



**USTA SOUTH CAROLINA
AIKEN AREA TENNIS LEAGUE (AATL)
LOCAL REGULATIONS
Adult and Senior Divisions
League Year 2012
AATL Web Site - www.aikentennis.com**

SOUTH CAROLINA DIRECTOR OF LEAGUES (DL)

The following person has been appointed to implement and administer the South Carolina State USTA League Tennis Program:

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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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0.00 INTRODUCTION

0.01 USTA South Carolina has approved the Local League Coordinator to organize, coordinate and supervise all USTA League Tennis activities on the local level and report to the Director of Leagues and State Senior League Coordinator.

0.02 All players, teams and Local Leagues must abide by USTA League Tennis, USTA Southern Tennis, USTA South Carolina, and AATL Regulations.

0.03 USTA League Regulations, Southern League Regulations, and South Carolina State Regulations take precedence over AATL Regulations in the event of dispute.

0.04 Paragraph numbering is in accordance with the paragraph numbering format of USTA League Tennis Regulations. Topics addressed in specific paragraphs of these USTA South Carolina-AATL Regulations relate to the same topics in the same paragraphs of the aforesaid regulations. National and Southern regulations have separate sections for Adult and Senior programs. Section 3.00 of these AATL Regulations relates to both programs.

0.05 New regulations or changes in regulations from the previous league year are underlined.

1.00 GENERAL.

1.04 USTA LEAGUE.

1.04B Team Captain. Each team shall appoint a team captain to handle administrative affairs, and to represent the team in USTA matters. The duties of captains are published at the end of these regulations, and include expected actions for all team captains. The duties published are considered part of the AATL regulation set, and are enforceable as such.

1.04C OFFICIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM. TENNISLINK is the official information system of the USTA League.

1.04C(1) Official League Registration.

Rosters must be entered in TennisLink before League play begins.

a. INITIAL ROSTER DEADLINE: Local League Team Rosters with a minimum number eligible players (8 Adult 3.0-4.5, 5 Adult 2.5 & 5.0, 6 Senior) must be submitted into TennisLink no later than January 15, 2012 in order to participate in the AATL 2012 Adult/Senior Leagues, or be defined as a singleton for potential State League Coordinator placement per 1.04D(8).

b. AATL team registration will end January 15, 2012. Teams may continue to add players after this date per these league regulations.

c. Teams that play their Local League during State Championships must be entered into TennisLink with a minimum number of players per 1.04C(1)a by April 01, 2012. The add-on deadline date for levels playing Local League at Championships will be determined by the State League Coordinators.

d. The required State Adult and Senior Championship team entry fees, USTA-SC deposit checks, and information must be received by the AATL LLC by April 29, 2012 (Senior), and May 06, 2012 (Adult)

e. Once placed on a roster through TennisLink, there will be no refunds after league play begins. It is possible to transfer from one team to another without additional fees by contacting the Local League Coordinator to process the movement from one team to the next. Transferring to another team must be done before the start of the Adult/Senior League Season.

f. Players may not move to a different team once match play has begun for that level, unless approved by the State League Coordinator.

1.04C(2) Official Score Reporting and Standings System. Scores must be reported in TennisLink within 48 hours of the completed team match by either captain, or any player on either team. TennisLink will automatically confirm scores 48 hours after the team match is initially reported in TennisLink if not confirmed by opposing captain.

1.04D LOCAL LEAGUE

1.04D(6) Team. The AATL roster limit is 15 players. For AATL Adult and Senior division leagues with more than two teams at a level of play, all teams must maintain rosters with at least 60 percent of players at the designated NTRP level of play, unless local league play is not available at the next lowest level.

1.04D(7) If an adult or senior division league consists of only two teams in a level of play, each team must maintain its roster with at least 60 percent of its players at the designated NTRP level of play regardless of local league play not being available at the next lowest level.

1.04D(8) Number of Teams. When a Local League does not have the required number of teams (two teams) to constitute a level, the DL or SLC, in consultation with affected LLCs, shall either:

- (1) 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.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Complete teams choosing to play in a local league area other than their home local league must secure home courts in local league they choose to participate.

