



2015 Mixed League Rules Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

- 1) **What happens if the two Captains cannot agree whether to play a third set tie-break or full set. What is the default rule?**

The default rule is that the match is best 2 of 3 sets as outlined in 5.3. Rule 5.14 lists exceptions as to when a super tie-break shall be played, however the default rule is 5.13. Thus, if both captains do not agree, 5.14a is not met and 5.13 applies.

- 2) **Our club has a policy saying that a third set tie-break will be played when a match is tied at 1 set all. Does this override the ICTA Mixed League Rules?**

No. As per 3.16, home club policies do not apply if inconsistent with the league rules so they cannot supersede ICTA Mixed League Rules.

- 3) **The rules say that we have to play a third set if the score is tied at one set all but both captains want to play a super tie-break instead. Is that allowed?**

Yes. According to Rule 5.14b, if both captains agree prior to the start of any match to decide a match by a super tie-break then they may do so.

- 4) **What happens if a team defaults a line after the lineups have been exchanged, can either captain alter the rest of the lines?**

No. According to rule 5.9, neither team can change their pairings after lineups have been exchanged. The team who won by default will be given the score of 6-0, 6-0 with the players who were supposed to play that match (Rule 5.17, Appendix A)

- 5) **It was determined that a player has played for more than one team without prior approval. I didn't know that the player played for another team, why am I (the captain) being penalized and not just that player?**

Rule 2.5 states that both captains and players are responsible for knowing the rules. As per 2.6, penalties may be applied to Players and/or captains. Ignorance of the rules is not an excuse.

- 6) **How do I know if a player on a team is a Junior?**

According to Section 1(s), all Junior players shall have a JR designation adjacent to their name on the Team Roster on Tenniscores.

- 7) **Why are club pros allowed to play at the B level?**

There are club pros that vary in skill level. Just because they are a club pro does not necessarily mean that they are only an A or Majors level player. Despite this rule, any club pro may only play at a skill level commensurate with their ability as per Rule 3.7.

- 8) **Does the strength of the individual or pairing determine what line they should be playing?**



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It is the strength of the team pairing that should determine its placing as men's #1, men's #2 or men's #3 (or mixed #1 or mixed #2) in a fixture. A strong singles player is not necessarily an equally strong doubles player, and at some point, two medium strength players will be able to beat a team comprised of one strong and one weak player. It is up to the captain to assess whether each of his/her teams is placed properly according to the relative strength of each team.

- 9) I need to default my Men's 1 or Mixed 1 line but it's scheduled for the late match and other matches have already been played. According to the cascade rule, are the earlier results overturned if Men's 2, Men's 3 and/or Mixed 2 have already played?**

The cascade rule does not apply in this scenario. The cascade rule (4.9) states that it specifically relates to section 4.8 which speaks about playing pairs in the wrong lines and is to ensure the strongest pairs available for that fixture play in order of strength.

In this case, the Men's 1 or Mixed 1 matches, which are the late matches, would be a default and the other matches would stand.

A division chair will automatically initiate an investigation as soon as a default is reported on any line other than Men's 3, Mixed 2 or Ladies. If a credible explanation is offered, the matches played will stand. Any obvious attempt to throw a higher line to gain points on the others would result in a penalty being applied which could include (but is not limited to) the cascade rule.

- 10) Lineups have already been exchanged and there is a no show on either Men's 1, Men's 2 or Mixed 1. Would the cascade rule be in affect?**

Cascade rule does not apply in this scenario. The no-show line is defaulted and the remainder of the matches are scored as played. The Division Chair would automatically initiate an investigation in this case and if deemed that this was done purposely, penalties would be applied

- 11) My Men's 1 (or Mixed 1) team is running late and won't be able to make it in time. Lineups have not been exchanged yet, can I default my Men's 1 line and leave the others as planned?**

No. The team would need to default Men's 3 or Mixed 2 as per the rules and fill out the lineup card with their remaining players according to strength (i.e. move men's 3 to men's 2, and men's 2 to men's 1)

- 12) It's the day before my fixture and the visiting captain hasn't told me which lines are playing the 7pm matches yet. What should I do?**

As per Rule 5.3, visiting captains shall notify Home Captains which lines will be playing the starting Matches not less than 2 days prior to the scheduled Fixture. Since they haven't informed you yet, as per Rule 5.4 you (as the home captain) may determine the order of pairings.

- 13) My team was penalized for switching our Men's 1 and Men's 2 lines but according to the cascade rule we are also being penalized for our Men's 3 line. Why is this so harsh?**



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If a team switched lines 1 and 2 but fielded an appropriate line 3 they are still in violation of 4.6-4.9. This penalty is punitive to discourage this type of behavior.

14) It has been over 24 hours since my fixture was completed and the home captain hasn't posted the scores yet. What should I do?

If the home captain hasn't posted the results of the fixture within 24 hours the visiting captain may enter the results.

15) If a Sub-Up is used for a make-up match, what date is used to determine how many matches they have played for the team they were called up to? The original date or the date of the make-up match?

The date the match was actually played will count. As per 5.30 the division chair will be copied on all correspondence in regards to rescheduling matches so they will be aware of the date that the match was actually played. Tenniscores will allow a captain or division chair to put in the date the match was actually played in the comments section which allows us to keep track of the use of subs.

16) What happens if a club has limited courts, etc. and therefore cannot accept promotion or relegation?

There are no exceptions for some clubs because of unique circumstances. This rule is crucial to maintaining a competitive balance in the league and it is up to the clubs to manage their teams accordingly