

A TUESDAY LEAGUE GUIDELINES

AMENDED RULES VOTED ON BY THE CAPTAINS, **January 16, 2007**

1. TEAM REQUIREMENTS

- a) ATL teams consist of a maximum of 25 players for 5 lines. Players may be added during the season until a maximum of 25 players is reached. The coordinator must be notified by Monday evening prior to a player participating in the next day's matches. All players must be listed on the team roster. No substitutes are permitted. **Players may not be dropped and replaced.** A player may not switch teams in mid-season. Once a player is on a roster that has been submitted, that player cannot play for any other team during that season.
- b) **Open Championship/CH1 level players (according to HLTA & WHLTA ranking) are restricted to playing Line 1 only. Championship/CH2 level players (according to HLTA & WHLTA ranking) are restricted to playing Lines 1 and 2 only. No teaching pros will be allowed to participate in this league.**
- c) Each club or subdivision must provide three courts on Tuesdays at **9:00 am** and two courts at **10:30 am**. If it is necessary for a team to play some of the matches indoors, the host captain must notify the guest team prior to the matches. **Do the best you can.**
- d) Play begins at **9:00 am** and **10:30 am** (when court is available). Default times are **9:15 am** and **10:45 am**. **Default rules will be strictly enforced. Warm-ups must be taken PRIOR to default time.**
- e) Due to the fact that we have five lines, we will rotate all lines each week, with three lines playing at 9:00 am and two lines playing at 10:30 am. Lines will rotate, such that each team will have an opportunity to play at 9:00 am five to six times out of the THIRTEEN week play schedule.
- f) **ATL will follow HLTA rules and USTA rules unless otherwise addressed in the ATL Guidelines.**
- g) Phones and pagers are not to be used on the court. If a player's phone or pager rings during the match, the offending line will forfeit either the set they are playing at that time or the following set if they are between sets. However, if the offending player chooses to answer the phone, her line will immediately default the match. At the time of the first offense, any player on the court can turn off her phone or pager without further penalty.

The ringing of the first phone shall serve as notice to all players on the court that all phones and pagers must be turned off. The subsequent ringing of a phone or pager belonging to any player on the court shall result in the default of the match by the offending line.

Players may use their phone, **during the break before the third set tiebreaker**, provided they are away from the court and comply with the time restriction.

- h) As a courtesy to players, any defaults known in advance should be reported to the team captain ASAP.
- i) Team captains must set line positions in advance of match time and exchange lineups BEFORE matches start each week. Players are not restricted to specific line assignments (**except CH1 level players playing Line 1 only and CH2 level players playing Lines 1 & 2 only**). **Obvious sandbagging will be brought to the attention of the Coordinator.**
- j) **In questionable weather, teams scheduled for 9 am matches must be at the playing site. Cancellation of matches by captains should not be made before 10 a.m. If rain occurs after matches have begun, be prepared to wait for 30 minutes to determine if courts become playable.**
- k) The ATL is a semi-competitive league for A level teams with geographic boundaries that include Clay Road on the north, Barker Cypress on the west, Westheimer on the south and the 610 West Loop on the east. Any new teams joining the league should be within these boundaries, unless voted on by the captains.

2. **FORMAT:** Teams will play each other once each season. Matches will consist of 2 out of 3 sets, regular scoring with a 12-point tie breaker at 6 all in the first 2 sets. A super tie breaker, first team to 10 points and win by 2, will be played in place of a third set. Balls, ice and water (preferably on the court) must be provided by the home team each week (only USTA approved balls).

- a) **SCORING:**

5 POINTS for a win in 2 sets or a default, 4 POINTS for a win in 3 sets, 3 POINTS for a loss in 3 sets, 2 POINTS for a loss in 2 sets or retired (illness, injury, etc.), 0 POINTS for a loss by default.

3. **TROPHIES:** Points will be kept and the team that wins will receive a trophy at the end of each season, which will be engraved with the winning team's name. The winning team will keep the trophy through the next season, at which time the trophy will be given to the next season's winning team.