1.04D(9) AATL Team Composition. Except in the event of an AATL singleton team playing local league at state championships, AATL teams are required to have >50% players with residence inside the AATL boundaries. AATL teams must play home matches at facilities within the AATL boundaries. Singleton teams placed in the AATL by the State League Coordinator must play all matches at AATL facilities, and are not required to have >50% players with residence inside AATL boundaries.

1.04E PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

1.04E(1) Domicile. Each AATL team must maintain its roster with at least 60 percent of its players with South Carolina Residence (the player's primary residence is to be defined in USTA records as South Carolina) at all times. The following total number of players on the team roster per number of SC residents required shall be followed (Note: Maximum number of players on AATL teams is 15)

Roster Total/Required SC Residents: 6/4, 7/5, 8/5, 9/6, 10/6, 11/7, 12/8, 13/8, 14/9, 15/9.
USTA-SC Championship rosters must have at least 60% SC residents, with an additional restriction of 5 max out-of-state (OOS) residents.

All residents of other states shall request and receive approval from the AATL LLC, prior to registering for a team, through use of the Out-of-State player approval form available on Aikentennis.com. **Previous year approval does not apply.**

1.04E(2) Membership. All local leagues must be current members of USTA. All players must be current members of USTA through the Local League seasons, including local playoffs.

1.04G PLAYER PARTICIPATION

1.04G(2)b A player may play only one NTRP level above the player's current NTRP level.

1.04G(2)c During the Local League Season a player may play on more than one NTRP level in Adult and/or Senior divisions in the **AATL** during the **same** season.

1.04G(2)d 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.

1.04G(2)e Players who qualify for South Carolina Adult or Senior State Championships may advance on more than one Adult and one Senior team in the 2012 League season, but not at the same level of play in the same division.

1.05 OFFICIAL BALL. Any USTA approved ball may be used in USTA League matches. In AATL matches, the home team is responsible for providing new balls, but new balls may be introduced to a match at any time, if all players competing in the individual match agree.

2.00 USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS.

2.01A Levels of Play. The following levels will be offered in the AATL for 2012:

Adult Division: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0

Senior Division: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5

2.01C Competition Format.

2.01C(1) Round Robin. All AATL teams in a flight shall play each other team the same number of times, with a minimum of three total matches played.

2.01C(2) Team Match. The number of individual singles and doubles matches for the various Adult levels will be as follows. The Senior Division will play 3 lines of doubles for all levels.
Adult 2.5 and 5.0: 1 singles and 2 doubles lines.
Adult 3.0 through 4.5: 2 singles and 3 doubles lines

2.01C(3) Match Scoring. The AATL will use the Coman Match Tiebreak (first to 10 by a margin of 2) in lieu of a third set in Local League play. There is a 2 minute rest period prior to beginning a Match Tiebreak, and continuous play is required throughout the Tiebreak.

2.01C(5) Team Lineups. Team captains for each team shall exchange their team line-up card simultaneously prior to the beginning of the team match. An individual match is started when the first ball is put into play. After the start of an individual match, if injury to, or illness of a player occurs, the opponents will be awarded a retirement (per the principles of 2.03M and 2.03N in these regulations) for that individual match only. If disqualification of a player occurs, the opponents will be awarded a default. The default principles in 2012 USTA League Regulations, shall be applicable, with the modifications that:

- a. 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 in the lineup. If no such substitution can be made, the affected position only will be defaulted in local leagues.
- b. In the event that a team match must be re-scheduled and starting times are staggered, where opponents are not available and ready to play, defaults will be awarded in the affected positions only.
- c. For Weather Affected Matches, See Mandatory procedure "Matches Affected By Inclement Weather". Defaults given are voided in the event of rainouts, after scorecards have been exchanged, provided no individual match has started. If any match has started (first ball put in play), all defaults stand.
- d. Two players will play together in the higher position when both of their partners do not show in order to avoid two defaults.
- e. Full Team Defaults (Majority of lines defaulted):

