**SHENANDOAH USTA 2018**

**Captains Meeting Agenda/Rule Cliff Notes**

**Introduction**

**Schedule/Codes**

* Please note the varied match start times and days.

**Fact Sheet**

* Fee break down and specific league information

**Championship Dates**

**National Rule Changes:**

* **2.03(4)** One (1) default counts for National Championship eligibility

3 matches one default included

* Early start ratings are eliminated
* **2.05B(3)a**: Players who are moved up and are clearly above level must adjust to their new NTRP level immediately.
* **2.05B(3)b and c**: (early start leagues)
* **2.05E(2)**: Ratings for players 65&over who are moved up will be published; auto appeal will be granted upon request (auto appeal function)
* **2.07**: Only National Championship players will not be allowed to appeal their rating down for one year after participating in that championship. (Reg/Sect championship players will be allowed to appeal ratings up/down if they meet criteria)
* **3.01 Grievance**: Sections may honor sanctions imposed in another section.

**Mid-Atlantic Section Rules:**

* Match scores must be entered within 48 hours of completed match (MAS rule 6)
  + Completed, Retired, Default, Double Default
  + Both captains responsible for entering (agree to winner or home team enter)
  + Opposing captain not required to confirm (auto confirm)
* Individual matches played in conjunction with a specific match number may not be moved to make another team match valid. (MAS 8c)
* Match Defaults (MAS rule 8b/cover 8d)
* Roster size = 20 max /Tri-Level = 22 (MAS rule 10)
* Tri-Level minimum = 2 players at each level. Must be on roster prior to start of season. (MAS 13)
* 3 person rule (MAS rule 11) clarify rule
  + If you have two leagues that are in the same Division, same Age Group and same NTRP level then the 3 -player rule applies.
* Self- rating players//Appeals//DQs
* 2 matches (1default) to be eligible for Regionals/Sectionals
* 3 matches (1 defaults) to be eligible for Nationals (MAS rule 12)
* Two team leagues = team cannot advance to Regionals/Sectionals if defaulted a local league match (MAS 8)
* $150 deposit to hold tournament spot. Loss of deposit if a team withdraws within 10 days of tournament
* Clarified that wild cards are offered to a specific local league in a local area at a level. If the next place team is unable to accept the wild card will continue to the next specific league and local area selected until the wild card spot is fulfilled or options have been exhausted. (MAS 16)
* NTRP Grievances must be filed prior to or after a championship event. NTRP Grievances will not be processed during a Regional or Sectional Championship. (MAS 21)

**Rules for Local Leagues (part of MAS rules):**

* Match schedules are firm (LL rule 4a)
* Matches must be completed with **14 days** of sched (MAS rule 7/ LL rule 4c)
* Inclement weather and resched (LL rule 4d//SVTA 8)
  + Cancellation prior to match start
  + Cancellation after match start
* Any combination of courts may be used (LL rule 5//SVTA 4h)
* Warmups (LL rule 5b) included in overall match time//all players get 5 min
* Lineup exchanges (LL rule 6//SVTA 5) discuss defaulting individual court/s
* **Lineups must be exchanged simultaneously at any time prior to the match start time (5min prior suggested….10min prior for SVTA) (LL rule 6a/SVTA 5a)**
  + **Those captains who do not submit the line up before the match start time are subject to the lateness penalties referenced in LL rule 7.**
* Lineup substitutions (SVTA 5b)
* Late-ness penalty time table (LL rule 7b)
* Player conduct (LL rule 10) good faith, good lines, no cell phones, no coaching
* **Medical time out 3 minutes MAX once treatment supplies are on court/bleeding time out 15 min total (LL rule 12a)**
* **Problem Match Rule: if there is a problem on the court with outcalls, foot faults, or delay of game, teams may seek an acceptable (by both) impartial third party to make calls in regards to these concerns. If an acceptable impartial third party is not available, a team captain or team representative from each team may observe the match from a stationary position at the net post. (LL rule 12d)**

**SVTA Procedures:**

* Players registered before walking on court
* Staggered matches #1D, #1S, #2D to start, followed by #2S, #3D (SVTA 4e)
* Staggered matches (SVTA 4e) / staggered court must arrive by 1 hour after start time
* Each court shall decide on a source clock for timing the match prior to the first point. ALL courts must have their OWN agreed upon time piece audible by all players on court. Phone/alarm must be VISIBLE for all players on court. Apple watches are NOT an acceptable timepiece. (SVTA 7b)
* Each point includes both first and second serve. (SVTA 7d)
* Timed matches (SVTA 7) finish point in play (includes fault serve)
  + Valid sets: 4-0, 4-1, 4-2, 5-0, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3
  + Home team spins in case of tie of games or tie break points
  + Split Set sheet
* Match Reschedules Requiring Local League Coordinator Approval (MAS rule for local leagues 4 and SVTA 9)

Rescheduling due to conflicts with USTA League post season championships is allowed at the discretion of the Local League Coordinator and if the following conditions are met:

* + Reschedule must involve conflicts due to USTA Local League playoffs, USTA Regionals, USTA Sectionals, and USTA Nationals.
  + The request must be made to the Local League Coordinator by email.
  + The email request must be at least 7 days prior to the scheduled match date.
  + 40% of the team (40% of one gender or a rating level for mixed or combo teams, 40% per level for Tri-Level) must be participating in the post season championship.