



2011 GETA Doubles League Rules



- There are two divisions, based on skill level—A and B. The A Division has 14 teams and the B has 24. Matches will be played at three locations: Elmira Free Academy, Horseheads High School, and at Town of Elmira - Pirozzolo Park
- Teams consist of a maximum of four players designated at the time of sign up (no substitutes). The league committee will address all appeals for player replacement. ***If a team does not have four players on their roster at the time the league starts they can add up to the maximum of four players (total on the team) during the season, subject to the doubles league committee approval before doing so.***
- **Participants must be GETA members prior to match play.** *Additionally* there is a \$20.00 team fee.
- All matches will be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. **There will be no rescheduling of matches.** In the event of inclement weather, the league committee will make the decision to cancel matches *at a site*. **Any match completed before a rain out WILL COUNT in the standings.** Because of the large number of teams, matches rained out cannot be rescheduled.
- Matches at EFA and Horseheads will begin at 6:00 pm. A team not showing by 6:15 pm will forfeit the match. Matches at Pirozzolo Park are scheduled for both 6:00pm and 7:00pm starts; again, a 15 minute default time applies if a court is available. Please be sure to check your schedule for location and starting times. ***Being at the wrong court could cause your team to forfeit a match.***
- ***If your team cannot play a scheduled match, out of courtesy to the other team, please contact the opposing team to save them a trip to the courts.***
- Once the match has started, it must be completed by the players who originally started the match...***no substitutions.***
- Matches are the best of three sets with regular scoring in the first two sets (ie: 12 point tiebreaker to decide either of these sets—first team to 7 points; winning by 2 points). If a third set is necessary a “Super Match Tiebreaker” will be used instead of a full third set. This tiebreaker is played the same as the 12-point tiebreaker except the winning team has to reach 10 points instead of 7 and still win by 2 points.
- Teams appearing first on the schedule are the home team and are ***responsible for providing a new can of regulation tennis balls.*** (GETA appreciates the donation of used balls for use during their Summer Tennis programs and clinics).
- All matches are to be played at the designated courts according to the printed schedule. Courts are reserved for the GETA Doubles League from 5:30 pm. till dark. Since matches will be scheduled at Elmira Free Academy (EFA), Horseheads High School, and Town of Elmira courts in West Elmira, it is your responsibility to know which court and time you are playing. ***Remember, being at the wrong court could result in a default to the other team.***
- The winning team is responsible for recording the results by posting them in the scorebooks (***not only who won, but the set scores as well***) located at the court.
- A season ending tournament will decide the overall winner in each of the divisions. The top four teams, in each division, will participate in the tournament with the semi-finals scheduled for Tuesday, August 23 with the finals on Thursday, August 25; ***all at the West Elmira courts.***
- If there is a tie in any of the top four regular season positions, the tie breaking sequence is:
 1. Head-to-head match record (of the teams tied)
 2. Least number of sets lost (against ***all*** teams over the course of the season)
 3. Least number of games lost (against ***all*** teams over the course of the season)
 4. Coin flip

Thanks to all from the GETA Summer Doubles League Committee:

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