



Mass Indoor Tennis Association

## Mixed Doubles League 2021– 2021 Rules & Procedures

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### Eligibility:

- A. Players must be members of the MITA Club they represent
- B. Players may only represent one Club in the League throughout the entire season.
- C. A player will become a permanent member of a team after playing a 2nd time on that team and then cannot play for another team.

- D. **Players must turn 18 prior to play of the first match and of the appropriate gender (one male and one female each position)**
- E. **Court payment of \$18.00 per player per match, must be made prior to court entrance**
- F. **The combined level of each position is to be determined by previous NTRP rating or established by the Head Professional in Residence.**

## **General Rules:**

- A. **Each Match consists of 3 Doubles Teams (one male & one female).  
First position = combined level of 8.0 – 8.5  
Second position= combined level of 7.0- 7.5  
Third position = combined level of 6.5 – 7.0.**  
**If two teams have an equal USTA rating, the strength of alignment will be done based on past season performance on the courts**
- B. **All will play for 1½ hours, Play one point deuce. (Men serving to men, women to women) At 6-All, play 5 Point tiebreak. (During the 5 Point tiebreak, if tied at 4-4, the doubles receiving team can choose which partner will receive. Teams do not change ends of the court during the 5 Point Tiebreak. The team who served first in the tiebreak shall receive service in the first game of the following set)**
- C. **Change sides on odd games.**
- D. **Finish the game in progress at buzzer.**
- E. **At completion of play, if the team is not ahead by 2 games or more and the match has not been completed, count the TOTAL games to determine the winner. If the match comes down to a 1 game loss, 0.5 is awarded the loser and 1 pt to the winner.**
- F. **Match scoring system as follows: 1 Pt for each match won by play or default**
- G. **Matches should be played as scheduled. The 24 hour cancellation policy will be in effect without charges for this league. However, if a team cancels ALL 3 positions, after every attempt has been made to reschedule, the canceling team is responsible for payment of fees for 1 court = \$68.00.**

- H. The team who cancels loses the points to the scheduled team.
- I. The host team has the responsibility of reporting the match score into the website, following the match. A 48 hour time limit shall be imposed. The home team will receive a zero for scores not reported on time.
- J. The visiting captain should review the scores reported and notify the coordinator of any discrepancies as soon as they are determined.

## **Schedule of Matches:**

- A. All matches will be played for 1 ½ hours, according to designated schedule
- B. Play must start TEN minutes after the court is obtained.
- C. Five minutes are allocated for practice of strokes and 5 minutes for practice of serves.
- D. New balls will be provided by the Host Club
- E. Each player will pay \$18.00 prior to play.
- F. Matches may be cancelled due to inclement weather only,  
Decreed by the League Representative.
- G. Matches not made up by designated date will result in zero to both teams.

## **Defaults:**

- A. The host will default if courts are not available at scheduled date and time.
- B. Teams must play at assigned club or default.
- C. A player arriving more than 15 minutes late is defaulted.
- D. Full court fees will be charged by the Host club to the Visiting Club for an idle court caused by default with 24 hours notification.
- E. If a player must stop play due to an injury, a five minute (one time) time out may be taken.
- F. Reason for default must appear on the score sheet
- G. Any player who does not meet the Rules of Eligibility, observe the principles and guidelines of the USTA publication, “The Code” and fails to abide by all of the above rules and procedures will be defaulted.
- H. To avoid defaults, Captains and League coordinators are encouraged to discuss filling the courts with different levels of play if necessary.

## **Grievances:**

Grievances must be submitted by phone within twenty-four hours and then in writing, thirty six hours after the rule infraction to the MITA Chairman:  
Billy Horne (781)545-1184 E-Mail – [bill@srfclub.com](mailto:bill@srfclub.com)

Grievances will be handled according to the principals and guidelines of MITA

## **IMPORTANT** **WEBSITE SCORE REPORTING**

The scoresheet can be downloaded and should be brought to the match.  
Captain should report scores immediately after the match.  
Deadline is the following Tues @ 5:00pm

## **\*\*\*PLAYOFFS\*\*\***

At the conclusion of the season, the top four teams will be eligible to participate in the playoffs.

First Round:           #1 plays #4  
                              #2 plays #3  
Finals:                 Winners of above play each other

Playoff matches will be held on March 27th & April 10th

The highest-ranking team will have home court advantage for both matches and must have courts available for play on designated dates.

If teams are tied at the conclusion of the season, the tie will be broken in the following manner:

1.    Head to head
2.    Number of sets won
3.    Number of games won

**Players are eligible for the playoffs if they have participated in at least two (2) matches during the regular season.**

**In order to have a clear winner in each playoff match, please be advised that the Mixed Doubles playoff scoring rule will be the same as the 1 1/2 hr. BTC playoff rule and is as follows:**

**\*2 out of 3 sets, switch on odd games, no ad scoring, (men serve to men, women serve to women).**

**\*At 6-All, play a 5 Point tiebreak. (During the 5 Point tiebreak, if tied at 4-4, the doubles receiving team can choose which partner will receive. Teams do not change ends of the court during the 5 Point Tiebreak. The team who served first in the tiebreak shall receive service in the first game of the following set)**

**\*The team ahead by at least 2 games in a set, wins that set.**

**\*Finish the game in progress at the buzzer.**

**\*If the match is incomplete or you split sets, count the total games played to determine the winner.**

**\*In the event the match is tied exactly after games have been counted, a 10 pt. super tiebreak (first to 10 by a margin of 2) will be played by the tied position only**

**Rosters must be submitted to the coordinator the Friday before the playoff match on Sunday.**

**All lineups will be checked for eligibility, alignment and legality.**

**Sufficient court time must be reserved for all playoff matches to allow for completion.**

**All other Mixed Doubles rules of the regular season apply.**

**Thank you for participating in the MITA Mixed Doubles League**

**If you have any questions, please contact the MITA Coordinator,  
Nancy Froio @ [MITAtennis@comcast.net](mailto:MITAtennis@comcast.net)**