



## 2017 BALTIMORE TENNIS PATRONS USTA LEAGUE PROCEDURES

### **Roster Limits**

Teams may have up to 20 players, excluding Tri-Level which may have up to 22 players.

### **Deleting a Player**

Players that have played a match are not eligible for player deletion or player refunds. Roster limits may not be exceeded for any reason.

If a player cannot play any matches, the captain should complete the on-line Player Deletion form, <http://www.iotformpro.com/form/51233368605958>. All player deletion forms must be filed before the end of the league season, using the last scheduled match in TennisLink as the end of the season date (does not include playoff matches and/or Championships).

NO player refunds submitted after the local league season end date will be approved. Player refunds will be sent directly to the players. The Active fee/TennisLink and \$6.00 of the registration fee are non-refundable.

### **Team Fees**

Captains are responsible for payment of team court fees. Captains will be invoiced for team court fees by BTP. Captains will be informed of the deadline for payment, after which a 5% late payment fee will also be due. Captains may pay team court fees by PayPal (when instituted), credit card or check(s) payable to the Baltimore Tennis Patrons.

Ask BTP coordinators for the policy regarding payment by multiple player checks if you prefer. It is the responsibility of Captains to determine how, how much, and when to collect from players.

### **Timed Match Scoring Procedures**

Use of courts reserved by Baltimore Tennis Patrons for match play is limited to two (2) hours. Either captain can call time. No team match may be recorded as a tie.

If the match is not completed before the two (2) hour time limit runs out, the following scoring rules apply:

#### ***In the first set-***

If in the first set, the winner of the most games in that set shall be awarded the set and the match. If there is a tie in the number of games won, play one deciding point.



***If in a first set tiebreak-***

If the 7-point tiebreak is not completed but 6 or more total points have been played in the tiebreak and one team is ahead by 1 or more points, then that team shall be awarded the tiebreak, and thus the match.

If there is a tie in the number of points won or 5 or less points have been played, play one deciding point. In Mixed Doubles the option goes gender to gender.

***In the second set-***

If in the second set when time expires, and neither team is ahead by two or more games, the winner of the first set shall be declared the winner of the match. If a team is ahead by two or more games, it shall be awarded that set; and if it also won the first set, then also declared the winner. If instead, this creates a tie match ("split sets"), the team that won the most total games in both sets on that court is the match winner. If the total games won by each team are tied, play one deciding point.

***If in a second set tiebreak-***

If the 7-point tiebreak is not completed but 6 or more total points have been played in the tiebreak and one team is ahead by 2 or more points, then that team shall be awarded the tiebreak, and thus the set. If instead, this creates a tie match ("split sets"), the team that won the most total games in both sets on that court is the match winner. If the total games won by each team are tied, play one deciding point.

Otherwise, if the 7-point tiebreak is not completed and the winner will be the player(s) who have won the most total games in the first 2 sets. If there is a tie in the number of games won in both sets played, play one deciding point.

***In the match tiebreak-***

If in the 10-point match tiebreak (in lieu of a third set) the tiebreak must be completed or it does not count except as specifically described below.

If the 10-point tiebreak is not completed but 6 or more total points have been played in the tiebreak and one team is ahead by 2 or more points, then that team shall be awarded the tiebreak and thus the match.

Otherwise, if the 10-point tiebreak is not completed the winner will be the player(s) who have won the most total games in the first 2 sets. If there is a tie in the number of games won in both sets played, play one deciding point.



### **Deciding Point:**

One point will be played to determine the winner of the set/match. A spin of the racquet by the home team shall be used to determine which player will serve the final point (the non-serving team has the option of which side to receive serve, deuce or ad court), but in no event will players change courtsides. In Mixed Doubles the option goes gender to gender.

### **Rainouts/Match Make-up Procedures**

Teams should arrive at the courts at least 15 minutes prior to the start time and lineups must be exchanged at least 5-10 minutes prior to the start of the match. **The two captains** are solely responsible to decide if the courts are playable and if matches should be cancelled. In the event of a rain delay of up to 15 minutes, matches shall recommence immediately without warm up unless warm-up was never taken. If the team captains do not agree then the match must be rescheduled.

Once a match has started and conditions do not allow for the match to be finished, those players must finish the match. If the match hasn't started, meaning the first serve has not been attempted, captains may submit a completely new lineup to ensure meeting restrictions for completing match within 14 days of originally scheduled match.

If the match cannot be completed within 48 hours, the League Coordinator must be notified of a new date and time so that the change can be recorded in the TennisLink schedule.

A flexible reschedule policy includes:

- 1.) Move indoors to complete the match, if both Captains agree.
- 2.) Captains reschedule match on their own with their opponent within 14 days of originally scheduled date of match, but are not required to play all lines at the same time. Match must be played within 14 days or before season end date, whichever occurs first.
- 3.) League Coordinator assigns a reschedule date, if Captains are unable to mutually agree to date/time for a rescheduled match.

Specific club information/requirements and directions to facilities will be emailed prior to league start date.

### **Bathroom Visits**

No bathroom breaks allowed during the last 15 minutes of regulation time.

These Procedures are as enforceable as rules.

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