



## PIEDMONT NC USTA LEAGUE TENNIS 2017 LOCAL LEAGUE REGULATIONS

**USTA Adult League • USTA Mixed Doubles • Southern Combo Doubles • 70 & Over League • Tri-Level • NCTA Singles Leagues**

The Piedmont NC Local League Regulations are subject to the governing bodies of the United States Tennis Association (USTA), Southern Tennis Association (STA), North Carolina Tennis Association (NCTA), and the local Piedmont NC CTA (currently known as GRETA, Greensboro Regional Tennis Association).

Play is governed by THE RULES OF TENNIS in **The Friend at Court, The Code**, the USTA League Tennis National Regulations, STA Regulations and NCTA Regulations.

***Only the Piedmont Local League Coordinator, in conjunction with the NC Director of Adult Leagues, shall have the authority to interpret these regulations.***

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USTA League programs are team competitions for men and women with NTRP levels of 2.0 to 5.5. Winning local teams advance to the NC State Championships. Winners of the NC State Championship advance to the Southern Sectional Championships (except in the case of the Singles League, the 70 & Over League, the 55 & 65 & Over divisions of Mixed Doubles and the 65 & Over division of Combo Doubles). With the exception of the Tri-Level and 70 & Over Leagues, teams are formed in four divisions: 18 & over, 40 & over, 55 & over and 65 & over.

To play in the following divisions, players must reach the minimum age for those divisions by December 31, 2017:

|           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| 18 & Over | Minimum age 18 |
| 40 & Over | Minimum age 40 |
| 55 & Over | Minimum age 55 |
| 65 & Over | Minimum age 65 |
| 70 & Over | Minimum age 70 |

### Membership, League Fees and Refunds

- All players must be current members of the USTA through the respective league seasons.
- **No renewals are allowed during the local league season.**
- If the player's team progresses to a championship, the player's membership must be current through the championship.

### Local League Fees

- Local Piedmont League fees are \$24.00

### TennisLink

- Tennislink will be used to register teams online, view schedules, report scores and view results and standings.

### Refunds

- Local league refund requests for the Piedmont Local League season:
  - Requests must be made to the Local League Coordinator **prior to the team's first scheduled match.**
  - Players need to complete the refund form found on [GRETANC.com](http://GRETANC.com).
  - The LLC will hold all requests and submit one list to the State League Coordinator prior to the state deadline.
- **The TennisLink \$3 fee is non-refundable for all registrations.**

### The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP)

- The NTRP is the official system of rating levels of competition in these leagues.
- A player with a 2014, 2015, or 2016 computer rating must use that rating or above to participate in these programs.
- A player age 60 or above with a 2015 or 2016 computer rating must use that rating or above to participate in these leagues.
- Players who do not have a valid NTRP rating or have never had an NTRP rating are required to self-rate according to the NTRP Guidelines.
- It is noted that the Local League Coordinator does not handle NTRP grievances. NTRP grievances should be forwarded to the address shown at [www.nctennis.com](http://www.nctennis.com).

- Players are alerted that omission of information regarding a player's tennis history may subject the player, the captain and/or others who condoned inaccurate self-rating to sanctions and/or disqualification.
- Matches played in these leagues may be used in the calculation of NTRP ratings as follows:

| LEAGUE  | Results used to calculate rating?  |
|---|--|
| USTA League 18 & Over, 40 & Over and 55 & Over    | Always   |
| USTA League 65 & Over                             | Yes  |
| USTA League Mixed Doubles 18 & Over and 40 & Over | Only when player does not play USTA Adult and does not have a previous year end C rating |
| USTA League Mixed Doubles 55 & Over and 65 & Over | Never  |
| Southern Combo Doubles                            | Never  |
| NCTA Singles                                      | Never  |
| Tri-Level   | Never  |
| NCTA 70 & Over League                             | Never  |
| Flex/Growth Leagues                               | Never  |

