



**2009 NORTHERN DELAWARE
CAPTAIN'S REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES
FOR ADULT, SENIOR AND SUPER SENIOR USTA LEAGUE TENNIS**

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NOTE: Delaware District USTA League Tennis rules elaborate on but do not replace or supersede USTA or USTA MS Regulations

2009 Substantive Regulation Changes are Underlined

I. USTA MEMBERSHIP AND LEAGUE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

A. All players must be members of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and registered in the USTA League Adult, Senior or Super Senior programs **before** playing his or her first match. **If a player has difficulty registering before a match, he/she must notify the Local League Coordinator in writing (email is acceptable) before match play for the match to count. If the player does not notify the coordinator, the player will be disqualified for that match.** All players must be members in good standing of the USTA through July 2009 for Adult League players, and August 2009 for Senior and Super Senior League players, and have a valid NTRP rating on record.

B. Adult League players must have reached the age of nineteen (19), Senior League players the age of fifty (50), and Super Senior League players the age of sixty (60) by December 31, 2009.

C. Players may take out or renew USTA membership or register for a team by accessing the USTA's TennisLink web site. TennisLink will check eligibility by age, gender, current USTA membership and current NTRP rating. Players without a rating will be asked to self-rate when they register. **Players cannot register for a team by phone.**

Step #1. Login to "www.delaware.usta.com".

Step #2. The Delaware District home page will be shown. Click on TennisLink in the left margin.

Step #3. The TennisLink page will be shown. From the menu at the right make the appropriate choice (Register for a team; Join the USTA; Renew your membership). Players not having a current NTRP rating will be prompted to self-rate.

Players may also apply for or renew a USTA membership by phoning 1-800-990-8782 and following the verbal instructions. A new or renewed USTA membership will be effective immediately whether application is made online using TennisLink or by phone. **Exception: Applications made by phone after 5:00pm Eastern time on weekdays or weekends when the USTA office is closed will be delayed until the next working day.**

D. The 2009 league registration fee for Delaware District USTA League players registering on TennisLink will be \$28.00/player/ team.

E. All teams must have a captain registered on TennisLink, **including his/her contact phone number and email address.**

F. Adult teams below the 5.0 level must have a minimum of eight (8) players registered on TennisLink by March 2, 2009. Senior and Super Senior teams must have a minimum of six (6) players registered by March 2, 2009. Players must notify the Local Coordinator in writing (email acceptable) if experiencing difficulty registering.

G. At least six (6) of the eight (8) players registered by March 2, 2009 on a **Northern Delaware Adult** team must be at the league level. (For example, a 4.0 Northern Delaware Adult team must have at least six 4.0 players registered.) This minimum at-level requirement does not apply to the following:

- Northern Delaware Adult teams at the previous year's lowest level (2.5 Adult Women and 3.0 Adult Men) and previous year's highest level (4.5 Adult Women and 4.5 Adult Men).
- All Northern Delaware 5.0 Adult, Senior and Super Senior teams (all levels).

H. Players are allowed to play at his/her own NTRP level but no more than one level above. For example, a 3.0 player may play on a 3.0 Adult League team and a 3.5 Adult League team, but not a 4.0 team.

I. Delaware District players are permitted to play on teams in another district during the same league season (as defined by league starting and ending dates).

J. Delaware District players may play on more than one team within the Delaware District as long as they are at different age divisions (Adult, Senior, Super Senior) or at different league NTRP levels. Such players must be properly registered on all teams (including paying registration fees), must notify team captains that they are playing on more than one team, and must follow the guidelines given below in the event more than one team advances to District or Section championships. **Any scheduling conflicts as a result of playing on more than one team, including championships, are the individual player's responsibilities.**

K. Delaware District teams may include players from other districts. Only four members from another district's team at the same level in the Adult Division, and only three members from another district's team at the same level in the Senior or Super Senior Divisions may play together on a Delaware District team. Team captains are responsible for monitoring their rosters throughout the season to ensure these limits are not exceeded. Teams in violation will not be eligible to advance to district or section championships.

