

**CITY OF CHANDLER
RECREATION DIVISION
TENNIS LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS**

LEVELS OF PLAY/RATINGS

1. The City of Chandler levels for Adult leagues are 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5. Levels of play for the League are described in terms of “maximum” ratings. Players cannot have a rating higher than the league level in which they are competing. It is not necessary for players on a doubles team to be of the same rating. However, if there is a mixture of abilities, the team may compete at the level of their combined rating.
2. **New** players **must** be rated at a Chandler Tennis Center rating clinic **or** by one of the CTC Pros before registering for league play. Players with a verified National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) rating do not need to be rated.
3. **Advancement to the next level of league play** is allowed when, (1) it is approved by the league coordinator; (2) it is based on dominance of league division; or (3) upon your second league win within a 12-month period. Remember, winning your division once does not automatically qualify you to move up a division. **Once you are participating (or previously participated) in CTC leagues, your performances will be the basis for league rating movement, either up or down in divisions.**
4. Any player/team below the required 50% obtainable points will be placed **on watch**. However, any player/team @ 40% or below obtainable points **will** be automatically be moved down one division the following season.
5. If the team/player has been put **on watch for two leagues/two seasons**, the team/player will be automatically moved down one division.
6. League participants **MAY NOT BE RE-RATED** at the end of any season to “stay” in the division that you did not make your rating requirement. **Your league rating is based on your performance in league play.**
7. Substitutes and forfeits are not calculated towards a player/team League Rating evaluation.

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITY MATCHES MUST BE PLAYED AS SCHEDULED.

Most players go to great lengths to arrange work schedules, baby-sitters, etc. so either play or get a substitute. **Matches will not be rescheduled.** You have a commitment to play, so please be there on time and ready to play. If you accept responsibility to sub and then are unable to play, it becomes your job to find a replacement sub for yourself.

MATCH LENGTH

1. Each match is allotted 1.5 hours to finish.
2. Warm-up time should be limited to 5 minutes. The clock will start 5 minutes after court time.

SCORING

1. All play will consist of two, six-game sets using traditional scoring.
2. Traditional scoring: love, 15, 30, 40, deuce, advantage in/advantage out, game.
3. One point per game won is recorded for the league standing purposes. The total number of points obtainable during a match is 12. **Complete 2 sets.** If the sets are split, there is **no third set.** At 5 games all, the 12 point tie-breaker will be employed. The winner of the tie-breaker wins the set 6-5.
4. A substitution receives ½ points won for the regularly scheduled player.
5. It is your responsibility to report your score to the front desk after the match.

RETIRING RULE

If one or more players are unable to finish the match because of injury or emergency, the team/person retiring will get credit for any points won and the remaining team/person will get 6 points for the remaining set(s). If a team retires, it will not be considered a forfeit.

SUBSTITUTIONS

1. It is the player's responsibility to find a sub **only** from the sub list provided.
RECHEDULING IS NOT AN OPTION!
2. The player must inform the Chandler Tennis Center @ **480-782-2650 (during business hours)** with your name and the substitute's name and contact information at least one hour before match time.
3. If unable to find a sub, the score will be recorded as a forfeit and the player will be penalized in accordance to the forfeit rule. (See forfeit rules)
4. Subs must sign in on the sign-in sheet at front desk. If it is your turn to supply tennis balls, please inform your sub and/or supply them with a new can.
5. The sub must be from the current sub list provided for each division.
6. Anyone accepting a sub's position is responsible for finding a replacement if they become unable to play. Notify the front desk of this and the person you are playing for ASAP. The responsibility does not go back to the original league player.
7. A player that has a "BYE" on a given week **may not substitute** within his or her own league.

SUBSTITUTION SCORING

1. If a sub is present and the opponent does not show up for the match, the player finding the sub will receive ½ the points of a straight set win.
2. If a match begins with a sub but is delayed due to wind, rain etc., the match that is completed later, will reflect the subs start.
3. Subs receive ½ points won for the person/team they played for.

CONDUCT

1. It is expected for all players to abide by the universal rules of tennis of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship.
2. The CTC reserves the right to eject any player who uses inappropriate language and/or unsportsmanlike behavior. An ejection will result in a forfeit of the current match and a one-week suspension.
3. Outrageous Conduct: A verbal tirade and fusillade of abusive language, gestures, or threats towards other players, fans, officials or City Staff; physical contact with another player, fan, official or City staff and throwing, kicking or striking of objects in a threatening or dangerous manner. Harassing behavior such as following another player, fan, official or City staff off the court, into the parking lot or off the premises, or any attempt to block the departure of other players, fan, officials or City staff from their departure. Such conduct can lead to a full calendar year suspension or more and possible criminal prosecution.

FORFEIT RULE

1. United States Tennis Association (USTA) 15-minute default rule is in effect.
2. The clock will start at match time. Time is kept according to the CTC clock. A forfeit is officially charged when a player/team is 16 minutes late to the court.
3. A match that cannot be played on the assigned day and time shall be a forfeit. The player/team that was unable to play will receive zero (0) points and the player/team forfeited to will receive twelve (12) points.

4. If both players/teams are unable to play the match or are not on the court within 15 minutes of the scheduled match time, a double forfeit will occur and 0 points will be awarded to both players/teams. Both players/teams will be penalized in accordance to the forfeit rule.
5. Upon the second forfeit, the league player/team will be charged a \$10.00 forfeit fee that **must be paid prior to your next match. After 2 forfeits the player/team will be dropped from the league** and no refund will be issued. Payment of the forfeit fee(s) must be made prior to any future league registration. The league coordinator will monitor any future league participation.
6. If a sub does not show up for the scheduled match, the league player is still responsible and will be assessed the forfeit fee.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. It is the responsibility of the player listed on the right side of the schedule to provide a new can of tennis balls.
2. League champions will receive an award at the end of league play (8 week leagues only).
3. If **weather** looks questionable, call **CTC at 480-782-2650** after 5pm. Do not assume a league match has been cancelled. Cancellations due to inclement weather will be made up the following week, which will push back league play for one week.
4. If play is **interrupted** due to rain, wind etc. the match will be continued from the exact point of delay. Please reschedule that match within the next 2 weeks. Call CTC and schedule a court (at no charge). Once the day and time are agreed upon all players are expected to show up.
5. If someone cannot play on the agreed day and time, a substitute must be found or the make-up will result in a forfeit for that person. You must report the score to the front desk.
6. Alcoholic beverages of any nature are prohibited on Chandler Tennis Center grounds. This includes: courts, pro shop and parking lot. Violation may result in criminal prosecution.
7. **CELL PHONES AND PAGERS** must be turned off or placed in pulse mode. USTA rules states that play must be continuous. Please be courteous.
8. Smoking is not permitted inside the tennis facility.

<u>Hours of Operation:</u>	<u>June 1st - September 30th</u>
Monday –Thursday	7am-11am & 5pm-10pm
Friday	7am-11am & 6pm-9pm
Saturday	7am-11am
Sunday	6pm-9pm

<u>Hours of Operation:</u>	<u>October 1-May 31st</u>
Monday-Thursday	8am-Noon & 3-10pm
Friday:	8am-Noon & 6-9pm
Saturday	8am-3pm
Sunday	Noon-5pm

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