

# **2020-2021 Bonita Tennis League**

## **Rules and Information**

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**LEAGUE COORDINATOR:** Please Contact League Coordinators first with any questions.

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**USPTA PROFESSIONAL REQUIRED** ~ For a club to participate in the league they must have a USPTA certified professional on staff.

### **WEBSITES for all Bonita League information:**

**www.swfla-tennis.com** - Bonita League Rules, Information, Dates, Policies, and Pictures

**Topdog Tennis** (link at swfla-tennis.com) Register teams and players, view Rosters, Schedules, and Standings, and submit Scores.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **2020 BONITA FALL SEASON \***

**REGISTRATION:** Sept. 7 –Sept. 28, 2020

**NEW CAPTAIN & INFORMATION MEETING:**

No Fall Captain's Meeting

**TEAM ROSTERS DUE:** Mon., September 28, 2020

**SCHEDULES AVAILABLE:** Mon., Oct. 5, 2020

**PLAY BEGINS:** Oct. 12 - 17, 2020

**LAST DAY TO ADD PLAYERS to rosters:** Fri. Dec. 5, 2020

**PLAYOFFS:** Dec. 7 - 11, 2020 (maybe adjusted as necessary)

**PLAYOFFS RAIN DATE:** Sat. Dec 12, 2020 (maybe adjusted as necessary)

\* Dates Subject to Change

#### **2021 BONITA WINTER SEASON\***

**REGISTRATION:** Sept. 7 –Sept. 28, 2020

**NEW CAPTAIN & INFORMATION MEETING:**

No Fall Captain's Meeting

**TEAM ROSTERS DUE:** Mon., September 28, 2020

**SCHEDULES AVAILABLE:** Mon., Oct. 5, 2020

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#### **2021 BONITA SPRING SEASON\***

**REGISTRATION:** Feb. 22, 2021 – Mar. 8, 2021

**TEAM ROSTERS DUE:** Mon., Mar. 8, 2021

**SCHEDULES AVAILABLE:** Mon., Mar. 15, 2021

**PLAY BEGINS:** Mar. 22-27, 2021

**PLAY ENDS:** April 26-May 1, 2021

**LAST DAY TO ADD PLAYERS to Rosters:** Fri. April 30, 2021

**Official Rules of Tennis** ~ The Bonita League follows the Friend at Court Rules of Tennis including The Code, published by the USTA (except where otherwise stated in the Bonita League rules) available for purchase at [www.ustashop.com](http://www.ustashop.com), (Search for 'Books') The league recommends that each Captain have this publication and a copy of these Bonita League rules available on the court at match time. Click on link at [swfla-tennis.com](http://swfla-tennis.com) 'USTA Tennis Rules' to view.

**Bonita League Questions** ~ All questions and concerns should be directed to the League Coordinator.

**League Format** ~ The Bonita League is an Interclub Adult Doubles Tennis League (club vs. club).

**League Seasons** ~ Fall and Winter Adult Day League

**Facility Requirements** ~ All participating clubs must have soft courts available for home matches. League approval is required for exceptions to this requirement for reasons such as facility renovations. No facility may have more League teams than courts available per home match time slot. If they do, they must provide an alternate home match time.

**Cost** ~ \$23 per player per team. Fees are paid online with a Visa or MasterCard at the time of registration. Sorry, no refunds.

**Club Membership** ~ All League team players must be members of the club they represent and have a minimum of a one-month membership at their host club. A player must be a member during the time that they are playing on a team. Exceptions: Club membership is not required for the Men's and Women's 4.0 & 4.5 divisions. Individual Clubs may have restrictions regarding the play of non-members on their teams. Renters that have a membership with their rental are eligible to play on a team. Combo teams with two or three clubs may be granted with prior approval from the league coordinator.

**Time of Play** ~ Matches are scheduled with start times no later than 2:00 p.m.

**Team / Team Roster / Team Match** ~ All teams must be identified with a club. No Nomad teams. The number of positions for a match varies depending on the division. See the information above. Team rosters should have enough players to play a match plus two to four extra. Example: A division that plays three courts should have 8 to 10 players on their roster. There is no limit to the number of players on a team roster.

