



## 2010 USTA League Adult and Senior Tennessee State Championships

### COURT CONDUCT

All players will abide by the USTA Rules and "The Code." The server will announce the score before each point, clearly and loudly enough for his/her opponent to hear. Line calls will be made as accurately as possible, always giving the benefit of any doubt to the opponent. Remember that if you cannot call the opponent's shot out, it is presumed good! Do not ask opinions from spectators. No coaching of any player will be permitted at any time. Please follow all rules of considerate behavior. Return balls from other courts promptly. Be ready to receive serve promptly. Always insure that the opponent is ready for the serve.

### RULES

1. The 2010 USTA League Adult and Senior Tennessee State Championships will be played on outdoor hard courts. In the event of inclement weather, play will continue under lights or be moved indoors based on availability.
2. PENN will be the official ball.
3. The round robin format of play will be used. All matches shall be the best of two sets with a "set tiebreak" (first to 7 by a margin of 2) at 6-all in each set. In lieu of a third set, a "match tiebreak" (first to 10 by a margin of 2) shall be played. The Coman Tiebreak Procedure will be used for all tiebreaks. There will be a two-minute break after each set with no coaching. The match tiebreak shall be scored as 1 set and 1 game. (The State Championship Referees may authorize alternate scoring in order to complete play on schedule or if matches are moved indoors.) Each Adult team match shall be composed of 2 individual singles matches and 3 individual doubles matches. Senior matches shall be composed of 3 individual doubles matches. Levels with 10 or more teams will be broken into two groups, and the winners of each group will advance to a final. All other levels will play round robin format playing every team at their level. A team is awarded one (1) team point for winning a team match. The winning team will then be invited to participate in the Sectional Championships. In the event of a tie, after completing play, the tie will be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:
  - a. Individual Matches. Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.
  - b. Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets.
  - c. Games. Loser of the fewest number of games.For the purpose of this provision, the following rules shall apply:
  - 1) Retirement. In case of a retirement after a match has started, the non-retiring team shall be credited with such number of additional games as would have been won if the match was completed and the non-retiring team won every subsequent game.
  - 2) Forfeits & Defaults. The non-forfeiting and/or non-defaulting team shall be credited with a 6-0, 6-0 win.
- d. Head-to-head. Winner of head-to-head match.
- e. Coin toss.
4. A 10-minute warm-up period, including serves, and a 15-minute default period shall be observed throughout the event.
5. At the conclusion of each individual match the winners return balls to the Tournament Desk and report scores. At the conclusion of the team match, both captains must return to the Tournament Desk to sign the scorecard.
6. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the format and scoring method and also has the right to terminate the team match when one team has won the majority of the points. However, without directive from the Tournament Committee teams are expected to play all matches to completion. Any team not complying will be subject to grievance procedures. In accordance with USTA League Regulations any team forfeiting an entire team match for any reason will result in all matches of that team, previously played or to be played, to be declared null and void. If all teams in contention for the Championships have already played the forfeiting team in good faith, the matches stand as played.
7. All USTA Official Rules of Play, USTA League, USTA Southern Section Regulations, USTA Tennessee State Regulations, the USTA Code of Conduct and the USTA Point Penalty System will be enforced.
8. Players are expected to wear tennis attire appropriate for this event. Men's tank tops are not permitted nor women's sports bras or bathing suits (as a top).
9. Medical Conditions: Medical conditions include, but are not limited to, an injury, illness, and heat-related conditions or cramping. Medical time-outs consist of evaluation time as determined by the Referees plus a maximum of three minutes treatment time.
10. Request for a medical time-out: A player may make a request for a medical time-out to the court monitor or Tournament Desk. During the match or warm-up if a player suffers from a medical condition or believes that medical diagnosis or treatment is required, the player may request a one-time medical time-out for that medical condition. Subsequently, he/she may request another medical time-out for a different medical condition. Only one medical time-out shall be permitted for heat-related conditions and cramping in any match even if the heat-related conditions or cramping occurs to different parts of the body.
11. Toilet visit. A player may request one or more suspensions of play for a toilet visit. No coaching shall be permitted during the suspension of play for either a medical time-out or a toilet visit.
12. Turn off all cell phones when you go on court. If your cell phone rings during a point, you lose the point. Medical personnel on call must notify the desk before going on court and can leave cell phones on.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have additional questions about the 2010 USTA League Adult and Senior Tennessee State Championships, please contact your Local League Coordinator or Charla Patrick, State League Coordinator, 865-384-8017, charlapatrick@tennesseetennis.com.