

2023 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. Captains should check that the line-up submitted is in accordance with the strength roster procedures before the match begins. If there is any question, the coordinator should be called prior to match play. A match cannot be protested once play has begun. Should captains agree to deviate from these rules for the promotion of play over forfeit, their decision stands once play has begun.

Strength Roster:

- Strength Roster position #1 plays 1st or 2nd court.
- Strength Roster position #2 plays 1st, 2nd or 3rd court.
- Strength Roster position #3 plays 2nd, 3rd or 4th court.
- Strength Roster position #4 plays 3rd or 4th court.

A player may play UP more than 1 court without prior LC approval if there is no higher strength rostered player available to play that match. A player may never play more than one court BELOW their SR position without prior LC approval. When playing matches, the #1 court must always be played by the strongest singles or doubles team present. Sandbagging is prohibited!

Match Play: At least 4 courts (8 sets) must be played to count as a match, which can be done with as few as 3 players. For example, 3 courts of singles and 1 court of doubles.

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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).

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/Inclement Weather: If the home team's courts are not playable one hour prior to match time and the home team does not have an alternate location, then **the match must be played at the opposing team's courts if they are playable and available.** If all courts are not in playable condition, the Host team must submit 3 possible dates within 3 weeks of original match date to the 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. The intent of this policy is to prevent players from stopping play to respond to their electronic devices. If the call/message is important enough to respond during play then, it is worth losing a game. The policy does not prevent a player from wearing a smartwatch/fitness tracker that is monitoring.

Substitutes: Players and substitutes may play for only one club in Women's Softcourt during a season. She must be at least 18 years old and a dues paying member in good standing with her club. The Softcourt Ethics Committee reserves the right to request a cross check of tennis rosters to a club's membership. If a Softcourt player is an employee or the wife of an employee of her club the player will need a letter from that club's manager/owner verifying that the player has club/membership privileges.

Substitutes cannot play 1st court.