

CAPTAIN INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Do not submit your digital lineup until ALL players are present and ready for play OR it's match time.** You will submit your lineup digitally through the USTA Georgia App or the USTA Georgia League State Championship website. You will receive an email reply to the email address you provide with a summary of your submission. We ask that you have it submitted a **minimum of fifteen minutes before the scheduled match time.**
2. Defaults must be made from the bottom up.
3. The default time is **15** minutes.
4. Substitutions, except for injury, illness, or disqualification are not allowed after the scorecard has been submitted digitally.
5. Once both teams have submitted their lineups, a text message will be sent to the players involved in each individual match, as well as the captain with the names of the players and the court assignment. The home team should pick up the can of balls at the site desk and all players should go to their assigned courts and wait for them to open.
6. The players have 10 minutes to be at the assigned court and ready to play or they will be subject to the point penalty system. **Should the player have opted out of providing their cell phone number during the registration process, it is the captain's responsibility to make sure they are at their court within the 10-minute window. The player not receiving a text because they opted out will not prevent them from being put on the clock.** The players should immediately report to their courts and the line sweepers will have left a new can of balls for them.
7. Warm-ups are restricted to **10** minutes. Captains should remind each of their players to adhere to the warm-up time in order to keep the tournament on schedule. All practice serves should be completed within the **10**-minute warm-up time.
8. Players will have received a text message that shows the name of their opponents. However, please have your players introduce themselves and verify the position they are playing when they go on the court. **In the event that players are not playing the correct opponents, the following procedure shall be used:** If the mistake is discovered before the first game of all matches affected has been completed, players are to go to the correct courts and begin the matches over. If the discovery occurs after the first game is completed, the matches will be completed as started and count as matches played in good faith.
9. The third set tiebreak is treated the same as a new set in that the serving and/or receiving order may be altered by either team.
10. **One player from each team should reply to the text message with the full name(s) of the player(s) of the winning team and the scores from the winner's perspective IMMEDIATELY.** This will allow the opponents to confirm the scores.
11. Once all of the individual matches are complete and the scores have been sent in via text, they will be entered into Tennislink. Captains should confirm the scores through Tennislink or by viewing the results through the Virtual Site Desk Court Assignment Page. If there is an issue, the captain can reply to the text they received for that individual match.

SCORING PROCEDURES

USTA GEORGIA Regulation 2.03C Scoring:

At the **USTA Georgia State Championships**, all matches will be the best of three tiebreak sets, with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set. A **Set tiebreak** shall be used at 6-all in each of the first two sets (first players to reach seven (7) points by a margin of two). The **Match tiebreak** set shall be played (first players to reach 10 points by a margin of (2) two). There will be a two-minute set break at the end of each set with no coaching. The Match tiebreak shall be scored as 1 set and 1 game for tiebreak procedures in the event of a tie. All tiebreaks will be played using the Coman Tiebreak Procedure. The scoring in the event of a default, forfeit, or disqualification shall be 6-0, 6-0. Should the format need to be altered due to unforeseen circumstances, one of the approved Alternate Scoring Formats will be used.

USTA League Regulation, 2.03E Team Match and Scoring: A team match will consist of three doubles matches at levels of the Southern Combo Doubles Championship. The team winning the majority of these matches shall be awarded one team point. For each team match, a majority of the individual matches must actually be played by the two teams to constitute a valid team match. The Championship Committee has the authority to determine the actions to take when the combination of individual match defaults given by the two teams in the team match would result in a situation where the majority of the individual matches would not be played.

IN THE EVENT OF A TIE

USTA League Regulation, 2.03H Procedures in the event of a tie: In the event of a tie, whether in round robin or single elimination competition, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:

- 2.03H(1) Individual Matches.** Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.
- 2.03H(2) Head-to-Head.** Winner of head-to-head match.
- 2.03H(3) Sets.** Loser of the fewest number of sets.
- 2.03H(4) Games.** Loser of the fewest number of games.
- 2.03H(5) A method to be determined by the championships committee.**
See Championship Procedures.

****IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE FORMAT OF PLAY MAY BE CHANGED AND THE SCORING CONVERSION CHART IN USTA LEAGUE TENNIS WILL BE USED TO BREAK TIES AND DETERMINE CHAMPIONS.

DEFAULT RULE

Individual Defaults (Default Rule)

Any team defaulting a court for any reason will incur a fee of \$100 per court defaulted. Teams will pay with the credit card on file for the deposit, or teams may choose to use cash and/or another credit card (additional \$4 processing fee if paid by credit card) if they choose to do so. If a team doesn't pay their fee, it will be charged to the credit card used to register for the state championship by the individual who submitted the authorization form. The reason for this regulation is it's your team's responsibility to have players on every court at each match during a state championship. When a team defaults a line, it not only can affect the outcome of the championship, but more importantly, it affects those players who showed up ready to play, only to find their opponents did not show. Any money collected from defaults will be given to the CTA hosting the state championship in which the defaults occurred. An appeal of this fee may be made to the USTA Georgia Adult League Committee and under extreme circumstances will be considered.

How to determine the Best 2nd Place team(s) when a team withdraws from the tournament, or all flights do not have an equal number of teams and seeding the playoffs if all flights do not have an equal number of teams.

When a level is going to have one or more Best 2nd Place team(s) to advance into the playoffs, this procedure is followed if a team has withdrawn from the tournament during play or all flights do not have an equal number of teams. When seeding the playoffs and all flights do not have an equal number of teams, this procedure is also followed.

#1 and then percentages beginning with #2 until a winner or higher seed is determined:

- 1) Team with the least number of TEAM LOSSES.
- 2) Team with the least number of ACTUAL INDIVIDUAL LOSSES divided by the number of POSSIBLE INDIVIDUAL LOSSES.
- 3) Team with the least number of ACTUAL SETS LOST divided by the number of POSSIBLE SETS Lost.
- 4) Team with the least number of ACTUAL GAMES LOST divided by the number of POSSIBLE GAMES Lost.

If two or more teams are still tied at this point, a coin flip will determine who receives the Best 2nd Place team(s).