

SHENANDOAH USTA 2023
Captains Meeting Agenda/National Reg & MAS Rule Cliff Notes

Introductions

Schedule/Codes

Fact Sheet - Fee break down and specific league information

Championship Dates:

- **Regionals:**
- **Sectionals:**

National Rule Changes:

- A Section option to extend the timeline for decision on an eligibility grievance has been approved: 3.03B(4)a In the event of an eligibility disqualification during the local league season and up to a maximum of 14 days after the end of the local league season, but prior to any playoff, all matches played by the disqualified player shall be considered defaults and those matches shall be considered wins for the opposing players or doubles teams and scored 6-0, 6-0 for determining standings. Sections must determine the timeframe between 24 hours and 14 days. The ineligible player will not be allowed to continue or advance. In case of an eligibility disqualification in single elimination, the last individual match played by the disqualified player shall be considered a win for the opposing player or doubles team and scored 6-0, 6-0 for determining standings. If a double disqualification results in a tie, the local tiebreak procedure shall be used to determine the winner of the team match. If no such local tiebreak procedure exists, Reg. 2.03H Procedures in the Event of a Tie shall be used in order to determine a winner of the team match.
- Additional age-related appeal options have been approved: 2.05E Age-Related Appeals of Players 60 or Over. A player may appeal their rating at any time if they have reached the minimum age
- The 2021 COVID-necessitated amendments under 2.03A(4) for eligibility to advance to National Championships were not continued for 2022. As a result, the application of Move-Up/Split-Up reverts to the pre-Covid regulation: 2.06A(2): Split-Up - No more than three (3) players who were on the roster of any team that advanced to, or qualified for, any National Championship team the previous year may play together in the same Division, same Age Group and at the same NTRP team level as the National Championship team(s), if their NTRP rating allows. Split-Up requirements only apply to all players other than Self-Rated and Valid Computer Rated Appealed Players players who participated in three (3) or more matches (one default received shall count) and Self-Rated and Valid Computer Rated Appealed players who participated in at least four matches (no default received shall count), for that team during the championship year.
- 3.03D(4) The decision of the USTA League Grievance Committee shall conform to the USTA League Suspension Point System, which shall be established prior to each League Year by the USTA National League Committee.

Mid-Atlantic Section Rules:

- General edits include, adding MAS regulation numbers, removing rule duplication and/or adding clarifying language.
- • The Section Rules for Local Leagues are now incorporated into the body of the 2023 National & Mid-Atlantic Regulations and for 2023 are noted **in royal blue**.
- • MAS 2.01C(6)Be In a league utilizing Partial Round Robins or Additional Match Formats, a total team default will not count as a win for either team in the standings. All efforts should be made to make up the minimum number of lines to make that team default a valid match. Valid matches played by the defaulting team stand as played.
- • MAS 2.04B(2)b Run dynamic calculations after the conclusion of the championship and disqualify those players who meet the criteria for NTRP Dynamic Disqualification. Matches played will stand.

- ● MAS 1.04G(6) Updated to include a captain may not captain, or complete the roles and responsibilities of a Captain, for a second team at Mid-Atlantic Championships within the same Division, Age Group and NTRP Level.
- ● MAS 2.01C(4)a New Timed Match Procedures have been approved for all areas utilizing timed matches.
 - Pg 43 and 44 (chart)
- ● MAS 2.03A(3)b Updated to note the match requirement to advance to Regionals or Sectionals of at least three (3) matches (no defaults counting), on the same team at the same NTRP level in the same Age Group during the local league season and is otherwise eligible for Self-Rate (S) and Appealed (A) Down rated only. Appeal (A) Up players require 2 matches with 1 default
- 3.02B – Administrative Grievance - \$50 filing fee, returned if upheld – Suspension Point System – sportsmanship initiative – signed document
 - MAS 1.02 – The CODE – Friend at Court
 - **Rules for MAS Local Leagues incorporated in National Reg**
 - 1.04B(4)– captain/player conduct language added: captains should conduct admin of their team in a clear, concise, fair and appropriate manner in communication with players and other captains
 - COVID updates
 - MAS 1.04C(2)Match scores must be entered within 48 hours of completed
 - Completed, Retired, Default, Double Default
 - Both captains responsible for entering (agree to winner or home team enter)
 - Opposing captain not required to confirm (auto confirm)
 - MAS 2.01C(3)c - Individual matches played in conjunction with a specific match number may not be moved to make another team match valid. Score manipulation – 6 month suspension min if grievance upheld
 - MAS 2.01C(6)B - Match Defaults
 - 1.04D(4) - Roster size = 22 max all leagues– **Team open/closed**
 - Tri-Level minimum = 2 players at each level. Must be on roster prior to start of season.
 - **MAS 1.04G - 4 person rule** clarify rule –
 - If you have two leagues that are in the same Division, same Age Group and same NTRP level then the 4 -player rule applies.
 - Self- rating players//Appeals//DQs
 - 2.06A - Move Up-Split Up/National teams
 - National Reg Page 4 - Matches required for advancement
 - 2 matches (1default) to be eligible for Local Playoffs/Regionals/Sectionals – **3 matches for self rate (no default count)**
 - 3 matches (1 defaults) to be eligible for Nationals (MAS/USTA Reg page 4) – **4 matches for Self Rate (no default count)**
 - MAS 2.01C(6)Be - Two team leagues = team cannot advance to Regionals/Sectionals if defaulted a local league match
 - \$150 deposit to hold tournament spot. Loss of deposit if a team withdraws within 10 days of tournament
 - 1.04D(3) -Match schedules are firm (SVTA 9a) **Captains and players MUST follow MAS Rule #3 3 (A): Match schedules are FIRM. They do NOT have the discretion to change match day/time without prior approval from the Local League Coordinator via email**
 - MAS 1.04C(2)- Matches must be completed with **14 days** of schedule
 - MAS 1.04C(2)a - Inclement weather and reschedule (SVTA 8)
 - Cancellation prior to match start
 - Cancellation after match start
 - MAS 2.01C(4)a -Any combination of courts may be used (SVTA 4h)
 - MAS 2.01C(4)a - Warmups included in overall match time//all players get 5 min
 - 2.01C(6)A - Lineup exchanges (SVTA 5)
 - discuss defaulting individual court/s

