

August 10, 2022

Dear 2022 USTA Dallas COMBO DOUBLES Captains:

**THANK YOU for captaining a 2022 USTA Dallas COMBO DOUBLES Weekend Event team, 8/18-21, 2022!** COMBO is fast, fun, and competitive! Having fielded a team and weekend event rules regarding a default not counting as a qualifying match for advancement, the DTA and your FELLOW CAPTAINS expect that teams will be fielding the full 3 lines throughout the entire weekend event. This applies even if matches are rescheduled due to inclement weather conditions. Player registration is set to close on Tuesday, 8/16/2022 at 10:59pm, so you have time to review event schedule and add players as needed. We strongly encourage everyone to take this opportunity to plan for the unexpected.

If you have a player on your team who has **ALREADY QUALIFIED and PLANS TO REPRESENT/PLAY** for a COMBO team that **IS NOT DALLAS at Sectionals**, they SHOULD NOT step on court/hit a single ball for your team during Dallas' Weekend Event. Any player who participates in Dallas' COMBO DOUBLES Weekend Event is considered by the DTA committed to your DALLAS TEAM AS LONG AS THE DALLAS TEAM IS IN THE RUNNING FOR A SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP. The DTA follows Section Play for DALLAS' ADVANCING TEAMS and will file a Grievance against any player(s) who play for another city during Sectionals.

***Per the 2022 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations:***

**3C.** Once league flights or schedules are published on USTA TENNIS LINK, team rosters are considered set and only new players may be added. No player movement between teams/levels/flights will be allowed. (\*)

**3D.** Leagues fees are Non-Refundable/Transferrable unless the level entered does not make.

*(\*) Teams may continue to add players to roster until Tuesday, 8/16/2022 but the DTA will no longer move a player from one (1) team to another.*

Should the DTA be faced with inclement weather conditions over the course of the weekend event, matches that DO NOT impact the final standings may be cancelled at the discretion of the DTA. The DTA may revise format.

***2023 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations:***

**7M.** When weather or unforeseen circumstances force the DTA League Coordinator to use an alternate scoring format during a local championship event (i.e. League Play Off, City Championship and Weekend Events), Dallas will utilize an 8-game Pro-Set with Ad scoring. If faced with time constraints, the DTA League Coordinator and VP of Leagues will determine the appropriate scoring format, which could include a shorter format.

Please make your players aware that they should be prepared to play ALL weekend should the schedule need to be revised due to inclement weather. THANK YOU!

Players should start hydrating several days in advance and avoid caffeinated and alcoholic beverages. ***Players should plan to bring their own ice and water.*** Be careful. If someone shows signs of heat exhaustion, please do not play them again for at least 24 hours.

**QUALIFICATION!!! Each player on your team is required to have at least one (1) match result (no defaults) in their initial round robin flight to advance to Sectionals. The same one (1)**

**match rule applies to be eligible to play in a Quarter-Final/Semi-Final/FINAL round where applicable and Sectionals.**

***2022 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations:***

If a player participates on more than one team during Post Season Play (i.e. League Play Offs, City Championship, etc...) matches for multiple NTRP levels may be scheduled on the same day and time or different locations. Schedules may not be adjusted by the coordinator nor will match start times be delayed due to waiting on a player that is playing in a different match at another NTRP level.

Player rest periods between different levels of play will NOT be guaranteed. Rest periods are only allowed if it is within the same level of play. Post Season (i.e. League Play Offs, City Championship, etc...) schedules and matches will not be delayed by NTRP Level should a player participating on more than one team still be on court or just coming off court at a scheduled match time.

The flight and number your team was assigned was by random draw.

Captains should check in at the event desk 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of each match. You will be provided a scorecard to fill out at that time. Make sure that your designated players for each match are all present before returning your lineup to the event desk. **Lineups MUST BE handed in to the event desk 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.** Event Desk may put matches on court at that time if courts are available.

The event desk will assign courts as they become available. They will be noted on the scorecards at that time. Your players should on site and ready to play when match called by the event desk. Please advise your players that trips to the restroom, filling water bottles, putting shoes on, etc... should be done before match time not on the way to the court. Thank you!

