



## 2018 SCTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS (SLR)

These Regulations shall apply to all USTA/SCTA League Divisions.

Go to [www.socaladulttennis.com](http://www.socaladulttennis.com) for complete USTA League Regulations (ULR), SCTA League information and to find “The Code” located in Friend at Court (*These are standard procedures that all players will use in reaching decisions for “unofficial” matches*). Go to [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com) for all other USTA National League information.

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**FOR REFERENCE: ([www.socaladulttennis.com](http://www.socaladulttennis.com))**

**ULR = USTA League Regulations are bordered and changes are in red and underlined**

**SLR = SCTA League Regulation changes are in red and underlined**

**LLR = Local League Regulations that have been delegated to Local League Areas are in green**

**SLC = Section League Coordinator   ALC = Area League Coordinator   LLC = Local League Coordinator**

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## USTA LEAGUE MAJOR REGULATION (ULR) CHANGES FOR 2018

### 2.01C(2) Team Match.

- A majority of matches must actually be played
- In the case of invalid matches (less than the minimum number of matches played) if scores are entered in TennisLink they will count only for NTRP ratings and advancement.
- Each Sectional Association shall establish procedures in the event of a team default or double default.

### 2.06A

- All 2.5 and 5.0 National Championship teams are allowed to retain 3 players who qualified or advanced to National Championships.
- National Championship teams are required to Move Up or Split Up only in the age group from which their team advanced the previous year.
- Sections may restrict crossover between Adult and Mixed Divisions, and also between some or all Age Groups.

## SCTA LEAGUE MAJOR REGULATION (SLR) CHANGES FOR 2018

### **1.00 GENERAL**

#### League Registration, pg 4:

Registration deadline is no later than four weeks prior to the end of the local league season.

#### No Refund Policy:

No refunds will be given unless a player gets injured or becomes ill and must provide documentation that their condition will not improve before the end of the year. The request must be made within the local league season. Otherwise, players can be moved to another team within that championship year, if available. Refunds cannot be given if matches have been played or defaults have been received. Only the Section League Registration fee of \$22.00 is refundable.

#### Weekend/Weekday Policy, pg 5:

Included: SCTA 18 & Over Doubles

Exception: The WE/WD policy may apply to a women's WE local league if their regular league is on weekdays.

#### Team Composition & Format Chart, pg 7:

SCTA Doubles "Open" level format will be 1Singles & 2Doubles.

#### Player Participation Eligibility:

The same person cannot captain more than one team at the same NTRP level in the same local area within the league season without ALC approval.

#### Disputed line calls, pg 8:

Since Local League play is un-officiated, teams have asked the captains or two volunteers (one from each team), if available, to stand at each net post. Volunteers only confirm or overrule calls on their side of the court and ONLY if asked by one of the players.

### **2.00 SCTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS**

#### Competition Format, pg 8:

In a local league flight structure, any one of the following options will be permitted:

- 2.01C(1)a Additional matches, selected randomly, within a flight.
- 2.01C(1)b Additional cross-flight matches in which each team in one flight plays an equal number of matches in the other flight, selected randomly if not a full round robin.
- 2.01C(1)c The top teams in a flight to play an additional round robin to determine advancement, and the teams without a mathematical chance to advance may play an additional round robin.

#### Line Defaults:

Default Time: Players arriving more than 15 minutes for their scheduled match time are subject to a default. Local Areas have the option to use the Point Penalty System.

Penalty, pg 9: More options added: d) #3 Doubles(for a 3 doubles format); e) #1 Singles or #2 Doubles(for a 1 singles/2 doubles format )

Reschedules, pg 10: Rescheduled matches may fall under the "No Penalty" or "Penalty rule.

No Penalty: Added: 5) Due to a National Holiday.

A rescheduled date must be agreed upon within one week from the match date and played before the end of the local league season or before a flight playoff (whichever comes first).

#### Sectional Championships, pg 11

The following Divisions/Age Groups will advance directly to Sectionals (No District/Area Playoff participation needed):

- \*USTA MxD 40 & Over
- \*USTA MxD 18 & Over
- \*USTA Adult 55 & Over
- \*SCTA Trilevel 18 & Over
- \*SCTA Adult 65 & Over (The two match minimum will be "waived" when no local league play is available).

Championship fees: \$100 per team (3-line format) and \$150 per team (5-line format)

Invitationals: SCTA Adult 65 & Over Sectional Champions will advance to an Invitational in January of the following year, if it is offered. Submit "Waiver" requests to the Section office to advance directly to the Invitational when no local league play is available.

Gifts: Sectional\_Gifts will be given to all participants @ Sectional Championships. Sectional Champion Awards will be given to the Winner.

## 1.00 GENERAL.

Any authority delegated by these Regulations to the Section, unless otherwise stated, may be delegated by the Section to a lower authority. If an Area does not have a regulation in place to address an issue and there is a sectional regulation on that issue, the Area must follow the SCTA League Regulations (SLR).

**NAME:** The SCTA has approved the adoption of rules and regulations for SCTA Leagues and implementation of the USTA League that shall be known as the **SCTA LEAGUES REGULATIONS (SLR)**. The USTA Board of Directors has approved the adoption of rules and regulations for the USTA League that shall be known as the USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS (ULR)

**GOVERNANCE:** The (ULR) shall apply to the USTA League Program (USTA League). The (SLR) shall apply to the SCTA League Program (SCTA Leagues). The FRIEND AT COURT – The USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations, including Wheelchair Rules of Tennis, shall apply to all matches played in the USTA/SCTA Leagues (unless modified by the USTA/SCTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS). In all matches played without officials, the USTA official publication, THE CODE, shall be observed. The USTA point Penalty System shall be used at all championship levels.

The SLR may be amended by the SCTA. All proposed amendments shall be in writing and shall be forwarded to the SLC no later than **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Without the approval of the SCTA, no amendments to these regulations shall become effective prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> of the next USTA/SCTA League **Championship** Year. Certain words and phrases are defined in a glossary included herein.

**USTA/SCTA LEAGUES:** (See the Regulation Summary Chart for USTA/SCTA League Program Organization Levels) SCTA has (13) active Local League Areas participating in USTA/SCTA Leagues: Bakersfield, Beach Cities, **Central Coast**, Coachella Vly, Inland Empire, Los Angeles, Orange County; San Diego & San Diego North Cnty, San Fernando Vly, San Gabriel Vly, Santa Barbara and Ventura.

**Sectional League Coordinator:** The SLC implements and administers the USTA/SCTA Leagues.

**Area League Coordinators:** Each Area will have an ALC to implement and administer the USTA/SCTA Leagues. Each Area shall have such geographic boundaries as the SCTA may determine.

