

WTT Specific Rules not addressed in the Friend at Court, continued:

Court Assignments for Sets

If available, sets 1, 3 and 5 on the WTT scorecard will be played on the odd-numbered court, while sets 2, 4 and 6 will be played on the even-numbered court. If a mixed doubles team plays on the wrong court, the games that have been played will stand and the error will be rectified immediately and play continue. If the sets have been completed, the scores will stand and games won will be recorded in the appropriate location based on the rule stated above.

Determining Ratings of Players and the Appropriate Division for a Team

All players must have an NTRP rating. Ratings from the start of local league will be used. Since all sections do not use the "early season ratings", they will not be recognized by WTT.

If at the start of the local league, a player does not have a rating on file with the USTA, WTT will accept a self-rating. This self-rating is subject to the approval of the local league director and the WTT National Office upon completion of a USTA Player Profile sheet.

- Ratings will only be accepted on a .5 basis (i.e., 3.5 not 3.4)
- No team may carry a player more than one NTRP point above the division entered.
- The average NTRP rating of the TOP **two men** and TOP **two women** is used to determine a team's level of competition. See examples below.

Example 1:

Joe, 4.5	Mary, 3.5
Tom, 4.5	Jill, 3.5
Bill, 4.0	Gail, 3.5
Jim, 3.5	Mary, 3.0

Best two men and two women = $4.5 + 4.5 + 3.5 + 3.5 = 16$, divided by 4 equals 4.0. This team would play 4.0 or higher.

Example 2:

Joe, 4.0	Mary, 3.5
Tom, 3.5	Jill, 3.0
Bill, 3.5	Gail, 3.0
Jim, 3.5	Mary, 3.0

Best two men and two women = $4.0 + 3.5 + 3.5 + 3.0 = 14$, divided by 4 equals 3.5. This team would play 3.5 or higher.

Example 3:

Joe, 4.0	Mary, 3.5
Tom, 4.0	Jill, 3.5
Bill, 4.0	Gail, 3.5
Jim, 3.5	Mary, 3.5

Best two men and two women = $4.0 + 4.0 + 3.5 + 3.5 = 15$, divided by 4 equals 3.75 and this team would play 4.0 or higher.

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Adding Players

Players may be added to the roster after the season begins. Last date to add players is two weeks before the last scheduled match of the season. **The team level of play must not be affected by the NTRP of the player added and must be approved by the League Director.**

Facilities

The home team will provide two courts for two hours. Tennis courts must have drinking water and public restroom facilities available. If not available on site, the home team will provide water for the visiting team and make accommodations for a nearby restroom.

Weather and Makeups

Matches may be postponed for the following weather conditions, unless both captains agree to play:

- Cold: temperature is 40 degrees or colder or wind chill is 32 degrees or colder
- Heat: temperature is 105 degrees or warmer.

Matches that are not played due to weather – heat, cold, rain – must be made up prior to the end of the season. Due to the unique format of World Team Tennis, the entire makeup match must be played at one time. If captains cannot agree on a date and time to play the make up match, the League Director will determine the date and time for the match to be played.

If a match is interrupted by weather, the match will resume from the point where play stopped through the remainder of all outstanding sets in the match.

Balls

Each team will provide one can of USTA-approved tennis balls per match.

Grievances

All complaints alleging a violation by an individual or team during local league competition shall be filed in writing by the team captain within 24 hours of the match in which the violation occurred. The complaint shall be forwarded to the League Director who will research the complaint and render a judgment. All decisions made by the League Director are final.

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Presents

Mylan World Team Tennis

Recreational League
Rules



All World Team Tennis matches are governed by The International Tennis Federation's Rules of Tennis and USTA interpretations which are found in Friend at Court except for the specific WTT rules that are listed below. Mylan WTT Local League Directors have the authority to institute any local rules or relations to make sure that the league operates smoothly and safely as long as they are not specifically addressed in the Rules of Tennis or the Mylan WTT Recreational League Rules listed below.

World Team Tennis Rules below supersede the rules in Friend at Court.

Rule 5 - Scoring in a Game

In WTT, the scoring is no-ad. This means a game is won by the first team to win four points (1, 2, 3, game). When the game score is deuce (3-3) (game point), the receiving team chooses which side is to receive the serve. In mixed doubles, the serve must be gender to gender at game point.

Rule 6 - Score in a Set

A match consists of six no-ad sets and includes one set of men's and women's singles and doubles and two sets of mixed doubles.

If two courts are available for the match, order of sets will be:

- Women's and men's doubles
- Women's and men's singles
- Two sets of mixed doubles

If one court is available, order of sets will be:

- Doubles*
- Singles
- Doubles
- Singles
- Mixed Doubles
- Mixed Doubles

*Home team captain has choice of men's/women's sequence

Each no-ad set is won by the first team to reach six games. A nine-point tiebreaker will be played at five games in any set.