### Team Requirements

- Roster Requirements for each league:

| LEAGUE                                | Season | Minimum Number | Maximum Number |
|---------------------------------------|--------|----------------|----------------|
| USTA League 18 & Over                 | Spring | 8              | 15             |
| USTA League 18 & Over 2.5, 5.0+ & 5.5 | Spring | 5              | 15             |
| USTA League 40 & Over                 | Spring | 8              | 15             |
| USTA League 55 & Over                 | Spring | 6              | 15             |
| USTA League 65 & Over                 | Spring | 6              | 15             |
| USTA League Mixed Doubles             | Summer | 6              | 16             |
| Southern Combo Doubles                | Fall   | 6              | 15             |
| NCTA Singles League                   | Summer | 3              | 9              |
| Southern Tri-Level                    | Summer | 6              | 15             |
| NCTS 70 & Over League                 | Varies | 6              | 12             |

- In all leagues, a player may play only one NTRP level above the player's current NTRP level. (ex; a 3.5 player can play up on a 4.0 team, but cannot play up on a 4.5 team). A player may not play on a team that is below their NTRP level.
- Players may compete on more than one team except if the teams are on the same level, in the same age division and in the same local league.
- USTA Adult Leagues:
  - 5.0+ USTA Adult League teams may have two 5.5 players on their roster. The 5.5 players will have to play at #1 Singles or #1 Doubles. Only one 5.5 player may play in a match.
  - 4.5+ USTA Adult 40 & Over teams may have three 5.0 players on their roster.
    - At the local level, the 5.0 players must play at #1 Doubles. Only one 5.0 player may play in a match.
  - 9.0 55 & Over and 9.0 65 & Over teams may consist of 4.0's, 4.5's and 5.0's. A 4.5 or 5.0 may pair with a 4.0, or two 4.5's may play together. No pairs may be more than 1 pt. apart in ratings, and their combined ratings may not exceed 9.0 on any court. The 5.0's may play on any of the three courts. There is no limit to how many 5.0's may be on the roster of a 9.0 team.
  - **40% Rule:**
    - If a level of USTA League Adult 18 & Over, 40 & Over or 55 & Over consists of only two teams in a level of play, each team must maintain its roster with at least 40% of its players at the designated NTRP level of play.
    - This rule does NOT apply to the Adult 55 & Over or Adult 65 & Over 9.0 leagues.
  - The minimum rating a player may have on a 9.0 team is 4.0.
  - The minimum number of players must be able to combine to form an eligible team as a minimum.

- NTRP Level of Play

| Division       | League Type | Local Leagues                           |
|----------------|-------------|---|
| Adult          | 18 & Over   | 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+, 5.5      |
|                | 40 & Over   | 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+                     |
|                | 55 & Over   | 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0                      |
|                | 65 & Over   | 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0                      |
| Mixed          | 18 & Over   | 2.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0           |
|                | 40 & Over   | 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0                      |
|                | 55 & Over   | 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0                      |
|                | 65 & Over   | 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0                      |
| Combo          | 18 & Over   | 2.5, 5.5, 6.0, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, 10.5 |
|                | 40 & Over   | 5.5, 6.0, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5            |
|                | 55 & Over   | 6.5, 7.5, 8.5                           |
|                | 65 & Over   | 6.5, 7.5, 8.5                           |
| NCTA Singles   | 18 & Over   | 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+           |
|                | 40 & Over   | 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+                     |
|                | 55 & Over   | 3.0, 3.5, 4.0+                          |
| Tri-Level      | 18 & Over   | Men:                                    |
|                |             | 3.0/3.5/4.0                             |
|                |             | 3.5/4.0/4.5                             |
|                | Women:      | 4.0/4.5/5.0                             |
|                |             | 2.5/3.0/3.5                             |
|                |             | 3.0/3.5/4.0                             |
| NCTA 70 & Over | 70 & Over   | 3.5/4.0/4.5                             |
|                |             | 6.0, 7.0, 8.0                           |
|                |             |   |

- In levels where a team is advancing directly to the State Championships as provided for in the NC State Regulation, Rule II. E., players may be added to the TennisLink roster until 2 weeks prior to the start of that League’s State Championship or the end of the local league season, whichever is later. After that, no changes may be made to the TennisLink roster.
- A local league shall consist of a minimum of 2 teams at a specific level of competition. Advancement to a State Championship is not permitted if this requirement is not met, except for the following:

| LEAGUE                    | Levels permitted to advance to State Championships if they are the only local team                |
|---------------------------|---|
| USTA League Adult         | 18 & Over 5.5 teams, all 65 & over teams  |
| USTA League Mixed Doubles | All 55 & Over and 65 & Over teams   |
| Southern Combo Doubles    | All 55 & Over and 65 & Over teams, 18 & over 2.5, 5.5, and 9.5 teams, 40 & Over 5.5 and 9.5 teams |
| NCTA Singles              | All Levels  |
| Southern Tri-Level        | All Levels  |
| NCTS 70 & Over League     | None  |