Players must be properly registered on all teams (including paying registration fees), must notify team captains that they are playing in more than one district, and must follow the guidelines given below in the event more than one team advances to District or Section championships. **Any scheduling conflicts as a result of playing in more than one District, including District championships, are the individual player's responsibility.**

Guidelines For Multi-Team Players Advancing to Championships*

Player Status	More than one team advances to District Championships	More than one team advances to Middle States Section Championships
Playing at more than one level in Delaware District.	May play at more than one level.	May play at more than one level.
Playing in Delaware and another district at same level.	May play in more than one district championship.	Must choose a district.
Playing in Delaware and another district at different levels.	May play in more than one district championship and more than one level in each district championship.	Must choose a district for each level.

* If the team chosen at the district level fails to advance to section championships, the player may advance with his/her team at another level from the same district, or with his/her team from another district. Such players must be properly registered and have played the required minimum number of local league matches with the advancing team.

L. The Delaware District permits additions to rosters through Wednesday, July 1, 2009 for Adult League teams and through Saturday, August 1, 2009 for Senior and Super Senior League teams. No player registrations will be allowed after those dates. A player may transfer to a different team up to the final date for registration provided that individual has not played a match or received credit for a default.

M. Super Senior league levels will be 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 or 9.0 where the combined ratings of the team partners on a given court must be equal to or below the league level. The partners may not be more than 1.0 level apart.

It is the team captain and each player's responsibility to ensure all player qualifications of this section are met. If any violations of the above occur, the District reserves the right to change or adjust any affected league play results or standings accordingly.

II. NTRP RATING SYSTEM

A. Background

Players will register through TennisLink. If they have a valid computer rating on file in the database it will confirm their eligibility for the team. If there is no rating on file, the player will be prompted to declare a self-rating before completing the registration. All self-rated players will have to answer some questions on-line before they can self-rate.

B. Returning USTA League Tennis players

Returning players to USTA League Tennis play will begin the league season with their current NTRP computer rating.

Accessing the Internet to view current NTRP Ratings:

Step#1. Use the following URL address to get to the Delaware District home page.

www.delaware.usta.com

Step#2. On the menu in the left margin of the Delaware District home page, click on "TennisLink", then "Leagues" on the "TennisLink" page. Then click on "Find a Rating" from the menu at the right. Follow the instructions given on the page that appears.

C. New USTA League Tennis players (Players not having a computer generated rating.)

New players enter the program by rating themselves. Players unsure of their rating are encouraged to contact their local pro for guidance and/or read the level descriptions provided on the registration page. TennisLink will provide a series of online questions for new players at the time of registration to help ensure proper rating. New players will begin to generate a dynamic NTRP rating after their first match against a player who has an NTRP rating.

D. Online NTRP Appeal process

Players with a "C" (computer), "M" (mixed exclusive) or "T" (tournament exclusive) suffix shown after their rating) may appeal the rating online at TennisLink. Players with a "B" suffix are district, section or national benchmarks and may not appeal their rating in the year in which they are generated. Once granted, players cannot appeal again electronically. Players having difficulty should send an email to Sally Baird, Middle States Director of Adult Competition (baird@ms.usta.com).

Players should appeal their own ratings. Captains who appeal the ratings of team members without their permission will be subject to grievance if the player complains.

Follow these steps to appeal a rating online.

Step #1 Login to the Delaware District web site, www.delaware.usta.com.

Step #2 Click on "TennisLink" in the left margin of the district home page.

Step #3 On the "TennisLink" page, click on "Leagues".

Step #4 Click on "Find a Rating" from the menu at the right. Follow the instructions given on the page that appears.

Step #5 Enter your USTA membership number in the space provided under “**Select a Method to Search**”.

