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Outlined in this packet includes all league rules and regulations and must be read thoroughly by all players registered in league competition. Failure to comply with the rules set by the Chandler Tennis Center may result in a withdrawal from the league.

CHANDLER TENNIS LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS

For any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the Chandler Tennis Center during our operating business hours or send an email to CTC@chandleraz.gov.



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LEAGUE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE AND FEES

Registration for leagues is conducted online via chandleraz.gov/breaktime. League fee must be paid at the time of registration. Registrations close each season one full week prior to first match or when league is filled.

RATINGS AND LEVELS OF PLAY

- The Chandler Tennis Center (CTC) recognizes and follows the NTRP Rating: a numerical indicator of tennis-playing ability, from 1.5 (beginner) through 7.0 (touring pro). **Levels of play for CTC 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.
- **New players must be rated by one of the approved CTC Pros before registering for league play.** Lack of a documented rating for a player may prohibit participation in the league. Players with a verified National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) rating do not need to be rated. **Self-ratings will not be accepted.** Ratings received by our CTC Pros are eligible ONLY for CTC Breaktime programs and leagues.
- **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.
- The CTC League Coordinator reserves the right to make changes to the Rules and Regulations when seen fit.
- All players are required to have a valid and approved rating prior to league registration.
- Ratings can be acquired via CTC or USTA. (Tournament rating only)
- CTC ratings are valid for one year from the last season a player participates in league play.
- Once a player is rated, those who finish with more than 50% of the possible points shall remain in their respective leagues they do not need to be re-rated unless the rating on file is no longer valid.

MATCH LENGTH

- Each match is allotted 2 hours to finish.
- If the match is not completed in 2 hours and there is no reservation on that court, the match may continue. After 2 hours, priority goes to the reservation. Be prepared to exit your court at the scheduled end time.
- Warm-up time should be limited to 5 minutes.

SCORING

- Matches consist of two 6-game sets using traditional scoring: love, 15, 30, 40, deuce, advantage in/advantage out, game.
- One point per game won is recorded for 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.**
 - The winner of the tiebreaker wins the set 6-5.
 - 7-point tiebreak employed.
- A substitution receives half points won for the regularly scheduled player. Full points will be rewarded for the first usage of a sub.
- It is your responsibility to report your score on the sign in sheet after the match.

SUBSTITUTIONS

- If a player is unable to play their regularly scheduled match (whether due to an emergency, previously scheduled commitment, etc.), they are allowed to call a substitute to play in their place. If this occurs, **it is the player's responsibility to find a sub**. Substitutes must be retrieved only from the sub list provided.
- Players who have not been listed but are interested in substituting must be approved by the League Coordinator prior to the match.
- The player must inform the Chandler Tennis Center at **480-782-2650 (during business hours)** with your name and the substitute's name and contact information at least one hour before match time.
- If unable to find a sub, the score will be recorded as a forfeit and the player will be penalized in accordance with the forfeit rule. (See forfeit rules)
- Substitutes are responsible for finding their own substitute if they become unavailable to play. It is not the sites responsibility.
- Subs must sign in on the sign-in sheet at front desk. If it is your turn to supply the tennis balls, please inform your substitute.
- **A player that has a "BYE" on a given week may not substitute within his or her own league.** If a participant chooses to use a player within his/her own league, the points scored will not be rewarded.
- **All substitutes must have a valid rating either via USTA (no self ratings) or CTC.**
- To ensure a sub is playing at the appropriate skill level, the sub must play at an equal or half point higher ranking level league.

HEAT PROTOCOL

- If temperatures reach or exceed 110 degrees Fahrenheit an hour prior to match play matches will be cancelled via email.
- The remaining matches will be pushed back one week.

RESCHEDULING

- Players are allowed one reschedule during each season.
- Opponents must agree on a new date and time. The player requesting the reschedule must inform the league coordinator.

SUBSTITUTION SCORING

- If a sub is present and the opponent does not show up for the match, the player finding the sub will receive $\frac{1}{2}$ the points of a straight set win.
- 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.
- **Subs receive $\frac{1}{2}$ points won for the player/team they played for.**
- In the event of a player retiring for the remainder of a season, the replacement will receive full points per match. If the replacement had previously substituted for the original player, the substitution points will remain at $\frac{1}{2}$.