**Local League Coordinators:** Each Local League may have a LLC to implement and administer the USTA/SCTA Leagues.

**Team Captains:** Each team shall appoint a captain to manage team activities and to represent the team in USTA/SCTA matters. They must be familiar with League Regulations and Tennislink and are responsible to hand down all information given to them to their players. They are responsible for the behavior of spectators to ensure a safe and fun environment for league participation. Captains are the heart and soul of the league program. As a “Thank You”, SCTA offers a “captains’ gift” for one captain per team and the section fee of \$22 is “waived” (Contact the ALC).

**Championship Committees:** A championship committee shall govern each championship.

**Official Information System:** Tennislink is the official information system of the USTA/SCTA Leagues.

**League Registration:** (The Registration deadline time is 9pm)

1. Players must have a current USTA#, Team ID# and credit card information. The Section League Registration fee is \$22.00 plus a \$3.00 non-refundable Tennislink user fee per player per team.
2. Go to Tennislink.usta.com/leagues and choose “Register for a team”. Follow the steps.
3. In order for a team to be included in the local league schedule, the minimum # of players required to field a full team must register by the season’s Initial Roster Deadline (IRD) **set by the ALC**. (See the Regulation Summary Chart for the minimum # of players required)
4. In order for players to be included in the team, they must register within the Registration Deadline (RD), which is no later than four weeks prior to the end of the local league season.

**The ALC may have a stricter registration deadline and may limit the # of players who appear on a team roster**

- a. Registration deadlines shall be extended if a registration error was caused by a documented computer glitch in Tennislink.
- b. Registration deadlines may be extended if a player is dynamically promoted and is interested in registering for a team at a higher NTRP level.

**No Refund Policy:** No refunds will be given unless a player gets injured or becomes ill and must provide documentation that their condition will not improve before the end of the year. The request must be made within the local league season. Otherwise, players can be moved to another team within that championship year, if available. Refunds cannot be given if matches have been played or defaults have been received. Only the Section League Registration fee of \$22.00 is refundable.

**Score Reporting and Standings System:** Tennislink is the official system for reporting scores and providing standings for the USTA/SCTA Leagues.

The initial entry of match scores into Tennislink must take place within 48 hours of the completion of the match. After match scores have been entered in Tennislink, they must be confirmed by the opposing team within 48 hours of the initial entry or the initial score will automatically be considered valid.

1. Go to [tennislink.usta.com/leagues](http://tennislink.usta.com/leagues) choose "Record a Score".
2. Enter the match # and complete the scorecard.
  - a. Retirements: Choose "Retired", designate a winner and enter the score exactly as it finished at the point of retirement.
  - b. Timed Matches: Choose "Timed Match", designate a winner and enter the score exactly as it finished. (See Timed Match Procedure chart).
3. Choose "Finish" if you are satisfied with the entry -OR- choose "Re-enter".
4. If confirming the score, choose "Confirm" – OR – choose "Dispute" and exit. Report all "disputes" to the ALC for corrections and/or investigation.

### Local League:

**Season Dates:** See the Yearly League Calendar for season date range at [www.socaladulttennis.com](http://www.socaladulttennis.com) (go to Leagues – Championship Dates). Contact the ALC for specific season dates for the area. Local League Playoffs must be completed within the local league season.

#### **Team:**

• **Two teams (40% at level):** In all "straight level" leagues (USTA Adult 18 and 40 & Over and SCTA Doubles 18 & Over leagues), that consist of only (2) teams, the roster must be maintained with at least 40% of its players at the designated NTRP level of play

• **Three or more teams (50% at level):** In all "straight level" leagues (USTA Adult 18 and 40 & Over and SCTA Doubles 18 & Over leagues), that consist of (3) or more teams, the roster must be maintained with at least 50% of its players at the designated NTRP level of play

#### Exceptions:

- See URL 2.06A-Move-up/Split-up (Waived when teams move-up a level).
- The Plus+ players in the Adult Division are considered as part of that NTRP level.
- SCTA Doubles - Waived for the "Open" level.

**Local Areas may implement a higher % minimum**

**Weekend/Weekday Policy:** A Weekend and Weekday local league may be considered separate areas and each may have a representative advance to the next level of competition, if the WD league has six or more teams registered.

Exception: The WE/WD policy may apply to any WE local league if their regular league is on weekdays. The WE/WD policy will apply to the:

- USTA Adult 18 & Over
- USTA Adult 40 & Over
- SCTA 18 & Over Doubles

#### **Combined League Policy:**

Areas combining and competing in league play together are considered a "Combined League" and the following policy applies:

- An Area with two teams may "combine" with a hosting Area that has two or more teams.
- Teams must secure home courts in the Area they are representing.
- The team with the best record from each of the Areas will advance to the next level of competition, regardless of who wins the league. .

**Home Facility:** Teams must secure home courts in the Area they are representing. The location of the home facility will determine the league area the team is representing. A "shared facility" may be used as a home facility.

*(See Glossary)*

If it is discovered that a team is not playing their home matches within their Area, those match results will be taken out of the standings.

USTA LEAGUE PROGRAM - TEAM COMPOSITION				
DIVISION	AGE GROUP	MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS	GENDER	NTRP LEVEL
Adult	18 & Over 2.5 women & 5.0+	5	Same Gender	A player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level except for 18 & Over 5.0+ and 40 & Over 4.5+.
	18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	8	Same Gender	
	40 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+	8	Same Gender	
	55 & Over Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5  OR  Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	6	Same Gender	When using straight NTRP levels, a player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level.  Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level.  NTRP rating level difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0.  The minimum NTRP Level for: 6.0 is 2.5; 7.0 is 3.0; 8.0 is 3.5 9.0 is 4.0.
Mixed	18 & Over Straight Levels, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0  OR  Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0  40 & Over Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	3 men 3 women	Men and Women	When using straight NTRP levels, a player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level.  Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level.  NTRP rating level difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0.  The minimum NTRP Level for: 6.0 is 2.5; 7.0 is 3.0; 8.0 is 3.5 9.0 is 4.0; 10.0 is 4.5.

### SCTA LEAGUES - TEAM COMPOSITION & FORMAT

DIVISION	Age Group	MINIMUM # OF PLAYERS	GENDER	FORMAT	NTRP LEVEL
Adult	65 & Over	6	Same	3 Doubles	Combined: 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 The minimum NTRP level for: 6.0 is 2.5; 7.0 is 3.0; 8.0 is 3.5; 9.0 is 4.0
Trilevel	18 & Over	6 (One player of a doubles team must be at level)	Same	3 Doubles	4.5/4.0/3.5 4.0/3.5/3.0 3.5/3.0/2.5
SCTA Doubles	18 & Over	6 5	Same Same	3 Doubles 1 Sgles/2 Dbls	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 Open

#### Areas may offer additional leagues for local league play only

**Q:** Can two 3.5's play together on an 8.0 team? **YES**, there are no regulations that restrict this. As long as the minimum NTRP level is 3.5

#### Player Eligibility:

- Must be USTA members through the local league season and through each championship progression.
- Must have reached the required minimum age prior to or during the calendar year in which such player participates in their first local league.
- Player Agreement & Waiver of Claims: See ULR for details.

