



2007 USTA LEAGUE TENNIS LEXINGTON LEAGUE RULES

1. The Lexington League Rules are subject to the rules set forth by the USTA Kentucky, USTA Southern Section and USTA National.
2. **REGISTRATION AND TEAM ROSTER**
 - A. **REGISTRATION**
 1. Players must register on TennisLink before they can play their first match in the Lexington Tennis League. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of that court.
 2. Players who do not have a computer rating on file in TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) Guideline and declare their self-rating on TennisLink when registering for a team.
 3. Players must play at or above their NTRP rating. Once a computer rating has been generated, it will remain valid for 3 years for players under age 60. A computer rating will remain valid for 2 years for players age 60 and over.
 4. Registration fee for the Adult/Senior League season will be \$22.00 plus \$3.00 TennisLink fee (KY STATE HEAD TAX \$13.00). This fee will encompass the cost of outdoor court fees. Indoor court fees will be paid by participants at the time the match is played.
 - B. **ROSTER**
 1. Teams must be registered and have the minimum number of players (8 players for Adult, 5 players for 2.0, 2.5 and 5.0) by INITIAL Roster date set by Lexington League, December 20, 2006. Registration will open November 27, 2007.
 2. The maximum number of players on a team roster for the 2007 Season will be 22.
 3. Players are allowed to play on two different NTRP levels. Teams choosing to play up may play up by one level (e.g. team or individual with a level of 3.0 may only play up to 3.5 level).
 4. Players may play on two teams of the same level as long as one is Adult and the other Senior.
 5. New players may be added up to the end of the league season. Due to the dynamic rating system, if a player is promoted from a lower level within the season, that player can be added to an existing team at any time, within the league season.
3. **COURT FEES AND FORFEITS**
 - A. **COURT FEES**
 1. Court fees for matches played at indoor facilities will be paid by each team on a per match basis. The captain (or representative) of each participating team will collect fees for the match to be played and pay for the match, before taking the court.
 - a. Only the captain (or representative) may pay at the facilities front desk, and receive receipt of payment for the courts.
 - b. Captains (or representatives) should retain receipts until the end of league season in case of discrepancies.
 - c. Court fees charged by both facilities (Lexington Tennis Club and Gold's Gym Courts) are at the USTA rate of \$20/hr. for matches.

2. A forfeited court may be canceled 48 hours before start of play and there will be no charge for the court.
3. If a forfeited court is not canceled within the time period (48 hrs. before match time), the forfeiting team will pay the total cost for forfeited court.
4. If both teams forfeit and neither captain cancels the court within 48 hours time period, both teams will share the cost of forfeited courts.

4. NUMBERS AND LOCALES OF TEAMS

- A. Teams from outside of Lexington may join the Lexington League. They will compete on an equal basis and have the same opportunity to advance to the State Championships.
- B. If there is only one team on any level, that team will have to travel to another local league in order to qualify for state.
 - a. It will be up to the local team that you will be joining if they wish to share travel expenses.
 - b. In the case that two one-team leagues join together, both teams will be required to travel equally.

5. CAPTAINS RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Captains should have each team member thoroughly read and understand current National, Sectional, State and Local USTA League Regulations prior to the start of league competition.
- B. Captains must provide and maintain a working email address and current phone number, and must be updated via TennisLink or USTA Membership Services.
- C. Captains must provide and exchange match line-ups cards in a timely manner (see 6E). Each player must have played two matches during the league season to be eligible to progress to championships, with no more than one default counting.
- D. It is the captain's responsibility to collect court fees and pay the desk before going on the courts for play. Captains should instruct players to come early so this can be completed before match time.
- E. Captains are to notify LLC's about 2 or more forfeited courts in writing within 24hrs of match being played.

6. MATCH PLAY AND FORMAT

- A. A team match consists of five courts: two singles and three doubles.
 1. Senior Level
 - a. Seniors will only play three courts of doubles
 - b. Two courts must be won to win the match
 2. 2.0, 2.5, and 5.0 Level
 - a. 2.0, 2.5, and 5.0 level will play three courts
 - b. A match will consist of one singles and two doubles courts
 - c. Two courts must be won to win the match
- B. The match format will be two out of three sets, with the third set being a 10-point super tiebreak (i.e. no third set will be played).
 1. There will be no rest between second and third sets.
 2. Coaching is not permitted during league matches.
 3. A player may leave the court for a bathroom break, if necessary, during the match; this should be done between sets if possible. No coaching is allowed during the break.
- C. The team that wins at least three courts wins the match.
- D. The **home team** will bring a new can of balls to every match. There will be no exchange of balls.
- E. Completed **line-up cards** are to be exchanged at least five minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the match. Captains or their representatives will perform this task.
- F. A **10 minute warm up period** will begin at the scheduled time of the match or as soon as the court becomes available. Late arrivals will forfeit the time that was available but not used.