Step #6 Under "Rating Type" on the page showing the player's current rating, click on "Appeal Rating". **The player's zip code will have to be entered.**

Step #7 A message will immediately display telling the player if his/her appeal is granted or denied. If the appeal is denied, the only other avenue of appeal is a medical appeal. Medical appeals must be submitted to Sally Baird, Middle States Director of Adult Competition (baird@ms.usta.com), who will forward to the Middle States Medical Appeals Committee. Medical appeals will only be granted in the event of a very serious, permanent injury.

E. NTRP Disqualification

Dynamic NTRP ratings will be calculated after every match to determine if Adult or Senior Division players are clearly above level (a “strike”). Players will be disqualified if they achieve the currently established above level status three times (three “strikes”) based on all matches reported during the championship league year. Year-end computer (C) and benchmark (B) players are not subject to dynamic NTRP disqualification. All other Players with rating designations of “A” (appeals-all), “S” (self-rated), “M” (mixed exclusive), “T” (tournament exclusive) and “D” (dynamic rating-usually an early start rating moved down) are subject to disqualification.

Sally Baird, Middle States Director of Adult Competition, is responsible for monitoring dynamic ratings. If a "third strike" situation arises, she will notify (a) the affected player; (b) the player's team captain; and (c) the relevant Area and Local League Coordinators. Notification is made within one business day of determination that a third strike has been received. The team captain of the disqualified player will have seven (7) days to **appeal** the disqualification. Appeals must be based on missing or incorrect information, and submitted in writing (email acceptable) to Sally Baird, Middle States Director of Adult Competition (baird@ms.usta.com).

F. Effects of Player Disqualification

Eligibility: A disqualified player is not eligible to participate at that NTRP level.

Local League Matches: If a player is disqualified, the last three matches played shall be considered losses for the disqualified player and wins for the opposing player or doubles team.

Delaware District Championship Matches: The last individual match during District championship play shall be considered a loss and a win by the opposing player or doubles team.

G. Self-Rate Grievance Procedures

Any league captain, coordinator or member of a championship committee has the right to file a Self-Rate Grievance against a player and/or captain who commits or condones self-rating at one NTRP level when his/her actual skill level is at the top of the next level or higher. See form titled "Protocol for Filing a Self-Rate Grievance". In order for a self-rate grievance to be accepted, the player's history must be part of the grievance. Self-rate grievances must be filed with Sally Baird, Middle States Director of Adult Competition (baird@ms.usta.com).

Self-Rate Grievances filed within two weeks of the start date of the player's and/or captain's District or Section Championships will be administered after the event unless the section authorizes the administration of the grievance prior to that time. If the grievance is not administered until after the event, points won by players will stand. Disqualified players and/or captains that are suspended will not be eligible to advance to the next level of championship play.

III. SCHEDULES AND PERMITS

A. Team Courts

After consulting with their Local League Coordinator to determine the number of matches to be played, **captains of teams providing courts for their “Home” matches** should work with their site manager to develop the following information for league play at their site. The information must be submitted to Tom Ellis, Delaware District Area League Coordinator (tderre@del.net) by **March 7, 2009**. Teams that do not provide Team Courts information by that date will be assigned to District courts.

Captains are asked to provide 10-20% additional dates and times to allow for rescheduling rainouts or conflicts. In some instances, more than one team may have its “Home” courts at the same site. When this happens, teams are asked to specify dates and times that do not conflict with those of other teams at the site, or teams may request the Area League Coordinator to determine the dates and times. Teams that provide courts for their “Home” matches are to provide them free of charge to visiting teams.

