

MEMPHIS STANDARD LEAGUE  
REGULATIONS  
(Revised 12/15/2020)

**Roster Rule:**

A player may be added to the team roster up until the last day to add a player but it must be before they step foot on court for warm-up of individual match they will play.

**. Forfeit rule:**

Any team/captain who has more than 4 forfeits in 18+ and 40+, or 3 forfeits in 55+ during one league season may be sanctioned for the next local USTA season. Sanctions will be determined by local rules committee, however, can include up to a local league USTA season suspension.

**.Vacate rule:**

.if your team's match is not finished by the time the next scheduled match is to start,

your players will have to vacate the courts and finish per the inclement weather regulation

if one or both of the next scheduled match captains so desire.

Please use common sense and if perhaps the players are in a 3rd set tie breaker let them finish if feasible.

**.Inclement weather rule:**

.An inclement weather reschedule because of rain, snow, ice, darkness or weather below 40 degrees becomes official if courts or conditions are unplayable for more than

40 minutes during the 2 hour block matches are scheduled to be played.

The supervisor of the courts will determine whether they are playable; if there is no supervisor, the

team captains will jointly make that determination. If the captains are not able to reach each other to determine if a

match is eligible for inclement weather reschedule, the teams must go to the courts and be ready to play.

a.) If match play has already started and then the match is rained out, all points, games and sets played at the time the match is rained out will count; make-up matches will begin at the point they are terminated and may be played

on an alternate surface if both captains agree. The players on the court should make note of the score, who is serving and all other matters concerning the match. If a team has forfeited a court on the original written and exchanged lineup, that forfeits stands and all players involved in such forfeits cannot participate in the reschedule. Forfeits offered verbally prior to the original written lineup exchange are nullified when the match is rescheduled due to rain or inclement weather.

b.) If a written line up has been exchanged but play did not start, substitutions from the team roster may be made on any non default court. The individual courts do not have to be made up at the same time.

c.) If a make-up match is required, the 2 team captains shall agree on a date for the make up match. The individual courts do not have to be made up at the same time. Once the captains have agreed on a match date and time, that date and time is official and cannot be changed. The new match date, time and location should be emailed to Local League Coordinator for the specific league and both team captains. Once this date has been agreed upon by both captains, the match date and time become official and the match date and time cannot be changed without the consent of the LLC. The match must be made up by the 14<sup>th</sup> day after the match was originally scheduled. If captains cannot agree on a date, the match will automatically be scheduled for 5 pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> day from the originally scheduled date. If that make-up time is rained out, the match will be played the next day at 5 pm. If that make-up is rained out, the match will be played on the next day and so on until the match is played. NO EXCEPTIONS! Keep in mind all matches must be completed by date in local league rules governing the specific league.

Therefore, rain outs that occur the last weekend of league play will be scheduled immediately by the LLC. NO EXCEPTIONS!

**Heat Rule:**

If the temperature is 94 degrees or higher (not heat index) per [weatherchannel.com](http://weatherchannel.com) at the scheduled match time, then the match may be rescheduled as long as it is played within the 14 day makeup rule. You may still play the match if both captains agree to play.

**.usta championships reschedule rule**

.A team that has at least 6 players that are playing in a USTA league championship for a Memphis based team may reschedule their match. The 6 players must go and attend the championships for the team to be eligible to reschedule their match. The captain of the team that needs to reschedule, must notify the opposing team captain at least 7 days prior to the scheduled match. Then, both captains must notify the LLC by email that the match is to be rescheduled. The same rules that apply to rainout reschedules will apply to this type of reschedule: Once the captains have agreed on a match date and time, that date and time is official and cannot be changed. The new match date, time and location must be emailed to LLC by both team captains. Once this date has been agreed upon by both captains, the match date and time become official and the match date and time cannot be changed without the consent of the LLC. The match must be made up by the 14<sup>th</sup> day after the match was originally scheduled. If captains cannot agree on a date, the match will automatically be scheduled for 5 pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> day from the originally scheduled date. If that make-up time is rained out, the match will be played the next day at 5 pm. If that make-up is rained out, the match will be played on the next day and so on until the match is played. NO EXCEPTIONS! Keep in mind all matches must be completed by (TBD) .Therefore, rain outs that occur the last weekend of league play will be scheduled immediately by the LLC. NO EXCEPTIONS.

**.City playoff rule:**

.All teams playing in the city playoffs will be required to pay a \$250 security deposit (payable to MTA), which will be destroyed upon completion of city playoffs if team has played all of its scheduled playoff matches. If a team knows that it will not be able to attend state championships, that team needs to decline the playoff bid and it will be given to the next place team in the bracket.

. Any bracket with 7 or more teams in a flight or bracket will advance 2 teams to the city playoffs. Any bracket or flight with 6 or fewer teams will only advance one team to city playoffs.

.For city playoffs the USTA lateness rule will be enforced: 5 minutes penalty is loss of one game and loss of toss, 10 minutes penalty is loss of 2 games and loss of toss, 15 minutes penalty is loss of 3 games and loss of toss. Greater than 15 minutes penalty is default of court.

### **.Memphis Tennis Association – USTA League Spectator Code of Conduct**

In an effort to promote fairness and to ensure a physically and mentally healthy experience for all players, tennis has expectations around spectator behavior to promote a more enjoyable and fair experience for everyone involved.

All spectators attending any USTA League match in Memphis are to adhere to the rules of conduct below:

1. Appropriate clapping or cheering for good shots is encouraged and is allowed. Spectators should do so for both teams' good shots. Wait until point has finished before doing so, otherwise it is a distraction to the players.
2. It is considered poor etiquette to cheer when a player makes an error.
3. It is the responsibility of the Team Captain to make sure their teammates who are spectating do so respectfully to all players.
4. ANY disrespectful, disruptive or abusive behavior by a spectator towards a player on the court shall be cause for immediate removal from the playing area, and if warranted, from the premises.
5. If said behavior is directed toward a player – either before, during or after a match – it shall result in an automatic and immediate suspension of that spectator's right to attend USTA League matches in Memphis, for a period of time to be determined by the Memphis Tennis Association's rules committee. Any prior reported or recorded offenses will be taken into account for this time period.
6. Any inappropriate behavior or communication towards a player on court by a spectator – whether it be about a ruling, line call, style of play or any other facet of tennis – is strictly prohibited while a match

is in progress.

[Link to USTA 2020 FRIEND at COURT](#) (Handbook of Rules & Regulations), including THE CODE, The Player Guide to Fair Play and the Unwritten Rules of Tennis, where courtesy, cooperation and etiquette are expected.