- i. Full team defaults are not permitted in the AATL.
 - ii. Full team defaults result 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 11 months.
- f. Players must be present and on court to receive a default except in the case of a known default where the captain giving the default has notified the receiving captain via phone and in writing (email with copy to LLC) in advance of the match that a line(s) will be defaulted. The captain giving known defaults shall specify which line(s) will be defaulted (e.g., #2 Singles and #3 doubles).
- g. If an event affects several of the players from either team from playing at the scheduled match day/time, see the AATL Policy "MATCH CONFLICTS WITH OTHER EVENTS".
- h. The maximum number of individual lines that a team may default, prior to disqualification, is equal to the number of team matches.
- i. Staggered Matches: A minimum of 3 courts must be provided by the home team facility for all AATL matches. If less than 5 courts are available for a 5 position team match, the visiting team shall select the line numbers that will play on the courts available at the scheduled match time, and the order of the remaining line(s) to be played as courts become available. If more than one surface is used for play, the visiting team captain shall choose which lines are played on which surface for those courts available for use at match time.

2.02 Progression.

2.02A(2) Local League Competition. The AATL MUST complete the local league season prior to the South Carolina State League Championships. The AATL LLC, with DL assistance, may extend league end dates to account for weather related issues. The following season end dates apply:

Adult 2.5-5.0: May 06, 2012

Senior 3.0-4.5: April 29, 2012

2.02A(3) Any matches not played or completed by the end of the Local League deadline dates per 2.02A(2) will be null and void and will not be entered in Tennislink.

2.03 State Championships.

2.03A Eligibility.

2.03A(3) A player must compete in two matches during the AATL local league season to be eligible to compete at State Championships.

2.03A(4)a Only one default will count as a qualifying match for Adult and Senior State Championships and Sectional Championships.

2.03A(4)b A default will not count for advancing to National Championships.

2.03A(4)c For all players involved, a retirement counts as a qualifying match for Adult and Senior State, Sectional and National Championships.

2.03A(4)d Rosters for teams attending State Championships are limited to 5 OOS players.

2.03A(4)e The winner of each level at the State Championships will qualify to advance to the Sectional Championships in Mobile, AL, July 28- August 05, 2012.

2.03M Retirement. Retirement occurs when an individual match has started and a player is unable to continue due to injury, loss of condition, or emergency.

2.03N Scoring of Retirements. In case of retirement after commencement of a match, the non-retiring player, or doubles team, shall be credited with such number of additional games as would have been won if match was completed and non-retiring player or doubles team won every subsequent game. For NTRP computer data entry in TennisLink, mark as “retired” and submit scores of match at the point of retirement (i.e. 3-6, 2-1, retired) from the perspective of the person receiving the retirement.

3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES (Refer to National Regulations)

3.01 ADMINISTRATION.

3.01A Grievances Committees.

3.01A(1) Local. All Grievance Committees shall consist of no less than three persons, including a chairman, to adjudicate grievances. The members of the Committee may be the same as or different in whole or part, from the committee first approved.

The Local League Coordinator has the authority to appoint the persons who shall serve on the Grievance Committee in the place of those persons listed below in the case of conflict of interest, absence or other inability to serve.

The AATL Spring League Grievance Committee is:
Sandy Harris, Chairman
Jean Plummer, Member
Kerry Dunn, Member

3.01B(1) Grievance Appeals Committees. All Grievance Appeals Committees shall consist of no less than three persons, including a chairman, to consider Appeals from the Grievance Committees. No member of a Grievance Appeal Committee may be a member of a Grievance Committee. The members of the Committee may be the same as or different in whole or part, from the committee first approved.

The Local League Coordinator has the authority to appoint the persons who shall serve on the Grievance Appeals Committee in the place of those persons listed below in the case of conflict of interest, absence or other inability to serve.

The AATL Spring League Grievance Appeals Committee is:
Connie Nixon, Chairman
Donnie Campbell, Member
Viet Nguyen, Member

3.02 Grievance Types.

3.02A General Grievance. General grievances are any complaints alleging a violation of the USTA Constitution and By-Laws; the USTA Regulations; the Rules of Tennis or other USTA regulations (unless modified by these USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS); USTA League REGULATIONS or standards of good conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship other Than those defined in Sections 3.02B – NTRP Grievance, 3.02C – Eligibility Grievance 3.02D Administrative Grievance, and 3.02E – National League Grievance below.