- Team Name _____
- Team Number _____
- Site Name _____
- Division (Adult, Senior, Super Senior) _____
- Flight NTRP (3.0, 3.5, etc.) _____
- Gender (Men, Women) _____
- Number of Courts _____
- Day(s) of Week and Match Starting Time(s) for each day _____
- Earliest Available Date _____
- Last Available Date _____
- Date(s) Courts not Available _____

B. District Courts

Before the start of each league season, district administrators will contact managers of public courts throughout the Delaware area to obtain authorization to use their courts for “Home” matches. These courts, referred to as “District Courts”, are made available to teams not having access to private courts. The site, date and time information is made available on the district web site’s Randolph Scheduler “Team Preferences” page to allow team captains using district courts to choose their preferred site(s), day(s) and time(s) for **home** matches. Teams **will not** be required to pay court fees when using District courts.

For a court to qualify as a “District Court”, it must:

- Be available to any team during the initial scheduling process, and
- Have all unscheduled slots available to any team for rescheduling matches throughout the season.

C. Data Input to the Delaware District Randolph Scheduler.

All team captains must fill out their Randolph Scheduler “Personal Profile” and “Team Preferences” forms found on web site “www.detennis.com/access.php”. Team Preferences may be revised through the March 7th deadline. Contact your Local League Coordinator if you have questions concerning the procedure.

D. Delaware's leagues have grown significantly in recent years. Most of the 1,100 scheduled matches are expected to be played within a three and one-half month period on a limited number of courts. To ensure completion of all scheduled matches by the league deadline, teams will be limited to sixteen (16) matches per team per flight.

E. Matches at some sites may be scheduled back-to-back. Teams scheduled to play a match on courts still being used should allow the matches to be completed.

F. Copies of permits for District courts will be posted on the Delaware District's web site, "delaware.usta.com". Captains should take a copy with them in the event they have difficulty getting non-league players to vacate the courts.

IV. MATCH RESCHEDULING PROCEDURES

A. General

Matches may be rescheduled because of rain, darkness, courts are unexpectedly unavailable, both captains agree to reschedule, or conflicts with the USTA tennis events listed in Section "E", below. When rescheduling, captains should keep in mind that league tennis is a team sport and every effort should be made to reschedule all courts to be played at the same location and time. **The Local League Coordinator must be notified of any reschedules.**

B. Rainouts

In the event of rain or impending rain, captains should communicate by phone in sufficient time prior to the match so that team members can be notified of cancellation. As long as both captains are in agreement, the match may be postponed because of weather. If there is any dispute between captains concerning whether to play or not to play, both teams must show up at the scheduled match site and start time in order to avoid a potential forfeit. If teams have assembled to play and the beginning of the match is delayed by rain or wet courts, teams must wait no longer than one hour past the scheduled start time.

If matches are started and it begins to rain, the two captains should immediately decide if they want to reschedule all courts to be played at one time and location, or if they want to reschedule on a court-by-court basis. Players **must** stop playing as soon as a lightning flash is visible in the area, no matter how far away, and reschedule. When rescheduling, substitutions or lineup changes are not allowed on individual courts where the first point has been served, or on defaulted courts. Substitutions and lineup changes are allowed on courts where the first point has not been served and not defaulted.

C. Rescheduling on a Court-by-court Basis

If captains agree to reschedule on a court-by-court basis, they should exchange player names, phone numbers and scores on courts where matches have been started, and agree on make-up dates and locations. The "Home" team captain is responsible for confirming the new schedule with the Local League Coordinator.

If the two captains cannot agree on make-up dates and/or locations for courts to be rescheduled **within two weeks of the original schedule**, the Coordinator **shall** pick 2-3 dates and/or locations from which the captains may choose. If the captains cannot agree, the Coordinator **shall** assign the dates and/or locations. Note: The rescheduled courts do not have to be played within two weeks of the original schedule.

D. Rescheduling to Play All Courts at the Same Time

If captains agree to reschedule to play all courts at one time, they should review the list of AVAIL slots shown on the league master schedule (see delaware.usta.com). After reaching agreement on a new slot, the "Home" captain must confirm the new slot with the Local League Coordinator. The Coordinator will assign the match to the new slot.