- G. There will be a **15-minute grace period before a court is forfeited**. This grace period begins at the beginning of scheduled match time (e.g. match is scheduled to begin at 7: 00 p.m., that court is forfeited at 7:15 p.m.)
- H. Spectators are not permitted on the court at any time during the match. Spectators are defined as anyone not playing in the match. Captains, or their representatives, are not allowed to interfere with play. Players should carry a copy of the rules with them and attempt to resolve any questions or issues that may arise amongst themselves before seeking outside clarification.
- I. If a court has not completed match play within the two-hour time limit, alternative plans should be made to complete play. However, if other league matches are in a third set tiebreak, please be courteous to players on the court by allowing them to finish their match.

7. FORFEITS

- A. An individual match is started when the first ball is put in play. According to USTA Southern Sectional Regulations, 3.01H(4), “ in the event of illness, injury, disqualification, or no-show of a player prior to the start of an individual match (once the lineup has been exchanged), a team may substitute a player in the affected position within the 15-minute default time, using a player not already listed on the lineup. If no such substitution can be made, the affected position only will be forfeited in local leagues.”
 - 1. After the line up cards have been exchanged, a team will forfeit that court on which the no show was scheduled to play (unless a substitution was made) and the forfeiting team will be responsible for court fee.
 - 2. If there is a player available, a substitution can be made up until the 15 minutes forfeiture time limit.
 - 3. If it is known before the line up cards are exchanged that there will be a forfeit, then a team must forfeit from the bottom up (i.e. number three doubles or number two singles).
 - 4. If the court was not cancelled with the stated policy (48hrs.) the forfeiting team must pay the court costs for forfeited court.
- B. In the case of a double forfeit, if the court was not cancelled within the 48-hour policy, both teams will share the cost of forfeited court.
- C. In order for a match to be counted, you must play a minimum of 3 courts in the Adult League (2 courts for Seniors, 2.0, 2.5, 5.0).
- D Any team forfeiting an entire match will be subject to a grievance being filed against the Team by the LLC. The LLC must be notified within 24 hrs of date match was to be played, by the team captain or representative that has forfeited two or more courts within one match.
- E. There will be NO RESCHEDULING of matches during the season unless there is prior approval from the LLCs. If it is absolutely necessary for a match to be rescheduled both team captains must be in agreement to reschedule the match. The LLC will contact the facility and make arrangements for the rescheduled match. If a match is rescheduled without the consent of the LLCs, a grievance WILL be filed against both Captains.
- F. Rescheduling will be permitted with permission of LLC's, if 25% of team members are participating in a USTA Championship event scheduled for or conflicting with scheduled local team match.
- G. In order to advance out of local league to championship an individual player must have participated in 2 matches on that specific team with no more than one (1) default counting. (See National Regs. 3.03A(2))

8. INCLEMENT WEATHER

- A. In the event inclement weather prevents players from getting to a match, the team captain should contact the local league coordinator and the opposing team captain at the earliest time in order to cancel the matches at the scheduled site.
- B. All players must report to the scheduled site at the time of match play. Rain may be happening on one side of town but not the other.
- C. Both captains must agree to the cancellation.
- D. Unless a player's captain has verbally told their players that a match has been moved or cancelled, a no show will be the same as a forfeit for that court.
- E. If the weather does not allow the match to be played, that scheduled match should be played and completed within two weeks.
 - 1. You can play each individual court at a time. The entire match does not have to be played all at once. The original line up from the scheduled match does not have to be followed if match was suspended **before play begins**.
 - 2. No alterations from the original line up will be permitted if **match has already started**.
 - 3. In any event, within **two weeks from league ending**, if the match is canceled it will have to be played by the end of the season. No exceptions will be made.

