

**JACKSON AREA TENNIS ASSOCIATION**  
**LEAGUE RULES**

**Dues:** Membership and league fees **must be paid before you can be scheduled for a league.**

**Matches:** Winning a match is to be 2 out of 3 sets, using the 12-point tie-break at 6-all if needed (See attached tie-breaker). For further clarification, please contact your league captain before playing.

**I. Schedules**

Players will be given a schedule and will be assigned a week in which to play a match (Monday through Sunday). They are responsible for communicating with each other and deciding the date, time and location for playing their match during their scheduled week.

**A. Assigned Matches**

Assigned matches should be played if possible during the week you are scheduled to play.

Exceptions: Inclement weather, illness, job, vacation, injury or family death.

**B. Substitute Players – Doubles Only – .5 point subtracted from team's score**

All doubles leagues may use a substitute player if desired to accomplish a match; however, the sub must be a current JATA member. The level of skill of the sub must correspond to that of the absent player, and **.5 point** will be subtracted from the team's match score. If used, be sure to tell your league captain the sub's name when reporting scores. (Sub list attached, if appropriate)

**C. Rescheduling – 48-hour advance notice required for rescheduling a match**

After a match is agreed upon and you need to reschedule it, contact your opponent as early as possible but no later than 48 hours in advance to arrange an alternative date, time and location.

**D. Cancellation/Forfeit – if no callback within 3 days**

If you have made several attempts to schedule or reschedule a match and have not received a callback within 3 days, contact your league captain. He or she will try to schedule a match for you. If the league captain does not receive a response, a forfeit will be declared.

**E. 15-Minute Late Rule in Effect**

Please be respectful of others. Forfeiture may be declared if a player is more than 15 minutes late to the match without notifying the opponent in advance.

**II. Good Sportsmanship (added in 2010)**

**JATA's goal is to promote good sportsmanship, fair play and respect for opponents. When a member repeatedly violates these principles, membership privileges will be suspended or revoked. Court demeanor, returning calls to set up matches, playing all matches in a league and promptness are examples of respect for opponents.**

**III. Tennis Balls**

Each player or team must bring an unopened can of USTA tennis balls to each match. No practice balls or "seconds." At a match:

Only 1 can is opened at the beginning.

The winner(s) of the match take(s) the unopened can of balls.

The defeated player(s) get(s) the opened can of balls.

**IV. Reporting Scores**

**A. Report within 48 hours**

It will be the responsibility of the winner to call in the scores to the league captain within **48 hours** after the match. Failure to call in the scores within 48 hours can result in a **.5 point penalty**.

**B. Point System**

Points to determine league standings are provided as follows:

Play and Win	2.0 points
Win by Forfeit	1.5 points
Play and Lose	.5 point
Lose by Forfeit/No Show	0 points
Doubles Use of Sub	-.5 point

**C. Positioning**

If 2 teams or players tie for league championship, the following rule will apply: If Player A defeated Player B during the regular league session, Player A will be ranked above Player B for final positioning.