If the two captains cannot agree on a make-up slot **within two weeks of the original schedule**, the Coordinator **shall** pick 2-3 slots from which the captains may choose. If the captains cannot agree, the Coordinator **shall** assign the slot. Note: The rescheduled match does not have to be played within two weeks of the original schedule.

E. Matches may be rescheduled if two or more players on a team are involved in the following USTA events. The opposing captain must be notified at least one week prior to the scheduled match.

NOTE: Rescheduling does not apply to tournaments.

- Delaware District Mixed Doubles Championships.
- Mixed Doubles Section and Regional Championships.
- District, Section and National Championships.

V. MATCH PROCEDURES

A. An individual player may play in only one singles or doubles match within each team match.

B. After the first game of each set and during a tiebreak, play **shall be continuous** and players shall change ends without a rest period. At the conclusion of the first set, a set break of no longer than two minutes is permitted. A ten minute set break with coaching is allowed between a second and third set when a full third set is played.

C. Players on an individual court will play a Match Tiebreak in lieu of a full third set unless all players involved agree to a third set. Such an election may be taken at any time during the match. A two-minute rest break is allowed, but coaching is not allowed between a second set and a Match Tiebreak.

A **Match Tiebreak** winner is decided by player(s) reaching first to 10 by a margin of two. The player or team whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the first point. (In doubles, *either player* may serve first.) The opponent shall be the server for the second and third points and thereafter each player shall serve alternately for two consecutive points until the winner of the Tiebreak set has been decided. The winner's Tiebreak score shall be scored on TennisLink as 1-0, "timed match" for the third set.

D. The **Coman** tiebreak procedure will be used in all local league matches, and District and Section championships. The Coman procedure is the same as the present "set" or "match" tiebreak except that ends are changed after the first point, then after every four points, and at the conclusion of the tiebreak.

E. Each team must have a captain or acting captain present at every match. Captains must exchange scorecards simultaneously, complete with player names, five minutes prior to the scheduled match starting time.

F. The Delaware District web site's TennisLink section can be used by team captains to review team rosters and league standings. Prior to each match, captains should carefully check to ensure that each player is registered and rated within the flight level.

G. Because the order of strength rule is not enforced at Section and National championships, there will be no order of strength rule in effect for local league play. Nevertheless, captains are encouraged to field their players in order of strength.

H. All defaults must be made from the bottom up (third doubles before second doubles or second singles before first singles). Available players must move up to the necessary team positions to accommodate any defaults. If both Captains have less than the full number of players to fill all courts, each Captain must determine his/her own line-up separately and then exchange line-up cards to determine which courts will be played.

I. If a team gives written advance notice (email acceptable) that courts will be defaulted, those courts remain a default. This rule applies to originally scheduled as well as rescheduled matches. For example, if a team cannot field players for one or more courts and notifies its opponent in advance that courts will be defaulted, that team cannot then have players show up to play the courts unless the opposing captain agrees.

J. If player(s) are disqualified for whatever reason (not registered for the team, etc.) all matches played by the player(s) shall be considered losses. All scores for matches played must be left in TennisLink for NTRP calculation purposes. Sally Baird, Middle States Director of Adult Competition, will “disqualify” the match for the disqualified player.

K. Cell phones or pagers must be turned off during a match. If a player's cell phone or pager rings during a point, that player loses the point.

L. When players disagree on the score during play, the following procedure from the USTA’s “Friend at Court, The Code” should be used to resolve the dispute.

Step#1: Count all points and games agreed upon by the players and replay only the disputed points or games; if they cannot agree, go to Step#2.

Step#2: Play from a score mutually agreeable to the players; if they cannot agree, go to Step#3.

Step#3: Each player states the score they believe it is, then a racquet is spun and the winner’s score stands.

M. The team listed as the “Home” team on league schedules shall provide balls for the match.

N. A minimum of two teams is required for each flight, and every team must play every other team within the flight at least once. Any flight with only two or three teams is required to play a minimum of three local league matches.

