

Auburn USTA League

Local League Rules

The Auburn USTA Leagues offer all leagues and levels offered by USTA Alabama. These local rules are to be considered in addition to the USTA Alabama Regulations for each league. In addition, where applicable the USTA Southern and USTA National League Rules will apply. Teams from a 60 mile radius are eligible to compete in the Auburn league. Non-state resident rules listed in the Alabama rules apply.

Age: Each player shall have reached the age of eighteen years prior to or during the calendar year in which such player plays in his/her league match.

Entry: A player without a computer rating must self rate to enter the league. A player with a current NTRP computer rating must use that same rating to enter the league.

USTA Membership: It is the Captains responsibility to make sure that all players have USTA memberships extending past all potential levels of play.

Captains Meeting: There will be a mandatory captains meeting before each league season. Captains will be notified of their captain's meeting once initial signups are completed for each league.

Scheduling: All matches are scheduled for the Yarbrough Tennis Center unless approved by the League Coordinator. Schedules will be posted on Tennislink for the entirety of a leagues season.

Matches: Captains should print off a scorecard from Tennislink before each match to use for line-up exchange in order to ensure that all players are eligible for the match. Players scheduled to play in matches should be at the courts 20 minutes prior to match time. Captains should exchange lineups 15 minutes prior to match time. If a player is not present at this time, another player should be put in the lineup. If there are not enough players to field a full team, the teams will wait until match time to exchange lineups. If at that time, a team does not have enough players to field a full team, the team not having enough players will forfeit the bottom spot of either singles or doubles and move all other players up. The exception to this rule is the Tri-level league where forfeits will be by the NTRP level. Match time will be forfeit time for this purpose.

Roster Additions: Once initial rosters are in, teams may add players up to their last scheduled match. Captains should remember that these players may not be eligible for the next level of play if their team advances.

Match Tennis Balls: It is the responsibility of the captain of the designated home team to pick up the match balls from the desk at the tennis center. If a match is played away from Yarbrough, it is the responsibility of the home captain to pick up the balls for the match from Yarbrough.

Scoring: All matches will be 2 out of 3 sets with a 10 point tie-breaker in lieu of a third set. All tie-breaks should be played using the Coman tie-break. It is the responsibility of the home captain to record scores on tennis link. The opposing captain has 48 hours to check and confirm the scores.

Court Fees: Court fees charged by the facility will apply for all league matches.

Defaults: A team must field enough players for a match to have a mathematical chance to win the match. A team failing to do this twice in a league season will be removed from the league and their results voided.

Inclement Weather:

- A. **Weather Conditions** – The only weather condition that shall authorize the cancelation of a scheduled match are lightning, rain or severe temperatures (a temperature of 32 degrees or colder or a temperature of 100 degrees or more). Wind chill and heat index are not a factor in determining temperature. Cancellation will be determined by the court condition at the time of each match.
- B. **Match Interruption** – In the event inclement weather occurs after play had begun, completed individual matches will stand as played and incomplete matches must be resumed by the same players at the exact set, game and point when play was halted.
- C. **Deadlines** – Any matches postponed due to inclement weather must be completed within 15 days of the originally scheduled match.
- D. **Lack of Agreement** – The League Coordinator must be notified within 2 days of the originally scheduled match when a rescheduled date cannot be agreed upon. If teams cannot agree on a rescheduled date, the League Coordinator will reschedule the match. A match scheduled by the League Coordinator is not affected by the 15 day rule.
- E. **Negotiation** – Delays or cancellations due to weather are common; therefore, captains are expected to use good sportsmanship as they negotiate and carry out the terms of the rescheduled matches. Captains must agree on the time and place of the rescheduled match. In the event that captains are not able to exchange lineups prior to a rescheduled match, captains must negotiate the rescheduled match in terms of positions, not names of individuals.
- F. **Lineups** – In the event that inclement weather forces the cancellation and rescheduling of a team match, unrestricted substitutions from the team roster may be made in any individual matches that have not begun. This includes moving a player from one position to another. Points awarded for forfeits during the original written lineup exchange will stand.
- G. **Rescheduled Match** – Once a time, day and location for the makeup match has been agreed upon by the parties involved, that match MAY NOT be cancelled or rescheduled, for any reason other than inclement weather.

Grievances: All complaints alleging a violation by an individual or team during local league competition shall be filed in writing with the Local or State League Coordinator, or designee, having jurisdiction. The complaint must be filed prior to the commencement of the next team match in that flight involving such individual or team, or within twenty-four hours after the end of local league play, whichever occurs first.

Upon receipt of the complaint, the Local or State League Coordinator, or designee, shall immediately send a copy to the Chairman of the appropriate League Grievance Committee and to the party(ies) against whom the complaint was filed.

The Local League Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committee may consist of:

Kristi Smith

Dave Thomson

Kevin Fitchner

Joe Perez

Becky Richardson

Phillip Wiley

The grievance and grievance appeal committee members may be selected from the above list and may be added to in the event conflicts exist.

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