

Western NC "Warm Up" Singles & Doubles League Regulations

AUTHORITY

The "Warm Up" Singles League & Doubles League are Western NC programs. 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 Singles and Doubles League Tennis Rules.

Player Rating: The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) is the official system of rating levels of competition in USTA leagues. Players participating in Warm Up Singles 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 Warm Up Singles Leagues ARE NOT used to calculate NTRP ratings.

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 Warm Up Singles or Doubles leagues.

Age Requirement: Players must reach the following minimum age in the calendar year to compete in the Warm Up Singles or Doubles leagues listed as follows: 18 and over, or 40 and over.

League Fees: The Warm Up Singles or Doubles 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.

Facility Use and Scheduling of Match: The "Warm Up" Singles or Doubles League is a flexible format league which allows the players to schedule at their mutual convenience. The league is NOT an indoor court league. Matches consist of only one match so all Western NC public park facilities are available to meet at and play. If using club facilities, the two singles players may choose to split the cost of the courts BUT this is not a requirement of the league. Location of match and possible expense of court used should be discussed and agreed upon between the players prior to the scheduling of the match. Matches are scheduled by mutual agreement of the players. The TennisLink schedule is a "suggested" day and time to play matches BUT no court reservations are made by the coordinator. The TennisLink schedule provides a match number to report the results, BUT IS NOT a deadline to play the match. Scheduling and play of matches is totally between competitors.

Match Balls & Indoor Court/Inclement Weather Issues: The home team will supply new balls, labeled USTA approved. The home team has a choice of court surface. If indoor courts are used as "home court", it is responsibility of the home team to pay for the indoor courts.

((1) INCLEMENT WEATHER & MATCH RULES

a. Prior to start of match: Singles or Doubles players (either home or away) should **TELEPHONE (not email or text)** the opposing player/team when there is an inclement weather issue (rain, snow, sleet, severe storms) that may cause the courts to be unplayable. Courtesy is expected. Players should jointly decide to play or not play the match.

If players have started a match, and the scheduled match is then completely rained out, players should agree on the score when the match was stopped and resume the match from that point in the makeup match later.

b. Match Schedule - The Warm Up Singles and Doubles leagues are a type of Flex league. Matches are scheduled mutually as to when, where and time. Match numbers/dates on the provided schedule are for reporting of scores only. Competitors are asked to complete their matches within the advertised league season.