- Teams that may advance directly to a State Championship must be added to TennisLink and have the minimum number of players required to form a team registered no later than the dates in the chart below. If the team is not added prior to the Initial Roster Deadline of the Local League, the LLC must contact the SLC to notify that team has been added. Failure to notify the SLC may result in the team not being added to the State Championship schedule.

| LEAGUE              | Deadline to add a team advancing directly to State Championship |
|---------------------|---|
| Adult Spring League | April 22, 2017  |
| Mixed               | July 22, 2017   |
| Tri-Level           | July 22, 2017   |
| NCTA Singles        | August 22, 2017   |
| Combo               | September 22, 2017  |

- Teams advancing directly to a State Championship must maintain their roster on TennisLink with a minimum of 25% (without rounding up) of players from within the league area that they are representing. For example, a roster of 15 players must have a minimum of 4 players residing within the league boundaries.

- In the Southern Combo Doubles League, where there is no local play required to advance, teams may not play in another age division for local play.
- In USTA Adult 55 & Over 9.0, Adult 65 & Over 9.0, Mixed Doubles, NCTA 70 & Over and Southern Combo Doubles, the combined levels of each doubles pair cannot exceed the team level.

**Player Eligibility**

- **All players must be registered on TennisLink prior to playing their first match. If a non-registered player participates in a match, that match will be considered a forfeit.**
- The Local League Coordinator has the authority to accept or deny participants from outside the local league.
- In USTA League Adult 55 & Over 9.0, Adult 65 & Over 9.0, Mixed Doubles and 70 & Over, on no individual team may the partners be separated by more than 1.0 NTRP point (Ex. On an 8.0 team, a 4.5 and a 3.5 may play together, but a 5.0 and a 3.0 may not.)
- In the Southern Combo Doubles League, players in each level cannot exceed the maximum rating allowing for that level as shown below:

| Combo Combined Level | Highest Rating a Player May Have |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 5.0                  | 2.5                              |
| 5.5                  | 3.0                              |
| 6.5                  | 3.5                              |
| 7.5                  | 4.0                              |
| 8.5                  | 5.0                              |
| 9.5                  | 5.5                              |
| 10.5                 | 6.0                              |

- In the 70 & Over League, players in each level cannot exceed the maximum rating allowed for that level. See Chart below:

| 70 & Over Combined Level | Highest Rating a Player May Have |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 6.0                      | 3.5                              |
| 7.0                      | 4.0                              |
| 8.0                      | 4.5                              |

**Promoted Players**

- If a self-rated player is promoted from a level of play, all matches by that individual player (in the level that the player is being promoted from) shall stand. All players who have computer rated appeals (A) or Dynamic Ratings (D) who are subject to promotion, will not be subject to match reversal if promoted. Players not promoted by the conclusion of local league round robin play will be eligible to compete in the entire local playoff. Dynamic ratings will be calculated at the end of the local playoff to inform any promoted players that they may not advance to the state championships. Points earned by the promoted players in the local playoffs will stand.
- A promoted player during local league play may request moving to another team providing there is a team available and time permits. If that team is full, the promoted player may request a waiver regarding number of players on a roster. The NC Director of Adult League Tennis must approve this waiver.
- Teams losing a player to NTRP Promotion may be provided an exception to allow for adding a player to their roster in the following cases:
  - If registration has closed
  - Their team had the maximum number of players allowed on the roster
  - The player may not be a self rated player

**League Play**

1. A round robin format shall be played where each team will play every other team at least once.
  - a. When any NTRP level consists of only two teams, each team is required to play a minimum of three team matches.
  - b. When any NTRP level consists of only three teams, each team is required to play a minimum of four team matches.
2. All players will play the best of two out of three sets with a match tiebreaker (first to 10) in lieu of the third set.
  - a. The Coman Tiebreak Procedure will be used when playing the set and match tiebreakers in local play.