**Official League Rating Program:** The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) is the official system for rating levels

of competition for the USTA/SCTA Leagues. (See *Summary Chart for NTRP rating levels for entry into league play*)

- Computer ratings are valid for three consecutive years or until another rating level is generated for players 59 years of age or under.
- Computer ratings are valid for two consecutive years or until another rating level is generated for players 60 years of age or older.
- Self-ratings are valid for two years from the date issued or until replaced by a dynamic or computer rating.

See ULR for more details.

#### **Player Participation Eligibility:**

- A player can play on more than one team in an NTRP level within an Age Group in the same season as long as it is in separate local leagues, which includes qualified Weekday leagues in USTA Adult 18&Over; 40&Over and the SCTA Doubles league.
- A player can play in no more than two NTRP levels within an Age Group in the same local league during the same season.
- The same person cannot captain more than one team at the same NTRP level in the same local area within the league season without ALC approval.
- A player who qualifies to advance to Playoffs or Sectionals on more than one team at the same NTRP level will be required to choose and declare which team he or she will represent. In the absence of a declaration, the first match played will determine which team he or she will represent.  
Exception: In the Trilevel league, a player can play at the same NTRP level at two different team levels. Ex: A 3.5 player can play on a 4.0-3.0 team and on a 4.5-3.5 team.

#### **Local Areas have the authority to accept or deny participation**

**Ineligible players:** In all matches in which ineligible players participate, the ineligible player may be penalized by defaulting all individual matches played and/or the captain may be suspended from all league play for up to a year.

Examples of ineligible players are listed below but may not constitute a full list:

- Players who do not appear on the official team roster. (Notify ALC of any registration problems prior to the match).
- Players who have been registered by the captain without their knowledge and/or have fictitious match results entered in Tennislink.
- Players who play under another player's name.
- Players who utilize multiple USTA Membership numbers in an attempt to bypass their computer generated NTRP rating in order to enter into the league program at a different level.

*College players must consult the Intercollegiate Athletics Compliance Officer/Athletic Director at their college to insure that their eligibility will not be jeopardized by competing in league tennis.*

<p><b>Official Ball:</b> In USTA League matches, a standard Type 2 USTA approved ball shall be used.</p>
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## 2.00 USTA/SCTA LEAGUES REGULATIONS. (For complete USTA League Regulations (ULR), go to: [www.socaladulttennis.com](http://www.socaladulttennis.com)) LOCAL COMPETITION

### NTRP Levels of Play: (See Regulation Summary Chart)

**2.01A(1)** When using straight NTRP levels, a player cannot have an NTRP rating higher than the NTRP level in which the player is competing except in the 5.0+ NTRP level of the Adult Division, 18 & Over and in the 4.5+ NTRP level of the Adult Division, 40 & Over. Adult Division, 18 & Over 5.0+ team rosters may include up to two (2) players from the next higher NTRP level. Adult Division, 40 & Over 4.5+ team rosters may include up to three (3) players from the next higher NTRP level.

**2.01A(1)a** In Plus (+) NTRP levels utilizing three individual matches within a team match, no more than one Plus (+) level player shall be allowed to play in a team match and shall be required to play in a #1 position, either singles or doubles.

**2.01A(1)b** In Plus (+) NTRP levels utilizing four or more individual matches within a team match, two (2) Plus (+) level players may play in a team match and shall be required to play in either (a) both in the #1 doubles position or (b) one player in the #1 singles position and one player in the #1 doubles position.

**2.01A(2)** 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.

**2.01A(3)** The NTRP difference between members of an individual doubles team may not exceed 1.0.

**See ULR for more information**

The Combined levels of play will be used at Sectionals for the USTA Adult 55 & Over and MxD 18 & Over age groups and the SCTA Adult 65 & Over league.

In the Trilevel league, the highest NTRP level offered will play in the #1 doubles line, second highest in the #2 doubles line and lowest level in the #3 doubles line. One player of a doubles team must be at level.

**Confirming Match Play:** The following must be confirmed 3-4 days prior to the match by both captains:

- Day and time of the team match. Generally two (2) hours is allotted for each match. If there are time restraints, the "Timed" match procedure may be used (see chart).
- Line defaults, if known in advance.
- Number of courts to be used, including for warm-up if available. For split times, captains must agree in the order of play and starting times for each individual match for that day, unless it has been pre-determined by the ALC.
- Directions to the tennis facility.

Restroom facilities must be available for players at their home site in order to participate in USTA/SCTA Leagues.

All league matches must be played on hard courts unless both teams agree to play on a different surface prior to the match.

Recommended order of play for the Adult Division 18 and 40 & Over Age Groups: Singles and then Doubles.

Team matches must be played on the scheduled dates unless it has been pre-approved otherwise by the ALC or rescheduled. The ALC must be informed of any change in the schedule.

**Team Line-Ups:** Team Captains may: a) Ask for photo IDs. If not available, the player(s) may be replaced. If an eligible substitute is not available, that line(s) may be defaulted and b) Adjust their line-up if a team defaults a line(s) with no prior notification.

**Disputed line calls:** Since Local League play is un-officiated, teams have asked the captains or two volunteers (one from each team), if available, to stand at each net post. Volunteers only confirm or overrule calls on their side of the court and ONLY if asked by one of the players.

**Coaching:** No coaching allowed when a match tiebreak is used in lieu of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set.

### Competition Format:

- Local League Playoffs (LLP) requires a two match minimum (a default received counts as a match played) for eligibility.
- In a local league flight structure, any one of the following options will be permitted:
  - 2.01C(1)a** Additional matches, selected randomly, within a flight.
  - 2.01C(1)b** Additional cross-flight matches in which each team in one flight plays an equal number of matches in the other flight, selected randomly if not a full round robin.
  - 2.01C(1)c** The top teams in a flight to play an additional round robin to determine advancement, and the teams without a mathematical chance to advance may play an additional round robin

**2.01C(2) Team Match.** Each team match in a local league shall consist of such number of individual matches of singles, doubles, or any combination thereof as determined by the local league. Each team must have the minimum number of players available to play the majority of individual matches. If one team does not have the minimum number of players, the opposing team will be credited with winning each individual match. If neither team has the minimum number of players, the match shall be scored as a double team default, and neither team receives credit for a win. In the case of a team default or double team default any individual matches actually played will only count for NTRP ratings and eligibility for advancement and cannot count for determining standings. If both teams have the minimum number of players available, but the combination of individual defaults given by the two teams would result in the majority of matches not being played, the teams must follow the procedure established by the Sectional Association, as required below, to ensure that a majority of individual matches are played.

