



## USTA MIDDLE STATES SECTION – EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT

### 2010 EPD USTA ADULT, SENIOR, MIXED LEAGUE REGULATIONS

These rules are intended to supplement and be subordinate to the USTA and USTA/MS Rules and Regulations. They do not replace or supersede USTA National or Middle States Regulations.

#### 1. USTA MEMBERSHIP & LEAGUE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

All team members must be members of the USTA at the time of each competition. Players can register on line the same day of competition but must have a USTA # to play. If a player has difficulty registering before a match, he/she must notify the LLC before match play for the match to count.

All players must be registered with the team on TennisLink before playing his or her first match. Players without a current NTRP computer rating will be asked to self rate when they register.

Players must be eighteen (18) years and older for the Adult Division and fifty (50) years and older for the Senior Division by December 31, 2010.

#### 2. COURT COSTS

Any and all court costs incurred will be split between **BOTH** teams. Court fees should **NOT** include ball cost. The home team will supply the balls.

#### 3. REPORTING OF SCORES

Match results must be recorded in Tennis Link by either captain within 72 hours of the match completion and then verified by the opposing Captain. Tennis Link will automatically confirm scores 48 hours after the team match is initially reported in TennisLink if not confirmed by the opposing Captain. ***Both Captains are responsible to report the scores.*** In case of an error, the opposing captain must contact the League Coordinator when a score is disputed.

**Score cards no longer need to be forwarded to the League Coordinator but must be retained until the end of the season in the event of a dispute.**

#### 4. LOCAL LEAGUE SEASON

- A. For staggered matches, team captains must agree in advance (in writing – email) on start time for each individual match. The host captain has the final say if no agreement can be reached.
- B. All originally scheduled matches must be played on the day scheduled by the Local League Coordinator. If a date change is necessary, it must be approved by the LLC. All originally scheduled matches must be rescheduled within one week or a date and time will be assigned by the LLC.
- C. Last date to register for the Adult league will be July 1, 2010. Final date to register for the Senior and Mixed Leagues will be noted in correspondence forwarded to team captains by the LLC. The last date all rescheduled and/or postponed matches must be completed is listed below:

Mixed .... May 1, 2010

Adult ..... August 1, 2010

Senior .... August 30, 2010

Super Senior .....September 10, 2010

## 5. SCORING AND REST

- A. All matches will be the best of two tiebreak sets. The 12-point tiebreak shall be used shall be used at 6-all in each set. In lieu of a third set, a “Match Tiebreak” (first to 10 by 2 points) shall be played.

The Coman Tie-break Procedure will be used for both the set tiebreak and the match tiebreak.

- B. The USTA Point Penalty System for lateness will be in effect.

Penalties for Lateness :

5 minutes or less:	Loss of toss + 1 Game
5:01 – 10 minutes:	Loss of toss + 2 games
10:01 – 15 minutes:	Loss of toss + 3 games
More than 15 minutes:	Default

- C. Defaults

If a team forfeits an entire match for any reason during a local league round robin, that team may not advance to championship level.

## 6. PLAYER PARTICIPATION

Players may participate on more than one team pursuant to National Rules.

### D. WITHIN DISTRICT

- (1) Individuals may play on more than one (1) team within their district at different NTRP rating levels (for example, a 3.0 rated player may play at 3.0 AND play up at 3.5 in the same season)
- (2) If a player is playing on more than one team at different levels, the player may participate in the teams district playoffs – EXAMPLE – A 3.5 player who also plays at 4.0 can play the 3.5 and 4.0 flight tournaments if said teams advance to the Adult League Flight Playoffs at the end of the season and the player have played the required minimum number of local league matches with the advancing team.

### E. ACROSS THE SECTION

- (1) Players may play on a team in EPD District and also may play on a team in a second district at the same NTRP level pursuant to national rules. The number of players from any one team is not limited in EPD but may be in another district.
- (2) Whole EPD teams may play together in two (2) different districts at the same NTRP level, **if allowed by the other district’s rules.** (*Other districts may restrict the number of players from any one team.*)

### F. HOME COURT

Any team playing in the EPD District **MUST** have a home court within this (EPD) district where the team will host home matches.

## **G. PENALTIES**

Penalty for NONCONFORMANCE to any or all of the above rules will result in the individual(s) being dropped from that EPD team roster and the loss of any matches already played for EPD.

## **7. CELL PHONES/PAGERS**

All cell phones and pagers must be turned off on court during a match. If a player's cell phone or pager rings during a point, *that player loses the point*. If a cell phone or pager is answered on the court, *a game is lost*.

## **8. GRIEVANCES**

### **A. NTRP GRIEVANCES**

NTRP grievance procedures can be found in the USTA Middle States Section Regulations. Complaints should be first delivered to the section league coordinator (Sally Baird) who will forward it to the Middle States NTRP Grievance Committee Chairman

### **B. GRIEVANCE COMPLAINTS**

All captains should read and familiarize themselves with the USTA League Tennis Regulations and Middle States Rules and grievance procedures. When in doubt about a rule or procedure, please contact your LCC.

### **C. EPD Grievance & Appeal Committee members are as follows:**

EPD Grievance Committee	EPD Appeals Committee
Dawn Ketterman-Benner, Chair	Ralph Tutlane, Chair
Sally Evans	Teresa Popielarski
Unconnected EPD Coordinator	Unconnected EPD Coordinator
Alternate in the event a committee member is unavailable – Judy Neunzig	

## **9. FLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Flight Championships will take place for the 3.0W, 3.5W and 4.0W. A flight championship is comprised of multiple teams from the same flight or multiple flights (may have played each other during local season). In EPD, the top four teams in the same flight will play in the Flight Championships.