



***Eastern MA USTA League Captains Meeting
Wednesday September 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Via Google Meeting (meeting will be recorded)***

Introductions:

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Eastern Mass Information:

- Eastern MA State Association
 - Provides governance for Eastern MA and Cape Cod.
- Primary Responsibilities: Growth, Program Development, Foster Communication
- General email address: ema-league@newengland.usta.com
- Eastern Ma USTA League info is found on: [Eastern MA USTA League](#)
- Pathway: usta.com/newengland >State Associations>Eastern MA>USTA League
- The Eastern MA website contains the latest information on league dates and important deadlines.
 - USTA League Safe Play Guidelines for players and facilities
 - EZ Reference Guide
 - 2021 USTA League Timeline
 - 2021 Championship Calendar – tentative / will be voted on by the Section League Committee in September

Facebook Group

- Eastern MA USTA League announcements and updates are posted on the Facebook Group providing timely communication
- This group is intended to serve our USTA League community in Eastern MA in a fun and informative way.
- Click on the link to join <https://www.facebook.com/groups/USTALeagueEMA/>

Safety Precautions and Practices:

USTA New England Safe Play Guidelines and Waivers:

- Player guidelines – captains should review and circulate to players.
- Facility guidelines – in addition to the USTA NE League Guidelines, each club may also have its own safety guidelines.

- Waivers - only need to be submitted once per player.
- Captains' responsibilities – communication is key. Communicate with your players and other captains early to ensure that matches happen with minimal physical interaction.
- Any safety issues should be brought to the LLC's attention.

[Player Guidelines](#) & [Facility Guidelines](#)

Upcoming Leagues / Important Dates:

- Tri-Level – league timeline 9/11/20 to 12/13/20
- Mixed Doubles 40 & Over -league timeline 9/11/20 to 1/30/21
- Mixed Doubles 18 & Over - league timeline from January to May 2021
- 18-39 - league timeline January to End of March

Tri Level

- Tri-Level format is one single gender position of doubles that makes it one of the easiest to form a team.
 - The winner of the Section Championship at each level (3.5, 4.0 and 4.5) advance to a National Invitational representing New England
 - How Tri-Level works
 - Teams can have a min of 2 players but only 4 players can advance to championships
 - Eastern MA offers 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5 level so play. All levels will advance to the Sectional Championships. The Tri Level Open does not host the 3.0 level.

Mixed 40 & Over

- Mixed 40 & Over
 - One set of regulations applies to all leagues.
 - The following items are the specific differences for mixed doubles
 - Deuce point is served same gender to same gender
 - Players partners can only be 1.0 apart and they must add up to a number equal to or less than the team level

New Regulations:

2.01A(1) — Changing NTRP Levels of Play

New National Regulation- “Plus” leagues (Adult 40 & Over 4.5+ and Adult 18 & Over) have been removed.

Year End Ratings

Regulation Proposal and Change process:

1.4 Proposals for regulation changes must be submitted by email on the official USTA League Regulation/Change Proposal Form to the league coordinator at:

ema-league@newengland.usta.com by May 1st for review and consideration in the local league regulations for the following Championship Year. The Eastern MA State USTA League Committee will review and evaluate all proposals. Those proposals accepted are subject to

amendment and will be voted on by the appropriate party identified in Regulation 1.3. (Either the Captain or the State USTA League Committee)

Local Business

- On TennisLink –in your profile update your email and cell #
- EMA Timeline and Important dates – Review steps (Tm commitment, player registration, (combination requirements)
- Extra Time and No Extra Time Match Ending Regulations

Eastern MA Local USTA League Regulations:

- 2.3.3: Must register before playing a match
- 2.4: Registration fee is \$23/player and the **match fee is \$20**
- 3.1: Once you receive notice that your schedule is published, review it with your club **and your players** to ensure there are no conflicts. Confirm receipt with the coordinator within 3 days (72hrs). The league coordinator must be notified if there are any errors or changes.
- 3.2 & 3.3: Any changes to the schedule or court surfaces must be communicated no later than 48 hrs. prior to 12 noon of the scheduled match date.
- 3.10: Coaching is not allowed which includes talking, signals, gestures, interactions with or comments by or to any other person other than players on your court.
- 3.13: one captain enters scores and the other captain must confirm scores
- 3.13.3: Entering scores if not enough positions are played for a valid match
- 3.15.1: Make Up matches for holidays and rescheduled matches (weather, court conflicts) & make up matches – **plan ahead** for matches that have to be rescheduled
- 3.15.3: 2 parts: Notification of the opposing captain and the club must be made 48 hrs. prior to 12 noon of the scheduled match date
- If a position(s) is defaulted within the 48 hrs. prior to 12 noon of the scheduled match date the defaulting team is liable for the court fee and for paying at the time of the match.
- 3.15.4: Failure to pay will render the team ineligible to compete in the current league season, USTA League Championships, if applicable and subsequent seasons, until the outstanding amount is paid.
- 3.15.10 Home team provides 3 dates for reschedule. Involve the league coordinator if teams are unable to come to an agreement. The league coordinator will make the final date and location decision.

Q & A