

2013 Manhattan Mixed USTA League Playoff Regulations

Congratulations on a successful season and reaching the playoffs. Captains and players should review the following regulations PRIOR to their playoff matches.

Venue: Matches will be played indoors at the **USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center**. For directions, visit www.metrotennis.com.

Playoff Format: This is a single elimination tournament. Each court is worth 1 point. The team that wins the most courts in each match will advance to the next round. The team that wins the final will advance to the Regional Playoff (or Section Championships if there is no Regional at that level.)

All match times are listed on the schedule. The default time (15 minutes) starts at the scheduled match time.

Match Payment:

The match fee is \$150 per team (\$25 per player). Captains can either pay the entire amount (by selecting 6 players) or have the players pay \$25 each. The link for the payment site is www.metrotennis.com/playoffsites.php

All teams must pay the match fee into match pay by 4pm the DAY PRIOR to their first match. For teams advancing to the final on Sunday, the 2nd payment is due no later than noon on Sunday.

Check-in and Scorecards:

Match numbers are listed. Go to "Record a Score". Enter your match ID #. At the bottom of the page is a link to "Print a blank scorecard"

Upon arrival, check in at the front desk where you will be given a package and your court assignments.

Captains must exchange their line-ups **at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled match time. If a player is late, the captain must put the missing player in the 3rd doubles position before the lineup is submitted.**

All teams are expected to enter the playing courts at match time. Players who delay the start of the match will be penalized under "The Code".

Eligibility: Players must have 2 local matches recorded. Only 1 default may count towards eligibility.

Once a player participates in these playoff's, they may not play a playoff match in another region until ALL of their Metro teams within that league type (mixed, 40 & Over, etc) have been eliminated. (please see the National/Eastern regulations for more details).

Officials:

USTA roving umpires will be present during the matches to maintain warm-up and rest periods, resolve disputes and enforce the rules of tennis. Officials will call foot-faults and penalize code violations.

Match details:

Warm up: 10 minutes, including serves.

Games are regular scoring, with a set tie-break (first to 7 pts) when 6-6 in games is reached during the first 2 sets. If you split sets, a 10-point tiebreak will be played in lieu of the 3rd set. In doubles, order of serve and receiving order can be changed after each set.

Coman tie-break rotation is used for all tie-breaks: players change ends after the 1st point and after every 4 points thereafter.

Breaks: A 2 minute break is permitted between the 1st and 2nd set. Play is continuous between the 2nd set and 3rd set tiebreak unless there is a changeover. A maximum of 90 seconds is allowed on changeovers, 20 seconds between points.

Each team is allotted 2 hours for their match. If play is not completed in 2 hours, scores are recorded as a timed match. ALL PLAYERS (winners and losers) should report their scores to their captain to ensure accuracy of the results.

Captains must sign the scorecards after all courts are completed. The winning team must record the scores THAT EVENING* and email the signed scorecard to info@metrotennis.com. The losing team should confirm the scores in Tennislink.

**The front desk has a computer (on the far side, near the pro shop) that can access Tennislink.*

Players who arrive on court 15 minutes past the match time will be defaulted. There is no adjustment to the line-up.

Player Etiquette:

Players must follow the USTA Code of Conduct at all times.

The server must call the score loudly and clearly before each serve. Players are responsible for ensuring they have heard and understood the score. If all players on a court forget the score, go back to the point that everyone agrees on.

Make all line calls clearly and immediately on your side of the court. If there is doubt, the ball is good. (A ball that is 99% out is still 100% in). Officials will overrule bad line calls.

All cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off during matches. Officials will penalize any player who violates this rule.

Bathroom breaks may be taken, but should be on a changeover and with the official's knowledge. Players may not talk to their teammates, coaches or spectators during a bathroom break.

Spectator Etiquette

Spectators, family and team members are encouraged to attend our playoffs, as long as they abide by the following:

- **May not** talk to players on the court. Coaching is not allowed, and talking to players will be treated as coaching.
- **May not** comment or make visual signals on line calls.
- **May not** cause any distractions to the players.
- **May not** engage in any form of verbal abuse against players, spectators, or tournament staff.
- **May not** approach the officials to discuss matters relating to play or the players. They may, upon the request of a player, alert the official that a court needs assistance.
- **May not use flash photography nor videotape matches.**
- **May not be on any tournament court during the tournament.**
- **Cheering is allowed for good points, as long as it does not distract player on that court or other courts. Loud cheering and outburst are not acceptable.**

Spectators who violate these rules will be asked to leave.

A warning and/or a penalty may apply as a result of any player, captain or spectator interfering with match play and abusing the code of conduct. This includes disruptive behavior on or off the court.