Each Sectional Association shall establish procedures to determine the 1) flight standings in the event of a team default or double team default and 2) actions to take when the combination of individual defaults given by the two teams in the team match results, or would result, in a situation where the majority of the individual matches are not played. If no such procedures have been established, the match will result in a double team default.

#### The following procedures will be followed to determine:

##### 1) Flight standings in the event of a Team Default or double team default:

The standings will be adjusted to reflect only actual matches played by the other teams which prevents a team from advancing due to a whole team default. In a multiple round robin format each round robin is considered a separate segment. If the team default took place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round robin segment, for example, only those matches will be affected.

##### The local league may impose further penalties on the defaulting team.

**2) Actions to take when the combination of individual defaults given by the two teams in the team match results, or would result, in a situation where the majority of the individual matches are not played:** If less than the minimum number of individual lines (less than 3 lines for a 5-line format and less than 2 lines for a 3-line format), were played the team match is invalid. The individual lines that were played will be taken out of the standings but the results will stay in the system for NTRP ratings and eligibility for advancement. If no matches were played, the team will be defaulted unless the other team agrees to reschedule the team match, if there is sufficient time within the league season to do so. The Reschedule Penalty procedure will apply.

**Procedure for Individual defaults:** Default Time: Players arriving more than 15 minutes for their scheduled match time are subject to a default. Local Areas have the option to use the Point Penalty System.

The least amount of lines should be defaulted and all players available should be utilized. If no prior notice is given, the team that has the most players present and available to play will receive the defaulted lines and may change their line-up. (If a Team refuses to play, they are defaulted)

- 7 players: Default #2 Singles
- 6 players: Default #3 Doubles
- 5 players: Default #2 Singles & # 3 Doubles
- 4 players: Default #2 and #3 Doubles

*5-line format example-1: Team A shows up with only 4 players. Team B has more than 4 players present.  
Solution: The match is played. Team B receives defaults on the #2 and #3 doubles lines.*

*5-line format example-2: Team A shows up with only 5 players. Team B has more than 5 players present.  
Solution: Play the match. Team B receives defaults on the #2 singles line and #3 doubles line.*

*3-line format example-1: Team A shows up with only 4 players. Team B has more than 4 players present.  
Solution: Play the match. Team B receives a default on the #3 doubles line.*

*3-line format example-2: Team A shows up with only one player from the #1 doubles line and the #3 doubles line.  
Solution: They would play together at the #1 doubles line. The #2 doubles line would remain the same and the default would occur at the #3 doubles line.*

*3-line format in Trilevel example-1: Team A shows up only having enough players at level to play the #1 and #2 doubles lines. Team B shows up only having enough players at level to play the #2 and #3 doubles lines.*

*Solution: The team match must be re-scheduled, if there is sufficient time within the league season to do so. Otherwise, it will be*



recorded as a "double default".

3-line format in Trilevel example-2: Team A shows up only having enough players at level to play the #1 and #3 doubles lines.  
Solution: Play the #1 and #3 doubles line and default the #2 doubles line. Any one of the 3 Doubles lines may be defaulted in the Trilevel league.

The following changes will be made if the #1 doubles line is shown as a default after line-ups have been exchanged:

- The #2 line moves up to the #1 line.
- The #3 line moves up to the #2 line.
- The #3 line is defaulted.

The following changes will be made if the #1 singles line is shown as a default after line-ups have been exchanged:

- The #2 line moves up to the #1 line.
- The #2 line is defaulted.

**Reschedule Policy:** Rescheduled matches may fall under the "No Penalty" or "Penalty rule.

- **No Penalty:** 1) If a minimum of 4 players on the team is representing that Area at a USTA/SCTA league Playoff or Championship; 2) If the Home Facility scheduled an unplanned event and there are no courts available on or off site; 3) Due to Unplayable Conditions; 4) Due to the Heat Rule; 5) Due to a National Holiday
- **Penalty:** The team asking for a re-schedule will default 2 lines (for formats using 5-lines) or 1 line (for formats using 3 lines), whichever applies. The Team that agreed to reschedule shall decide which lines will be forfeited from the following options: a) #1 & #2 Singles; b) #2 Singles & #3 Doubles; c) #2 & #3 Doubles; d) #3 Doubles(for a 3 doubles format); e) #1 Singles or #2 Doubles(for a 1 singles/2 doubles format )
- **Unplayable Conditions & the Heat Rule:** See [www.accuweather.com](http://www.accuweather.com)

**Local Areas may choose to use one particular site, see Local League Regulations (LLR)**

- Unplayable Conditions: Conditions that make it impossible to continue playing, which may include, but is not limited to: Rain, Fire, Ash and if a State of Emergency prevents teams from getting to their locations in a timely manner.
- Heat Rule: Air Temperature of 95 degrees & higher.

If there is not a local league regulation in place, the following will apply:

- If the day before the team match Unplayable Conditions or conditions under the Heat Rule are forecasted for the time of the match, it may be rescheduled with no penalties, if there is sufficient time within the league season to do so.
- If the day before the team match. Unplayable Conditions or conditions under the Heat Rule were not forecasted but it becomes unplayable the day of or prior to the start of the match, it may be rescheduled with no penalties. Teams should not wait more than ½ hour past the originally scheduled time, to see if conditions change. *(Both captains may agree to wait longer or choose a different location within their Area to play the match).*
  - If Unplayable Conditions exist after the team match has started and it is unable to be rescheduled, enter any individual lines not completed as a Timed Match.
  - If the heat reaches 95 degrees or higher after a team match has started, the team match **should** be played to completion unless both captains agree to reschedule any individual lines players might be unable to finish. If both captains do not agree to reschedule the team match (which should be agreed on prior to the start of the match) or if the rescheduled team match could not be completed by the end of the local league season, the following steps will be followed:
    - A retirement will be recorded for any player(s) who were unable to complete their individual match. The win will go to their opponents.
    - A retirement will be recorded if all players were unable to complete their individual match. The win will go to the team that was ahead.
      - If it's a "Tie", the individual match will be recorded as a Timed Match. TennisLink automatically grants the win to the visiting team.

**ALC's may confirm "Unplayable Conditions and the Heat Rule" if there are any questions or disputes**

A rescheduled date must be agreed upon within one week from the match date and played before the end of the local league season or before the flight playoff (whichever comes first).

