

# Western NC "TRY TENNIS"

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## 2017 Local League Regulations

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### **General Information**

The Try Tennis league is subject to the governing bodies of the North Carolina Tennis Association and Western NC CTA (currently known as Mountain League CTA). The Local League Coordinator, in conjunction with the North Carolina Director of Adult League Tennis, shall have the authority to interpret the Western NC TGIF League Tennis Rules.

**Player Rating** The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) is the official system of rating levels of competition in USTA leagues. New players participating in Try Tennis leagues are not required to have an NTRP rating. Players already participating in USTA league may not be rated higher than 2.5 to participate in the Try Tennis league.

**Determining Winners** The League Champion will be determined by the team with the best record. Where applicable, playoffs will be played to determine the local champion.

Ties will be broken as follows: (First) - winner of the most individual matches; (Second) - winner of head to head match; (Third) - loser of the fewest number of sets; (Fourth) - loser of the fewest number of games; and (Fifth) to be decided by coin toss.

**Grievances** Teams/players are encouraged to follow the guidelines of "The Code". Grievances are not allowed.

**USTA Membership** Players may be USTA members BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED to be a member of the USTA to participate in Try Tennis league.

**Age Requirement** Players must reach the following minimum age by 12/31/2017 to compete in the Try Tennis league listed as follows: 18 & above league - 18 years

**League Fees** The Try Tennis local league fee is \$18 per player and is paid on TennisLink when registering for team. Fee includes \$3 NC State tax, \$3 TennisLink user fee and \$12 local league fee.

**Refunds** Refund requests for Local Fees and State Head Tax charges must be made to the Local League Coordinator prior to the team's first scheduled match. Requests must be made in writing. The TennisLink fee is non-refundable.

**State Championships** There are no state championships for TGIF leagues.

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**Match Balls & Home Court** The home team will supply new balls, labeled USTA approved. The home team has a choice of court surface and a mixture is acceptable. Home team captain designates courts used for line(s) of the match.

**Match Scorecard/Scores** Captains should use a TennisLink scorecard and exchange the line up prior to start of the match. Captains should mutually confirm match results after the match. Winning captain should enter scores in TennisLink with 24 hours, losing captain confirms the results entered with 48 hours. If not confirmed, results stand.

**Sets** All tiebreaks use the Coman format: 1st & 2nd sets - use 7 point tiebreak, 3rd set - use 10 point tiebreak. 1st team to 7 points or 10 points wins.

**Cell Phones & Electronics** All devices should be turned off during match play.

**Inclement Weather** - Prior to match, captains should communicate by phone or text concerning inclement weather issues (rain, snow, sleet, severe storms) that may cause courts to be unplayable. Captains may mutually agree to reschedule the match due to inclement weather. Be courteous - let everyone know if the match is cancelled ahead of time! If weather contributes to the stopping of a match once it has started, players should remain on site for thirty (30) minutes to confirm the match cannot be restarted due to weather conditions. If conditions allow, the match should be resumed from the point, game, and set score existing when the match was stopped. The players must remain the same on each line for the completion of the match. No substitutions of players may be made. If, due to inclement weather, the match will not be completed as started, for any court that has started play (defined as first point played), the lineups will stand. For any court that did not start play (still in warm-ups), teams may substitute players as long as the substitutions are not listed on the original scorecard.

**Rescheduling Guidelines** Rescheduled matches should be played within two weeks of the original date of match and completed and entered in TennisLink by the end of the league season. Captains are responsible for cancelling the originally scheduled courts and for reserving courts for the rescheduled time.

**Season** July 9 - Aug. 13, 2017 Team Registration opens June 1, closes June 30, players may be added to team roster until August 1, 2017

**NTRP** new beginner player, 2.0, no one higher than 2.5 rating

**Age Level & Gender** 18 & above - coed team

**Match Format, Default & Reschedules**

**Format:** 1 singles match and 2 doubles matches - may be optional from week to week as coed or gender specific teams. Home team decides ball choice: (1) traditional or (2) low compression orange/yellow. Home team decides court size - (1) Traditional doubles tennis court or (2) 60 foot - teams play doubles in the singles lines of a traditional court and draw a line in 9 feet from each original baseline to create the baseline. Singles matches are played on a traditional tennis court.

**Team Roster:** required minimum number 5 (must be able to field 1 singles, 2 doubles), maximum 7 players on roster

**Defaults** Forfeits should be avoided if at all possible. If team is unable to field a full team, may play 1 singles and 1 doubles, or 2 doubles and no singles

**Day /Time of Play:** Players, facilities and LLC will decide day and time of play after registration closes for league or a flexible schedule format will be used.