



## **MATCH DAY PROCEDURES ON and OFF COURT LINE UP EXCHANGE/LATE ARRIVALS/INJURY/ON COURT DISAGREEMENTS**

### ***Match Day General Procedures for Line Up Exchange:***

#### ***2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Rules and Regulations:***

**7E.** Rosters must be exchanged at the designated match time and all players should be on their assigned court ready to play. It is the responsibility of the captain to verify players at the time the lineup is exchanged. Ineligible players must be identified prior to the start of the match. Ineligible players will be recorded as a default (6-0, 6-0) in USTA TENNIS LINK.

**7H.** Match play must begin no later than 15 minutes after the designated start time per the 15-minute default rule. No line shall begin play before the 15-minute default time has passed unless all players from the higher singles/doubles positions are present. Defaults must be from the bottom up. (i.e.: Line 2 singles or Line 3 doubles if players are not available at the start of the match.) Doubles teams are to be moved up as a pair.

**7I.** The team captain for each team shall exchange their team line-up simultaneously prior to the beginning of the team match. No substitution may be made in an individual match after the line-up has been presented, except for injury to, illness of a player during warm-up and an eligible replacement can be made within the default time. The substituted player may only take the position of the player whom they are replacing. If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five-minute warm-up.

***Should a captain choose to use a player that for whatever "BAD" reason is not on site at Match Time, the player must put that player on the lowest singles or doubles line.***

#### **PENALTY 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.

### ***On Court Guidelines for Match Play:***

#### ***2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Rules and Regulations:***

**7M.** Play should be continuous. Between points, a maximum of 25 seconds is allowed. When players change ends at the end of a game, a maximum of 90 seconds is allowed. At set break, 120 second (2 minutes) is allowed. There is no break after the 1st game of any set.

### ***Are cell phones/Apple watches allowed during Match Play?***

#### ***2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Rules and Regulations:***

**7K.** Cell Phones & Other Electronic Devices

All communication devices are to be turned off during play. Should a player's communication device go off during play their opponent may call a let on the first offense and warn the offender that any subsequent offense will result in the loss of that point.

## ***Does USTA allow coaching?***

### ***2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Rules and Regulations:***

**7L.** Coaching is NOT allowed during USTA League or Championship play.

## ***Player Injury during Warmup/Match Play:***

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**7J.** 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 the 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). Reference "*FRIEND AT COURT*" 2022 version Table 13, pp. 97-98 for detail.

## ***How to Handle a DISAGREEMENT ON COURT:***

### ***2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Rules and Regulations:***

**7N.** 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.