

August 2, 2017

Dear 2017 USTA Dallas COMBO DOUBLES Captains:

Please take a moment to review and confirm, **via return email**, your receipt of the attached schedule and understanding of information below. Verify cell number listed on schedule is the best contact in the event that the Event Desk needs to reach you.

THANK YOU for captaining a 2017 USTA Dallas COMBO DOUBLES Weekend Event team! As we know you would agree weekend event play is fast, fun, and competitive given the limited number of teams and play opportunities. Having fielded a team and weekend event rules regarding a default not counting as a qualifying match for advancement, the DTA and your **FELLOW CAPTAINS** expect that teams will be fielding the full 3 lines throughout the entire weekend event. This applies even if matches are rescheduled due to inclement weather conditions.

NEW player registration will close on Thursday, 8/10/2017 at 11:59pm. The DTA will no longer accept requests for Player Movement between teams. *EXCEPTION – Player’s registration that are currently sitting in a “Withdrawal” Team. “Withdrawal” Team players may be moved to active teams.*

Should the DTA be faced with inclement weather conditions over the course of the weekend event, matches that DO NOT impact the final standings may be cancelled at the discretion of the DTA. **Please make your players aware that they should be prepared to play ALL weekend should the schedule need to be revised due to rain or inclement weather.**

Players need to start hydrating several days in advance and avoid caffeinated and alcoholic beverages. Please have your players bring ice and water. Even though some sites have water on court, their staff will most likely not be able to have every cooler filled always. Be careful. If someone shows signs of heat exhaustion, please do not play them again for at least 24 hours.

Each player on your team is required to have at least one (1) match result (no defaults) in their initial round robin flight in order to advance to Sectionals. The same one (1) match rule applies in order to be eligible to play in a Semi-Final or Final round on Sunday where applicable.

If you have a player that has committed to and plans to play at Sectionals with a team that has qualified from another area (Ft. Worth, Tyler, Houston, etc.) they should not participate in the Dallas’ 2017 COMBO DOUBLES Weekend Event. If they chose to play in Dallas’ COMBO DOUBLES Weekend Event and the Dallas team advances to Sectionals, the DTA considers those players committed to Dallas. We follow play at Sectionals.

The flight and number your team was assigned was by random draw.

Captains should check in at the event desk 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of each match. You will be provided a scorecard to fill out at that time. Make sure that your designated players for each match are all present before returning your lineup to the event desk. **Lineups MUST BE handed in to the event desk 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.** Once your lineup has been turned in **you MAY NOT switch any player (*)** except if an injury occurs during warm-up and an eligible replacement can be made within the default time. (*) Please note that this over rides 2017 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations #7H (b). The Event Desk/Official **MUST BE** notified of the injured player and scorecard updated prior to beginning play. Please check back after each team match to verify scores.

To keep to our schedule if you choose to use a player that for whatever “bad” reason is not on site you must put that player on the lowest singles or doubles line. They are still subject to the penalties for late arrival (0-5 minutes/1 game & loss of toss, 5-10 minutes/2 games & loss of toss, 10-15 minutes/3 games and loss of toss, 15:01 minutes/default). These penalties apply to physically being on court not just on site. Courts will be assigned by the event desk as they become available. They will be noted on the scorecards at that time. Your players should on site and ready to play when match called by the event desk. Please advise your players that trips to the restroom, filling water bottles, putting shoes on, etc... should be done before match time not on the way to the court. Thank you!

Warm up will be limited to 5 minutes including serves. **We do not provide warm up courts.** Players may not warm up next to an active match unless it is the four players assigned to the court and they are willing to start their 5-minute warm up.

Scoring will be the best of two sets, conventional scoring, and a Coman set tiebreak (the first to 7 by 2) at 6 games all. In the case of split sets, a Coman match tiebreak (the first to 10 by 2) shall be played in lieu of a full third set. **A 2-minute set break is allowed. No coaching is allowed at any time during the match.**

To avoid confusion among Officials, Captains and Players please note the following and share with your players:

2017 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations:

7K. Play should be continuous. Between points, a maximum 20 seconds is allowed. When players change ends at the end of a game, a maximum 90 seconds is allowed. At set break, 120 second (2 minutes) is allowed.

Score disputes can only be worked out by the players involved in the match. An official may be called in to assist. (Spectators cannot help the players with the score or involve themselves in the match for any reason.)

If a player or spectators become unruly, players should notify the event desk immediately. If the behavior continues after a warning the player or the team with which spectator is associated will be assessed penalties under the point penalty system for unsportsmanlike conduct (point, game, default).

A player may request a court monitor if court conduct or line calls justify.

Immediately following a completed match, the winner(s) must return the balls and report the score to the event desk.

- Children must have adult supervision always.
- Bringing alcohol onto the premises at a public facility is banned by the city and puts a private club at risk of losing their liquor license.
- Players and fans must pick up their trash. The facilities do not have a janitorial staff.
- Players should be adequately hydrated prior to a match. If a player experienced signs of dehydration in a previous match, they should not play again within a 24-hour period.

IMPORTANT!!! Site workers at the event desks are volunteers. They are so generous with their time, much work all day! The DTA is fortunate to have them! Please remind your players that they are volunteers. Their goal is to get matches on court in a timely, efficient manner. It is understood that potential challenges always exist so everyone's patience and courtesy is appreciated and expected.

GOOD LUCK!

The Dallas Tennis Association