

## Timed Matches – from 4.06 of the USTA Phoenix League Regulations

- A. It is the Home Captain's responsibility to confirm the amount of time that is allotted for a team match. Some facilities limit court time during the day and have hard closing time in the evenings. The Home Captain must inform the visiting captain prior to line-up exchange how much time has been allotted for the match to be played.
- B. If the facility closes at a predetermined time or if a match has a "hard stop," *either captain* may declare to use timed match rules.
- C. Timed match rules must be declared at time-of or prior-to line up exchange, (before warm-up.) Either captain may elect to use timed match rules for any or all courts in a team match if facility has a hard closing time. If timed match rules are utilized for a team match with staggered start time, then the earlier courts' hard finish time shall be half-way point between first courts' start time and the facility's hard closing time UNLESS otherwise agreed to by both team captains or acting captains. For example: first courts begin at 6pm and the facility closes at 9:30, the hard finish time for the first courts shall be 7:45pm with the 15 minute warning at 7:30pm (giving 1 hour and 45 minutes to complete 6pm matches.) The 2<sup>nd</sup> start time matches shall start at 7:45 (if not earlier) and hard finish at 9:30pm with 15 minute warning at 9:15pm (giving 1 hour and 45 minutes to complete 7:45pm matches.)
- D. If neither captain elects to use timed match rules, the visiting players will travel to finish incomplete matches if any. (Retirements are permitted.)
- E. If home captain (or designee) fails to inform visiting captain of closing time and timed match rules are not used, then the visiting team will choose the facility location to complete any incomplete matches.
- F. Timed Match Rules: "warning time" shall be 15 minutes prior to hard closing time.
- G. Once the "warning time" has been reached the following shall apply:
  - 1) If the match is complete, the scores shall be reported normally.
  - 2) If the first set has not been completed, the match shall be suspended and rescheduled.
  - 3) If a third set 10 point tie-break has already begun, complete the tie-break.
  - 4) If the second set has not been completed, complete any game or tie-break in which the first point has already been played, then:
    - a. If the second set is tied, play tie-break first to 7 by 2, for the set.
    - b. If a team is ahead by two games or more, declare that team the winner of the second set.
    - c. If a team is ahead by one game, play one additional game, then:
      - i. If a team is ahead by two games or more, declare that team the winner of the second set.
      - ii. If the second set score is tied, play a 7-point tie break for the set.
      - iii. Upon completion of the second set, if tied 1 set each, play a third set 10-point tie-break.
- H. Should the match time expire, and the match remains incomplete under these rules, the match will be considered suspended and rescheduled.
- I. Scoring for any match completed under these "Timed Match" rules shall be entered on the score card with "Timed Match" designation. Only the actual games played shall be entered.
- J. Any second set determined by a 7-point tie-break shall be entered with the tie-break counting as one game.
- K. A third set determined by a 10-point tie-break shall be entered as 1-0 in favor of the winning team/player.
- L. A second set awarded by virtue of being ahead by two games or more shall be entered with the actual game score