Note: Some higher NTRP level flights (e.g. 5.0) occasionally do not have enough at-level players to form the minimum number of teams. If this happens in ALL districts, the Middle States Director of Adult Competition (Sally Baird) MAY choose to play a local league in "tournament style" at the Section championships. Local League Coordinators having a single-team flight should contact Sally Baird to determine the status of leagues in other Middle States districts and ask if a "local league" will be played at the Section championships. If necessary, the Local League Coordinator is authorized to form a local league to qualify a team for Section championships, including having players from lower levels that would otherwise be outside of the normal playing rules for level of play.

O. In a 5-court match, a team may default a maximum of two courts; in a 3-court match, a team may default a maximum of one court without **defaulting the entire match**. A team that defaults an entire team match may not advance to any championship level. Scores for any courts played and defaults, should be entered in TennisLink. The Local League Coordinator should let Sally Baird know that the match should be "disqualified". The scores for courts played will be used for NTRP calculation purposes.

P. Teams advancing to District or Section championships must have played each team within their flight, and have recorded all match scores on TennisLink by the league deadline date. (See Section XII.A. for deadlines.)

Q. Spectators are **not** allowed on a court during a match.

R. Deerfield has only four courts. Captains of ADULT Teams playing five courts at Deerfield should check the schedule shown on the district web site to determine if another ADULT match is scheduled in the following time slot. If no match is scheduled, or if a SENIOR match is scheduled in the slot, the fifth court may be played on the empty court. Changes are continually made to schedules and captains should check shortly before the match. If an ADULT match is scheduled in the next slot, captains should agree ahead of time to play the 5th courts at another site. In case of staggered matches, team captains must agree in advance (in writing, e-mail acceptable) on start time for each individual match. The host captain has the final say if no agreement can be reached.

S. If matches are scheduled back-to-back at Bellevue, a match tiebreak must be played in lieu of a third set.

VI. WARM-UP PERIOD, LATENESS & DEFAULTS

A. Lateness: Any player who is more than FIFTEEN (15) minutes late for a match may be defaulted by the opposing team. For scorecard purposes, enter the names of the winner(s) and the match status as "default". The score will automatically be recorded as a 6-0, 6-0 win for the players or doubles team receiving the default. If both opposing players (doubles teams) default, enter the match status as "double default."

B. Warm-Up Period: All matches should start PROMPTLY at the time scheduled. Players are allowed a TEN-MINUTE warm-up. Unless a late arriving player waives it, the warm-up period will be allowed as long as the player is on the court and ready to play before the 15-minute default time expires.

C. If a team defaults an entire team match where players do not show on any court, that team may not be allowed to form as a team the following season. This decision shall be at the sole discretion of the Delaware District.

VII. DARKNESS RULE

A. If a match is not completed before sunset, upon the request of either team, the match may be suspended and completed at a later date, preferably at the same location. Go to district web site "delaware.usta.com" for a list of sunset times for playing dates throughout the season. The rescheduling procedures given in section IV shall be followed.

B. If both teams wish to play beyond sunset, they are strongly encouraged to do so. Daylight conditions vary during the course of the summer. If outdoor lights are available at the match site, these courts should be utilized at the start of the match so play can continue until the match is completed. Indoor courts may be utilized at the concurrence of all players involved, recognizing that court fees may apply for all players.

VIII. COURT CONDUCT

A. All matches should be conducted according to USTA Code of Conduct rules. Any violation of these rules may be grounds for filing a grievance. Rules can be found in "The Code: The Players' Guide for Unofficial Matches". Go to web site www.tennisserver.com/code.html for a copy.

B. Players are responsible for picking up litter or trash left at court sites. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED AT ALL SITES.** When informed of alcoholic beverage use, the Local League Coordinator shall file a grievance with the District Grievance Committee. Violation(s) may result in players or teams being suspended.

C. Private clubs do not allow tank tops, spandex running shorts or running shoes. If there are questions, check with the club's team captain.