9. REPORTING OF SCORES

- A. All match scores are to be reported in TennisLink within 48 hours after completion of match.
- B. The **home team** captain will have to report names, status of court, (e.g. completed, timed, retired, forfeit, scores, etc.).
- C. The **visiting team** captain must confirm or dispute the line up and scores.
- E. If a match is disputed within the 48 hours after the score is reported, the captain disputing the scores must **contact the Local League Coordinator**.
- D. After 48 hours of the initial score entry, tennis link automatically confirms reported scores.
- E. Failure to report scores within the specified time frame could result in a grievance against one or both captains.

10. LEAGUE STANDINGS

- A. League standings will be determined by number of matches won..
- B. **Procedures in the Event of a Tie.** In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:
 - Individual Matches.** Winner of the most individual matches.
 - Sets.** Loser of the fewest number of sets.
 - Games.** Loser of the fewest number of games.
 - Head-to-Head.** Winner of head-to-head match.
 - Coin Toss.**
- C. If it is necessary to divide the levels into flights, there will be a playoff to determine the seeding for the State Championship. The playoff structure will depend on the number of teams and the number of flights and will be published as soon as the schedule is released. Playoff structure will be printed on the schedule

11. NUMBER OF MATCHES TO BE PLAYED

A. The number of matches to be played is dependent on number of teams at a level and how much court time is available for league play, but generally the following guidelines are used:

TEAMS	ROUND ROBINS	MATCHES PER TEAM
2	6	6
3	4	8
4	3	9
5	2	8
6	2	10
7	2	12
8	2	14
9	1	8
10	1	9
11	1	10
12	1	11
13	1	12
14	1	13
15	1	14
16	1	15
MORE THAN 16 TEAMS, SPLIT INTO FLIGHTS		
Note: THIS IS A GUIDE AND MAY BE CHANGED BY THE LLC		

B. Flighted levels. In levels where it is necessary to divide the levels into flights, there will be a playoff to determine the seeding for the State Championship. The playoff structure will depend on the number of teams and the number of flights and will be published as soon as the schedule is released. Playoff structure will be printed on the schedule.

12. WHEELCHAIR RULE

Wheelchair players are allowed two (2) bounces of the ball.

12 POINT TIEBREAK

The 12 point tiebreak shall operate when the score reaches six games all in any set. The following system shall be used in a 12-point tiebreak game.

Singles:

1. A player who first wins seven points shall win the game and set provided that they lead by a margin of two points. If the score reaches six points all, the game shall be extended until this margin has been achieved. Numerical scoring shall be used throughout the tiebreak game.
2. The player whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the first point. Their opponent shall be the server for the second and third points and thereafter each player shall serve alternately for two consecutive points until the winner of the game and set has been decided.
3. From the first point, each service shall be delivered alternately from the right (deuce) and left (ad) courts, beginning with the right (deuce) court. If service from a wrong half of the court occurs and is undetected, all play resulting from such wrong service or services shall stand, but the inaccuracy of station shall be corrected immediately when discovered.
4. Players shall change ends after every six points and at the conclusion of the tiebreak game.
For example: a) Player A serves 1 point from the right (deuce) court, b) Player B serves 2 points starting from the left (ad) court, c) Player A serves 2 points starting from the left (ad) court, d) Player B serves 1 point starting in the left (ad) court, e) Players change ends of court, f) Player B serves 1 point from the right (deuce) court, g) Player A serves 2 points starting from the left (ad) court if necessary, and so on until the winner has been determined.

Doubles:

In doubles, the procedure for singles shall apply. The player whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the first point. Thereafter, each player shall serve in rotation for two points, in the same order previously in that set, until the winners of the game and set have been decided.

Rotation of Service:

The player/team whose turn it was to serve first in the tiebreak game shall receive service in the first game of the following set if necessary.

10 POINT SUPER TIEBREAK

If a match is tied at one set each, then a third set 10-point super tiebreak is to be played. The 10 point super tie break is played just as the 12 point with the first server serving one point starting in the deuce court, then the next in the service rotation serving two, starting in the ad court. The 10-point tiebreak is played until the first team (player) gets to 10 points and is ahead by 2. For example: the winner of set is 10-1, 10-2, 10-3, ...10-8, 11-9, 12-10, etc. The ultimate winner of the set must be ahead by two points.