- **Lineups must be exchanged simultaneously at any time prior to the match start time (5min prior suggested....10min prior for SVTA (SVTA 5a)**
- **Those captains who do not submit the line up before the match start time are subject to the lateness penalties**
- 2.03C(6) - Lineup substitutions (SVTA 5b)
- MAS 2.01C(6)Ad. Late-ness penalty time table
- MAS 1.04E(4) - Player agreement - conduct- good faith, good lines, no cell phones, no coaching
- **MAS 2.01C(3)d - Medical time out - 3 minutes MAX once treatment supplies are on court/bleeding time out 15 min total**
- **MAS 2.01C(3)e -Problem Match Rule: if there is a problem on the court with outcalls, foot faults, or delay of game, teams may seek an acceptable (by both) impartial third party to make calls in regards to these concerns. If an acceptable impartial third party is not available, a team captain or team representative from each team may observe the match from a stationary position at the net post. (MAS LL rule 11d)**

SVTA Procedures:

- Home court fees are incurred by the home team. In the event of a default without 24hour notice of match time, the defaulting team is responsible for any court fees. Home teams provide USTA approved tennis balls if not provided by the facility/other provider. (SVTA 4j)
 - **Both captains must sign both scorecards, indicating agreement in the results of the match. Each captain must keep the signed scorecard for the duration of the season. (SVTA 5a)** Failure to do so could waive right to dispute scores.
 - Players must be registered before walking on court
 - **** 3 courts to start (SVTA 4b)** Staggered matches #1D, #1S, #2D to start, followed by #2S, #3D (SVTA 4f)
 - Staggered matches (SVTA 4f) / staggered court must arrive by 1 hour after start time
 - **IF courts are unavailable in early spring due to clay surfacing – with permission from LLA a facility may start with 2 courts and follow staggered with the remaining 3 courts. To be played in the following order: 1D and 2D followed by 1S and 2S followed by 3D. (SVTA 4c)**
 - Each court shall decide on a source clock for timing the match prior to the first point. ALL courts must have their OWN agreed upon time piece audible by all players on court. Phone/alarm must be **VISIBLE** for all players on court. Apple watches are **NOT** an acceptable timepiece. (SVTA 7b) **(at start time; not when walking on court) (SVTA 7b)**
 - Each point includes both first and second serve. (SVTA 7)
 - Timed matches – **NEW MAS TIMED MATCH PROCEDURES (SVTA 7)**
 - **Restroom breaks are not permitted in the last 15 minutes of the match. (SVTA 11)**
 - Inclement weather/Heat guideline (SVTA 8a)
 - Match Reschedules Requiring Local League Coordinator Approval (MAS rule for local leagues 4 and SVTA 9)
- Rescheduling due to conflicts with USTA League post season championships is allowed at the discretion of the Local League Coordinator and if the following conditions are met:
- Reschedule must involve conflicts due to USTA Local League playoffs, USTA Regionals, USTA Sectionals, and USTA Nationals.
 - The request must be made to the Local League Coordinator by email.
 - The email request must be at least 7 days prior to the scheduled match date.
 - 40% of the team (40% of one gender or a rating level for mixed or combo teams, 40% per level for Tri-Level) must be participating in the post season championship.