3.02B NTRP Grievances. A grievance contending that a player’s stated NTRP level is lower than the actual skill level shall constitute a NTRP Grievance. Players who enter the USTA League Tennis Program by inappropriately self-rating at an NTRP level lower than their actual skill level, and captains and others who condone such inappropriate self-rating, are considered to have violated the standards of good conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship. NTRP Grievance may be filed against the players and/or captains

3.02C Eligibility Grievance. Any complaint other than a NTRP Grievance contending that players have failed to meet eligibility requirements to participate in league tennis shall constitute an Eligibility Grievance.

3.02D Administrative Grievance. An administrative grievance is any complaint pertaining to administration of a league at any level below the national level.

3.03B Local League Procedures.

3.03B(1) 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.

3.03B(2) Upon receipt of the complaint, the LLC shall send a copy of such complaint to the DL, party(ies) to whom the complaint has been made and the Grievance Committee.

Grievance Procedures are outlined in the USTA League Regulations 3.00 Grievance Procedures. Forms for filing grievances are on www.aikentennis.com, under “Rules”.

3.03E NTRP Grievance.

3.03E(6) 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.

3.03E(7) NTRP Grievances filed within 21 days of the start date of the player’s and/or captain’s State Championships will be administered after the event unless the section authorizes the administration of the grievance prior to that time. If the grievance is not administered until after the event, points won by players will stand. Disqualified players and/or captains that are suspended will not be eligible to advance to the next level of championship play.

3.03E(8) USTA South Carolina mandates that the party(ies) that file(s) the NTRP grievance complaint must provide the documentation to support their complaint at the time of their filing. Failure to supply supporting documentation will result in grievance rejection by the LLC.

MATCHES AFFECTED BY INCLEMENT WEATHER (Rules and 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, unless email notification of facility closure is received.
- 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 and/or Full Team match defaults with associated sanctions.

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 shall be made up, either as a team, or individual positions separately, within two weeks from the original match date. Requests for additional time based on a legitimate conflict (e.g., local tennis tournament or other championships) may be granted by the LLC after receiving written (email) request by either captain. The LLC shall determine the legitimacy of requests.

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 for postponed weekday match, 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: A court becomes unplayable after match start time, but before the start of the first point in the individual match.

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

2B. Defaults received during scorecard exchange count if any individual match has started, but are null and void if no individual match has started.

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 individual matches must be played, and 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 shall not be played after the originally scheduled match date, under penalty of default. Matches may be played in advance of the originally scheduled match for 4 reasons: (1) If the match date interferes with a USTA Championship. (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 several TEAM members are 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, facility closure, etc., with number of players unaffected <number required to play a team match without full team default). For a conflict to be granted, the captain requesting a conflict must notify the LLC In writing no less than 14 days prior to the event causing the conflict, with a description of the event, and the names of the affected players. If the request for a conflict is granted, both captains will be notified, and only the players named will be permitted to compete in the conflict matches. The conflict matches shall be played prior to the regularly scheduled match.

If a conflict is granted, a minimum of three dates, 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 using dates proposed by both captains. If it rains the day of the conflict match, and no other day can be agreed upon to play, then the original date of the match stands.

AATL Policy for Granting League fee Refunds

Refund of the league registration fee (minus the USTA National Processing fee) will be granted if a player requests to be removed from a team prior the initial roster deadline date for any reason. Requests for refunds will not be granted after the initial roster deadline except in the case where a player moves out of the AATL local area before participating in any matches, or if a direct to state team player is removed from the roster prior to the state deadline. It is a player's responsibility to submit refund requests to the AATL LLC. Full refunds (include \$3 USTA National Processing fee) will only be given for the case where teams advancing directly to state championships have play cancelled by USTA-SC.