D. Disrespectful behavior toward site managers will not be tolerated. When informed of such behavior, the Local League Coordinator shall file a grievance using the procedure given in Section XI. Violation(s) may result in players or teams being suspended from play. The District will accept a site manager's interpretation of "disrespectful behavior".

IX. SCORE RECORDING

A. Match results must be recorded on TennisLink by **EITHER** captain within 72 hours of the match completion, and verified by the **OPPOSING** captain within 48 hours. Match scores will be locked-in on TennisLink after 48 hours of their entry if the opposing captain has not verified the entry. Once a captain records a score, only the Local League Coordinator can make a change in case of error. A captain must contact the Coordinator when a score is disputed. Failure to report scores may result in the winning team not receiving credit for the win and the losing team not having the matches recorded and counted. Scorecards should be retained in case of future disputes.

Step #1. Log on to "www.delaware.usta.com".

Step #2. The Delaware District home page will be shown. Click in TennisLink in the left margin.

Step #3. The TennisLink page will be shown. Click on "Record a score" in the right margin.

Step #4. A new page will come up where you will be asked to enter your USTA number and the match number.

Step #5. A new page will come up and you will be asked to verify the teams for the match number you entered. After verifying, click "Next".

Step #6. The page for entering scores will display. Enter the scores. NOTE: IF A PLAYER'S NAME IS NOT SHOWN WHEN CHOOSING PLAYERS FROM THE TEAM DROP-DOWN MENU, THAT PLAYER MAY NOT BE REGISTERED. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LEAGUE COORDINATOR IF THIS HAPPENS.

Step #7. Always be sure to choose "Finish" before exiting scorecard entry.

If you do not agree with a score previously entered, choose "Dispute" and contact your Local League Coordinator by email with a copy to the opposing captain stating the reason for the dispute.

B. Captains may review other match scorecards by entering the match number in the "Match Number" field at the bottom of the TennisLink screen.

X. CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES

A. General. A District Championship is a meeting of flight winners. Flight winners must be seeded above flight runners-up (second or third place finishers) irrespective of the number of teams within flights. As an example, if a level (e.g. 3.5 Adult Men) has multiple flights, one with five teams, another with ten teams, etc., each flight's winner must participate in a District championship to determine which team will advance to Section championships. In an effort to make leagues more competitive, Delaware's League Coordinators may invite second or third place teams in a flight to compete in championships. Such teams cannot be seeded.

B. Winners in **single flight** leagues **not** participating in District championships will be determined as follows:

1. Winner of the most courts
2. Loser of the fewest number of sets.
3. Loser of the fewest number of games.
4. Winner of head-to-head match.

C. Rain During District Championships. Rain invariably causes delays. Matches are not shifted from outdoor to indoor sites until the Championships Committee concludes that outdoor play cannot proceed within a reasonable amount of time, or if the forecast indicates a high probability of rain. Therefore, teams should be prepared for the following:

- Matches being delayed
- Waiting on-site for further instructions
- Matches being postponed to the following day(s), evenings, or the following weekend.
- Possible shift to no-ad scoring or pro sets
- Divisions and teams being split between different sites
- Championship matches being played throughout an entire weekend, including evening play
- Paying a fee for indoor play (currently \$14.00/player/match)

XI. GRIEVANCES

All captains should read the 2009 USTA League Tennis Regulations and the USTA Middle States Section Rules for additional rules and grievance procedures. When in doubt about a rule or procedure, contact your Local League Coordinator. If it becomes necessary to file a grievance, follow the procedures spelled out in the 2009 USTA League Tennis Regulations, Section 2.02B. All grievances must be submitted in writing (hard copy or e-mail) to the Delaware District Area League Coordinator (Tom Ellis, tderre@del.net) within two weeks of the next team match in that flight involving the player or team, or within 24 hours after the deadline for the end of local league play, whichever occurs first. A Local League Coordinator or member of a Championship committee may file a grievance at any time. Upon receipt of the complaint, the Area League Coordinator will immediately send a copy to the Chair of the Delaware District League Grievance Committee and to the persons listed below.

