

**Local Leagues Rules are specific to San Gabriel Valley and are applied in conjunction with the 2021 National and Sectional League Rules and Regulations.**

1. Home team provides courts for home court matches. If warm-up courts are provided before a scheduled match then it is at the courtesy of the home court captain.
2. Visiting team provides tennis balls.
3. There is no maximum player cap on any SGV registered league team.
4. Home court sites/venues must have restroom facilities available to all participating players.
5. 5 line leagues (2S/3D) and 3 line leagues (3D) must have a minimum of 4 players to be valid for a scheduled match. On a 4 line league, (1S/3D) three lines constitutes a valid match.
6. Home court captain and visiting captain are required to exchange line-ups before their scheduled match times as indicated in Tennislink. Captains are required to download and use a Tennislink scorecard. Tennislink scorecard are to be signed at the completion of each scheduled match and retained until the end of the season. In the event of a score dispute or grievance filing only a signed valid Tennislink scorecard is accepted. Use of a Tennis Point scorecard is not accepted in all cases.
7. The USTA/SCTA has defined that a “Rescheduled Match” is when a team asks their opponent to change the regular scheduled match for another time and/or day. The Reschedule Policy is implemented, either Penalty or No Penalty.
8. The USTA/SCTA has defined a “Postponed match” as when a match cannot start or continue due to conditions that make it impossible to continue playing, which may include, but not limited to: Rain, Fire, Ash, Heat (95 degrees or higher) and if a State of Emergency prevents teams from getting to their locations in a timely manner. Therefore, both teams need to try to play or finish the match at another time (the same day if conditions change and both agree) or another day. The standings are impacted differently if a match/season cannot be completed due to “Unplayable Conditions” as opposed to a Reschedules. For a “Rescheduled match”, the match will be entered as a team default against the team that originally asked for a reschedule (whether it fell under Penalty or No Penalty). For a “Postponed match”, the “Timed Match Procedure” will be used to determine a match winner. If a winner cannot be determined, it will be left unplayed.
9. The definition of “Unplayable Conditions” did not change in our 2021 Section Regulations but as an additional precautionary statement, all SGV captains must make decisions using their own discretion and keeping the health of their players in mind.
10. Once Tennislink has generated a league schedule, you will have two weeks from the start of the local league to notify the ALC of any changes of your home court scheduled times that you had submitted prior to the start. If there are changes due to unexpected home court bookings, unexpected activities events, or teams advancing to Area Playoffs or Sectional’s Championships or Nationals, you can reschedule these matches without penalty under Section Regulation 2.01C-2 and opposing team captains must be notified and included in all communications. Scoring format for all SGV USTA/SCTA tennis league programs will be the best of two tiebreak sets, if split sets, a 10-point match tiebreak is played in lieu of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set, first to 10 points by 2 will win the match. Coman rotation procedure to be used in the match tiebreak and in the set tiebreak. Set tiebreak, first to 7 point by 2 will win the set.

11. All local league matches are considered timed matches and if a match cannot be completed within that allotted time, the “Timed Match Procedure” must be followed. Please refer to 2020 Section League Regulations (SLR), page 9 for the procedure that was handed out at the Captain’s meeting. If the host facility has no other court bookings after time is up, then matches can be played until completed and/or if both captains agree.
12. For all 2019 San Gabriel Valley USTA/SCTA local league matches, Point Penalty System (PPS) for lateness for Start of Match will be used. Please see page 110 in Friend at Court. If one player or team is late, for 5 minutes or less it is Loss of Toss plus 1 Game. From 5:01 – 10 minutes it is Loss of Toss plus 2 Games. From 10:01 – 15 minutes it is Loss of Toss plus 3 Games. More than 15 minutes late, the match is defaulted.
13. All San Gabriel Valley USTA/SCTA team captains are responsible for sportsmanship and player conduct for all rostered team players on and off the court and during local league match play. Please refer to the new 2021 Friend at Court handbook.
14. Home court captains are now required to confirm with their respective facility that their home court reservation for a scheduled match is booked. If a visiting team arrives at a host facility for a scheduled match, has indicated in Tennislink, and is informed that courts are not available for the scheduled match, the home court captain will incur line penalties upon rescheduling.