

6 Best Practices for Tennis Captains



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Check out the Rule Book and Match Day Helper from the WSL website. <http://womenssoftcourtleague.com> Bookmark or print for easy access. Click the Forms button for additional information including how to's and scorecards.

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Build your strength roster according to the Rule Book. Players may play up or down one position. Captain must get approval PRIOR to the match if playing out of strength order. Print a copy of your strength roster to accompany lineup. Once the lineup has been exchanged and play has begun the lineup cannot be changed. Subs cannot play first court at any level.

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Always have a captain or acting captain present during the match. These individuals should know the line up, communicate with players court assignments and opponents, answer weather and tie breaker questions.

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Remind players to arrive on time to match. Play begins at 9:00 am for singles and 10:30 for doubles. Warm up prior to start time. Players should not use cell phone unless an emergency, do not walk across a court while point is in play, have two balls during service game.

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Reach out to the opposing Captain the day before the match. Have back up subs ready to play in advance of matches. Be prepared and avoid forfeits.

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Lightning policy-You must suspend play if notified by club staff of lightning in the area. Proceed to designated safe areas until play can resume. If club staff is not on site, captains must communicate with each other if they will halt match for lightning or rain. Players may not leave until captains decide whether play will continue.