Team members may not have a higher NTRP rating than the maximum NTRP rating of the level in which they are competing. No Individual is allowed to play in a match until they have been registered on their team in Topdog Tennis. Notification to the League Coordinator **BEFORE** the match by email, text, or phone is acceptable registration if Topdog Tennis registration is not possible. Failure to register an individual or notify the League Coordinator of an attempt to register an individual **before** play will result in default of that court.

**Home Team provides the regular duty felt for "soft court" balls and access to water for the match.** Many Home clubs provide refreshments after the match but this is not required.

**NTRP Rated** ~ NTRP ratings will be needed for every player listed on the roster. Current USTA NTRP ratings must be used. Captains should check to see that all your players' ratings are listed properly on the roster. See link 'USTA Ratings' at [www.swfla-tennis.com](http://www.swfla-tennis.com). If you feel that the USTA has incorrectly rated you or your player you can appeal their rating. See the Rating appeals below. New CTA players that do not have an NTRP rating may self-rate. Your club professional will help you with your self-rating. The league reserves the right to adjust ratings of players. USTA self-ratings may not be accepted by the CTA/Bonita league until results are shown at the self-rated level.

**Topdog Tennis** is not linked to the USTA NTRP rating database. Please contact Bonita League Coordinator to change any incorrect ratings in Topdog Tennis so that they match the USTA website. If the USTA changes a player's rating during the middle of a Bonita League season, players may finish the season at their current level. Changes will not go into effect until the next season. Matches played by players using an incorrect USTA NTRP rating are subject to default.

**NTRP Rating Appeals ~ NTRP Rating Appeals** ~ Bonita League will accept rating appeals. All appeals must be submitted by your club USPTA Professional or Director of Tennis. If your club does not have either, the appeal must be submitted by your team captain. Appeals will not be accepted by individual players. No appeals will be accepted for USTA Early Start Ratings. Appeal Information, Request Form, and Appealed Players List are available at [www.swfla-tennis.com](http://www.swfla-tennis.com). Click on Rating Appeals under the 'Bonita League' navigation tab.

Once a player successfully appeals their rating, they are eligible to play at the new level and their ability is considered equal to those at the new level for the current season only. Appeals of USTA ratings are valid for one season. As long as a player has a USTA rating different than the requested Bonita League rating they must appeal their USTA rating each season.

Appeals should be granted BEFORE matches are played. Matches played before an appeal is granted are subject to default.

**Team Players** ~ Players must be at least 21 years of age. Players may be on the roster of two different teams as long as the two teams are at different NTRP levels. (Example: A 3.5 rated player cannot play on two 3.5 teams for the League, but can play on a 3.5 and a 4.0 team.)

**Club Staff Players** ~ Club Staff with "playing privileges" are not considered club members. Any club staff that wishes to play in the League must first obtain approval from the League Coordinator. The exception is for the Men's and Women's 4.0 & 4.5 divisions.

**Playing Up** ~ Players are encouraged to play at their rating level. If a player chooses to play 'up', they may only move up one level. Ex: a 2.5 player may play on a 3.0 team but not on a 3.5 team. Players are not allowed to play down a level. A player may be on two rosters within the same League, as long as the rosters are at different levels of play. They may play at the same level if one of them is the CTA League and the other is the Bonita League.

**75% - 25% Rule** ~ All team rosters must maintain at least 75% of its players at the NTRP designated team level (# of correctly rated players divided by total # of players). There is no specific percent needed during match play. Occasionally teams/players may be asked or receive permission by the League to move up are exempt from this rule. A 75/25 Reference:

Total # of Players on Roster	Total # of Players Allowed at Lower Level on Roster
6-7	1
8-11	2
12-15	3
16-19	4
20-23	5

**Flights** ~ Divisions that have large numbers of teams may be placed on several flights. The location will be taken into consideration when forming flights.

**Schedules / Scheduling Conflicts** ~ Bonita League clubs are experiencing many scheduling difficulties due to the growth of tennis in our area. When registering teams for the Fall or Winter Bonita League scheduling conflicts may occur due to the large number of teams playing. To avoid conflicting schedules, it's possible, that a team may have more away matches than home matches. If a Club registers multiple teams playing on the same day and time and are not able to accommodate all their teams at home at the same time, the Club must provide a separate later start time to be used as necessary to accommodate scheduling.