Also, you switch sides procedurally the same as in the 12-point tiebreak, after every six points have been played.

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**Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees—any additions to this committee will be announced by
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LEXINGTON LEAGUE CALENDAR 2007				
ADULT/SENIOR LEAGUE				
November 28, 2006	INFORMATIONAL MEETING			
November 29, 2006	CAPTAINS MEETING FOR LEVELS 2.0, 2.5, 3.0,3.0 SR, 4.5 SR, 4.5 and 5.0			
December 12, 2006	CAPTAINS MEETING FOR LEVELS 3.5 Sr. , 3.5 ,, 4.0 Sr., and 4.0			
November 27, 2006	REGISTRATION OPENS (after year end ratings are published)			
December 20, 2006	INITIAL ROSTER DEADLINE--Lexington League			
December 29, 2006	SCHEDULE PUBLISHED			
January 2, 2007	LEAGUE PLAY STARTS			
April 15, 2007	INITIAL ROSTER DEADLINE--STATE			
May 5, 2007	LAST DAY OF PLAY LEXINGTON LEAGUE (approx.—until schedule)			
May 11, 2007	END OF YEAR AWARDS PARTY			
May 15, 2007	LAST DAY TO REPORT SCORES- SENIORS			
May 25, 2007	Entries Due for State Championship Seniors			
May 28, 2007	LAST DAY TO REPORT SCORES- ADULTS			
June 8, 2007	Entries Due for State Championship Adults			
June 9-11, 2007	SENIOR DISTRICTS--LOCATION HENDERSON, KY			
June 22-25, 2007	ADULT DISTRICTS, LEXINGTON , KY			
	Odd levels play Sat, Sun, Mon			
	Even level will play Fri, Sat, Sun			
July 21-24, 2007	SOUTHERN SECTIONALS: Adults MW 2.0, 3.0, 3.5			
	Senior MW 4.0, 4.5 Mobile, AL			
July 26-29, 2007	SOUTHERN SECTIONALS: Adults MW 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, Open			
	Senior MW 2.5, 3.0, 3.5 Mobile, AL			
MIXED DOUBLES LEAGUE				
April 10, 2007	CAPTAINS MEETING-via email-Registration opens			
May 18, 19, 20, 2007	MIXED DBLS KICK-OFF MIXER-indoors (tentative)			
May 21, 2007	INITIAL ROSTER DEADLINE			
May 29, 2007	LEAGUE PLAY STARTS (we will have to secure more cts.)			
July 22, 2007	Last Day to play Lexington League			
August 6, 2007	INITIAL ROSTER DEADLINE--STATE			
August 20, 2007	LAST DAY TO REPORT SCORES			
September 8-10, 2007	MIXED DBLS DISTRICTS--TBA			
October 19-21, 2007	MIXED DBLS SECTIONALS--New Orleans, LA			

BMW COMBO DOUBLES LEAGUE					
July 10, 2007		CAPTAINS MEETING-via email			
August 5, 2007		INITIAL ROSTER DEADLINE			
August 9, 2007		SCHEDULE PUBLISHED			
October 1, 2007		INITIAL ROSTER DEADLINE--STATE			
August 13, 2007		LEAGUE PLAY STARTS-LEXINGTON			
September 28, 2007		LAST DAY TO PLAY IN LEXINGTON			
October 15, 2007		LAST DAY TO REPORT SCORES			
October 23, 2007		Entries for Championships due			
November 3-5, 2007		BMW COMBO DISTRICTS--TBA			
Jan. 25-28, 2008		BMW COMBO SECTIONALS--BATON ROUGE, LA			
SUPER SENIOR LEAGUE					
March 31-April 2, 2007		Sectional for 2006 year			
Sept.15 OR SEPT. 30		DISTRICT TOURNAMENT 2007--LOUISVILLE, KY			
TEAM TENNIS SINGLES					
September 17, 2007		OPEN REGISTRATION SINGLES LEAGUE			
September 24, 2007		INITIAL ROSTER DEADLINE			
October 1, 2007		START PLAY SINGLES LEAGUE			
November 2, 2007		LAST DAY TO PLAY SINGLES LEAGUE			
MULTI-LEVEL LEAGUE					
October 22, 2007		Registration opens			
November 6, 2007		INITIAL ROSTER DEADLINE			
November 9, 2007		LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS (May be two week-ends-indoors?)			