To keep to our schedule if you choose to use a player that for whatever "bad" reason is not on site you must put that player on the lowest doubles line.

***They are still subject to the penalties for late arrival:***

0-5 minutes/1 game & loss of toss,  
5-10 minutes/2 games & loss of toss  
10-15 minutes/3 games and loss of toss  
15:01 minutes/default

These penalties apply to physically being on court not just on site.

PLEASE DO NOT ASK FOR COURT ASSIGNMENTS WHEN CHECKING IN OR PICKING UP/RETURNING SCORECARDS. The Event Desk will advise court information when ready to send teams to court.

Warm up will be limited to 5 minutes including serves. **WE DO NOT PROVIDE WARM UP COURTS.** Players may not warm up next to an active match unless it is the four players assigned to the court and they are willing to start their 5-minute warm up.

Scoring will be the best of two sets, conventional scoring, and a Coman set tiebreak (the first to 7 by 2) at 6 games all. In the case of split sets, a Coman match tiebreak (the first to 10 by 2) shall

be played in lieu of a full third set. **A 2-minute set break is allowed. No coaching is allowed at any time during the match.**

**Once your lineup has been turned in you MAY NOT switch any player (\*\*) except if an injury occurs during warm-up and an eligible replacement can be made within the default time.**

(\*\*) Please note that this overrides 2022 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations #7H (b). The Event Desk/Official **MUST BE** notified of the injured player and scorecard updated prior to beginning play.

INJURED PLAYER. A one-time **3-minute** medical time-out is allowed for injury, illness and heat related condition.

A maximum 15-minute medical time out is allowed for bleeding injury. If bleeding continues and match doesn't resume within 15 minutes, the match is retired.

If a player cannot complete the match, the match is retired. Scores are entered as played, e.g. 6-3, 2-0, RETIRED (not completed).

To avoid confusion among Officials, Captains and Players please note the following and share with your players:

***2022 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations:***

**7K.** Play should be continuous. Between points, a maximum 25 seconds is allowed. When players change ends at the end of a game, a maximum 90 seconds is allowed. At set break, 120 second (2 minutes) is allowed.

TO RESOLVE A DISAGREEMENT. The players are expected to resolve disagreements on the court. Friend At Court, "The Code" describes a 3-step process for score disputes, in order of preference:

7J (1) All points & games are agreed upon by the players and REPLAY ONLY the disputed points or games.

7J (2) Play from a score that is agreed upon by all players.

7J (3) Spin a racquet or toss a coin.

7J (4) Under no circumstances may any other person or Captain intervene in a match in progress.

If a player or spectators become unruly, players should notify the event desk immediately. If the behavior continues after a warning the player or the team with which spectator is associated will be assessed penalties under the point penalty system for unsportsmanlike conduct (point, game, default).

A player may request a court monitor if court conduct or line calls justify.

At the end of each match, WINNING players MUST report scores to the Event Desk **immediately**. This alerts the volunteers that courts are open for the next round. Players may return to watch ongoing matches after reporting scores. Please follow up with your players on this request. Thank you. The Event Desk will not chase down a missing score. It will be entered as a Double Default. Captains are asked to check back after each team match to verify scores.

Please remind your players that we are guests of the Host Facilities.

- Children must have adult supervision always.
- Bringing alcohol onto the premises at a public facility is banned by the city and puts a private club at risk of losing their liquor license.
- Players and fans must pick up their trash. The facilities do not have a janitorial staff.
- Players should be adequately hydrated prior to a match. If a player experienced signs of dehydration in a previous match, they should not play again within a 24-hour period.

Site workers at the event desks are volunteers. They are so generous with their time, much work all day! The DTA is fortunate to have them! Please remind your players that they are volunteers. Their goal is to get matches on court in a timely, efficient manner. It is understood that potential challenges always exist, so everyone's patience and courtesy is appreciated and expected.

GOOD LUCK!

The Dallas Tennis Association