- If the team match had not started, a different line-up may be used. If the teams cannot agree to a reschedule date and time, it will be entered as a Double Default.
- If the match started, completed individual matches will stand as played and incomplete matches will need to resume with the same players and at the exact score (set, game, point) as they stood when halted. Any point played is always counted and never replayed.

**Local Areas may impose further sanctions or penalties**

When a league season cannot be completed, the local league champion will be determined by the ALC in consultation with the SLC. Factors to be considered may include, but are not limited to: Length of schedule; Number of matches completed; Head to Head results of teams in contention; Highest percentage of wins.

**Local Areas have the option to use either 2 out of 3 sets or a Match Tiebreak in lieu of a third set.**

SCTA will implement ULR 2.03H procedures in the event of a Tie at the local level. (See ULR for complete details at [www.socaladulttennis.com](http://www.socaladulttennis.com))

**PROGRESSION**

MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR USTA ADULT AND MIXED DIVISIONS			
SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND BELOW		NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	
LOCAL MATCHES REQUIRED	DEFAULTS THAT COUNT	TOTAL MATCHES REQUIRED THROUGH SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	DEFAULTS THAT COUNT
To advance to <b>any</b> championship level through Sectional Championship	To advance to <b>any</b> championship level through Sectional Championship	To advance to National Championship	To advance to National Championship
2 matches on the same team	1 default <u>received</u> shall count	3 matches on the same team	1 default <u>received</u> shall count
RETIRED matches shall count for all players.			

If the winning team at any NTRP level of competition is unable to compete further, then the second place team will be asked to take their spot.

SCTA determines the dates of all District/Area Playoffs and Sectionals (See League Calendar at: [www.socaladulttennis.com](http://www.socaladulttennis.com) – League – Championship Dates). The Championship Director shall appoint the Championship Committees for District/Area Playoffs and Sectional Championships.

**Court Surface:** Hard Court.

**District/Area Playoffs:** Local League Winners from the following Divisions/Age Groups will participate at a District/ Area Playoff to receive one of four spots at the Sectional Championship:

- USTA Adult 40 & Over
- USTA Adult 18 & Over
- SCTA Fall Doubles 18 & Over

\*Local League Winners in BAKE; CC; SB; VENT; SFV; LA and SGV areas will advance to the North District/Area Playoffs.

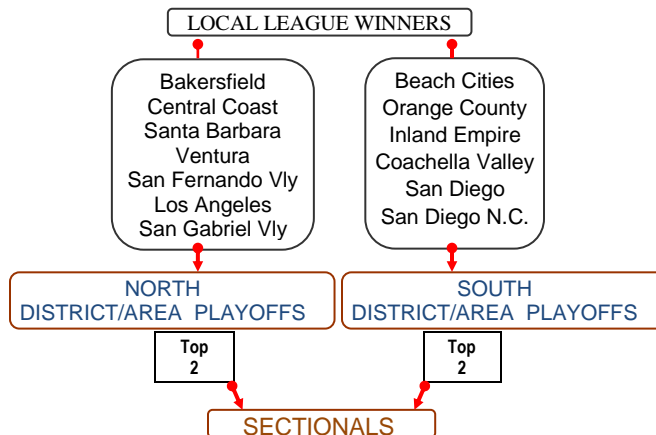
\*Local League Winners in BC; OC; IE; CV; SD and SDNC areas will advance to the South District/Area Playoffs.

The top two teams from each of the North and South District/Area Playoffs will advance to Sectional Championships.

*Exception: If there are only 2-4 local leagues at a NTRP level from both the North and South Areas combined, the local league winners will advance directly to Sectionals.*

Area Playoffs are considered separate events; therefore, players may participate in both if they are eligible to do so.

**CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRESSION CHART**



**Sectional Championships:** Local League Winners from the following Divisions/Age Groups will advance directly to Sectionals (No District/Area Playoff participation required):

- USTA MxD 40 & Over
- USTA MxD 18 & Over
- USTA Adult 55 & Over
- SCTA Trilevel 18 & Over
- SCTA Adult 65 & Over (The two match minimum will be "waived" when no local league play is available)

Sectional Championship Team fees: \$100 for all 3-line formats and \$150 for all 5-line formats

**National Championships:**

Sectional Champions from the following Divisions/Age Groups will advance to the National Championships:

- USTA Adult 18 & Over
- USTA Adult 40 & Over
- USTA Adult 55 & Over
- MxD 18 & Over
- MxD 40 & Over

**Invitationals:**

- SCTA Trilevel 4.5-3.5 Sectional Champions will advance to an Invitational in March of the following year, if it is offered. There are no match minimum requirements.
- SCTA Adult 65 & Over Sectional Champions will advance to an Invitational in January of the following year, if it is offered. Submit "Waiver" requests to the Section office to advance directly to the Invitational when no local league play is available.

The minimum number of team members required for the SCTA Doubles, SCTA Adult 65 & Over and SCTA Trilevel Championships is 6 (For Trilevel, there must be at least 1 player at level on each line).

**Eligibility:** *(See Summary Chart)*

Sectional\_Gifts will be given to all participants @ Sectional Championships. Sectional Champion Awards will be given to the Winner. The following amounts will be allocated:

\*Maximum of 16/per team for 5-line formats

\*Maximum of 12/per team for 3-line formats

**Captain's Championship Registration form:** Captains must submit the on-line form to the SCTA office as soon as their team is announced the local league winner or wildcard recipient, in order to ensure their spot at the championship. Teams may not be accepted into the championship if the registration form is received later than two weeks prior to the event.

**Scoring:** The best of three sets with a 10 point match tiebreak in lieu of the third set will be used for all District/Area Playoffs and Sectionals, unless a change is necessary due to unplayable conditions.

**Competition Format:**

A round robin format will be used. In multiple flights, the Area with the most number of teams will be entered in the first flight and the Area with the second most number of teams will be entered in the second flight, etc. This sequence will continue until all flights have been filled. If a wildcard is needed the second place team from either District/Area Playoffs or local league, whichever applies, will be asked to fill the spot where needed. (See Glossary for wildcard rotation procedure).

