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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](mailto:CTC@chandleraz.gov).



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# LEAGUE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE AND FEES

Registration for leagues is conducted online via [chandleraz.gov/breaktime](http://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.
- League Coordinator reserves the right to make changes to the Rules and Regulations when seen fit.

## MATCH LENGTH

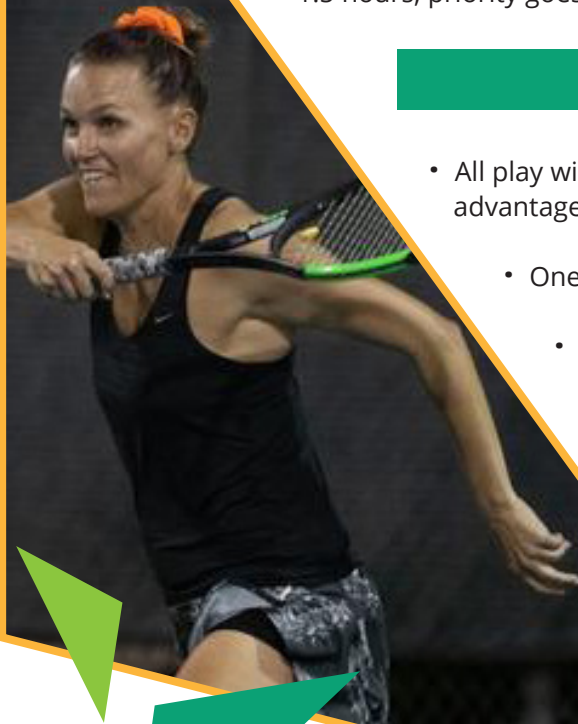
- Each match is allotted 1.5 hours to finish.
- If the sets are not complete by 1.5 hours **and there is no reservation on that court at that time**, the match may continue. After 1.5 hours, priority goes to the reservation.

Make every effort to complete your match in the allotted 1.5 hours. Be prepared to exit your court at the scheduled end time.

- Warm-up time should be limited to 5 minutes. The clock will start 5 minutes after court time.

## SCORING

- All play will 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 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 7-point tiebreaker will be employed.
  - The winner of the tiebreaker wins the set 6-5.
- A substitution receives  $\frac{1}{2}$  points won for the regularly scheduled player.
- 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)
- 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. You will not be held responsible for providing your substitute with the tennis balls if you do not wish to.
- 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.

## 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  $\frac{1}{2}$ .



## RECHEDULING

- Rescheduled matches must occur **BEFORE** the next scheduled league match. Call CTC with your chosen date and time and we will book your court at no charge.
- The League Coordinator must be notified of a makeup match before the match is played. Makeup matches must be approved before they are played to ensure court availability. Please call as soon as possible.
- Failure to complete your rescheduled match will result in an automatic score of 0 for both individuals/teams.
- Each player is allowed to **reschedule one match per season without penalty**. After the make-up match is used, the player that is not able to play on their scheduled night, must find a sub. If the player is unable to find a sub than an automatic forfeit will be recorded.



## 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 player/team forfeited to 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.
- **On the 2nd forfeit occurrence, per one season, the player will be dropped from the league** and no refund will be issued. The League Coordinator will monitor any future league participation.
- 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 because of 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.

## LEAGUE PLAY: LEVEL ADVANCEMENT

- **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 second league win within a 12-month period.
- 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 division the following season. Substitution/forfeit scores will not be counted towards this percentage.
- 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 (originally scheduled leagues only).
- 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.
- If play is **interrupted** due to rain, wind, etc. the match will be continued from the exact point of delay the following weeknight/day of your league.
- 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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