



Tennis By-Laws



The Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to modify and/or change these rules at any time.

MATCH RULES:

- The Town of Little Elm Adult Tennis games are played under USTA rules unless modified with the Town of Little Elm Rules.

OFFICIAL MATCH:

- The match will consist of best 2 out of 3 sets.
- Tiebreak rules are in effect.

MATCH TIMES:

- 6:45 p.m.
- 8:00 p.m.

FORFEITS:

- Match Time is Forfeit Time.
- A forfeit will be scored a 2-0 win per match.

The penalty for forfeiting a match is as follows:

- 1st offense- Verbal Warning
- 2nd offense- Written Warning
- 3rd offense- Player is suspended for the remainder of season.
- If a player is suspended before the 4th match of the season, a revised schedule will be made for the remainder of the season.
- Any matches played that involve a suspended player will be considered forfeit wins for their opponents unless approved by the Athletic Coordinator prior to the match.
- Players are responsible for contacting the Recreation Department Office and your opponent if it is known that you cannot play your scheduled match.
- Matches may be rescheduled, but it is the responsibility of both players to coordinate with each other to determine an alternate time and date.

CONDUCT:

Player(s) will conduct themselves appropriately by using traditional tennis etiquette. Any player(s) that are deemed to be unsportsmanlike should be reported to the Athletic Coordinator immediately.

Physical abuse of a player, official or staff member will result in **EXPULSION** of that player(s) from all Town of Little Elm Leagues for at least a one year period and possible legal action. The League Director will review any other actions determined to be detrimental to the league.

The League Director reserves the right to increase or decrease the severity of penalties based on previous history, unusual or special circumstances, or to protect the integrity of the league.

PROTESTED MATCHES:

All protests must be submitted in writing and accompanied with a \$50 protest fee (Money Order ONLY made out to the Town of Little Elm) to the Recreation Department Office at the Public Works office – 1600 Mark Tree Lane.

Rule interpretation is the ONLY protestable issue that will be considered.

Protest fees will be returned to the player ONLY if the protest is upheld.

PLAYOFFS:

- The top 4 players in each league will advance to the playoffs.
- If there is a tie between one or more players, please see TIEBREAKERS below.

The playoff format will be as follows:

Semi-Final Round

- 1st Place vs. 4th Place
- 2nd Place vs. 3rd Place

Final Round

- The two winners will play in the final round.
- All playoff matches are best 2 out of 3 sets, and will be played on the same evening.

TIEBREAKERS:

In the event of more than one player ending the season with the same record, the following system will be used to determine the appropriate order of finish:

1. Winner of each league will be determined by most matches won.
2. If two or more players are tied, the winner will be the player that defeated the other. (Example 'A', 'B', and 'C' have identical win-loss record, but 'A' beat both 'B' and 'C'; 'A' would be the winner.)
3. If there is a split between two or more players the winner will be the player that gave up the least amount of points against the players involved for that tie.
4. If still tied, the player that has given up the least amount of points to all opponents within the league is the winner.

COMMUNICATION / WEBSITE SERVICE:

Little Elm uses www.sportsstandings.com/littleelm to post all schedules, standings, game scores, league bulletins and other important league information.

All players are encouraged to use the website in order to stay current with league issues.

IMCLEMENT WEATHER:

The rain out number will be updated prior to 5:00pm if it is known that the courts are not playable or the weather is too severe. It is the responsibility of the players to determine weather conditions after 5:00pm.

(214) 975-0474

REPORTING OF SCORES:

The winner of each match is responsible for reporting the scores each week. All scores should be reported to:

LEAGUE CONTACT

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