**Team Defaults:**

A majority of the individual matches must actually be played to constitute a valid team match or the entire match must be defaulted. See tables below:

<b>ALLOWABLE DEFAULTS AT ALL SCTA CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>				
<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>LEAGUE TYPE</b>	<b>MINIMUM NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE PLAYERS REQUIRED TO BE AVAILABLE PER MATCH</b>	<b>MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POSITIONS THAT CAN BE DEFAULTED</b>	<b>REQUIRED POSITION(S) AND ORDER OF MATCH DEFAULTS</b>
Adult	65 & Over	4 players who are eligible to combine and compete	1	No. 3 Doubles
Trilevel	18 & Over	4 players (1 player must be AT LEVEL)	1	Any one of the 3 lines
SCTA Doubles	18 & Over	<u>3</u> Players	1	<u>No. 1 Singles or No. 2 Doubles</u>

<b>ALLOWABLE DEFAULTS AT ALL USTA CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>				
<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>AGE GROUP</b>	<b>MINIMUM NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE PLAYERS REQUIRED TO BE AVAILABLE PER MATCH</b>	<b>MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POSITIONS THAT CAN BE DEFAULTED</b>	<b>REQUIRED POSITION(S) AND ORDER OF MATCH DEFAULTS</b>
Adult	18 & Over 2.5 women & 5.0+	3	1	No. 1 Singles <b>Or</b> No. 2 Doubles
	18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	4	2	<u>Singles:</u> No. 2 Singles before No. 1 Singles
	40 & Over			<u>Doubles</u> No. 3 Doubles before No. 2 Doubles, and No. 2 Doubles before No. 1 Doubles
Adult	55 & Over	4 players who are eligible to combine and compete	1	No. 3 Doubles
Mixed	18 & Over 40 & Over			

An entire team defaulting in a championship may be ineligible to participate in that division for the following league year. This penalty may apply to every player who played at least one match for the forfeiting team. Special Circumstances will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

**NTRP Dynamic Disqualification and Review Procedures.**

(For complete details, see (ULR) at [www.socaladulttennis.com](http://www.socaladulttennis.com))

SCTA will run dynamic ratings during USTA league seasons: Adult 18, 40, and 55 and Over. Self-rated players or players with appealed ratings are subject to dynamic disqualification.

Local level: Players who meet the criteria for NTRP Dynamic Disqualification will be immediately promoted to a higher NTRP level. Matches played will stand.

Championship level: SCTA will run dynamic calculations following the conclusion of the championship and disqualify those players who meet the criteria for NTRP Dynamic Disqualification. Matches played will stand. (See Nat Reg 2.04E(2) for championship scoring procedures when NTRP Dynamic Disqualifications are done following the conclusion of championship competition.)

<b>NTRP DYNAMIC DISQUALIFICATION</b>	
<b>Each NTRP Level is followed by a letter indicating the type of rating.</b>	
<b>The following identifies who can and cannot be NTRP dynamically disqualified.</b>	
<b><u>Who cannot be NTRP dynamically disqualified?</u></b>	
NTRP Level followed by the letter below:	
C	Computer Rated Players *
M	Mixed Exclusive Players **
T	Tournament Players **
Exceptions:  * Players who entered an Early Start League at an NTRP Level lower than their current year-end rating are subject to NTRP dynamic disqualification.  ** Year-end (M) and (T) rated players are required to self-rate to enter the Adult Division, automatically become (S) rated players and therefore become subject to NTRP dynamic disqualification.	
<b><u>Who can be NTRP dynamically disqualified? Participants in the Adult Division:</u></b>	
NTRP Level followed by the letter below:	
<b>A</b>	Appealed – all granted appeals including Medical and Promoted Players 60 or Over
<b>S</b>	Self-rated Players
<b>D</b>	Dynamic or NTRP Grievance Disqualified Players
<b>C</b>	Exceptions to C year-end ratings as noted above *
Players participating in the Adult Division who are promoted as a result of NTRP dynamic disqualification will be immediately required to participate at their new NTRP level in all USTA League Programs.	

**YEAR-END NTRP COMPUTER RATINGS.** (For complete details, see (ULR) at [www.socaladulthoodtennis.com](http://www.socaladulthoodtennis.com))

USTA League Regulations in this section are applicable to all SCTA Leagues (Except the Open Level in the SCTA Fall Doubles League)

<b>VALID NTRP COMPUTER RATINGS FOR 2018</b>			
2018 League Year	Players who are 59 years or under during the 2018 League Year will have their most current computer rating displayed in TennisLink. They must self-rate if their NTRP rating is older than 3 years.  *Exception: A player who receives a published (M) or (T) rating and chooses to participate in the Adult Division will be required to self-rate even if the (M) or (T) rating is less than 3 years old.  X indicates the years of valid computer rating in TennisLink for play in 2018		
	Players who will be 60 years or older during the 2018 League Year will have their most current computer rating displayed in TennisLink. They must self-rate if their NTRP rating is older than 2 years.  *Exception: A player who receives a published (M) or (T) rating and chooses to participate in the Adult Division will be required to self-rate even if the (M) or (T) rating is less than 2 years old.  X indicates the years of valid computer rating in TennisLink for play in 2018.		
Last Year Computer Rating Received	2015	2016	2017
Age 59 or Under during 2017 League Year	X	X	X
Age 60 or Over during 2017 League Year		X	X
<b>TennisLink will automatically remove expired computer and self-ratings thereby allowing individuals to self-rate. Players with expired ratings will not be allowed to self-rate at a lower level than their last valid NTRP rating. However, they will have the opportunity to file a self-rate appeal of the NTRP rating level assigned.</b>			
<b>Computer ratings</b> are valid based on the above table.			
<b>Self-ratings</b> are valid for 2 years from the date issued or until replaced by a dynamic or computer rating.			

Ratings are directly affected by: a) Your partner; b) Your opponent's dynamic rating; c) Your current dynamic rating; d) The closeness of the match (regardless of whether it was a win or a loss).

Ratings are not directly affected by: a) What position you play; b) Your wins and losses; c) Team standings; d) Age

For championships starting after Year-End Ratings are generated, contact the SCTA Adult Department.

The NTRP Coordinator will be responsible for all NTRP issues and the management of the Automated Appeal Process. The Automated Appeal instructions are located at: [www.socaladulthoodtennis.com](http://www.socaladulthoodtennis.com) – Leagues – NTRP ratings.

Year-End Rating Appeal Period: Appeals submitted after registration will be reviewed for future play, not for the season they are currently playing in.

Medical Appeal Period: All year. Medical Appeals require an Appeal Form which may be downloaded from the scta website. The Appeal must include Pertinent information & documentation that determines the degree to which the injury or debilitating condition is temporary or permanent.

**MOVE-UP/APLIT-UP:**

**2.06A(1):** Move-Up - Teams and team members that advanced to, or qualified for, any National Championship may play together as a team, in whole or in part, if they move up one NTRP team level.

**2.06A(2):** Split-Up - No more than three (3) players who were on the roster of any team that advanced to, or qualified for, any National Championship team the previous year may play together in the same Division, same Age Group and at the same NTRP team level as the National Championship team(s), if their NTRP rating allows. Split-Up requirements only apply to players who participated in three (3) or more matches (including one default) for that team during the championship year.

