

LYNMAR IN-HOUSE LEAGUE RULES
2009-2010

I. Participation

- A. Only Lynmar members may play or substitute in an in-house league.
- B. You must sign up for the league that coincides with your NTRP rating. (See also Section IV - Changing Levels)
- C. If you do not have an NTRP rating, you must be rated by a Lynmar pro.
- D. If a doubles team has different NTRP ratings, the doubles team must play at the higher-rated player's level and the partners can be no more than one level apart (3.0 and 3.5 are okay but 3.0 and 4.0 are not). At least one partner must be at the actual level of the league.

II. Substitutes

- A. It is a player's responsibility to find their own substitute of equal level. To aid in finding a sub, the website www.LynmarTennisSubs.com can be used as well as the hard copy substitute list. After a second no-show, a player will be dropped from the league and replaced by the Tennis Coordinator at the original player's expense.
- B. A substitute must play at the level of their most current rating at any given time. If the Tennis Coordinator agrees that the sub was of a higher level, the match will be forfeited resulting in 0 points to the player or team.
- C. The same substitute can only be used twice during the league (per person in singles or per team in doubles). A score of 0 will be given if the same sub plays a third or more time.
- D. At least one member of a doubles team must be present to earn playing points; otherwise, it is a forfeit. However, if there are two substitutes for a doubles team, that team can receive a maximum of two present points for the match.
- E. A permanent substitute is allowed in special situations such as an injury. A player must coordinate a permanent sub with the Tennis Coordinator. A permanent sub must be needed for at least three weeks. A permanent sub receives full present points but cannot sub for other teams.
- F. A player or team cannot sub in their own league when they have a bye.

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III. Make-ups

- A. League make-ups are highly discouraged.
- B. If a match cannot be played and both players or teams agree to make it up, the Tennis Coordinator must be notified in order to make up the match at no additional cost.
- C. There is a two week period after a season ends to make up matches.

IV. Play

- A. If you are 5-9 minutes late for your match, you forfeit the warm-up. If you are 10-14 minutes late, you forfeit the first set. Then, the USTA 15-minute default rule is in effect.
- B. Warm-up is limited to 10 minutes, including serves. Matches **must** begin 10 minutes after the start of the court time. League matches are the best two out of three sets. Play is continuous with no break between sets.
- D. League play is no-ad scoring. On the last point, receivers choose which serve court they wish to receive from. In mixed doubles, the male player serves to the other male, and the female player to the other female on game point.
- E. At 6 games all in any set, a tiebreak of first to 7 points, by 2, is played.
- F. **10 minute time limit:** If you are still playing the match 10 minutes before the time limit, the game in progress at that time is finished.
 - a. If a team is ahead by two or more games, that team is declared the winner of that set.
 - b. If a team is ahead by only one game, play one more game and then a tiebreak if that game ties the score.
 - c. If sets are split, play a first to 7 points, by 2, for the third set.
- F. If the match is not completed by the allotted time, there are 2 options to choose from which both teams must agree on:
 - a. Split points
 - Doubles: 4 points apiece if both players on a team are present (3 points if there is a sub)
 - singles-3 points apiece (2 points if there is a sub)

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- b. Reserve a court for a 1/2 hour and finish the match where you left off. Players are responsible for the court cost.

If both parties cannot agree, then the points are automatically split. If the match is not played, then the points cannot be split.

V. Scoring

- A. Winners of all leagues are determined by the person or team who earns the most points during the league season. To be eligible to place first or second in a league, a singles player or doubles team must play a minimum of 85% of the matches.
- B. If there is a tie for first place and the number of byes is unequal, the team with the highest winning percentage is declared the winner. If there is a tie for first place and the number of byes are equal, the team who won the most matches in head to head competition is the winner. If there is still a tie, total sets won throughout the season will be the determining factor.
- C. At the end of a match, the winner keeps the balls, records the results and circles the winner on the scorecard, and turns the scorecard into the front desk. The Tennis Coordinator then publishes the results in the league binder. All players are responsible for checking the completed scorecard and published results.

VI. Changing Levels

- A. A player who wins 1 or 2 leagues at a given level has the option to move to the next higher level for the next season by submitting a written request to the Tennis Coordinator. Requests will be approved or denied by the Tennis Committee.
- B. A player who participates in the next higher level through the appeals process must finish higher than last place in the next league season. If not, the player has to move back down to their correct level for the following season.
- C. When a player moves via appeals, then that player must play and/or sub at that higher level.
- D. If a player or team is in last place in 2 consecutive league seasons, that player or team must move down to the next lower level.