



**2007 USTA LEAGUE TENNIS MIXED DOUBLES**  
**LEXINGTON LEAGUE REGULATIONS**

1. The Lexington League Regulations are subject to the regulations set forth by the USTA Kentucky, USTA Southern Section and USTA National. The Lexington Adult League Committee establishes the Lexington League Regulations.
2. League Specific Information
  - A. Mixed Doubles
    1. Mixed Doubles Courts will have one woman and one man on each court. A match will be three courts of doubles.
    2. Mixed Doubles consists of the following combinations:  
5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 and 10.0 for Adult and 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 for Seniors.
    3. Each doubles team combined rating cannot exceed the team level, one point difference is allowed, but no more.  
Examples are as follows:
      - a. 5.0 (2.5/2.5; 2.0/3.0; 2.0/2.5)
      - b. 6.0 (3.0/3.0; 2.5/3.5; 2.5/3.0)
        - i. NOTE: 2.0/4.0 is NOT allowed
      - c. 7.0 (3.5/3.5; 3.0/4.0; 3.0/3.5)
        - i. NOTE: 2.5/4.5 is NOT allowed
      - d. 8.0 (4.0/4.0; 3.5/4.5; 3.5/4.0)
        - i. NOTE: 3.0/5.0 is NOT allowed
      - e. 9.0 (4.5/4.5; 4.0/5.0; 4.0/4.5)
        - i. NOTE: 3.5/5.5 is NOT allowed
      - f. 10.0 (5.0/5.0; 4.5/5.0; 4.5/5.0)
3. Team Roster and Play
  - A. ROSTER
    1. It is recommended to have a minimum of 12 players on a roster.
    2. The maximum number of players on a roster is 22.

B. PLAY

1. To qualify for eligibility for State Championship, an individual player must play at least two matches, except for the Senior Division which is one match.
2. Players may compete on more than one level. Players can play on teams of the same level in Lexington as long as one is Adult and the other is Senior.
3. No special scheduling consideration will be given to players who play on more than one team.

4. Registration

- A. A player MUST be registered BEFORE they play their first match. Failure to be registered will result in a disqualification of that court.
- B. New players can be added to teams up to the end of the league season.
- C. Players may enter the program with a self-rating if they do not possess a current NTRP rating from 2004, 2005, or 2006.
- D. Self-rated players who exclusively play Mixed Doubles will generate a NTRP at the end of the year.
- E. Players who do not have a computer rating on file in TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) Guidelines and declare their self-rating on TennisLink when registering for a team. Omission of information regarding a player's tennis history will subject the player, the captain and/or others who condoned inaccurate self-rating to sanctions and disqualification USTA 3.01 D (2).
- F. Registration fee for the Mixed Doubles season is \$20.00 plus \$3.00 TennisLink fee (State fee is \$17.00--\$8 Head Tax). The \$3 per player additional fee will be used to cover the cost of outdoor matches.
- G. Teams must be registered and have at least 3 men and 3 women eligible to play together registered by the initial roster date set by the Lexington League of May 23, 2007. The initial roster date set by USTA Kentucky Regulations, is August 6, 2007.

5. Teams from other Locale

- A. Teams from outside of Central Kentucky may join the Lexington League.
- B. They will be given the opportunity to compete on an equal basis and have the same opportunity to advance to the State Championship.
- C. In the event that a team from another locale wins their level in two areas, they must chose which area they will represent.

## 6. One Team Levels

- A. Local Leagues that enroll less than the required two teams per NTRP level may compete in the regular USTA League Tennis program by joining another existing Local League.
- B. In the event that two one team leagues join together, both teams will be required to travel equally.

## 7. Senior Mixed Doubles

- A. If there are no other senior mixed teams in their area to compete with, senior teams may play in the local adult mixed leagues at the same level, to qualify for the senior championships. The match will count as a qualifying match for both the adult and senior players.
- B. All match points received by the senior team in the adult flight will be removed manually by the LLC with supervision of the SLC.
- C. Senior Mixed players may play on both Adult and Senior mixed doubles teams.
- D. Seniors may advance to championships with two matches played during their local league season.**

## 8. Match Play & Format

- A. A team match consists of three doubles courts.
- B. The match format will be two out of three sets, with the third set being a 10 point super tie break. (NO THIRD SET WILL BE PLAYED).
  - 1. Coaching is not permitted during league matches.
  - 2. A player may leave the court for a bathroom break, if necessary, during the match; this should be done between sets if possible.
- C. The team who wins at least two courts wins the match.
- D. The home team will be responsible for providing balls.
- E. Completed line-up cards are to be exchanged at least 5 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, which 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.
- J. Cell Phones must be turned off during play.
- K. Time Limits between points, games and Sets:
  - 1. 20 seconds between points.
  - 2. 90 seconds between odd game changeovers.
  - 3. 120 seconds between sets.

## 9. Forfeits

- A. After the line-up cards have been exchanged, a team will forfeit that court on which the no show was scheduled to play.
  - 1. If there is a player available, a substitution can be made up until the 15 minutes forfeiture time limit.
- B. 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. IE: Number three doubles.
- C. In order for a match to be counted, you must play a minimum of 2 courts. Any team that forfeits more than one court during a team match will have a grievance filed against the entire team.
- D. In case of a forfeit, both team captains must notify the local league coordinators immediately.
- E. There will be no rescheduling of matches.

## 10. Local League Grievances

- A. All complaints alleging a violation of USTA League Tennis Regulations or the standards of good conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship shall be filed in writing with the local league coordinators.
- B. Grievances must be filed by a team captain prior to the next team match during the local league season and within twenty-four hours after the end of local league play, whichever occurs first. Grievances shall be sent to Casey Hutchens @ [caseyray@insightbb.com](mailto:caseyray@insightbb.com) or Judith Anderson @ [tenplay2@aol.com](mailto:tenplay2@aol.com).
- C. A copy of complaint shall be sent to the party against who the complaint has been made by the local league coordinator.
- D. Self rated players who enter the USTA League Tennis by representing their actual skill level are considered to have violated the standards of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship and may be subject to a grievance complaint and

possible disqualification by the Section League Grievance Committee.

- E. A complaint regarding failure to meet eligibility requirements (e.g. under age, not a USTA member, misrepresentation of identity) may be filed by a team captain or league coordinator at any time. For eligibility complaints, the league coordinator may declare a player ineligible and disqualify that player without filing a grievance prior to the disqualification. (See 1.10, 3.01C, 3.01D, 4.01, 5.01C, and 5.01D 2006 USTA League Tennis Regulations)
- F. Refer to full grievance procedures in section 2.0 of 2006 USTA League Tennis Regulations.

#### 11. 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.
  - 2. The original line up from the scheduled match does not have to be followed if match was suspended before match play begins. Match play is defined as first serve of match and does not include warm-up time.
  - 3. No alterations from the original line up will be permitted if match has already started.
  - 4. 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.

#### 12. 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.
- D. 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.
- E. After 48 hours of the initial score entry, tennis link automatically confirms reported scores.
- F. Failure to report scores within the specified time frame could result in a grievance against one or both captains.

### 13. 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. The following is the progression of teams to the State Tournament:
  - 1. 2-10 teams : Two teams will progress to the state tournament.
  - 2. 11-20 teams: Three teams will progress to the state tournament.
  - 3. 21+ teams: 4 teams will progress to the state tournament.

## Wheelchair Rule & Tie Break Rules

### 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 servers 2 points starting from the left (ad) court, c) Player A servers 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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