3. Match Formats and Minimum number of matches played for a player to be eligible for State Championships:

| League  | Levels             | Season | Min. Required Matches Played | # of defaults that may count as a match played | Courts Played        |
|---|--------------------|--------|------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| USTA League Adult 18 & Over                           | 2.5, 5.0 and 5.5   | Spring | 2                            | 1  | 1 Singles, 3 Doubles |
| USTA League Adult 18 & Over                           | 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 | Spring | 2                            | 1  | 2 Singles, 3 Doubles |
| USTA League Adult 40 & Over - Local League Play       | All Levels         | Spring | 2                            | 1  | 3 Doubles            |
| USTA League Adult 40 & Over - State Championship Play | All Levels         | Spring | 2                            | 1  | 3 Doubles, 2 Singles |
| USTA League Adult 55 & Over                           | All Levels         | Spring | 2                            | 1  | 3 Doubles            |
| USTA League Adult 65 & Over                           | All Levels         | Spring | 1                            | 1  | 3 Doubles            |
| USTA League Mixed Doubles - 18 & Over, 40 & Over      | All Levels         | Summer | 2                            | 1  | 3 Doubles            |
| USTA League Mixed Doubles - 55 & Over, 65 & Over      | All Levels         | Summer | 1                            | 1  | 3 Doubles            |
| NCTA Singles League                                   | All Levels         | Summer | 1                            | 1  | 3 Singles            |
| Tri-Level   | All Levels         | Summer | 1                            | 1  | 3 Doubles            |
| NCTA 70 & Over League                                 | All Levels         | Varies | 2                            | 1  | 3 Doubles            |
| Southern Combo Doubles                                | All Levels         | Fall   | 1                            | 1  | 3 Doubles            |

4. If multiple flights in an NTRP level exist, 1 team from each flight will advance to a playoff to determine the winner of that level. This rule does not prohibit a playoff for single flight leagues.
5. A team's lineup does not have to be listed in order of strength, except in plus (+) leagues, where, by regulations, the plus (+) players are restricted to play on designated courts and in Tri-Level Leagues, where the highest NTRP level must play on the #1 court, the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest NTRP level must play on the #2 court and the lowest NTRP level must play on the #3 court.  
Example: in the 2.5/3.0/3.5 leagues, the 3.5 rated players play on the #1 court, the 3.0 players play on the #2 court and the 2.5 players on the #3 court.
6. Each team must have a captain or acting captain present at every match.
  - a. It is recommended that players check in with captains no less than 15 minutes prior to match time.
7. Scorecards
  - a. **Scorecards are to be exchanged when all players are on site and ready to play. At the scheduled match time, if a player is not on site, the captains have 3 options to proceed with the scorecard exchange:**
    - i. **Wait until the missing player is on site and ready to play (prior to the 15 minute default time), exchange scorecards and play the match. At the default time, if the player is still not on site and ready to play, the missing player would be moved to a defaultable court (see chart below: Courts to be Defaulted First), scorecards would then be exchanged and play would begin. OR**
    - ii. **Captains can agree to exchange scorecards and begin play. If the missing player arrives prior to the default time, he/she will take the court assigned and begin. If the missing player arrives after the default time, the default will be entered on the scorecard on a defaultable court (see chart below: Courts to be Defaulted First). For example, the #1 singles player is late and captains agree to exchange scorecards and begin play. The player does not arrive prior to the 15-minute default time. The #2 singles court that was played is recorded in TennisLink as the #1 singles court and the #2 singles court is recorded as a default. OR**
    - iii. **Substitute a missing player with an eligible player that is on site and ready to play, but is not listed on the original scorecard. Substitutions must be made prior to the 15-minute default time and can only be exchanged for the missing player in the original lineup.**
  - b. Defaults for Tri-Level League matches may be on any court (as opposed to "from the bottom up" in other leagues) due to the various NTRP levels playing.
  - c. Scorecard exchange at unmanned sites consists of physical exchange of cards between the captains themselves. At manned facilities the exchange is made by handing in the scorecards to the facility staff person calling out the match and assigning courts.
  - d. Once scorecards have been exchanged, no substitutions may be made except in accordance with the following USTA rule:
    - i. Prior to the start of an individual match, if injury to, illness, disqualification or no-show of a player occurs, the affected team may substitute a player who is immediately ready to play and not listed on the scorecard and may adjust their lineup at the affected position only. The substituted player is entitled to a 5 minute warm up. If no substitution is made within the 15-minute default period, the default will be awarded at that position.
    - ii. After the start of an individual match, if injury to or illness to a player occurs and no substitution is made, the opponents will be awarded default for that match only.

