

2021 Softcourt Match Day Helper

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Questions about line-ups or strength rosters should be addressed to your level coordinator prior to the match! Preferably the day before!

See the Softcourt Rule Book for more information.

Line-ups: Complete written singles and doubles line-ups and a copy of your teams strength roster must be exchanged by captains prior to 9:00 a.m. There can be no alterations to the line-up once play has started. If a line-up is not presented by 9:00 a.m., the first 2 games of singles on each court will be defaulted.

Forfeits: Always start in position 4; additional forfeits proceed up the lineup.

Singles Play: Singles players must be present by 9:00 a.m. If the player is not ready by 9:15 the 15-minute default rule will be applied at 9:15 for the first set and 9:30 for the second set.

Doubles play: Doubles team must be present by 10:30 a.m. The same default rule is in effect for doubles when a court becomes available after 10:30 a.m. and singles players are available for doubles play (i.e. 15-minute grace period starts when the court is available for play after 10:30).

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Entering Scores: Host team is responsible for entering match scores on the website within 3 days of the match. Please do not dispute a match because of a typo, i.e., wrong score entered, wrong player, etc. If there is an issue, contact your level coordinator and have them help with corrections.

Rainouts: Host team must submit 3 possible dates within 3 weeks of original match date to visiting team for make-up dates. Please notify your level coordinator once the date has been selected. Please take care of this within 24 hours of the rainout.

Electronic Devices: No electronic devices of any kind may be used during play. All devices must be in silent mode – they may not be on vibrate. An electronic device that disrupts play on your court, any neighboring courts or use of the device during play will result in loss of the game in progress or the next game if during changeover.

Match Result:

Completed- A completed match on a given court consists of two completed sets. No tie break will be used in the case of “split sets”. The Comen tiebreak procedure (first player to 7 points by a margin of 2 points) will be used to determine the winner of a set at the score of 6-6.

Forfeit- A forfeit occurs before the match has started. A team forfeits a position/court when they do not have enough players at match start time. Forfeits must start at position 4 with listed players moving up to the next position. The team NOT forfeiting should list players on their scorecard. The forfeiting team should list "forfeit" on the scorecard.

Retired- A retirement occurs when a player is unable to continue playing a match or resume playing a suspended match because of injury, illness, or personal circumstance. In case of injury or illness, after a 5-minute grace period, the player must retire from the match. Any games won by the retiring player will stand and any un-played games will be awarded to the remaining player. For example, player B retires in the first set at 3-3. The score should be recorded as 6-3, 6-0 for player A. If the retirement occurs in the second set, the first set stands as is and the second set scoring follows the previously stated rule. If the player retires from her singles match and is able to play doubles, she may play her doubles match. **If the player is unable to play doubles, the team must forfeit doubles from the number 4 position.** See Forfeit definition for guidelines.

Default- A default occurs when play has begun, and a player refuses to play for a reason other than injury, illness or personal circumstances. A player's refusal to continue to play or resume playing a suspended match will be treated as unsportsmanlike conduct and the defaulting player will be penalized any games won, receiving a score of zero for both sets. Prior to recording a match as a default, please consult with your level coordinator to ensure the default criteria has been met.