# 2021 Western NC Tri-Mixed Doubles League Regulations

# **AUTHORITY**

The Western NC Tri-Mixed Doubles League is a local 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 Tri-Mixed Doubles League Regulations.

<u>Player Rating:</u> The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) is the official system of rating levels of competition in USTA leagues and non USTA leagues on the TennisLink system. Players participating in the Tri-Mixed Doubles League should have either (a) NTRP rating from the USTA, or (b) self rate in the TennisLink program when registering for a team. Matches played in the Tri-Mixed Doubles League <u>ARE NOT</u> used to calculate NTRP ratings.

<u>Grievances:</u> Teams/players are encouraged to follow the guidelines of "The Code". <u>Grievances are not</u> <u>allowed</u>.

**USTA Membership**: Players may be USTA members BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED to be a member of the USTA to participate in the Tri-Mixed Doubles League.

League Fees: The Tri- Mixed Doubles 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.

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

#### Tri-Mixed Doubles League REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Season May 1, 2021 thru October 31, 2021

<u>Team Creation</u>: Registration opens March 1, 2021 and all teams must be registered and have at least 6 players on TennisLink by April 30, 2021. No limit on number of players allowed on team roster.

Players: Team members may be added to the team rosters until September 30, 2021.

## Tri-Level League NTRP INFORMATION AND AGE LEVELS

NTRP Levels Offered: 18 & Over - 5.0/6.0/7.0; 6.0/7.0/8.0; 7.0/8.0/9.0; 8.0/9.0/10.0 65 & Over - 5.0/6.0/7.0; 6.0/7.0/8.0; 7.0/8.0/9.0; 8.0/9.0/10.0

In Tri-Mixed Doubles, on each line partners may not be separated by more than 1.0 NTRP point (example: 8.0 team - a 4.5 and 3.5 may play together, but 5.0 and 3.0 may not).

#### Tri-Level League Specific Regulations

<u>Match format</u> A schedule will be provided to teams for matches to be played one or two (2) times per month based on the amount of teams in the flight and the flight season. The Captains will be responsible, by joint agreement, for scheduling the matches as set out below in Court Reservations regulations.

<u>Court Reservations</u> The Tri-Mixed Doubles league is a flex league format. Captains & Facilities have the following options:

- (1) matches may be on Friday evenings; or (2) matches may be on Saturday or Sunday mornings or afternoons.
- (2) BOTH captains should mutually agree on their scheduled match as per the day and time.
- (3) <u>Home captain will need to reserve the court with the facility\* prior to the match and confirm the day and time with the visiting captain.</u>

**Defaults** are not required from the bottom up as per general league regulations. Tri-Level teams play the highest level available at court 1, the next level at court 2, and the lowest level at court 3. (Example - line 1 players and line 3 players are available, but no line 2, then line 2 is defaulted).

<u>Match Balls & Indoor Court/</u>: 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.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER MATCH RULES**

<u>a. Prior to start of match</u>: Captains (both home and away) should **TELEPHONE (not email or text)** the opposing captain when there is an inclement weather issue (rain, snow, sleet, severe storms) that may cause the courts to be unplayable. Courtesy is expected. Captains should jointly decide to play or not play the match.

#### b. Match started and stopped due to inclement weather

If players have started a match, and the scheduled match is then stopped due to inclement weather (example: rained out), players should agree on the score and captains should agree and write down the scores, lines played/won and the standing of the games when the match was stopped and resume the match from that point in the makeup match later. Makeup matches may be scheduled at the mutual agreement of the captains, or the captains may allow the individual lines to mutually agree to time/place to complete their line(s) of the match.