- e. Captains will record scores on both scorecards.
  - f. Captains will retain their own copy of completed scorecards. They are not to be left at the site of play.
  - g. One team captain will report scores online (this may be either captain) and the other captain is to confirm the scores.
  - h. Scores must be posted and verified with 48 hours of a match or the LLC has the right to default both teams.
  - i. TennisLink will automatically confirm posted scores that have not been verified within 48 hours of the match.
    - i. **Disputes on entered match scores must be made before that team's next scheduled match.**
8. **DEFAULT RULE:** The 15 minute default rule shall be in effect. Captains are NOT allowed to waive this rule and are responsible for implementing these procedures.
- a. If a player has not arrived at the **start of the match** (the scheduled match time) the captains must synchronize their watches and time the forfeit.
  - b. If the missing player is not on site when scorecards are to be exchanged, any missing players must be moved to a default able court.
  - c. The start of the team match is defined as the scheduled time. (The clock may not begin until a court is available for the team's first match.)
  - d. The default time should be announced to all players by the captains at the beginning of the team match.
  - e. If a player does not arrive on the court, ready to play, within the 15-minute default time, the match is a default and should be declared as such by the players or captain if available.
  - f. The court assigned for this match may be used but should be made available for the next scheduled match (i.e. 6:00pm match = forfeit, court may be made available for the 7:30pm match to follow).
9. Captains are encouraged (but not required) to let the opposing captain know if they are forfeiting a court. The other captain's players for that court do not have to be present to receive the known default. If your team is defaulting a court, and wish to let the other captain know, please put it in writing (i.e. email) and also copy LLC ([susan@gretanc.com](mailto:susan@gretanc.com)) for documentation to protect against any confusion later. In the case of a default that is not known in advance, the players receiving the default have to be present to receive the default.
10. Defaults known in advance must be done by defaulting the lowest position first as follows:

| Match Type           | Courts to be Defaulted First                |
|----------------------|---|
| 2 Singles, 3 Doubles | #2 Singles or #3 Doubles or #1 & #2 Singles |
| 1 Singles, 2 Doubles | #1 Singles or #2 Doubles                    |
| 3 Doubles            | #3 Doubles                                  |

11. A team must be able to field enough courts to win the match (Field 3 courts for a 5 court match; field 2 courts for a 3 court match). If a team fails to do so, the entire match (all courts) will be deemed defaulted.
- a. When the combination of individual match defaults given by the two teams in the team match results, or would result, in a situation where the majority of the individual matches would not be played (not a "valid" team match):
    - i. The first course of action would be for both captains to agree on what individual matches, based on the number of players present, or to be present, could be played to constitute a valid team match. Once that is determined, both captains will re-exchange scorecards.
    - ii. If both captains cannot come to an agreement on what lines will be played to constitute a valid team match, based on the number of players present, or to be present, then the following individual matches will be assigned in sequential order to be played:

| FORMAT               | Required Matches in sequential order   | Min. # of players required for each team in valid team match |
|----------------------|--|--|
| 2 singles, 3 doubles | #1 & #2 singles, and #1 doubles (priority); #2 doubles if enough players present | 4  |
| 1 singles, 2 doubles | #1 singles and #1 doubles  | 3  |
| 3 doubles            | #1 doubles and #2 doubles  | 4  |

12. If these procedures are not followed and the resulting scorecard shows an invalid team match, both teams will be charged a full team default.
13. If a team shows up without the minimum # of players required for the team match based on the number of players present, or to be present, it will be a full team default in favor of the opponents. Please refer to the National Regulations 2.03L on team default procedures.
14. If a team defaults one entire team match during round robin play, then all matches the defaulting team played will be null and void when determining standings if it has been determined by the local league coordinator that the defaults have

affected the local league standings as far as team advancement to State Championships. However, if all teams in contention for the advancement have played the defaulting team in good faith, those matches stand as played.