- 1) Captain of the player(s) or team against whom the grievance has been made;
- 2) Local League Coordinator;
- 3) Delaware District Executive Secretary;
- 4) Middle States Director of Adult Competition.

XII. CALENDAR FOR DELAWARE DISTRICT 2009 LEAGUE PLAY

- A.** Deadline for completion of all Delaware District **Adult** League matches: FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2009 - OR - SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2009 (if District Level Championships apply)

Deadline for completion of all Delaware District **Senior** and **Super Senior** League matches: MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2009 - OR - SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2009 (if District Level Championships apply)

- B.** Delaware District Adult League Championships; Rodney Street Courts; Wilmington, DE; SATURDAY and SUNDAY, JULY 25-26, 2009.
- C.** Delaware District Senior League Championships; Rodney Street Courts; Wilmington, DE; SATURDAY and SUNDAY, AUGUST 15-16, 2009.

XIII. 2009 DELAWARE DISTRICT COORDINATORS AND COMMITTEES

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XIV. 2009 DISTRICT COURT List (Preliminary List and Subject to Change)

LOCATION	DAY	TIME	#COURTS
Archmere Academy	Mon	6:00 PM	5
Archmere Academy	Tues	6:00 PM	5
Archmere Academy	Wed	6:00 PM	5
Archmere Academy	Thurs	6:00 PM	5
Archmere Academy	Fri	6:00 PM	5
Archmere Academy	Sat	9:00 AM	5
Archmere Academy	Sat	11:00 AM	5
Archmere Academy	Sun	9:00 AM	5
Banning Park	Wed	6:00 PM	5
Banning Park	Fri	6:00 PM	5
Bellevue	Mon	6:00 PM	5
Bellevue	Fri	6:00 PM	5
Bellevue	Sat	12:00 PM	5
Bellevue	Sun	12:00 PM	5
Christiana H.S.	Tues	6:00 PM	5
Christiana H.S.	Wed	6:00 PM	5
Christiana H.S.	Thurs	6:00 PM	5
Delcastle Tennis Center	Fri	9:00 AM	3
Delcastle Tennis Center	Fri	6:00 PM	5
Delcastle Tennis Center	Sat	8:30 AM	5
Delcastle Tennis Center	Sat	10:30 AM	5
Delcastle Tennis Center	Sat	12:30 PM	5
Delcastle Tennis Center	Sat	2:30 PM	5
Delcastle Tennis Center	Sun	8:30 AM	5
Delcastle Tennis Center	Sun	10:30 AM	5
Delcastle Tennis Center	Sun	12:30 PM	5
Delcastle Tennis Center	Sun	2:30 PM	5
Deerfield*	Sat	9:00 AM	4
Deerfield*	Sat	11:00 AM	4
Deerfield*	Sat	1:00 PM	4
Deerfield*	Sat	3:00 PM	4
Deerfield*	Sun	9:00 AM	4
Deerfield*	Sun	11:00 AM	4
Deerfield*	Sun	1:00 PM	4
Deerfield*	Sun	3:00 PM	4
Independence School	Tues	6:00 PM	5
Independence School	Thurs	6:00 PM	5
McKean HS (Seniors only)	Tues	6:00 PM	3
McKean HS (Seniors only)	Thurs	6:00 PM	3
Mt Pleasant HS	Tues	6:00 PM	5
Paper Mill (Seniors only)	Tues	6:00 PM	3
Paper Mill (Seniors only)	Thurs	6:00 PM	3
Sanford School	Mon	6:00 PM	5
Sanford School	Wed	6:00 PM	5
Sanford School	Thurs	6:00 PM	5
William Penn H.S.	Mon	6:00 PM	5
William Penn H.S.	Wed	6:00 PM	5