Explanation of Tiebreakers:

Nine-point Tiebreaker: will be played at five games all in any set. The person who is to serve next begins the tiebreaker. Each player serves two points in succession from the deuce court. Players change sides after **four** points. The first team to score five points wins the tiebreaker. If the tiebreaker reaches 4-4, the person who served the eighth point serves the ninth (final) point. The receiver has the choice of sides except in mixed doubles where the service must be gender-to-gender. The winner of the ninth point is the winner of the set. The tiebreaker counts as one game in overall match scoring.

Supertiebreaker: If the match enters into a Supertiebreaker, a coin toss will decide which team serves first/receives or chooses side. The Supertiebreaker should be treated as a new set and substitutions are allowed. Either player on the serving team may serve first. The receiving team selects from which end of the court they want to receive. Court positions may be changed from the previous set; i.e., forehand/backhand. Each player serves two points in succession starting from the deuce court. Players change sides after **six** points. The first team to score seven points wins the Supertiebreaker. If the Supertiebreaker reaches 6-6, the person who served the 12th point will serve the 13th (final) point. Since this set is mixed doubles, the final serve will be gender-to-gender. The winner of the 13th point wins the Supertiebreaker and the match. The Supertiebreaker counts as one game in overall match scoring.

Rule 7 - Score in a Match

Home captain must submit starting line-up to opposing team captain before the start of each set. Each team captain has until the end of the five minute break between sets to submit starting line-up for the next set. The winner of the match will be determined by the total number of games won. However, for purposes of determining whether a match will go into Overtime, set number six will be the deciding factor. Note: Players cannot play in both mixed sets.

After both mixed doubles sets are finished and scores are recorded and totaled, the procedure is as follows:

- If the leading team won set number six, the match is over.
- If the trailing team won set number six, the match continues into Overtime until the leading team wins one game or until the score is tied. If a tie occurs, a Supertiebreaker will be played to determine the winner.
- If the overall score ends tied, a Supertiebreaker will be played to determine the winner.

Overtime is a continuation of the sixth set. Team number six should be designated as the strongest mixed doubles team. Once you have come out of the mixed doubles set, you cannot return in Overtime. The first person to serve in Overtime is the person who was next to serve at the end of the sixth set. The Overtime rule gives the trailing team a chance to make a comeback. It also emphasizes the importance of the mixed doubles set.

Rule 10 - Change of Ends

After every **four** games players change ends. In the nine-point tiebreaker, change ends only after the first four points. In the Supertiebreaker, change ends only after the first six points.

Rule 14 - Order of Service

The home team serves first in all doubles sets. The away team serves first in all singles sets. In the mixed doubles sets, the away team serves first in the fifth set and the home team serves first in the sixth set. Since the serving order is predetermined, the receiving team selects from which end of the court they want to receive.

Rule 22 - The Let During a Serve

When a serve hits the net and bounces within the service court, the ball is playable. In doubles, either player on the receiving side may return the ball after it bounces. If any player on the court calls "let", their team loses the point. If players on both teams call a "let", the point will be replayed.

Rule 30 - Coaching

Coaching is allowed throughout the match as long as it does not interfere with continuous play. Coaching is not allowed between first and second serves as the second serve must be struck without delay. Only one member of the team is permitted to go out on the court to coach and the coaching must be completed within the twenty (20) second time limit allotted between points. Team members are encouraged to stand along the court and support their team. Coaches and non-participating players must remain in a designated "player's bench" area until the completion of each point. Only the players on court can make the line calls. Team members along or near the court cannot make line calls or call footfaults.

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Substitutions

A team can at any time, including the Supertiebreaker, substitute a player (same gender) into a set for any reason. Once a player is replaced, he/she cannot return in that set and players cannot play in both mixed doubles. If a substitution occurs in doubles, the remaining player cannot change the side on which he/she receives or the service order. Substitutions are allowed in Overtime if a player has not already played in mixed doubles. The Supertiebreaker should be treated as a new set, and all substitutions are allowed.

Warm-up Time

In WTT you warm up with your teammates in a five-minute warm-up period. All team members are encouraged to warm-up during this time. Once play has begun, a five minute warm-up is allowed between sets. The must be adhered to so that all sets will be completed in the time allotted.

Default Rule

If any player does not show up on time for his/her match, there will be a 15-minute default time. If the set is defaulted, the score should be recorded as 6-0 in favor of the players present. The default rule will not apply when the missing player is on court playing a previous match. If the entire team does not show up on time for the match, there will be a 15-minute default time. If a match is defaulted, the match score should be recorded as 36-0 in favor of the team present. If a player retires during a set and cannot be substituted, the score will be recorded with the games played standing with the opposing team receiving six games.