15. If a team defaults an entire match twice in one season, that team is disqualified for the rest of the League season and all matches (played and scheduled) will revert to defaults and an automatic grievance will be filed with the local Grievance Committee. The Grievance Committee will investigate and determine what action needs to be taken. Penalties may include denial of re-entry (as a team) into the Local League the next season and the stipulation that no more than three of the players that had played together on the disqualified team be allowed to play together on ANY level in the next season.
16. Entering Defaults: Do not record a score 6-0, 6-0 for defaults, write only DEF on scorecard.
  - a. When entering scores on TennisLink, use the pull down menu and select 'Default'. The system will automatically record the appropriate score.
17. Coaching is not allowed. Spectators may not assist in line calls, score disputes, or any other calls. Applaud appropriately!
18. The only time a player may leave the court is to:
  - a. Take a bona fide restroom visit (a restroom break is permissible at any time, but preferably should take place on an odd game change-over or between sets).
  - b. Fix an item of clothing necessary to play (you may not leave the court to get a racquet).
19. Players should take water on the court with them as some facilities may not have water on the courts and you may not leave the court to get water. Plan ahead!
20. Cell Phones should be silenced during league play. A player whose phone rings while a point is in progress will be warned that if it happens again, the opponent can claim the point. It is legal to play a let if the ringing of the phone interferes with the play; however, the owner of the phone may not claim a let.
21. No unattended (by an adult) children should be brought to the tennis courts. No children are ever allowed on the courts during play. Violations may result in a default.
22. **The home team will supply new balls.** Home teams will be indicated on each team's schedule. Balls for each match shall be of standard size (either regular/clay or extra-duty) USTA Approved balls.
23. Warm-ups are limited to 5 minutes, including serves.
24. League Championships:
  - a. If a team has 4 or more players (3 for Singles League matches) who are playing or working at a League Championship at either the North Carolina State, Southern Section or National Levels and have a team match in conflict of these events then they can reschedule the match either by playing before the scheduled date or within 2 weeks after the scheduled match (as long as the makeup match occurs within the league season dates). They must notify the other team captain and the LLC of the conflict **no later than one week** before the scheduled match and work with both parties to reschedule the match within the above mentioned timeframe. If a team has 4 or more players with a Piedmont local playoff match in conflict with the aforementioned championships, the playoff match may only be rescheduled if the players are competing at the state, section or national level representing a Piedmont team.
25. If both captains agree in advance to reschedule a match they may do so as long as the match is completed and scores are entered in Tennislink before or by the original match date. **Captains are responsible for cancelling the originally scheduled courts** and for reserving courts for the rescheduled time. Matches not completed by or before the originally scheduled date will result in a default for both teams. The only matches that may be rescheduled after the originally scheduled date are matches rescheduled due to inclement weather (per the Inclement Weather rules below), or matches rescheduled because 4 or more players on one team are involved in a NC State, Southern Sectional or regional or national league championship (Per the above rule).
26. In Local Leagues at the end of round robin play, if the season ends with a tie for first place, the tie shall be broken according to the following tiebreakers, unless otherwise specified in local league regulations:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 | Winner of the most individual matches (courts) |
| 2 | Winner of head-to-head match                   |
| 3 | Loser of the fewest sets                       |
| 4 | Loser of the fewest number games               |
| 5 | Toss of a coin                                 |

27. Local Playoffs
  - a. When scheduling local league playoffs, there will be NO special consideration for players on multiple teams. Additionally, no consideration will be made for players in other USTA league events where they are NOT representing the Piedmont League.

