

# metropolitan tennis group

winter doubles league 2009-2010

Welcome to MTG's 2009-2010 Winter Doubles League!

## location

The league will be held at the New York Tennis Club Indoors (NYTCI). It is located at 3081 Harding Avenue, Bronx, NY. For directions, contact the Club at 718.822-8854 or go to their website at [www.newyorktennisclub.com](http://www.newyorktennisclub.com). It is your responsibility to get to your matches on time.

## divisions and schedules

There are six indoor, Har-tru, courts at NYTCI. Therefore, 12 teams will play from 6:00 – 8:00 PM and 12 teams will play from 8:00 – 10:00 PM. We have 7 divisions this year. The divisions are divided into three separate schedules.

<b>Match No</b>	<b>Schedule A: Division names TBD</b>	<b>Schedule B: Division names TBD</b>	<b>Schedule C: Division names TBD</b>
<b>1</b>	25-Oct-09	1-Nov-09	8-Nov-09
<b>2</b>	15-Nov-09	22-Nov-09	6-Dec-09
<b>3</b>	13-Dec-09	20-Dec-09	7-Feb-10
<b>4</b>	10-Jan-10	24-Jan-10	14-Feb-10
<b>5</b>	21-Feb-10	28-Feb-10	7-Mar-10
<b>6</b>	14-Mar-10	21-Mar-10	28-Mar-10
<b>7</b>	11-Apr-10	18-Apr-10	4-Apr-10

Scheduling will be at the sole discretion of the WDL Co-ordinators. You will be sent a separate e-mail that will contain your division assignment and match schedule for the season.

## match play

All matches will be best 2 out of 3 sets with a 12-point tiebreak (first team to seven points, winning by 2) at 6 games all in any set. If the teams split the first two sets, they will play a Match Tiebreak (first to 10 points, winning by 2) in lieu of a third set. USTA rules will govern any disputes. All disputes should be settled on the court between the players. If there is any doubt that a ball was out, it should be declared in, and the point should be awarded to your opponents. GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP SHOULD PREVAIL!

All matches will begin promptly at the scheduled time, either 6:00 or 8:00 PM and end, promptly, two hours later at either 8:00 or 10:00 PM. You should utilize a 5-minute warm-up and begin match play immediately after that. Because we are using a tiebreak in lieu of a third set, we don't expect matches to run over the allotted time. However, if the two hour time limit approaches and your match is not yet complete, you can either continue the match if the court is still available, or use the following guidelines below to declare a winner:

If the match is in the second set and time runs out, finish the game in progress and:

1. The team who has won the most games in the match is the winner.
2. If each team won the same number of games, the match is a tie.
3. If two sets are completed and split, and a third set is not begun, the match is a tie.

## defaults

We follow standard USTA rules, which stipulate that a team is awarded a default if the opposing team is not on court 15 minutes after the starting time of the match. Please make sure that both teams are aware of the default, especially if the teams still agree to play a match. The defaulting team will record a 6-0, 6-0 loss. The players may play their match, but the default score will be recorded regardless of the outcome of any play that begins after 6:15/8:15 PM. Please plan on arriving early so this doesn't happen to your team.

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## substitutes

If you cannot make a match, you may send a substitute, but the match will be considered a default (see rules above). All players in the league are committing to a seven-match season. In the event that a player is unable to play the remainder of the season due to injury or any other circumstance, the league coordinators, at their discretion, may allow a permanent substitution.

## rescheduling matches

Each team is allowed to reschedule *one* match during the season. If both teams agree, and if the league coordinators are given at least 48 hours notice, a match may be rescheduled. (It is very important that the league coordinators know well in advance so we can make the court available for players from other schedules to reschedule their matches.)

To reschedule a match:

1. Contact your opponents to see if they will agree to reschedule the match.
2. Coordinate with your opponents to find at least three possible new dates for your match.
3. Contact Tim Robinson (see contact information below) at least 48 hours before your scheduled match to let him know you are rescheduling and to give him your choices for a new date. He will contact NYTCl and let you know as soon as a new date for your match is approved.

A few important rescheduling notes:

1. All rescheduled matches must be played by Sunday, April 4, 2010. This includes matches scheduled for April 11 or April 18.
2. Due to the limited number of courts, you will need to be flexible when requesting court time at NYTCl. If you wish to play the match at any other venue, the teams will be responsible for the court fees directly.
3. Once your team has used its one reschedule, any other match a player (or team) cannot make is an automatic default. A team cannot reschedule a second match (even if they are willing to take the default). They can either find a substitute (and take the default) or give the court time to their opponents for practice.

## league awards

The team with the best won/loss match record will be declared the winner at the end of the season. If two or more teams have the same record, the winner will be determined in the following order:

1. The team losing the fewest sets (alternatively the best set win-loss percentage record) is the winner. (Please note that the third-set tiebreak counts as one set played when determining total sets won or lost)
2. If a tie still exists, the team with the better games won-lost percentage record is the winner. (Please note that the third set tiebreak counts as one game played when determining total games won or lost)
3. If a tie still exists, the team winning their head-to-head match is the winner.

## court assignments and balls

Balls and court assignments will be provided on the deck inside of the first bubble at NYTCl. If there is a star beside your team's name on the schedule, you are responsible for picking up the balls and bringing them to the court. Winning teams are responsible for reporting the score of the match back on the deck. Please report scores as soon as the match is completed. You may play on your court until the end of the allotted 2-hour period.

Good luck and have fun!

If you have any questions or comments, please contact a league coordinator:

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