



LOCAL LEAGUE RULES | 2020 | SANTA BARBARA

1. Any Entire Team Match defaulted by choice of team or captain will eliminate that team's eligibility for Sectionals and for playing in next Local League Season.

2. USTA rules will govern play. Default time will be 15 minutes after the scheduled match time. Captains are responsible to enforce the rule.

3. All matches must be played on "Hard courts". The only exception is if the visitors agree for a particular match and it's requested 4 days prior to the match.

4. Reschedule Policy: If there is not a local league regulation in place, the following will apply: Once a final schedule has been generated and posted on-line, there may be reasons why a match may need to be rescheduled. If both teams agree to a reschedule and there is sufficient time within the league season to do so, the following will be followed.

- A rescheduled date and time must be agreed upon within one week of the original match date, otherwise, it will be recorded as a Team Default against the team that asked for a reschedule.
- A rescheduled match must be played before the end of the local league season or before a local flight playoff (whichever comes first), otherwise, it will be recorded as a Team Default against the team that asked for a reschedule.
- Rescheduled matches may fall under the "No Penalty" or "Penalty" guidelines:

"No Penalty" if:

- A minimum of 4 players on the team is representing that Area at a USTA Southern California League Championship.
- The Home Facility scheduled an unplanned event and there are no courts available on or off site.
- Due to a National Holiday.
- Due to Unplayable Conditions (see glossary for definition). If the day before the team match, Unplayable Conditions is forecast for the time of the match, it may be rescheduled with no penalties. If it becomes unplayable the day of or prior to the start of the match, it may be rescheduled with no penalties. Teams should not wait more than 1/2 hour past the originally scheduled time, to see if conditions change. Both captains may agree to wait longer or choose a different location within their Area to play the match. If the team match started, completed individual matches will stand as played and incomplete matches will need to resume with the same players and at the exact score (set, game, point) as they stood when halted. Any point played is always counted and never replayed. If the team match had not started,

a different line-up may be used. If a match is unable to be rescheduled, use the Time Match procedure to determine a winner. For the weather site of choice-see your Local League Regulations (LLR). If no site is designated, use: www.accuweather.com. The ALC may confirm "Unplayable Conditions" if there are any questions or disputes.

5. CAPTAINS ARE JOINTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONFIRMING THE MATCH, TIME, NUMBER OF COURTS, ETC. (with each other) BY WEDNESDAY PRECEDING THE MATCH, IF YOU FAIL TO CONFIRM, MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED AS SCHEDULED. Be sure to verify with the home team how many courts they have.

6. There are no Roster limits. Visitors supply balls.

7. For Straight level leagues each team must have 50% of players at level. If there is a league of only two teams in a level of play then each team must maintain its roster with at least 40% of its players at the designated NTRP level of play.

PLEASE ADVISE ALL PLAYERS THAT THEY SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH THE NATIONAL/SECTIONAL REGULATIONS AND FRIEND AT COURT – THE HANDBOOK of TENNIS RULES & REGULATIONS, both of which can be found Under "Player Resources" on the Santa Barbara Area League page:

<https://www.ustasocal.com/adult/leagues/santa-barbara>