

PD COMBO DOUBLES LEAGUE - 2019

1. The Local League Coordinator for the PD League is Michelle Moore whose responsibility is to organize, coordinate, supervise, implement and administer all USTA League Tennis activities on the local level as well as interpret the PD Local League's rules, regulations and procedures. Local rules may have to be corrected or changed if State Sectional USTA Regulations are changed. In addition, Sectional and State rules take precedence over Local League rules and regulations. The Local League Coordinator reports to the State League Coordinator.
2. Matches are played on Saturdays, Sunday evenings and weeknights. Matches consist of three doubles. All Combo Adult Leagues will play the 10-point tiebreak in lieu of the third set. We are using the Coman Tiebreak (Change sides after the first point and every 4 points after that) for all Tiebreaks.
3. The deadline to add players is 8/30.
4. Winners advance to the State Championships October 17-21 at Hilton Head Island, SC.
5. The PD League covers the following areas: Florence, Darlington, Hartsville, Sumter, Manning, Cheraw, and Bishopville.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. All participants must be a current member of the USTA thru the Combo season including any local playoffs and State Championship if player advances.
2. All participants in the 18 & Over Age Group must reach 18 by the end of the calendar year. All participants in the 40 & Over Age Group must reach 40 by the end of the calendar year. All participants in the 55 & Over Age Group must reach 55 by the end of the calendar year. All participants in the 65 & Over Age Group must reach 65 by the end of the calendar year. NOTE: The 65 & Over Age Group is a SC League only.
3. 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. **Players must complete the self-rating process on TennisLink when registering for a team. Failure to do so or omission of information regarding a player's tennis history will subject the player, the captain and/or others who condoned inaccurate self-ratings to penalties and disqualifications.**

PLAYER PARTICIPATION:

1. During the South Carolina Combo Doubles Local League season a player may play

on more than one NTRP level in Each Age Group in the same Local League during the same season.

2. A player may play at the same NTRP level in the same Age Group on teams in separate Local Leagues in South Carolina during the same season.

3. For a two-team flight in any Age Group, each roster must have a minimum of 3 combined pairings that equal the level of that flight.

4. Players who qualify for South Carolina Combo Doubles State Championship in 2019 may advance on more than one team within an Age Group only they are different NTRP levels (i.e. player can play on an Adult 18 & over 6.5 team and 7.5 team) but with no schedule accommodations

PLAYING MATCHES:

1. USTA rules and etiquette govern all play.

2. Home team can use courts of their choice and must provide 3 courts.

3. All matches will be played when scheduled. The Local League Coordinator reserves the right to reschedule matches.

4. A team must have a minimum of 4 eligible players available for play in each match or the entire match shall be defaulted. A team may default a maximum of one position in a match without defaulting the entire match. In such cases, defaults shall be determined in accordance with the following: **THE # 3 POSITION MUST BE DEFAULTED BEFORE THE # 1 OR # 2 POSITIONS MAY BE DEFAULTED.**

5. Captains will simultaneously exchange line-ups 5 minutes prior to match-time. After line-ups have been exchanged, they can only be changed because of injury or illness for any individual match that has not started. If a team does change their line-up (in the affected position only) for this reason, the opposing team may not change his/her line-up. In case of a no show (on line-up sheet but did not show), that match is the only one affected and is recorded as a default.

6. There will be a 15-minute default rule in effect for all scheduled matches (captains should coordinate cell phones). We do not use the point penalty system of loss of serve and games for every 5 minutes a player(s) is late. It is simply a default after 15 minutes.

7. An individual match starts when the first ball is put in play. After the start of an

individual match, if injury to, illness of or disqualification of a player occurs, the opponents will be awarded a forfeit for that individual match only. In the event that rain or inclement weather forces the cancellation and rescheduling of a team match, substitutions may be made in any individual matches, which had not begun. Points awarded for defaults during the original line-up exchange will stand. All players involved in such defaults cannot participate in the rescheduled match.

8. Rained out matches should be **rescheduled within 2 weeks** as agreed by both captains with the permission of the Local League Coordinator. **If mutual agreement cannot be reached within 2 weeks, the LLC will contact the captains and reschedule the match at her discretion.**

9. When a match gets rained out after it has begun, the completed individual matches will stand as played. Incomplete matches must be resumed using the same players and starting at the exact score as existed when play was halted. These individual matches can be rescheduled separately.

10. In the event that a double default (both opponents default and neither team is awarded an individual match point) that results in a 1-1 or 2-2 individual match score, the tiebreak procedure in Rule #11 will decide which team wins the team match.

11. Pee Dee champions are decided by a team point system. In each team match during the season, the team winning the majority of the 3 individual matches shall be awarded one team point. The team with the most team points at the end of the season will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:

Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.

Winner of head-to-head match.

Loser of fewest number of sets.

Loser of fewest number of games.

The coin shall be tossed by the LLC.

THE CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES ARE:

1. Make sure all team members understand and know USTA Southern rules, District rules and PD League rules.

2. Know how to get to each playing site.

3. ALL SCORES MUST BE ENTERED INTO TENNISLINK WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE MATCH. EITHER TEAM CAPTAIN CAN ENTER THE SCORE. THE FIRST CAPTAIN TO GO ONLINE CAN ENTER THE SCORES AND THE SECOND TEAM CAPTAIN CONFIRMS

OR DISPUTES THE SCORES WITHIN 48 HOURS. AFTER 48 HOURS, THE SCORES ARE AUTOMATICALLY CONFIRMED BY TENNISLINK AND CANNOT BE DISPUTED AT A LATER TIME.

4. Be early for all matches, have line up ready to exchange with opposing captain, and START THE MATCH ON TIME!

5. Remind your players that they have committed to playing each and every match.

6. Home team provides new balls.

7. Control your players (and spectators). Intervene when necessary to keep your players under control. If you cannot control your players, then default the match.

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