



SOUTH OF BOSTON MEN'S 2025-26 RULES & PROCEDURES MEMBER CLUBS

The rules below highlighted in **RED** have been modified or added this year

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ELIGIBILITY

- A. Players must be a member of the MITA Club they represent.**
- B. Players may only represent one club in the League throughout the season.**
- C. Rostered players must be 18 years old before their first match and of the appropriate gender. Juniors (ages 16/17) can sub up in no more than 4 matches, cannot play as a doubles team and cannot participate in the playoffs.**
- D. A team consists of 8 and a maximum of 16 rostered players. It is not necessary to list substitutes; they can be entered to the roster when the score sheet is submitted by either Captain. The webmaster will provide an access code for submission of scores.**
- E. It is the responsibility of the team captain to enter the names of the players prior to play of the match, if known.**

If the games are tied, the point is split. If a team loses by 1 game, that team would receive 0.5 and the winning team 1 pt.

Host team provides new balls

2 hours

2 out of 3 sets

15 minute warm up, including serves – Home team players are to enforce

Switch on odd games

12 pt tiebreak at 6All

Play out the deuce point

All teams will finish the game in progress at the buzzer. Contact with the ball must be made prior to the sound of the buzzer in order for the game to begin.

If a team is ahead by at least 2 games, they win that set

If the match is incomplete, the point is split

C. Singles matches will be played before the doubles matches with the exception of the 7.0 match which can be played in either time frame.

D. Singles players can “double” up and play the doubles match as well.

E. The team Captain may make a copy of the scorecard from the website. The sheet is to be used to record the information that must be entered into the website after the match and must be signed by both captains and retained by the Home team captain.

F. The Home team captain is responsible for entering the information into the website. The deadline for website score reporting is the Tuesday @ 5:00pm, following the previous Saturday match. The Home team will receive a zero for lack of score reporting within this time frame.

G. It is the responsibility of the Visiting Team Captain to check the website for clarification

H. Matches must be played as scheduled. The canceling team is responsible for court fees for an idle court caused by default. The team who cancels loses the points to the scheduled team.

SCHEDULE OF MATCHES:

A. All SINGLES matches will be played for 1 1/2 hours, all DOUBLES matches will be played for 2 hours, according to designated schedule.

B. Each doubles player will pay \$26.00 prior to play of the match. Each singles player will pay \$30.00 prior to play of the match.

C. Matches may be canceled due to inclement weather only. All make-ups must be completed before February 28th.

D. Matches not made up will result in a Zero for each team.

DEFAULTS:

A. The host team must default if courts are not available at scheduled time...(exception = see Default "H" below)

B. Teams must play at assigned Club or default. The 24 hour cancellation policy is in effect.

C. A player arriving more than 20 minutes late is defaulted.

D. If a team does not have sufficient players to field two Single and three Doubles Teams, they have the option of defaulting either the singles or doubles teams.

E. Full court fees will be charged by the host Club to the visiting Club for an idle court, caused by default.

F. If a player must stop play due to injury, a five-minute (one time) time out may be taken.

G. Any player who does not meet the Rules of Eligibility, observe the principals and guidelines of the USTA publication of "The Code" and fails to abide by all of the above rules and procedures will be defaulted.

H. In the event of weekend conflicts, Club Management may agree to time/date changes for matches, however, one-week notification must be given, to the opponent, in advance of the match and the coordinator is to be notified.

I. Failure to notify the coordinator of a postponed match could result in a default to the home team.

J. All defaulted court fees must be paid to the home club, prior to the start of the playoffs.

K. To avoid defaults, Captains and League coordinators are encouraged to discuss filling the courts with different levels of play if necessary.

PLAYOFFS

Playoffs will be held Feb. 28th & March 7th

A. All SOB rules of the regular season apply to the playoffs.

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

C. At the conclusion of the season, the top 4 teams of each Division will be eligible to participate in the playoffs. If teams are tied at the conclusion of the season, the tie will be broken in the following manner.

- 1: HEAD TO HEAD**
- 2: # OF SETS WON**
- 3: # OF GAMES WON**

D. A player is eligible for playoffs only if he has participated in at least three (3) matches during the regular season (if playing in a doubles match) and two (2) singles matches (if playing in a singles match). Eligibility of players can be determined by viewing the roster on the website and clicking on the players name. A player can use one default towards the requirement for the playoffs. He can also request a second ruling on another match, provided he was at the facility “ready to play” when the opponent defaulted.

E. Juniors are ineligible to play in the playoffs.

F. Each qualifying team must submit via e-mail to Nancy Froio @ MITATENNIS@comcast.net, a line-up before **Feb. 26th for the first round of playoffs and the line-up for the final match deadline is **March 5th**. These line-ups will then be published at the front desk of the home club prior to the start of each playoff match**

G. All line-ups will be checked for eligibility, alignment and legality. Line-ups may not be changed or altered once the coordinator has validated them.

H. Failure to submit the lineup to the coordinator by the due date can result in disqualification from the playoffs.

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

J. The Home Team Captain must report the scores via Email to :

Nancy Froio: [MITATENNIS @comcast.net](mailto:MITATENNIS@comcast.net)

Please email scores within 24 hrs. following each playoff match

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Thank you and have a great season !

**Nancy Froio
MITA Coordinator**