AATL Policy for Selecting Teams to Attend SCTA Championships

Qualifying teams (Local League Winners) will submit, with a roster identifying those players not going to championships, a check made payable to "AATL" with a total that includes \$20 for each player going to playoffs. In addition, teams must submit a \$250 deposit check (made payable to SCTA). The AATL will hold this check until State Championships are over. If a team participates at championships, the SCTA deposit check will be destroyed. If a team backs out after championship draw publication, the deposit check will be delivered to SCTA for cashing per State rules.

For Teams advancing directly to Championships without local league play, team players will pay championship registration fees as part of team registration. The local league team registration will consist of the Tennislink fee (\$3), and State head-tax (\$6) and Championship registration fee (\$20). The AATL head tax charged for teams playing in local leagues (\$3) will not be included in this registration fee.

Other Situations:

If there is a situation that is not covered by these rules and regulations, refer to USTA Sectional and State League Regulations. The advice and recommendations of the South Carolina State League Coordinator shall be secured by the LLC when deemed necessary. Questions regarding rules interpretations, refunds, Tennislink corrections shall be addressed by the AATL LLC: Eddie Estochen (edesto@bellsouth.net, 270-4170)

2012 AATL Board Information:

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Senior Representative: Mo Garcia

Super Senior Representative: Mary Abele

Website Coordinator: David Hoel

Media & Promotions Coordinator: Robbie Wilson

DUTIES OF TEAM CAPTAIN

The following includes duties for AATL Captains which are enforceable as part of the AATL regulations.

Team Registration:

1. Complete Captain Registration Form on Aikentennis.com.
2. Ensure all Out-of-State (OOS) players have obtained LLC approval prior to registration.
3. Familiarize all team members with the Rules and Regulations. USTA, STA, SCTA and AATL League rules are available on Aikentennis.com.
4. Secure at least eight players by initial roster deadline for Adult team (five for Adult 2.5, 5.0, and Open levels, and six for Senior), and preferably more to allow for substitutes.
5. Ensure all players meet the eligibility requirements as listed in these regulations.
6. Secure a facility for team to play out of, ensure membership requirements are met, fees are paid to facility, and obtain a minimum of 3 court reservations for each scheduled match time.
7. Check your roster before add-on deadline and be sure all players have registered.
8. Be sure each member of the team receives a copy of the schedule.
9. Team captain is responsible for notification and communication to each team member, all information needed from or distributed by the LLC.

Match Play:

1. 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 in writing (email) to visiting captain and LLC.
2. Home captain MUST contact visiting captain prior to match to confirm match and match time(s). Also, it is the responsibility of the home team captain to contact the 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.
3. Home team captain shall reschedule weather affected matches immediately and report rescheduled time to LLC within the 24-48 hour deadline.
4. Home captain shall 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.
5. Scorecards are to be printed by captains from TennisLink for use during line-up exchange.
6. Captains are to exchange line-ups simultaneously at the scheduled match time. No changes may be made after line-ups have been exchanged, except as indicated in 2.01C(5). NOTE: After scorecards have been exchanged, if a team receives a default, the receiving team does not have the option to change their line-up!
7. Captains are to agree on scores and players' names (as they appear in TennisLink) on scorecard before leaving match and sign each other's scorecards. The signed scorecard will be official agreement of the final match scores, and be used as records if later disagreement occurs.
8. Report scores through TennisLink immediately after each match. First Captain enters scores and second captain confirms scores. Be sure correct names and scores are entered before exiting TennisLink. Both captains should compare scorecards at the end of match and be sure the names and scores are correct.
9. Errors in entering scores in Tennislink must be corrected by the LLC. Prior to requesting the LLC to make a correction, captains should agree that the correction is required. The LLC should be notified by one of the captains, via email with CC: of the other captain, the exact details of the required correction **including match number**, individual match line number, and the player/score correction required.

Sportsmanship: "Sportsmanship is the expectation that a player, coach or spectator abide by the rules of tennis and that they act at all times with fairness, courtesy and respect for others."