**2.06A(3):** If a Section has a regulation that limits the number of players on a roster that are at a specific level, the Section must suspend that regulation for one year for any team that advanced to, or qualified for, any National Championship the previous year and chooses to move up one NTRP team level.

**2.06B Section Options for Move-Up/Split-Up.**

**2.06B(1)** All Championships Below Nationals. Sections shall have the right to decide whether a team who competes at any championship level below the National Championships must move-up or disperse to form new teams for the following championship year and under what conditions.

**2.06B(2)** Sections shall have the option to restrict crossover between Adult and Mixed Divisions and/or between some or all Age Groups notwithstanding Section 2.06A.

SCTA will not restrict crossover between Adult and Mixed Divisions and between age groups.

Players who are in violation will be disqualified from the last team on which they registered on as well as any matches played. If no matches were played and no defaults were received, the player can choose which team to be deleted from.

SCTA will suspend the "50% at level" rule for one year for any team and team members that advanced to, or qualified for, any National Championship the previous year and choose to move up one NTRP team level as a team, in whole or in part. Example: If two 4.0 players from the previous years Adult 18&Over National team want to play together on a 4.5 Adult 40 & Over team along with Non-National 4.0 players, the team is not subject to the "50% at level" rule.

The following procedure will be followed as soon as it is discovered that a team is not in compliance: If all players have played a match, the player with the latest registration dates that are out of compliance, will be disqualified from the team and matches played shall be considered 6-0, 6-0 losses and wins for the opposing player or doubles team. Players that have not played a match or received a default can choose to be taken off the team in order to get the team into compliance.

The Move-up/Split-up regulation applies to all USTA Sectional Winners and any other team(s) that qualify to advance to a National Championship. It does not apply SCTA Leagues: SCTA Doubles, Trilevel and Adult 65&Over.

**3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES.**

All Local League Grievance Committees and Local League Grievance Appeal Committees shall be approved by the Section Office.

**Summary:** For complete details see the USTA League Regulations (ULR): [www.socaladulttennis.com](http://www.socaladulttennis.com)

**Step 1:**

a) Local League Grievances are submitted to the ALC prior to the commencement of whichever occurs first: (a) the involved team's next match in that flight, whether or not the involved player participates or (b) within 24 hours after the end of the local league season. It will be reviewed by a Local League Grievance Committee.

b) Championship Grievances are delivered to the duly appointed site director or designee prior to whichever occurs first: (a) within 30 minutes of the completion of the involved team's match or (b) the commencement of the involved team's next match, whether or not the involved player participates. It will be reviewed by a Championship Committee.

b) NTRP Grievances are submitted to the SCTA office to the attention of the NTRP Grievance Committee anytime up to 48 hours after the conclusion of the Sectional Championship of the player's team, whether or not the player participated. It will be administered by the Sectional League NTRP Grievance Committee.

c) Administrative Grievances are submitted to the SCTA office to the attention of the SLC within one year of the incident.

**Step 2:** Grievances and any documentation will be submitted to the appropriate committee and forwarded to all parties involved. A specified time will be given to submit any documentation and response.

**Step 3:** Decisions will be sent to all parties involved. A specified time will be given for Appeal submissions.

**Step 4:** Appeal submissions will be reviewed by the appropriate Grievance Appeal Committee.

**Step 5:** Decisions made by the Grievance Appeal Committee will be FINAL.

*The National League Grievance Appeal Committee shall hear appeals from individuals/teams suspended for a period of 12 months or more by a Local, District/Area, or Sectional League Grievance Appeal Committee.*

## 2018 USTA/SCTA REGULATION SUMMARY CHART

### USTA LEAGUES

### SCTA LEAGUES

#### REGULATION

#### ADULT

#### MXD

#### TRILEVEL

#### SCTA Dbles

#### Adult

AGE GROUPS:	18 & Over	40 & Over	55 & Over	18 & Over	40 & Over	18 & Over	18 & Over	65 & Over
<b>GENDER:</b>	Men & Women (Separate Teams)	Men & Women (Separate Teams)	Men & Women (Separate Teams)	Men & Women (Same Team)	Men & Women (Same Team)	Men & Women (Separate Teams)	Men & Women (Separate Teams)	Men & Women (Separate Teams)
<b>NTRP RATING LEVELS:</b> <u>Straight Levels:</u> Can play one level above current level, but not over team level. <u>Combined Levels:</u> NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed team level. The NTRP difference between them shall not exceed 1.0	2.5F,3.0,3.5,4.0,4.5,5.0+ (5.0+ level may have up to two 5.5 players on team, but can only play 1 in a match)	3.0,3.5,4.0,4.5+ (4.5+ level may have up to three 5.0 players on team, but can only play 2 in a match)	6.0,7.0,8.0,9.0	6.0,7.0,8.0,9.0,10.0	6.0,7.0,8.0,9.0	3.5/3.0/2.5 4.0/3.5/3.0 4.5/4.0/3.5 (One player of a Dbles team must be at level)	2.5,3.0,3.5,4.0,4.5,Op	6.0,7.0,8.0,9.0
<b>LEAGUE FORMAT:</b> (Local Areas may have a different format)	2 Sgls/3 Dbles (3.0,3.5,4.0,4.5) & 1 Sgls&2 Dbles (2.5F & 5.0+)	2 Sgls/3 Dbles (3.0,3.5,4.0,4.5+)	3 Dbles	3 Dbles	3 Dbles	3 Dbles	3 Dbles (2.5-4.5) & 1Sgls/2 Dbles (Open)	3 Dbles
Min. # of players required to register by the Initial Roster Deadline (IRD)	8 (5-line format) & 5 (3-line format)	8 (5-line format) & 5 (3-line format)	6	6 (3M & 3W)	6 (3M & 3W)	6 (At least 1 per level +3)	6 & 5 (Open)	6
Min % required @ Level for 3 or more teams: Min % required @ Level for 2 teams only:	50% 40%	50% 40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50% 40%	N/A
Max # of Positions that can be defaulted: (#2 Sgls before #1 Sgls) (#3 Dbles before #2 Dbles) (#2 Dbles before #1 Dbles)	2 (3.0,3.5,4.0,4.5) & 1 (2.5F & 5.0+)	2 (3.0,3.5,4.0,4.5+) OR 1 (3-line format)	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>DYN RATINGS:</b>	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
<b>INCLUDED IN YE RATINGS:</b> (Includes results recorded Nov - Dec of previous yr)	YES	YES	YES	(MxD exclusive ratings only)	(MxD exclusive ratings only)	YES	YES (Except for the Open level)	YES
<b>NATIONALS:</b>	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
<b>INVITATIONALS:</b>	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	YES (4.5/4.0/3.5)	NO	YES
<b>MIN# of Matches Required:</b> <u>Below Nationals:</u> (1 default rec'd counts)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<u>At Nationals/Invit'l:</u> (1 default rec'd counts)	3	3	3	3	3	N/A	N/A	2
<b>MOVE-UP/SPLIT-UP</b> Max of (3) players can play together the following yr.. (Applies to those that played in 3 or more matches, excluding defaults, for that team during the Champ Yr.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO



**Timed Match Procedure when Third Set is a Match Tiebreaker**

**Split Sets**

**3rd Set Match Tiebreak started:**

- 1) If the score is Equal, play a One Point Tie-Break to determine the Match Winner.
- 2) If the score is not Equal, the team ahead by at least one point is the Match Winner.

