

Western NC "TGIF" Morning Doubles

2018 Local League Regulations

GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO MORNING TGIF LEAGUES

The TGIF league is a Western NC program. The governing body is the local Western NC CTA (currently known as Mountain League CTA). The Local League Coordinator shall have the authority to interpret the Western NC TGIF League Tennis Rules.

League Choices: TGIF leagues are "thank goodness it's fun, r fireball". League options are "Spring" and "Fall" leagues which are played outdoors and have the option of WNC area play by the teams. "Winter" leagues are based indoor solely at the participating facilities and do not include travel to other WNC facilities for competition.

Player Rating: The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) is the official system of rating levels of competition in USTA leagues. Players participating in TGIF leagues should have either (a) a NTRP rating from the USTA, or (b) self rate in the TennisLink program when registering for a team. Matches played in TGIF leagues ARE NOT used to calculate NTRP ratings.

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 TGIF leagues.

Age Requirement: Players must reach the following minimum age by 12/31/2018 to compete in the TGIF morning leagues listed as follows: 40 & above league - 40 years.

League Fees: The TGIF local league fee is \$20 per player and is paid on TennisLink when registering for team. Fee includes \$3 NC State tax, \$3 TennisLink user fee and \$14 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.

Match Scorecard/Scores: Teams should mutually confirm match results after the match. Winning team member should enter scores in TennisLink with 24 hours, losing team player 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 Devices should be turned off during match play.

Inclement Weather - Spring/Fall TGIF Rules: 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 unless noted in applicable TGIF format. 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 per applicable TGIFformat, as long as the substitutions are not listed on the original scorecard.

Winter TGIF Rules - Matches played indoors are not rescheduled unless the facility is closed due to weather issues.

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 for applicable Spring/Fall leagues. Winter TGIF reschedules are determined by the facility.

Outdoor TGIF Specific Regulations:

Season: April 29- July 7, 2018

Team Registration opens March 16 - April 15, 2018. Players may be added to an existing team roster until May 15, 2018.

NTRP: 3.0, 3.5, & 4.0 may play together on the same team in the Morning TGIF league

Age Levels and Gender: 40 and above, doubles team may be mixed or men or women. Competition will be between any of the three types of team.

Indoor TGIF Specific Regulations:

Season Jan. 1, 2018 - March 10, 2018 Form a Team Registration opens Nov. 30, 2017, closes Dec. 30, 2017 players may be added to team roster during the season or until Jan. 30, 2018

NTRP: 3.0, 3.5, & 4.0 may play together on the same team in the Morning TGIF league

Age Levels and Gender: 40 and above, doubles team may be mixed or men or women. Competition will be between any of the three types of team.

TGIF Match Format , Default & Reschedules

Format: 1 doubles team - may be optional from week to week as coed or gender specific team.. Suggested balls: low compression orange/yellow . Teams may choose to play with regulation USTA yellow balls on clay courts. Court size - 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 TGIF baseline.

Team Roster: required minimum number 3 (must be able to field 1 doubles team), maximum 5 players on roster

Defaults are not allowed! Teams should insure that 2 people from the team are available to play each match. If the team is unable to field a complete team, they are allowed to substitute a non-registered player(s) to play the match with the registered player(s). In this circumstance only, the scores are entered with registered player names (similar to a pinch hitter in baseball).

Flexible Schedule Options for different seasons:

"Spring or Fall" - Schedule will be flexible format allowing teams to choose to play on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday mornings as agreed upon prior to the start of the season. Teams WILL BE RESPONSIBLE for booking their home courts on days of play. It is noted that teams may choose to play on park tennis courts. If the park court cannot be reserved, then home team should arrive in time to "hold" the court until the visiting team arrives. Teams may choose to (1) compete in the WNC league area for matches, or (2) play within the county of their team origin only.

"Winter" - Teams must have an indoor facility for home court. Schedules will be based on availability of indoor facility and will be in the mornings, with 1 and 1/2 hours allotted for a match. Winter competition will be ONLY between teams in each home facility. Day of play for "winter" TGIF will be determined by day available at each facility.