

TennisFolder

League Regulations

Participation

Players must be 18 years of age to join a TennisFolder League team. By joining a team, a player agrees to abide and be bound by the SportFolder Terms Of Use.

The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) is the official rating utilized in the TennisFolder League. You must be rated to play. You may play on a team at or with a higher rating than yours but cannot play below your level.

Players participating acknowledge the risks associated with playing competitive tennis, accept those risks voluntarily, and assume all risks for bodily injury, waive all claims for injury and property damage and release and hold harmless SportFolder, Inc. and the host facility, with respect to any injury or loss caused by negligence or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law.

A player can participate on multiple teams as long as the teams are in different flights. For every team a player rosters on, they will pay a separate roster fee.

Signing Up

Team Registration

A Club Manager or Captains can register a team during the Registration Period for the season. A team may withdraw during the Registration Period.

Once the Registration Period closes, the schedules will be announced and the team captains are responsible to schedule their home matches.

Before the season starts..

Match Scheduling

After the Registration Period closes, the captains will receive the weekly schedule for the season. The home team captain shall set the date and time of the match during the designated week. The visiting team must accept that date and time. The home team may not post a variance to the date and/or time without the visiting team's agreement. Once posted, the schedule may not be changed without both teams' agreement.

Match start times must be Monday-Friday 6-8PM, or Saturday and Sunday 9AM-6PM.

When using split start times, a minimum of two courts must be reserved. The home team must provide the minimum number of courts at either the first or second shift start time of the match. The start time of the second shift shall be scheduled no later than 75 minutes after the scheduled start time of the first shift. Matches will be played in order unless both captains agree otherwise.

The home team is required to reserve courts for all home matches. If home courts are unavailable or unplayable, matches may be moved to another site within the same area as long as the date and time(s) remain the same. Inclement weather is a valid reason to change the home court location to a different facility with indoor courts. The visiting team cannot be required to pay fees for indoor court usage.

Play Season

Match Conduct

The home team shall supply new balls for the match.

Water must be available at the site of the match. Drinking fountains meet this requirement. Bathrooms must be accessible and on site for players to use during the entire match.

Warm-up for all matches is five minutes unless both teams agree to more time and the courts are available for a longer period.

A match must start within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time. If longer is required, both teams must agree to conduct the match at a later start. Otherwise, a default win will be granted to the team players on that court ready to play.

A medical time out shall not exceed 3 minutes which includes all evaluation and treatment time. Only one medical time out is allowed per injury or illness. Fatigue is not a valid reason for a medical time out.

When using straight NTRP levels, a player cannot have an NTRP rating higher than the NTRP level in which the player is competing. When using combined NTRP levels, the combined NTRP rating levels of the doubles team cannot exceed the combined NTRP level in which the players are competing.

The NTRP difference between members of an individual doubles team may not exceed 1.0.

Matches are determined as a best of 3 sets. The third set can be a full set or a 10-point tiebreak. The home team determines the format for the match. For full third set format, a 10-minute period and coaching is allowed.

Exchange of Line-up

The team captain for each team shall exchange their team line-up simultaneously prior to the beginning of the team match. No substitution may be made in an individual match after the line-up has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player prior to the start of such match. If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five minute warm-up.

Rescheduling a Match

A home or away team may change an initially scheduled or posted match only with the agreement of the other team. If a reschedule is indicated, unless the two captains agree otherwise, the home team shall offer the visiting team at least two different dates with times. These dates with times shall be offered at the same time and within seven days of the original match date. The dates offered cannot conflict with another league match for either team on the same day. The visiting team shall choose one of the options within three days of receiving them; otherwise the home team may choose one of the dates with times by so notifying the visiting team.

Rescheduling an interrupted Match

Captains may allow the individual players to finish their individual matches prior to that new match date. Any match not completed by the new match date is considered a retirement win for the player or doubles team that is ready to play.