**Example:** Team A wins first set 7-6. Team B wins second set 6-7. Whoever wins the Match Tie-Break is the Match Winner.

**3rd Set Match Tiebreak not started:** Count the Total # of games won:

- 1) The team with the Highest # of Games Won is the Match Winner.
- 2) If it's a Tie (for example: 7-6, 6-7), play a One Point Tie-Break to determine the Match Winner.

Any local league match that will go beyond the allotted time with no additional time to finish, must use the Timed Match Procedure . (See SLR - "Confirming Match Play").

At 5 minutes before the allotted time runs out, no new game will begin. All games "in play" are completed.

A game is "in play" once the server has struck the first ball.

Enter the score exactly as it finished, choose "Timed Match" and designate a Winning Team (See Examples below)

**\*A One Point TB score is not entered \*A Match TB score is entered as 1-0 \*All Set TB scores are entered as 7-6 or 6-7**

**2nd Set Incomplete**

**2nd Set Tiebreak started:**

- 1) The team that is ahead by at least one point is the Set Winner.
- 2) If the score is equal, play a One Point Tie-Break to win the set.

**2nd Set Tiebreak not started:**

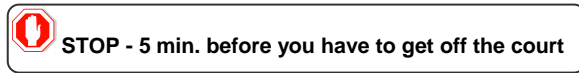
- 1) The team that is ahead 4-0, 4-1, 5-0, 5-1 is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Set winner.
- 2) If the total # of games played in the Set is six or more and one team is ahead by two games, they are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Set Winner.
- 3) If the total # of games played in the Set is not six or more, it is an invalid 2<sup>nd</sup> Set and the team that won the First Set Wins the Match.

**Example:** Team A wins first set 7-6 and Team B wins second set 2-4. They Split Sets. Team B is the Winner with 10 total games won.

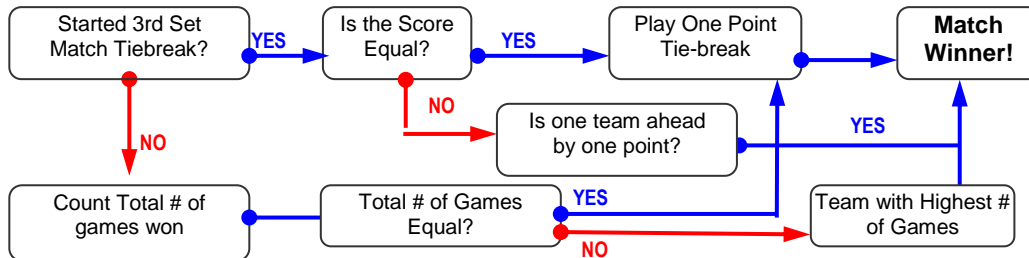
**Example:** Team A wins first set 7-6 and wins second set 4-2. Team A is the Winner, they are ahead by at least 2 games..

**Example:** Team A wins first set 7-6 and the second set is 3-3. Team A is the Winner, the 2<sup>nd</sup> set is invalid.

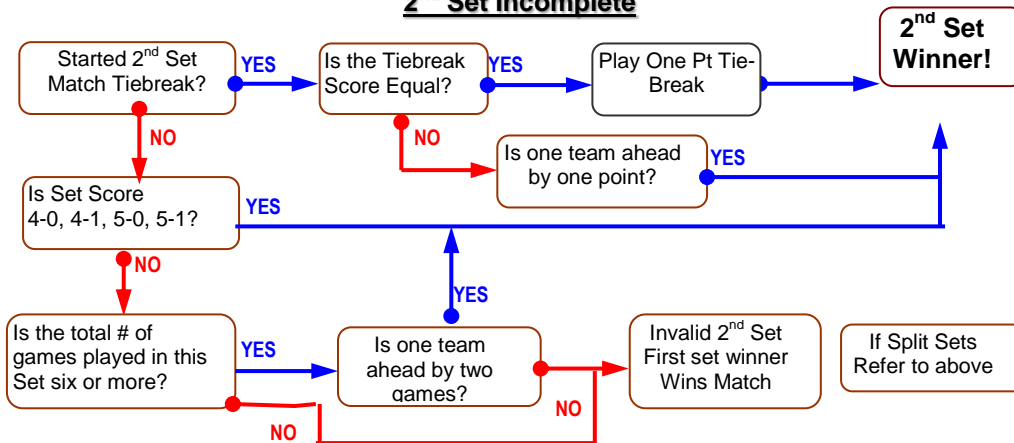
**Example:** Team A wins first set 7-6 and the second set is 1-2. Team A is the Winner, the 2<sup>nd</sup> set is invalid.



**Split Sets**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Set Incomplete**



**GLOSSARY.**

**Heat Rule:** Air Temperature of 95 degrees & higher.

**Shared Facility:** A facility that has been approved by the Section Office to be shared by two or more Local League Areas for local league play. The Host Area has priority with courts and time slots.

**Unplayable Conditions:** Conditions that make it impossible to continue playing, which may include, but is not limited to: Rain, Fire, Ash and if a State of Emergency prevents teams from getting to their locations in a timely manner. See an official National Weather Service. Local Areas may choose to use one particular site. See Local League Regulations (LLR).

**Wildcard Team:** 2<sup>nd</sup> place team from District/Area Playoffs or local league, whichever applies.

**Wildcard Procedure:** A Rotation Order is in place. The Area next in line will be asked to fill a wildcard spot in order to complete a draw at a championship. That Area gets placed at the end of the rotation order.

**Exception:** If there are only two Areas advancing to a championship, one of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams may be added to the schedule. That Area will not lose their place in the rotation order. If neither 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams can fill the spot, a Double Round Robin may be scheduled.

**Exception:** If the next Area in line for a wildcard ends up in the same flight as the LLW, that Area will be bypassed and the next Area will be asked to fill it.

**SCTA Area League Coordinators (ALC)**

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