24. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRESSION:**

- A. If a player qualifies on more than one team for the State Championships, the player may participate in the State Championships on more than one team as long as it is **not** the same level. However, no **scheduling accommodations** will be made.
- B. Teams that withdraw from the Championships after the roster/fee submittal deadline will forfeit fees. All team players will also be subject to sanctions, via Grievance, per STA published rules. A team substituted for the withdrawing team will not be responsible for championship fees other than for those of players exceeding the number of players paid for by the withdrawing team.

25. **NUMBER OF TEAMS:**

When a Local League does not have the required number of teams (two teams) to constitute a level, the State League Coordinator, in consultation with affected Local League Coordinators, shall either:

- A. Assign the singleton team to another Local League, in which case, (a) the assigned team will register on TennisLink in the Local (host) League to which it is assigned and pay the fees and abide by the rules of the host league; (b) the host league will make the rule regarding travel for matches.
- B. Group the singleton team with other singleton teams in the state and schedule a playoff among those teams to determine advancement to the State Championships. The State League Coordinator will decide on the date(s), playoff structure, and designate the site and Local (host) League.

26. **WILDCARD PROCEDURE:**

Wildcards will be chosen from a random draw based on the number of teams and positions by area from the current Spring season. The number of teams an area has will be divided by the number of positions that area qualifies for at the State Championships. This number will determine the total chances the Area will have in the random draw. An Area whose team is

wild- drawn for a Wildcard and used at a particular level will **NOT BE ELIGIBLE** to have a card at the same level the following year unless there are not enough teams available to complete the draw. An Area whose team is named to replace a team that dropped out of the State Champion will remain eligible for a wildcard at that level the following year. Two-team levels will not be eligible for a wildcard.

27. **GRIEVANCES:**

- A. A complaint against a player or team alleging a violation during local league competition shall be filed in **writing with the LLC prior to the commencement of the next team match in that flight involving such player or team, or within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of local league play, whichever occurs first**, except a complaint based on ineligibility under USTA League Regulations which may be filed after knowledge thereof. The LLC shall send a copy of such complaint to the party(s) to whom the complaint has been made and the Grievance Committee.
- B. The grievance can be e-mailed, mailed or delivered to the LLC. **E-Mailing is preferred as it will expedite the procedure.**
- C. The LLC will have the responsibility for naming a Grievance Committee to review grievances and render a decision on the course of action to be taken on each incident. The procedure for handling grievances that is outlined in the USTA League Regulations shall be followed. The LLC will also have the responsibility for naming an Appeals Committee.
- D. Grievance Procedures are outlined in the USTA League Regulations 2.00 Grievance Procedures. The form for filing a grievance can be found at, www.aikentennis.com, under rules.
- E. Grievance Committee. Grievances will be handled by the appropriate Grievance Committee.
- F. **Self-Rate NTRP Grievances.** Self-Rate NTRP grievances shall come under the jurisdiction of the **Section Grievance and Grievance Appeals Committees.** Grievance Complaints will be sent to the Local League Coordinator who will forward to the State League Coordinator for processing to Southern.
- G. Committees. The Local League Coordinator has the authority to appoint the persons who shall serve on Grievance and Grievance Appeals Committees in the place of those persons listed below in the case of conflict, absence or other inability to serve. Substitute appointments will come from a pool of 2010 volunteers.

AATL Grievance Committee:

- Rob Lascola, Chair
- Barb Dellamora
- Todd Fields

Responsibilities are specified in USTA League Regulations

AATL Grievance Appeals Committee:

- Ron Rondeau, Chair
- Kerry Dunn
- Donnie Campbell

Responsibilities are specified in USTA League Regulations

Alternates as needed for Grievance or Appeals Committees:

Sandy Harris

David Fauth
Mary Abele
Ron Dellamora
Shawn Risher

AATL Captains have a list of duties for which they are responsible. Please refer to the “DUTIES OF TEAM CAPTAIN” list on next page.

If there is a situation that is not covered by these rules and regulations, refer to USTA National, Sectional and State League Rules and Regulations.

The advice and recommendations of the South Carolina State League Coordinator shall be secured by the LLC when deemed necessary.

DUTIES OF TEAM CAPTAIN

1. Secure at least eight players for Adult team (five for 2.5, 5.0, Open levels, and six for Seniors), and preferably more to allow for substitutes.
1. Be sure your players meet the eligibility requirements as listed in Local Regs.
3. Secure a facility for team to play out of and pay any court fees to facility.
4. Register your team through TennisLink. Check your roster before **add-on deadline** and be sure all members have registered.
5. **Complete a Captain Registration Form on Aikentennis.com.**
6. Report scores through TennisLink immediately after the match. **First Captain enters scores and second captain confirms scores. Be sure correct names and scores are entered before exiting TennisLink. You cannot go back. Both captains should compare scorecards at the end of match and be sure the names and scores are correct.**
7. Be sure each member of the team receives a copy of the schedule. Copies of USTA, STA, SCTA and AATL League rules are available on Aikentennis.com.
8. **Home captain MUST contact visiting captain prior to match schedule to confirm match and match time.**
9. Home captain should convey to visiting team, **at time of match and before exchanging lineups**, if he/she is using multiple surfaces and which positions are on particular surfaces.
10. Team captain is responsible for notification and communication to each team member, all information needed from the League.
11. Team captain is responsible for representing his/her team at all League meetings & casting team's vote.
12. **Be sure you reschedule rain-out matches immediately and report rescheduled time to your LLC within the 24 hour deadline.**
13. **Be sure you, as a captain, and your team practice good sportsmanship.**

MATCHES AFFECTED BY INCLEMENT WEATHER (Mandatory Procedure)

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 permitted.

W6: Failure to follow the prescribed inclement weather make-up procedures listed for cases 1-3 will result in individual match defaults.

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 **2 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 2 date per position minimum as these times do not accommodate working players) to choose from for the make-up match(es). The AATL LLC 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 (**2 options** for each singles position, and **2 options** for each doubles position,

*Monday, All positions at 6:30pm

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

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

Note: 3 different days are given, that include times after 6pm during the week, and any time on one weekend day. 5 total singles position times, and 7 doubles position times are provided. This is slightly more than the minimum, and captains are encouraged to provide as many options as they can. (Remember that when split, individual matches are recorded on the scorecard based on the order they are played. So assigning line numbers to the dates provided is meaningless. The first match played is #1, second #2, etc.)

1C. After receiving the proposed make-up dates/times, the visiting team captain may decide 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, 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.) **If agreement between captains can't be reached, any disputed individual matches will be made up at a time decided upon by the LLC.**

1D. After make-up scheduling, if a team must default 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. Matches will be completed line by line/position by position unless the team agrees to complete all matches at 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.

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. Matches will be completed line by line/position by position unless the team agrees to complete all matches at 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.

Two 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

Qualifying teams (Local League Winners) will submit, with a list of players from their roster not going to playoffs, a check made out to the AATL with a total that includes \$20 for each player going to playoffs. The AATL will pay the team fee, and hold this check until State Championships are over. If a team participates at state playoffs, the check will be destroyed or returned to the captain at their request. If a team backs out after the deadline, and another AATL team is unable/unwilling to take their place, the check will be deposited into the AATL account to cover the fees forfeited per State rules.

For Teams advancing directly to Championships without local league play, the teams will pay their own championship registration fees. The local league team registration will consist of the Tennislink fee (\$3), and State head-tax (\$6) only. The AATL head tax charged for teams playing in local leagues will not be included in this registration fee.

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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