USTA publication "The Code", a handbook of ethics and fair play should be understood and followed by every player. Captains and team members are urged to become familiar with the official USTA, STA, SCTA, AATL rules, and "The Code". The following additional guidance or clarification is provided:

1. Captain shall ensure team practices good sportsmanship.
2. CELL PHONES and all other electronic devices must be turned **OFF**. If a cell phone rings during a point, the opponent wins the point based on a hindrance. Emergency response personnel may utilize electronic devices, worn on their person, and set to vibrate mode for notification. Emergency response personnel shall notify their opponents of their status if a return call must be made during a match.
3. 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. Late calls shall be avoided, and are not required to be honored by opponents.

4. Balls that are not clearly out should be ruled as good for the opponent. In the case of doubles, when a partnership is in disagreement of an in/out call (disagreement means both are certain but with opposite conclusions, and not that one is certain and the other uncertain), it should be awarded to the opponent.
5. Players shall call the score before each game and point to avoid confusion.
6. Players shall advise their home fans to also show sportsmanship and applaud for good shots made – not points won from errors. Also, respect players on neighboring courts. Spectators may not aid players in making a line call, or in determining the correct score. Spectators should not communicate with players in regard to match specifics, or participate in the match in any way. Spectators should refrain expressing opinions related to the match even if asked by the players. Spectators shall quietly watch a match in progress, and shall not sit or stand at the end of the court immediately behind the servers or receivers if it is distracting to the players. Players may suspend a match to obtain captain's assistance to deal with an incident of spectator interference.
7. While spectators may 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.
8. 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.
9. DO NOT RETURN obviously out serves. This is considered rude, may be considered gamesmanship, and may unnecessarily delay the server to the point where a let is in order.
10. No spectators, children, pets or other team members shall be permitted within the confines of the playing area.

Championships:

1. First and Second place teams for each Division/Level shall submit the following:
 - a. Printed Roster with players not attending championships circled and highlighted.
 - b. Name and cell phone numbers for Team Captain, and Co-captain (if applicable) during championships.
 - c. Single check made payable to "AATL", for an amount that includes \$20 for each player attending championships. This check will be cashed, and deposited to the AATL account. The AATL will write a single check with championship fees for submittal to SCTA.
 - d. Check made payable to "SCTA" in the amount of \$250 per USTA-SC regulation.
 - e. All items in (a-d) shall be provided by the first place team, and items (a-b) by the second place team, to the LLC by April 29, 2012 (Senior), and May 06, 2012 (Adult). Upon notification by the LLC, that the first place team did not meet the deadline or declined the default invite to state championships, the second place team shall provide items (d-e) by April 31, 2012 (Senior), and May 08, 2012 (Adult).
 - f. If the first place team fails to meet the deadline for submission, and the second place team does, the second place team will represent the AATL at championships.
 - g. Captains shall confirm receipt of information and checks by the LLC on or before the dates listed in (e). Information may be delivered to the LLC: Eddie Estochen, 1198 Carriage Drive, Aiken, SC, 29803.
2. Local League team captains are responsible for collecting all fees from players to fund State Championship registration fees, and SCTA deposit check.
3. Team captain, or designee, is responsible for representing his/her team at Championship Captain's meetings, and teams attending championships are expected to play all lines scheduled.
4. Championship rosters must have 60% or greater SC residents, with a maximum of 5 OOS players permitted.

AATL Policy for Free Registration of Captains:

The AATL will register captains at no cost on or before the initial roster deadline per the following:

1. Captain is required to attend any League Captain's meeting offered for specific league season.
2. Team must have the required number of eligible players registered.
3. Captain must not have previously lost free registration privilege due to rules violations or grievance.
4. Excluding those violations listed in #5 below, two violations of any other AATL Regulations shall result in loss of individual Free Registration privilege for a period of one calendar year. The AATL LLC will notify the captain in writing (email) of the offense and sanction.
5. If a captain allows someone to compete in a match who is not on the team roster or who has failed to obtain OOS approval, if a captain's team drops out of State Championships after the draw is published, or if captain's team grants a Full-Team-Default, the Free Registration privilege shall be lost for a period of one calendar year. The AATL LLC will notify the captain in writing (email) of the offense and sanction.