SCHEDULED MATCH PROCEDURES/MAKEUP

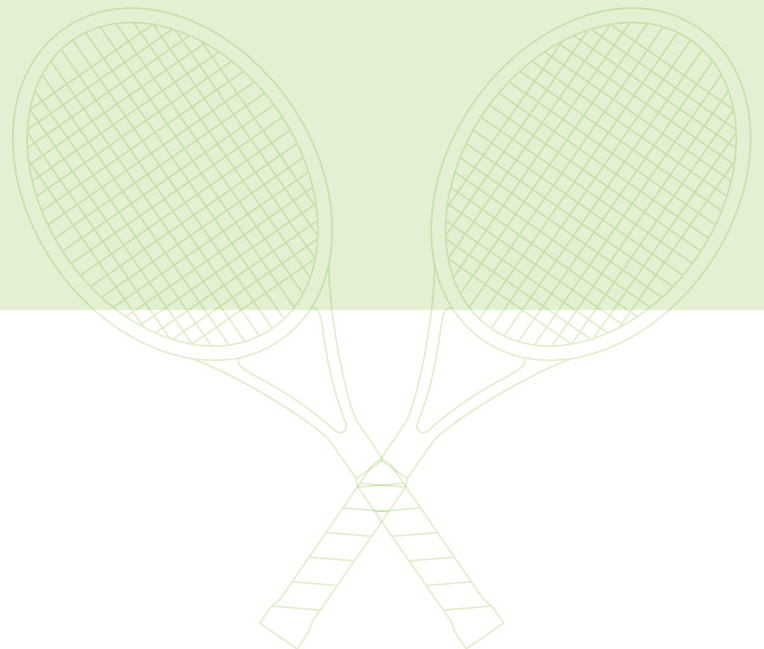
- Rescheduled matches must be completed within one week of the request.
- Scores must be reported to the league coordinator after the match is completed.

- If play is interrupted due to weather conditions, the match will continue from the exact point of delay. The makeup match must be completed within the week prior to the next scheduled matches.
- All weather related cancellations will be determined by the coordinator or the CTC front desk staff when applicable.



PLAYOFF RULES

- Playoffs will consist of one match per player.
- Seeding for playoffs will be determined by the total points throughout the regular season.
- The lower seed will be responsible for bringing an unopened can of tennis balls to the match.
- Playoffs will follow the regular season. All matches must follow the Rules and Regulations set by the CTC.
- Scoring format will follow the regular season format.



FORFEIT RULE

- United States Tennis Association (USTA) 15-minute default rule is in effect.
- 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.
- In a round-robin style doubles match, an absence without prior notification to CTC will result in a forfeit. The player/team that was unable to play will receive zero (0) points and the opposing player/team will receive twelve (12) points.
- 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 with the forfeit rule.
- If a sub does not show up for the scheduled match and was not originally reported to the CTC staff, the league player will be assessed a default which may involve the forfeit penalties. **It is imperative that you inform the CTC staff of your substitute!**

RETIRING RULE

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

PLAYER CONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP

- All Chandler Tennis Center leagues shall abide by the City of Chandler Recreation and Aquatics Code of Conduct and Safety and USTA Code of Conduct and On-Court Rules.
- 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.
- Loud, abusive, or profane language and racquet throwing is strictly prohibited.
- Harassing behavior and outrageous conduct (Verbal tirade 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) can lead to a full calendar year suspension or more and possible criminal prosecution.

RATING AND LEVEL OF PLAY

- All players are required to have a valid and approved rating prior to league registration.
- Ratings can be acquired via CTC or USTA.
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- Once a player is rated, those who finish with more than 50% of the possible points will remain in their respective league.

LEAGUE PLAY: LEVEL PROGRESSION AND REGRESSION

- **Advancement by “domination”:** If the total points scored by a team/player are **95%+ at the end of the league**, the team/player will automatically advance to the next division. Substitutes and forfeits are not calculated towards a team/player “domination”. However, the team/player must have played **at least 80% of the matches to qualify**.
- Advancement to the next level of league play must occur after the third league win within a 12-month period.
- All players in the process of progressing are required to attend one CTC rating clinic prior to league registration in order to determine their level of play.
- Any player/team below the required **50% obtainable points will be placed on watch**. However, any player/team at 40% or below obtainable points will automatically regress one level of play.
- If the team/player has been put on watch for two leagues/two seasons, the team/player will automatically regress one division.
- League participants must be re-rated at the League Coordinator’s discretion.



MISCELLANEOUS

- It is the responsibility of the player listed on the right side of the schedule to provide a new can of tennis balls, unless noted otherwise.
- League champions will receive an award at the end of league play.
- If weather looks questionable, call **CTC during business hours at 480-782-2650**. 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.
- Alcoholic beverages of any nature are prohibited on Chandler Tennis Center grounds. This includes on the courts, in the center, and parking lot. Violation may result in criminal prosecution.
- CELL PHONES must be turned off or placed in pulse mode. USTA rules states that play must be continuous. Please be courteous.
- **Only league participants will be allowed on court during matches. Guests are not permitted on the court during matches but are encouraged to view from the concrete seat walls.**
- Smoking is not permitted inside the tennis facility.



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