



2014 55&Over Adult League TENNESSEE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOTES TO CAPTAINS:

NEW IN 2014!

The championship tie break procedures are as follows:

2.03H Procedures in the Event of a Tie. In the event of a tie, whether in round robin or single elimination competition, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:

2.03H(1) Individual Matches. Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.

2.03H(2) Head-to-Head. Winner of head-to-head match.

2.03H(3) Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets.

2.03H(4) Games. Loser of the fewest number of games.

2.03H(5) A Method to be Determined by the Championships Committee.

- **There is no coaching at any time.** There will be **no** communication between spectators and players during a match. Spectators are not to hang on the fence during the match. Officials will assume you are coaching, and a warning will be issued.
- A reminder that this is an UNOFFICIATED league. There will be a single USTA official available for questions and guidance during the event. If you have questions or concerns during a match please go to your site director first.
- Teams are to report to the court site 30 minutes prior to scheduled match time.
- Team line-ups must be turned in to the tournament desk at or before the scheduled match time. At that time all competing players (for that match) must be present and ready to play (bathroom visits completed).
- Use the official scorecard (available at the Tournament Desk) to turn in line-up. Please print neatly using the players' names exactly as listed on the roster.
- **If a team defaults a court, the opposing captain will be offered the opportunity before line-ups are exchanged to modify his/her line-up.**
- Any team defaulting a court at the Tennessee State League Championships without prior approval from the Championship Committee will be fined fifty (\$50) dollars per defaulted court.
- Matches will be put on court in order of play #1 doubles, #2 doubles, #3 doubles for matches. Be sure your players are on the right court. Have your players introduce themselves to the opponents, i.e., *"I'm Patty; my partner is Vicki, and we are playing #1 doubles from Memphis."*



- Tell your players to report the score and return the used balls to the Tournament Desk immediately after each individual match is completed. At the completion of the team match, captains are to return to the Tournament Desk and sign the scorecards together to avoid disputes.
- **Request your players to fill water jugs and ice chests before coming to the courts. Ice and water will be provided but not enough to fill each container for all the players.**
- Drink plenty of liquids (water, PowerAde, etc.) the night before your match.
- If a problem occurs on your court, **only the players** involved can go to the Tournament Desk and report it to the staff person “in charge” of that site. **Do not** ask spectators to resolve a problem or to get a Site Director for you.
- Proper tennis attire is required for both men and women during the Championships.
- **Cell phones on the court must be turned off.** The ringing of a cell phone on the court during play will result in a loss of point.
- In the event of rain, the Site Director will stop play; and players will report their score in progress to the Tournament Desk. Players should not leave the site until released by the Site Director. Coaching is allowed during a rain delay as play is suspended.
- Awards will be presented to Champions and team photos taken after each level’s finals.
- **Ask questions if you are not sure of something. The Championships Staff is there to help you.**
- Please remember we are guests of Knoxville and we should respect the sites. Please be sure your players pick up their trash and help keep the courts clean. **ALL Knoxville FACILITIES ARE NON-SMOKING!**

Practice Courts:

The courts used for the State Championships are not available for practice during scheduled match times. Arrangements for practice courts are the players’ responsibility.

Site Locations:

West Hills Tennis Courts
410 N Winston Road
Knoxville, TN 37919
865-357-0720

Tyson Family Tennis Center
2351 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN 37919
865-522-3303



Penalties for Lateness

FAC Comment IV.D-1: When a court is available, the Referee calls the matches on or shortly before the scheduled match time. If a court is not available, the Referee may delay calling the matches until a court is available. When several matches are scheduled at the same time, the Referee shall call all the matches at the same time. For example, if five matches are scheduled at 10:00 AM but only one court is available, the Referee should call all matches shortly before 10:00 AM and should start the lateness clock on all players who have not checked in by 10:00 AM. When more matches are scheduled than there are courts available, the Referee may put the matches out in any order. A player does not escape the lateness penalty because the player's match was one of the last matches to be put on the court.

If one of several matches scheduled at the same time is put out early and when the scheduled time arrives there is no available court, the lateness penalty clock does not start until another court comes available.

USTA League Interpretation

Teams are requested to submit lineups 30 minutes prior to match time with all players in the lineup present and ready to play. This policy is intended to keep the matches on schedule and when the captain's comply with this request, all of the teams benefit. Team captains are required to submit the lineup no later than the scheduled match time with all players in the lineup present and ready to play. The lateness penalties should be assessed against all players who are late for the same scheduled match time as long as at least one court is available. The Tournament Referee has the ability to enforce the following penalties if warranted.

PENALTIES FOR LATENESS

5 MINUTES OR LESS LOSS OF TOSS PLUS 1 GAME

5:01- 10 MINUTES LOSS OF TOSS PLUS 2 GAMES

10:01- 15 MINUTES LOSS OF TOSS PLUS 3 GAMES

MORE THAN 15 MINUTES DEFAULT



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RAIN PROCEDURE

If you are already at a site when it starts to rain, stay there until the Site Director gives you instructions. Depending on the length of the rain delay, an 8 game pro set format may be engaged. 8 game Pro Set with a 7-point tiebreak at 8 all.

If a match changes time or location, we will contact you.

Keep your cell phone on so we can reach you!

Captains only may call the following number: 865-384-8017 – Tournament Director

Please watch for announcements on USTA Tennessee social media sites:

Facebook: [facebook.com/tennesseetennis](https://www.facebook.com/tennesseetennis)

Twitter: [@ustatennessee](https://twitter.com/ustatennessee)

SOUTHERN SECTIONAL AND STATE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS CANCELLATION POLICY

Should inclement weather or other circumstances prevent the completion of a Sectional or State Championship, the Tournament Committee will determine whether the matches played at the point of cancellation will be used to determine round robin group winners and a champion and finalist in each level.

If the Tournament Committee determines that there was a lack of "equal opportunity" for all teams in the level due to the schedule of play, the Tournament Committee will place all teams in a drawing to determine the champion and finalist in each level. (For instance, in a five team round robin, one team may be in first place at the time of cancellation with two matches played, while other teams in the round robin have fewer matches played. This example would not provide "equal opportunity" for all teams in the round robin and would not be used to determine the round robin group winner).

If any team(s) in a round robin flight is mathematically out of contention at the time of championship cancellation it will be excluded from the drawing.



THE COMAN TIEBREAK FORMAT:

The Coman tiebreak procedure is identical to the regular tiebreak procedure except that the players change ends after the first point and then after every four points, and at the conclusion of the tiebreak.

Set TieBreak: First to win 7 points by 2 wins "Game" and "Set."

3rd Set Match TieBreak: First to win 10 points by 2 wins match.

The player whose turn it is to serve shall serve the first point from the deuce court.

After the first point, the players shall change ends and the following two points shall be served by the opponent(s) (in doubles, the player of the opposing team due to serve next) starting from the ad court.

After this, each player/team shall serve alternately for two consecutive points (starting from the ad court);

changing ends after every four points, until the end of the tiebreak game.

Switch sides after points 1,5,9,13,17... and at the conclusion.

Principle Advantages

Fairness – By changing ends more frequently, the effects of the elements (sun, wind, etc.) are distributed more evenly between the two opponents as opposed to playing six consecutive points before changing ends.

In doubles, the server will always serve from the same end of the court, rather than having to serve from both ends.