

EATL for Women

League Rules

General Statements

1. This is a playing league. By dividing league participants into competitive divisions, we are able to accommodate nearly any skill level. However, we do not desire members, regardless of their skill level, who are not genuinely interested in completing the league schedule. The EATL is truly a summer commitment for all!
2. The registration fee for the league must be paid prior to the deadline established. The registration fee is required for paying administrative costs, T-shirts or visors, awards, and the league "get-together party" usually held in November following the season, the Winter/Spring Fling and our Kick-Off Party/Placement Session.
3. The Easton Area Tennis League follows the USTA rules regarding play. EATL members should be familiar with those rules, which can be found on the EATL website under 'USTARULES' section or by visiting the USTA's website: www.usta.com.
4. The EATL Roster and its personal information are to be used for EATL correspondence and tennis related events only.

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1. The tennis season consists of one round of play, which runs from upon receipt of the Roster in May through September 30, 2008. A suggested playing schedule will be posted on our website; however, matches can be scheduled anytime within this season. The person in the first position on the Player Schedule is responsible for establishing the initial contact for scheduling that particular match. If after the initial contact, the match has not been scheduled, it is the responsibility of both players to get the match scheduled. Schedule one match with every player in your division. Please be flexible in scheduling matches and schedule as many matches early in the summer in order to leave the end of the season open for any make-ups. If you have trouble contacting players, please contact your division leader. Out of courtesy to all of your opponents, please answer any phone or email messages from another player as soon as possible!
2. No player will be allowed to change her assigned division once the schedule is created.
3. Please notify your division leader immediately if you are physically unable to complete the season and she will contact the other members in your division. Also, report any problems or discrepancies directly to her first. If further resolution is necessary, the division leader will contact the league Directors.

4. **SCHEDULING MATCHES:** Please be flexible in scheduling and rescheduling matches! This is a summer league, which means hot weather! However, humidity combined with over-90 degree temperatures sometimes warrants rescheduling matches. Make every effort to accommodate each other by being on time and planning enough time to complete the match. We strongly suggest no children be taken to a match. The player who has to leave the court prior to the end of the match for any reason will automatically forfeit the match unless her opponent agrees to reschedule or concede. Players will be credited for sets and games won. A phone reminder the night before the match will confirm that both of you will be there!
5. The location of court and time of play should be mutually agreed upon. If you cannot mutually decide on a court, Louise Moore Park courts (Hecktown Rd. exit off Route 33) must be used. Be aware that the park closes near sunset everyday.
6. **FORFEITS:**
 - ✓ If a player fails to show for a scheduled match, she will be charged with the forfeit and her opponent will be awarded the 6-0, 6-0 win. Only the most extenuating of circumstances will allow reconsideration of this forfeit. **NOTE:** To avoid this situation, call your opponent the night before a match as a reminder of the time and place. Believe it or not, some have shown up for their matches at the correct time but at different places!
 - ✓ Once a match is arranged, no reason for rescheduling is acceptable except for injury or inclement weather. If this situation occurs, the opposing player wins by forfeit unless she is willing to reschedule. If an ongoing match is rescheduled, scoring and serving resumes at the point at which it ended in the originally played match.
 - ✓ We feel strongly that excessive forfeits and rescheduling will destroy the league in addition to being unfair to all those who want to enjoy competitive tennis. The league reserves the right to exclude those people the following season who continually forfeit matches.
 - ✓ If a player plays 50% of her season matches and cannot complete the remaining matches due to injury, etc., her remaining unplayed opponents will be awarded 6-0, 6-0 scores and previous match scores will stand. However, if this player didn't play 50% of her matches, all previous match scores will be erased.
7. The winner of the match is responsible for reporting the score to her division leader promptly after the match. All matches must be played and reported to the division leaders no later than September 30, 2009 (no exceptions).
8. We have a **ONE-WEEK** transition period from September 30th to October 7th. This week is a cushion for you to confirm your scores were recorded and reported correctly online. After the 7th, **THERE WILL BE NO MODIFICATIONS OR CHANGES TO ANY SCORES...NO EXCEPTIONS.** In the past, we have had members approach us well after the end of the season, and even after the awards had been given, regarding their scores that were reported incorrectly! The scores should be reported to your division leader after you complete each match. In turn, they will forward their division's score sheet to Trish Schafer to have it posted on our website. We strive to have the scores updated weekly throughout the season for you to continually check your scores online and keep up-to-date on your division. The time to address any discrepancies is before September 30th.

9. LEAGUE SCORING: The league Directors will score your total season matches as follows:

- ✓ Match winner receives 20 points.
- ✓ Each player receives 10 points for each set won.
- ✓ Each player receives additional points for number of games won divided by number of sets played.
- ✓ If two people have the same total score, the overall win-loss record will break the tie. If both have the same win-loss record, then the head-to-head result breaks the tie.

It's important that all matches are played out since both players receive points for games played.

10. DIVISION LEADERS' RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ✓ Distributes EATL Souvenir to members.
- ✓ Record scores accurately using the provided Excel spreadsheet and send spreadsheet weekly to Trish Schafer (see the Sample Scoresheet document on our website in the 2009 Information section).
- ✓ Receives phone calls/emails from division members regarding any questions or concerns.
- ✓ Informs division members and the Directors of any player dropping-out.

Common Court Etiquette

- ✓ Any form of "gamesmanship" is discouraged (i.e., deliberate stalling, complaining, excessive time taken between games, etc).
- ✓ Refrain from walking on or behind other courts when other matches are in progress.
- ✓ For safety sake for all players, please call a "let" as soon as you view a ball from another court roll on your court! The point is played over. This means the server is entitled to both of their serves.
- ✓ A ball is in if it touches any part of the line, including the outside edge, or if the receiving player cannot clearly see a space between the ball and the line. If as the receiving player you are not sure if a ball is in or out, the ball is called "in".