

Local League Rules are specific to Orange County and are applied in conjunction with the 2022 National and Sectional League Rules and Regulations.

1. Weekday leagues are considered a separate area if there are a minimum of 4 teams.
2. One captain on each team may have their \$27 league fee waived if they register on the captain's-only team, costing them only \$3 (non-refundable TL processing fee).
3. The best of 3 tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set will be used. The Coman-style rotation will be used in set tiebreaks. The Timed Match Procedure (outlined in the Section Regulations) will be used if the allotted match time has passed and you need to vacate the court.
4. Tennis Balls are provided by the HOME team. Refreshments are optional. There is no requirement for warm-up courts.
5. Split-Times: Must be communicated to all captains in your flight. Lineups must be filled out completely and exchanged by the first match time.
6. Lineup exchanges must be done **no later than match time**. Any player on the line-up that is not present must be placed on one of the bottom lines (either #2S or #3D line). Default time will be 15 minutes from match time. Should opponents agree to play and forgo the default penalty, the match will stand. "Friendly play counts."
7. The match maximum warmup time is 10 minutes.
8. If a match score is not entered in TennisLink within 48 hours of the completion of the match, it may be recorded as a Double Team Default. Either captain can enter the score.
9. Rescheduling Matches: Captains may reschedule matches with the ALC within the first 7 days after the new season has been posted. After this period, captains need to request change directly with each other, and only if a new date is mutually agreed upon then report the date change to the ALC. When requesting to reschedule a match, it will be up to the opposing team to accept or not. The team asking for a reschedule will be imposed a 1-line penalty.
10. If a match is postponed due to "unplayable conditions", both teams need to do their best to reschedule it. If it is not played by the end of the local season, it will be left unplayed. The Section Regulations include general guidelines for "unplayable conditions", but captains must make decisions using their own discretion and keeping the health of their players in mind.
11. The "At Level Policy" will be enforced: a) Min. of 50% at level for 2-team leagues; b) Min. of 50% at level for 3 or more team leagues in all "straight level" leagues.
12. In the USTA Adult Divisions (18&Over, 40&Over and 55&Over), Dynamic Rating calculations are generated. Self-Rated or Appealed level players who meet the criteria for NTRP Dynamic Disqualification will have their matches reversed in all "live" leagues including Mixed Doubles. Matches played at the promoted level will stand.
13. Once a default is entered in TennisLink, the assigned player(s) cannot be changed.

14. If teams that are in contention of advancing receive a full team default, all matches played by the defaulting team in that round robin segment will be taken out of the standings. Captains with full team defaults will not be able to field any team in the subsequent season.

15. Local League Playoffs (when necessary): The team with the highest Game Winning Percentage will be offered to host the playoffs. It is up to the discretion of the ALC to determine how many teams will participate in the playoffs, depending on the number of flights.

16. Rain delay/Postponement will be declared 2 hours prior to match time, if not agreed upon the night before. Please use Accuweather to determine an unsure rain forecast 2 hours prior at the home match site. Court conditions should be confirmed with the home court facility personnel. Rescheduled dates should be proposed at the time of the announced postponement, and finalized within 3 days. If rain should occur during the match, all players should stop and record the score exactly at the time of the stoppage, including court side and server. Players should wait at least 20 minutes before declaring postponement and reschedule.

17. Unplayable conditions/Heat Rule: If within 2 hours prior to the match, unplayable conditions are forecasted the match may be postponed. Any previously announced line defaults will be voided.

a. If at the time of the match it becomes unplayable, 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.

b. 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.

c. If the team match or individual lines did not start, they may use a different lineup when it's postponed for another day.