

Flint River Tennis League Rules
2011 Championship Year

The Flint River Tennis league agrees to the rules and regulations issued by the USTA and known as the USTA League Tennis Regulations and also those rules and regulations put forth by USTA National, USTA Southern and USTA Georgia. In addition, the Flint River Tennis League sets forth the following that applies to league matches:

1. The format of play will be 2 singles and 3 double matches, except for NTRP 2.5 and 5.0 teams, which will play 1 singles and 2 doubles per team match.
2. Scoring – All league matches shall be the best of two sets with regular scoring and a set tie break (first player(s) to reach seven points by a margin of two at six all). In the event of split sets, a match tie break (first player(s) to reach ten points by a margin of two) shall be played in lieu of a third set.
3. In the event the same team should win both seasons, that team may choose which season's roster they would like to take to the State Championship and the league shall send a second place team as the other state entrant. If the same team placed second both seasons, they may choose which season's roster they would like to take to the state championship as well. If the 2nd place teams in each season are different, they will playoff to determine a State entrant. The home team will be decided by the best winning percentage from their season's round robin. If one team declines a playoff, the other team is automatically chosen. If both 2nd place teams decline, the State playoff offer will be extended to the 3rd place teams. If the 3rd place teams in each season are different, they will playoff to determine a State entrant. Playoff teams must use the roster from their qualifying season.
4. Match dates and times will be set by the scheduling committee. **This schedule must be followed by all teams. The only reason to reschedule a match is if it is rained out.** In the event a team is not able to field a complete team, forfeits will begin from the bottom. The number two singles must be forfeited before the number one singles, the number three doubles must be forfeited before the number two doubles. It is permissible to play an individual match prior to the regularly scheduled day and time. However, the team being asked to reschedule has the option of refusing.
5. A match default time of 15 minutes will be observed. The time for a default begins at the time scheduled by the league coordinator or as previously agreed upon by both team captains. A team is considered present when their players are entered on the score card and the team captains simultaneously exchange their team match cards prior to beginning the team match. If a substitute player, not already in the lineup, is available within the 15 minute default time, then that player may substitute for an absent, sick or injured player, at the affected position ONLY. If a substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a 10-minute warm up.

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6. In case of rain during play, there will be a 30-minute waiting period. At that time, the captains will decide if play can continue. In case of inclement weather prior to play, the captain of the HOME TEAM, after discussion with the visiting team, will determine if the match is a rainout. **If the match is rained-out, the home team captain should notify his local league coordinator within 48 hours to reschedule the match. The match must be played within 15 days after the rainout.**
7. The designated home team will provide new balls for the match.
8. Any team who forfeits a team match (what constitutes a team match) to another team may be considered a bye for the season and may not be eligible for District competition, nor would their scores with other teams be counted in determining the season champion. If after the league coordinator files a grievance with the league grievance committee, and the two teams involved have given their written and oral testimony of the circumstances to the committee, the committee could reschedule the match. At no time will a second team forfeit match be rescheduled. On the other hand, the grievance committee may go as far as banning the forfeiting team, or certain members of the team from competing the following season.
9. The Flint River Tennis League Council would like to encourage each team to have only 14 players on their roster each season. There is no reason to have more players than needed. Extra players could be combined to form additional teams, therefore, helping the league to grow.
10. The Flint River Tennis League Council encourages all players to play at their current computer rating. Players playing above their current level could weaken the overall league. There may be exceptions where players could play higher to help form a team that does not have many players at a particular level.
11. All league players must be a current member of the USTA and their respective CTA.
12. No cell phones or pagers that emit sound are allowed on the court during a match. Messages may be checked during changeovers provided the 90 second time limit is not exceeded. 1st offense – loss of point, 2nd offense-default of match.
13. Grievance Committee Members: George Floyd, Richard Munson, Margarett Kelley