



## PIEDMONT NC USTA LEAGUE TENNIS

### Chill out ~ you can still play tennis in the Piedmont in the winter!

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).

*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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#### Match Play Format

- 2 players per team per match are needed to be a viable match.
- 1<sup>st</sup> SET = doubles play (home team provides balls)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> SET = each player plays a singles set
  - Teams will designate court 1 and court 2 singles players prior to the start of the match.
  - Home team provides balls for court 2 singles. Court 1 singles uses same balls from doubles set.
- Set tie break (first to 7 points by 2)
  - All tiebreaks shall follow the Coman tiebreak procedure.

#### Fees & Refunds

- Local Piedmont League fee is \$32.00 (\$29.00 + 3.00 non-refundable Tennislink fee)
  - League fee includes a long sleeve shirt.
- Court/Guest fees are payable to the facility representative at each facility where applicable.
- Players may withdraw from the league and request a refund prior to the first match and will receive a refund of the program fee minus the \$3 non-refundable registration-processing fee and cost of the league t-shirt.

#### NTRP Information and Levels:

- Level of Play is ordered by NTRP levels
- Players may play at their current NTRP level or one level above.
- Because this league is played during the time when NTRP changes occur, players will play at their NTRP level from the time the league begins.
- Matches are NOT used in the calculation of NTRP ratings.
- NTRP Levels Offered:
  - 18 & over - Women – 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5
  - 18 & over - Men - 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 4.5+

#### Player Eligibility

- Players must reach the age of 18 by December 31 of the current year to participate in this league.
- All players must be current members of the USTA.

#### Schedule Matches

- All matches should be completed, and scores entered by February 17, 2020.
- Matches should only be rescheduled for inclement weather or conflicts with tournament participation. Teams should have players available to play for scheduled matches.
- Defaults should not be recorded until the end of the league season unless a team has cancelled twice once a day/time has been confirmed.
- The "Home" team is responsible for providing 2 cans of balls for the match. (1 can for doubles court and an additional can for court 2 singles)
- It is recommended that the Home team captain enter the score for the match, however, either captain can enter the scores.

- Only the Local League Coordinator can change a score that has been entered. If a correction to a score needs to be made, please email the match number, correction to be made and cc the other captain on the email.
- Coaching is not allowed during the match. Spectators may not assist in line calls, score disputes, or any other calls.

#### **Determining Final Standings**

- If the season ends with a tie for first place, the tie shall be broken according to the following tiebreakers:
  1. Winner of the most individual matches.
  2. Winner of head-to-head match.
  3. Loser of the fewest number of sets.
  4. Loser of the fewest number of games.
  5. Toss of coin.

#### **Weather**

- This is an outdoor winter league! Please plan to play in the cold. Gloves/mittens are permitted!
- In conditions that are extreme, or in cases where the courts are closed due to weather, teams can play matches indoors if BOTH captains agree to move the match indoors.
- **For this league only...** the 2-week mandatory inclement weather make up regulations does NOT apply. If matches are not played due to inclement weather (**courts are deemed not playable by the facility**) teams should coordinator to reschedule the match and have the match completed and entered into Tennislink by February 18, 2018.

#### **Waiver of Claims**

- Players participating in the USTA Growth 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.

**Most importantly...**  
**Have Fun ~ Chill Out ~ Bundle Up ~ Play Tennis!**