

GWTA Captain Information Beginning of Season

Website

Some documents on the website are only viewable by captains. You must be LOGGED IN to see these documents under the Forms tab (including contact information for the other captains and website instructions).

When you log in, you will see an ADMIN button at the top right of the page. If you click on the ADMIN button, you will see the list of captain functions on the left hand side of the page. You must log in to enter scores for your matches!

I will periodically update the Captain Website Instructions document on the website (under the Forms tab) as I get questions from captains about how to do certain things on the website. This document should develop into a great reference document for all captains.

GWTA Rules

The GWTA rules can be found on the GWTA website (www.GWTAtennis.com) under the Rules tab at the top of the page and can be printed to carry with your GWTA files. All GWTA captains are responsible for being familiar with these rules. Below are the highlights of some of the rules that affect your upcoming matches.

Lineups should reflect order of strength – Rule 2.3 and 2.4 – If a club has a ladder, the team's lineup should be consistent with the club's ladder rankings. If no ladder exists, teams should be placed according to the players' abilities and caliber of play with the strongest teams playing at Line 1 and descending in order to the weakest team at Line 5.

Anti-stacking – Rule 2.6 – For the full year (i.e., spring and fall), a player who has played line 1 cannot play line 5 and a player who has played line 5 cannot play line 1. Violation of this rule will result in a default of the court played. [Note – this is a rule change from 2016.]

Substitutes – Rule 1.5 and 2.5 – Substitutes can be added to your roster from a lower level team of the same club. However, any specific substitute may not sub for the same team more than twice in the spring and twice in the fall. Violation of this rule will result in a default of the court on which a substitute plays for more than two times in a season.

Match Play – Rule 5.1 – 5.10 – Match play shall consist of the best 2 out of 3 sets, with the 3rd set being played out. If all players on any line agree, a 3rd set tiebreaker (10 point Coman tiebreak) can be played in lieu of a full 3rd set. At 6-6 in any set, a Coman set tiebreaker (7 point) should be played.

Lateness – Rule 5.2 – Any player arriving more than 30 minutes late for a match shall default her court; if another player is available to play, her name may be substituted on the scorecard. Only the late individual's name can be changed. If there are extraordinary, documented circumstances, such as unusual traffic problems, and a captain makes every effort to contact the hosting club to notify the hosting team of the circumstances, then a good faith effort must be made to either start the affected courts later or reschedule them to another date.

Court/Match Defaults – Rule 5.18 and 5.19 – A team that defaults six or more courts at the end of the year may be subject to dismissal from the league at the discretion of the GWTA board. In addition, a team that defaults an entire match (all five courts at one match) will be dismissed from the league immediately for one calendar year.

Procedural Matters

Remember that the home team supplies a new can of balls for each court, water for all the courts, and simple refreshments. Match start time is 10 am unless captains agree to an earlier or later start time.

Home team captains should reach out to the opposing captain before each match to confirm match start times, offer directions to the courts, and address any other issues that may be relevant. For example, if you don't have bathroom facilities at your home location, please let the other team know so they can plan a stop on their way to the match.

Team captains exchange lineups prior to the start of the match.

The home team captain is responsible for entering scores following a match. Please try to get the scores entered within 24 hours following the end of the match.

Captains can add players to their roster after the start of the season. To add a player, please e-mail the GWTA scorekeeper (GWTA_scorekeeper@gmail.com) and the GWTA webmaster (GWTA_webmaster@gmail.com) by 8 pm of the night before a match.

To access addresses to the home locations for any team, click on Teams and Schedules. Note there is a "Set Team Cookie" button that you can use to set Teams and Schedules to show your team automatically when you click on the button. At the top of every team's page, the address for the team's home location should be displayed, along with a link to the Google directions for the team.

On the website, the Standings tab will show the lines won by team in your division. For more detailed statistics, click on the Statistics tab. Once scores are entered for a match, you can click on the score for that match and the scorecard will be displayed. In addition, you will be able to click on any player's name and see what matches she has played and what her results were.

If you see five red asterisks (*****) on your schedule, it means that a match is scheduled at a location other than the normal home location for a match. For example, some of the Fairfax Racquet Club teams will play matches at Jefferson District Park; when a match is scheduled at Jefferson, you will see ***** on the schedule. For the A-1 captains, the Cabin John and Rockville teams both play at Olney Manor Park and the website may identify a match with asterisks even though it is being played at a home location for one of those two teams.