

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

1. Captaining:

(A) New Captains must attend the Captains' Meeting.

(B) All Team Captains are required to manage team matches and team activities, which includes representing your team at Captains' Meetings and keeping your players informed of local, sectional and national regulations as well as local and championship play. Anyone attending a Captains' Meeting as a representative for an experienced captain must give all handouts and notes to the Captain ASAP after the Meeting.

(C) Captains are responsible for actions of their players and their spectators during each match.

(D) If the Captain is not going to be at a match, the Captain must give the opposing Team Captain the name of the "Acting Captain" and his/her phone number.

2. Procedures/rules/deadlines specific to each League will be given at the Captains' Meeting for each League. Each Captain is responsible for giving the same information to his/her players.

3. As a "Thank You" for all the time spent captaining a team, the Section Fee of \$27 is waived, and a captain's gift is given out at Captains' Meetings.

4. If captains register (or have somebody else register for them) using the regular team number and not the captain's team number, they forfeit their waiver of the Section team registration fee.

5. All Ventura County USTA/SCTA Leagues will be played in the format of the best of two tiebreak sets with a 10-point match tiebreak in lieu of a third set.

6. Each Team Captain shall give every player on his/her Team Roster the opportunity to play a minimum of two matches during the league season.

7. The Home Team must provide courts in Ventura County and have available on the premises for every match: water, toilet facilities, and lights for the duration of the match if the match is scheduled at night.

8. Setting up schedules of play:

(A) If the first date given for a match by the Home team is not okay for the Visiting team, the Home Team must get one new date during the scheduled week from their Club/Park and offer this second day and time. The Visiting team must select one of those two dates. However, if the club/park has no other dates available during the specified week, the match can be moved to another week.

(B) Rescheduling a Match Due to Unplayable Conditions or any other approved reason: If the first date given by the Home Team for rescheduling a particular match is not okay for the Visiting Team, the Home Team must get another date from their club/park and offer this second day and time. The Visiting team must accept this second date unless the team already has a scheduled match. The match date must be before the end date of the season OR before the Flight Play-Off (if there are two Flights). This rescheduling must be completed within one week of the original match date. Both Captains must notify the League Coordinators of the new date and time.

(C) Rescheduling a Match Due to any reasons other than those approved by SCTA: In Ventura County, captains may "waive" the reschedule penalty if BOTH agree and there is documentation to back it up. The rescheduled match is acceptable as long as the date/time is before the end of the League or before the Flight Playoff (if there are two or more flights) and

the League Coordinators are notified.

9. Lineups are to be exchanged before match start time. All players shall be present before exchanging lineups. If a player is not present before lineups are exchanged, that player shall be placed in the #3 doubles position for a 3-line format and in the #2 singles position or #3 doubles for a 5-line format. As per USTA Regulations, no substitution may be made in an individual match after the lineups have been presented except for injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player prior to the start of the match.

10. Players arriving 15 minutes late or later for their scheduled match time are subject to a default. When a player on any court is more than 15 minutes late, that court is defaulted. If the players on both teams decide to play in spite of the late arrival, the match will stand as an official match.

11. It is recommended that all cell phones are turned OFF before the match begins. Otherwise, set any cell phone on vibrate. Per Friend At Court, "A player may not receive information via electronic devices such as cell phones and smartwatches."

12. Since Local League play is un-officiated, teams have done the following to help resolve line call or foot faulting issues: Stop play. Ask your Captains or two players (one from each team) to stand on the court at each end of the net. Splitting the court in half lengthwise, they will make a line call or a foot fault call on their side of the court, ONLY when asked by one of the players.

13. An entire team match defaulted by choice of team or captain is considered unsportsmanlike and will eliminate that team's eligibility for advancing to the Flight Playoff if there are two flights and/or to the Sectional Championships. If you cannot field a full team, play as many lines as possible. With four players, a match still can be played.

14. In case of bad weather-rain, fog, wind, smoke from fire, ash, heat (95 Degrees), etc.-the Home Team Captain shall notify the Visiting Team Captain of court conditions the day of the match, but not more than 2 hours before match time, in order to be sure of court playability. The Home Team Captain shall be on the site in order to make that decision, or can postpone the match having received notice from the tennis facility that the courts are unplayable. The notification should be made by phone because an email might not be read in time. Two hours ahead gives time to notify all players of the decision and still be able to arrive on time. Once a decision is made that "unplayable conditions" exist, the match will be rescheduled. Heat Rule: Once the match has started, it shall be played to completion--unless the Captains of both teams have agreed before start of play that if the heat reaches 95 degrees or higher and any players are unable to complete their matches due to the heat, those matches will be rescheduled for completion. (See SCTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS for the complete Section rule.)

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