

Doylestown Tennis Club
Women's League Doubles Rules 2021-2022

You are responsible for knowing the following rules - please read carefully!

1. Player Qualifications: All players must be members of Doylestown Tennis Club. A person may play as a rostered player in only one league in a league season.
2. General Format/Scoring: *****Timed warm-up of 15 minutes: teams warm up as they choose to but with a 15 minute time limit beginning promptly at each league start time.**

Play three sets, one point is awarded for each set won. A 12-point tie-break is played at 6-6. Since the tie-break is being played indoors, do not change sides during the tie-break. Changing sides on odd games is up to the four players who are playing, keeping in mind the "time" rules of USTA.

***** Third set guidelines (when time is a factor): The entire point is awarded to the team who is ahead in games, even by one game, but only if that team has broken the other team's service game. Thus, a team can claim a point when only one game has been played if it has resulted in a broken service game with time running out. If both teams are on serve with the game score separated by one game, the teams will split the point. If time runs out and teams are tied, the point is split. The point is also split if time runs out before the third set has begun.**

Please observe the rule of no cell phones on the court. **If a player's phone rings on the court, there is a two game penalty. If the player answers the phone, there is a four game penalty.** You can avoid this predicament by leaving your phone in the car!

3. Lateness: If a player or team is late, the following schedule will apply:

15 minutes	loss of warm-up
16-25 minutes	loss of 2 games
26-35 minutes	loss of first set
after 36 minutes	loss of match

4. Substitution: **There may not be two subs for a team in a match.** One person must be a member of the team. A person may only sub 2 times per team per half. A team may only use subs in general 5 times per half. **There is less and less open time available for make-ups so please use subs or consider adding an extra person to your team if it becomes necessary.** A team with extenuating circumstances, i.e. long term illness or injury, may use a "permanent" sub by approval of the League committee. All subs must be 18 years of age or older, according to USTA rules, and pre-approved by Candace.

A person who is eligible to tryout for a particular league by her rating criteria is also eligible to sub in that league. A player from one league may substitute in a higher league, but **under no circumstances** in a lower league, i.e. a 3.5 sub may sub in a 4.0 league, but a 4.0 may not sub in a 3.5 league. However, a non-league 3.5 can sub within a league that allows 3.0 and 3.5's to tryout. A person who is not a regular league player may sub in a league of her NTRP ability and one league higher. **All substitutes must be members of Doylestown Tennis Club or the match will be forfeited. Subs must be approved by Candace prior to each match and must sign in at the front desk.** A player in the same league may not substitute for another team within that league. If a person is not listed on the sub list for your level and you are unsure of her eligibility, call the club and speak with Candace, the League coordinator.

5. Match Cancellations: **Each team will be allowed 3 make-ups per season.** Any match your team cancels after the allotted 3 will mean an automatic forfeiture of the match (opponent will receive 3 points). If this becomes a problem with one team affecting final scores of too many others, their scores will be disregarded to make it fair for all others in the league. **Make-ups must be completed one week prior to tryouts. Make-ups MUST BE BOOKED within one month of the original cancellation date.** **Make-ups may have to be played on weekends due to the limited court time available during the week.**

Inclement weather conditions (only at the discretion of the club) will not count toward your allotted three cancellations.

Your team must call the club to cancel the court within 24 hours, per club policy. Failure to call the club will result in the canceling team having to pay for the make-up time.

You must also notify your opponents 24 hours prior to match time, or you forfeit the match. However, we will allow each team one extenuating circumstance per season to cancel last minute and not be penalized; this will be at the discretion of the League committee.

Teams that book a make-up and do not play and do not cancel the court will be billed for that court time.

6. Injury: If a player is unable to participate in continuous play during a match due to an injury or illness, that team will receive credit for any sets already won and will forfeit any unfinished sets and/or sets not played.
7. Tryouts: Teams in the top half of each league division are guaranteed a place in that league for the following year; one spot per team. A team's standing and final finishing position is determined by their total score for the entire season. If there is a tie for the last available position, there will be a playoff for that spot. Tryouts for the remaining places will be in the spring. To qualify, for a particular league tryout:
 - a. Both players trying out must be regular members of the proposed team for the upcoming season. If a sub is needed, she must be approved before tryouts. The sub must be the same NTRP level as the person she is trying out with or for.
 - b. The team trying out must meet the requirements posted at the top of each tryout sign-up sheet. Tryout format will be determined by the League committee just prior to tryouts. A \$200 non-refundable deposit is required from each team that makes the league in tryouts as well as the teams that are keeping their spots in the top half.
8. The champion and the finalist for each level will be determined by the sum total of the entire year. There will be no "first half" winner and no "second half" winner.

The league committee reserves the right to make decisions on all League issues or concerns at their discretion.

Failure to comply with the above League rules could result in the forfeiture of a League match.

Please consult Candace for all League questions. Announcements and reminders will be posted on the League bulletin board.