

Local League Regulations (12/1/2022)

The purpose of SEQUOYAH League play is to promote USTA League Tennis for men and women at established ratings of the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) within the city of Calhoun and Gordon County.

I. REGULATIONS

The Sequoyah Tennis Association (Sequoyah) agrees to the rules and regulations of the USTA, USTA Southern, and USTA Georgia as published. In addition, SEQUOYAH also sets forth the following rules to apply to local league matches.

II. THE RULES OF TENNIS

“The Code” shall be in effect for all league matches. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. If a player has a complaint regarding the conduct of another player or team, a written grievance may be filed by the captain with the local league coordinator. Grievance forms may be obtained from the SEQUOYAH website. Only players are allowed on the court during a match and they should leave their courts upon completion of their match.

III. ROSTER INFORMATION

- A. For Combo and Tri-Level a roster limit of a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 17 players per team applies.
- B. Teams must have a Full roster (the minimum of players required per team) prior to schedule being published or the team is disqualified and removed from match play.
- C. For Southern Combo 18+ & 40+ 5.5, 6.5, 7.5 & 8.5 levels must play in a league competition and each player must play once (default counts) during that league competition in order to qualify for the state championship. 55 & Over and 65 & Over Southern Combo levels teams may advance directly to the state championships if there are no local leagues during the championship year. That team is not required to play any matches.
- D. For Southern Tri-Level 18+ All Levels, teams must play in a league competition and each player must play once (default counts) during that league competition in order to qualify for the state championship. 40 & Over and 55 & Over Southern Tri-level teams may advance directly to the state championships if there are no local leagues during the championship year. That team is not required to play any matches.

- E. Once a player's name appears on a TennisLink roster, that player cannot change teams once league play begins unless the player has been DQ'd.
- F. All team members must be registered members of the USTA with valid membership. Players must be 18 years of age before December 31st of the year in which they play their first match. Players must play at the NTRP rating assigned them on the date of their registration. Players may only play at their NTRP rating level or one level higher.

IV. CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- A.** Captains should read and be familiar with the regulations of USTA, USTA Southern, USTA Georgia and SEQUOYAH. Some Local League regulations are different, so don't assume that another Community Tennis Association's regulations are the same as the STA regulations.
- B.** Home Team Captain should initiate the simultaneous exchange of scorecards with the completed lineups with the Visiting Team Captain BEFORE the scheduled match time. **COMMENT:** If A Team Does Not Provide A Written Lineup Within The Default Time, The Opposing Team May Claim A Default At The Positions That Were To Start First (The First 3 Lines). The remaining positions may play at the next scheduled time, provided a written lineup has now been exchanged.
- C.** Ensure that tennis balls are provided for the match.
- D.** Ensure that all team members and spectators follow the rules of sportsmanship.
- E.** Email league coordinator if completion of the match is delayed.
- F.** Verify scores and make sure cards are identical at the completion of the match.
- G.** Winning captain - Enter scores in Tennis link within 24 hours of completion of the match.
- H.** Losing captain - Verify scores in Tennis link within 48 hours of completion of the match. (If not verified and there is a discrepancy it will not be honored)
- I.** If they are not entered within this timeframe, a double default may be applied to the match and no point will be awarded.

V. TEAM MATCH SCORING

- A.** The team winning the majority of individual matches shall be awarded one

team point for that team match. The team compiling the most team match points at the end of the season shall be champions. In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures:

- a) Winner of the most individual matches,
- b) Head to Head,
- c) Loser of the fewest number of sets,
- d) Loser of the fewest number of games.

B. All matches will be two out of three sets, with the third set being a 10 point tiebreaker.

C. The Coman Tiebreak System will be used for all matches.

VI. TEAM MATCH PLAY

A. Matches will begin and must be played at the scheduled times as posted on the Tennis link or on an earlier date if agreed to by both team captains.

B. Warm up is limited to 10 minutes.

C. Match format consists of:

Combo & Tri-Level Leagues: 3 Doubles lines.

D. Order of play will be 1 doubles, 2 doubles, and 3 doubles for Combo and Tri-Level.

E. At match time, if only two courts are provide by the home team - 1 doubles and 2 doubles must be present for play at match time. 3 doubles must be present for play 1 hour after the scheduled start time for the match.

F. The 15 minute default rule will apply. In the event of illness, injury, disqualification, or a no show of a player prior to the start of an individual match (once the line-up 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 line-up. If no substitution can be made, the affected position will be defaulted. The non-defaulting team will be credited with a 6-0, 6-0 win.

G. A team may default a maximum of one positions for leagues which play three lines without constituting an invalid team match. An invalid team match is defined as one in which the minimum number of the individual matches are not played, resulting in the team match not counting for either team. Number3 doubles must

forfeit before number 2 doubles.

H. SEQUOYAH does not provide linesmen, umpires, court monitors, etc for any matches.

VII. WEATHER CONDITIONS

A. Inclement weather is defined as precipitation sufficient to make the courts unplayable, lightening in the immediate area, severe weather or an actual temperature below 32 degrees F or above 99 degrees F as determined by www.weather.com.

B. If teams have reported for play and the start of the match is delayed or the match is interrupted by weather, teams must wait 30 minutes to determine if courts are playable. If courts are still not playable after 30 minutes, teams are free to leave and reschedule unless both teams agree to wait longer.

C. If matches are postponed due to weather conditions, team captains have one week to make up matches. If rescheduled matches are rained out and unable to be played before the next scheduled match, then team captains have one more week to make up matches. Captains must call the courts and verify court availability for makeup. If captains cannot come to an agreement the default time for matches will be played the week night prior to the next scheduled match. Match time will be 7:00pm.

D. Once a makeup match time has been agreed upon by both parties (different positions do not have to make up at the same place and time), that makeup match may not be canceled by either party for any reason other than inclement weather.

VIII. NEW NTRP RATINGS

A. Georgia Early Start League Ratings will be published in accordance with USTA Regulations in the beginning of March for the Summer Early Start Leagues and August, following the Sectional Championships for the Fall/Winter Early Start Leagues. An NTRP Changed Rating list is published on USTAGEORGIA.COM, identifying those players no longer eligible to play at their previous level. Players must check their rating before signing up for a team.

IX. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. For teams that advance to the state championship, the league will pay the registration fee for the first 6 players (Combo & Tri-Level). The team is

responsible for the registration fee for any additional players.

B. In the event there is only 1 berth into the state tournament at a given level and there were 2 leagues season played (2 teams for each season), the winners of the two seasons will play a playoff match to determine the overall league champion and the berth into the state tournament.

C. Teams that advance to sectionals and nationals will be responsible for the registration fee.

X. GRIEVANCES

A. All complaints alleging a violation by an individual or team during local league competition shall be filed in writing with the Local or District League Coordinator or designee having jurisdiction. The complaint must be filed prior to the commencement of whichever occurs first: (a) the involved team's next match in that flight, whether or not the involved player participates or (b) within twenty-four hours after the end of the local league season. *See National League Regulations 3.03B(1).*

B. Any party to the complaint may appeal the decision of the Grievance Committee within the time fixed by the Grievance Committee in its findings.

C. If unsure of the procedure, contact the Local League Coordinator.

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** Committee members are subject to change due to conflicts of interest or availability. New committee members may be appointed on a case by case basis by the Local League Coordinator.*

These regulations have been approved by the Sequoyah Board Members and USTA Georgia.