

Inclement Weather Procedures

Inclement Weather Conditions

Safety of the players is the number one priority. Since courts can quickly become unsafe in certain situations, do not allow play to continue under the following weather conditions:

- Heavy rainfall
- Sustained drizzle
- Cold Temperatures*
- Sleet and/or snow
- Frozen Clay Courts**
- When lightening is present

If it is raining or the weather is questionable prior to the start of the match, **do not assume that the match is cancelled.** Teams must show up ready to play **unless both captains** have spoken and confirmed the decision to reschedule the match. It is ultimately the responsibility of the HOME TEAM CAPTAIN to make the call on court conditions and to communicate with the opposing captain on court conditions.

When both teams are assembled to play, but the weather or courts are questionable, or the match is interrupted by inclement weather, teams are required **to wait 30 minutes** past the originally scheduled time, unless both teams agree to wait longer, or both captains have spoken and agreed to an alternate waiting time.

***Cold Temperature Rule:** All matches should be played at temperatures 32 degrees and above. If temperatures are below 32 degrees, one hour before match time, captains have the option to delay the match start time or reschedule. The temperature is the actual air temperature, NOT wind chill. Players are free to play their match if all players agree at match time, regardless of the rule being in affect. Captains are free to schedule the match at an alternative facility for the same day, or reschedule the match.

Canceling a Match BEFORE Play Begins

Unplayed matches must be made up within 15 DAYS, unless at the end of season.

The League Coordinator may decrease or extend the 15-day time period if needed for playoff matches or if weather conditions are extreme.

- Within **48 hours of a rained-out match**, both team captains must agree on the make-up date. If team captains cannot agree on a time within 48 hours, they must contact the League Coordinator, who will set a time.
- Either the entire team can play at the same time, or individual lines can be scheduled at varying times. If a date, time and location have been determined for a team match (or individual court) rescheduled due to inclement weather or another allowed circumstance, i. e. State Championship conflict, the match can only be suspended again due to inclement weather. Any team that cannot make the rescheduled match time will default any affected courts.
- Substitutions for team matches interrupted due to inclement weather: For any court that had begun play (first point played), lineups will stand. For any court

that had not yet begun play (first service attempted), teams may substitute players as long as the substitutions are not listed on the original scorecard.

- If the start of a team match is cancelled due to inclement weather (first point of the team match not played) any defaults awarded in advance or at the time lineups were exchanged are null and void.
- Teams can elect to schedule a double-header to make-up the match if the opportunity exists.
- **Captains must exchange at least one contact name for each line within 48 hours of the match being cancelled.** It is the responsibility of the home team captain to initiate contact with the opposing team captain.
- Players must contact each other to schedule their individual matches and confirm make-up match date, time and location.

Step	Action	Assigned to
1	Monitor weather conditions on game day.	Both Team Captains
2	No earlier than two hours before the match, decide if match needs to be rescheduled.	Home Team Captain
3	Contact the opposing team's captain to 1) communicate decision to cancel play and 2) discuss date and time for rescheduling the match.	Home Team Captain
4	Contact your team to share news of cancelled play and proposed date(s) and time(s) for rescheduling the match. Copy the LLC.	Both Team Captains
5	Email the League Coordinator with the agreed-upon plan for making up the match.	Home Team Captain

Canceling a Match AFTER Play Begins

Once a match is underway, the following rules apply if play must be stopped due to inclement weather:

- Any completed lines (e.g. Court #1 doubles) stand as played.
- Any incomplete lines must be resumed by the SAME players in the SAME positions, SAME side of net, SAME set, game, and point score.
- For individual matches that have not yet begun, any player who is not involved in a match that was in progress or a default may sub in for the make-up match.
- Incomplete lines must be resumed at the SAME location, unless players have mutually agreed to an alternate court.
- Incomplete lines must be made up within 15 DAYS. The League Coordinator may decrease or extend the 15-DAY time period if needed for playoff matches or if weather conditions are extreme.
- Teams can elect to schedule a double-header to make-up any unplayed lines if the opportunity exists.
- When a match is rescheduled following the exchange of the line-up, the line-up stands ONLY for those lines that had already started. The roster for any unplayed lines may be changed.
- If a scheduled match is unable to be played (play has not begun on any court), any defaults on the scorecard are reinstated and can be made up. If, however, one court has begun play (first service attempted) and the match is interrupted due to inclement weather, all defaults stand. Either the entire team can play at the same time, or individual lines can be scheduled at varying times.
- If a date, time and location have been determined for a team match (or individual court) rescheduled due to inclement weather or another allowed circumstance, i. e. State Championship conflict, the match can only be suspended again due to

inclement weather. Any team that cannot make the rescheduled match time will default any affected courts.

- Substitutions for team matches interrupted due to inclement weather: For any court that had begun play (first service attempted), lineups will stand. For any court that had not yet begun play (first service attempted), teams may substitute players as long as the substitutions are not listed on the original scorecard.

Step	Action	Assigned to
1	Stop play and get all players to a safe location.	Both Team Captains
2	Record scores for all completed lines on scorecard.	Both Team Captain
3	For incomplete lines , write down the set and game scores. Also record the players, their sides, the current server, and the order of service (if doubles).	Home Team Captain
4	Wait 30 minutes to see if conditions change and play can be resumed.	Both Teams
5	Before leaving the courts, confirm that both team captains have the same information regarding scores.	Both Team Captains
6	If plans were not made to reschedule the match before leaving the courts, Team Captains have 48 hours to set a new date to finish the match.	Both Team Captains
7	Email the League Coordinator with the agreed-upon plan for making up the incomplete match.	Home Team Captain

MAKE UP MATCH PROCEDURES

NEW REGULATION (Defaults will be taken if rule not followed) The Local League Coordinator will not be responsible for managing the process of exchanging line-ups. However, if contact names for line-ups have not exchanged within 48 hours captains should notify the Local League Coordinator. At this point the Local League Coordinator will advise captains they have 24 hours to exchange contact names to avoid default. **Captains must exchange at least one contact name for each line.** It is the responsibility of the HOME team captain to initiate contact with the opposing captain.

Once a time, day, location and court surface for the makeup match has been agreed upon by the parties involved, that match may not be postponed, for any reason other than inclement weather.

- Incomplete or postponed matches must be made up within 15 days.
- If captains cannot agree on a make-up day, the 15th day will be the default mandatory match date. If there is inclement weather on the 15th day, the match will be played on the 16th day, or the next subsequent day as weather and court conditions permit.
- In accordance with regulations for score entry, when matches are played on the mandatory match date scores must be entered within 48 hours of that match time. If captains mutually agree for players to play the match after the mandatory match date and within the 48-hour match score entry deadline, the provision for making up matches will not apply. The deadline to enter scores 48 hours after matches to be played on the mandatory match date (or the official make-up date for the mandatory match date) stands.
- The default match location and time is the same as the originally scheduled match location and time. If courts cannot be reserved at the originally scheduled match facility,

then the match should be played at the visiting team's facility. If neither team can reserve courts at their facility for the default mandatory match date, captains should contact the Local League Coordinator to reserve courts at a neutral facility. Captains must contact the Local League Coordinator 48 hours prior to the match date so courts can be reserved.

- Club Captains shall reserve courts for make-up matches. Public court captains need to fill out the Makeup Court Request form on the Captain's Corner/Player Resource page of the LNTA.org website and submit to Iris to secure courts.