## Inclement Weather

1. If it is raining or the weather is questionable, **do not assume the match is cancelled**. Your team must show up ready to play unless play has been cancelled in advance by the facility. Team captains may call match sites one hour in advance for this information.
2. When teams have assembled to play, and weather and/or courts are questionable, or the match is interrupted by inclement weather, teams are required to wait 30 minutes past the originally scheduled match time, unless both teams agree to wait longer, or the site staff declares the courts unplayable. Do not assume the match is cancelled.
3. If the start of a team match is cancelled due to inclement weather (first point of the team match not played) any defaults awarded in advance or at the time lineups were exchanged are null and void.
4. In the event inclement weather occurs after the team match has begun (at least one point played in one individual match);
  - a. Completed individual matches stand as played
  - b. Points awarded for defaults given at the time the original written lineup was exchanged are considered completed matches
  - c. Incomplete matches that were in progress (first point played and beyond) must be resumed by the same players in the same positions (ad and deuce), same side of net, same set, game and point score, and at the same site, (unless players have mutually agreed to play elsewhere).
  - d. For individual matches that have not yet begun, any player who is not involved in a match that was in progress or a default may sub in for the make-up match.
5. Players must contact each other to schedule their individual matches and confirm make-up match date, time and location when courts are being scheduled individually.
6. **The Local League Coordinator will not be responsible for managing the process of exchanging line-ups.** However, if contact names have not been exchanged within 48 hours captains should notify the Local League Coordinator. At this point the Local League Coordinator will advise captains they have 24 hours to exchange contact names to avoid default.
7. Once a time, day, location and court surface for the makeup match has been agreed upon by the parties involved, that match **may not be postponed**, for any reason other than inclement weather.
  - a. If the players do not ask about court surface at the time the match is scheduled and they have agreed on the match, time and location, they must play on the court surface that the home team has reserved.
8. Incomplete or postponed matches must be **made up within 14 days**.
  - a. If captains cannot agree on a make-up day, the 14<sup>th</sup> day will be the default mandatory match date. If there is inclement weather on the 14<sup>th</sup> day, the match will be played on the 15<sup>th</sup> day or the next subsequent day as weather and court conditions permit.
  - b. In accordance with regulations for score entry, when matches are played on the mandatory match date, scores must be entered within 48 hours of that match time. In the event that captains mutually agree for players to play the match after mandatory match date and within the 48-hour match score entry deadline, the provision for making up rained out matches will not apply. The deadline to enter scores 48 hours after matches to be played on the mandatory match date (or the official rain date for the mandatory match) stand.
  - c. BOTH teams must agree upon indoor play.
    - i. Court fees are applicable.

## Waiver of Claims

Players participating in the Piedmont Local Leagues acknowledge the risks associated with playing competitive tennis, accept those risks voluntarily, and in consideration of their acceptance in the Program, assume all risk for bodily injury, waive all claims for injury and property damage, and release and hold harmless the USTA and the host facility, their officials, employees, and agents with respect to any injury or loss caused by negligence or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## League Contacts:

- Local League Coordinator can be reached at [susan@greta.com](mailto:susan@greta.com)
- Adult Leagues Committee Members can be found on [www.gretanc.com](http://www.gretanc.com)

## Adult/Seniors League Committee:

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| • Kissie Stroup   | • Meredith Baxter | • Ken Gumbiner     |
| • Kelly Miller    | • Jennifer Lay    | • Kent Harrison    |
| • Joe Bennett     | • EP Forehand     | • Sydney Cavanaugh |
| • Mary Anne Nixon | • Anne Galipeau   | • Sandy Sherwood   |
| • Derek Gamble    | • Scott Lambeth   |                    |



**State Championships:**

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|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| • May 19-21, 2017  | 65 & Over USTA Adult League | Greenville    |
| • June 2-4, 2017   | 55 & Over USTA Adult League | Greensboro    |
| • June 8-11, 2017  | 18 & Over USTA Adult League | Lake Norman   |
| • June 22-25, 2017 | 40 & Over USTA Adult League | Winston Salem |
| • September 7-10   | Mixed Doubles               | Asheville     |
| • September 22-24  | Tri-Level                   | Hickory       |
| • October 12-15    | NCTA Singles                | Goldsboro     |
| • October 20-22    | 70 & Over                   | Wilson        |
| • November 2-5     | Combo (5.0/6.5/8.5)         | Wilmington    |
| • November 9-12    | Combo (5.5/7.5/9.5)         | Wilmington    |

*If a certain regulation is not listed in the 2017 Piedmont State League Regulations it will be defaulted to the USTA North Carolina League Tennis Regulations and Southern Regulations.*