The Bonita League may occasionally schedule a match at a later time to accommodate play. Captains should make every attempt to help each other in the rescheduling of conflicting matches. The team captains are responsible for working out these conflicts. The match may have to be moved to the away team's club or rescheduled for a different day or time. Individual matches may be scheduled at different times and locations. **Captains, please notify the League Coordinator of any schedule changes. Be sure to contact your clubs with any schedule changes so they can revise their court reservation schedules**

Schedules will be available at Topdog Tennis on the dates published. Please check your schedules and resolve conflicts early. The match schedule is subject to change after publication if conflicts occur, all Captains are required to check the on-line match schedule for any changes.

All teams must play all scheduled matches. The League Coordinator should be consulted before a team defaults their entire match (all the positions). Any team deliberately forfeiting an entire team match is subject to disqualification. All matches should be played before the last match of the regular season (before playoffs).

**Match Lineup** ~ Captains should print out the correct match scorecard, available on the Topdog Tennis website, and bring it to the match. Team captains for each team shall exchange their team scorecards simultaneously before the beginning of the team match. No substitutions may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, no show of, or disqualification of a player, before the start of such match. The start of a match is defined as when the first point is played. If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five (5) minute warm-up. Team matches must proceed on the court and start in the following order: Court #1, Court #2, Court #3, and Court #4. Captains are both responsible for having their players on the correct courts.

**NO STACKING** ~ **Each team must play their individual doubles teams in order of strength.** The Bonita League promotes fair and competitive tennis; to put your lesser qualified team/players on the top courts **IS NOT FAIR.** Your best two players do not have to play together in the first position. Just make sure that your best 'individual team' that week plays on court one and so on.

If an opposing team files a grievance suggesting there has been stacking, the Bonita League will review the order of play and penalize appropriately.

- 1) Stacking Example: Players who generally play on the top courts being switched to the bottom courts and players who generally play the bottom courts are now playing the top courts.
- 2) Players of a lesser rating 'playing up' on a higher rated team must play below players of the higher rating. If a 3.0 player is playing with a 3.5 player they must not play higher than two 3.5 players.

Captains, if you feel your lower-rated players are rated too low and should be changed to a higher rating to reflect their level of play, please contact the League Coordinators to have them review the players' performance and ratings.

Appealed players and stacking- Once a player successfully appeals their rating, they are eligible to play at the new level and their ability is considered equal to those at the new level for the current season only. This means that they don't have to play on court #1 if appealing down or the last court if moving up. Very simply play your best team at court #1, the second-best team at court #2, etc.

**Defaults** ~ A match default is defined as 15 minutes after the scheduled time and the match has been called to start and the court is available. Please use your discretion before calling a default. If the opponent is late for just cause, please try to be understanding and play the match. Scoring in the event of a default, forfeit or disqualification shall be 6-0, 6-0. In case of a retirement, the non-retiring doubles team will be credited with the such number of additional games, as would have been won if the match was completed and the non-retiring doubles team won every subsequent game.

If a team cannot field the required number of players, **default the bottom position.** Some positions may have to move up one spot. Opponents should be contacted as soon as possible if your team is unable to field all positions for a match. Having insufficient players is not a valid reason to request a reschedule.

**Scoring** ~ All matches will be the best of two sets with regular scoring and a set tie-break at 6-all in each set. The set tiebreak is a 7-point tiebreak, the first to seven by two points (Coman Style). No rest break is allowed after the first game during a set.

In the event of split sets, a 10-point SUPER TIE-BREAK, the first to 10 by two points (Coman Style), shall be played in place of the third set with a two minute set break. The Super Tie-Break shall be scored as 1 set and 1 game for tiebreak procedures (1-0 on the scorecard). One (1) point is awarded for each overall team win (not individual courts won).

To determine season standings and playoff participants if overall matches won are tied in the season standings: least individual matches lost; then if still tied, least individual sets lost; then if still tied least individual games lost will be used to break ties.

The goal of the Bonita League is to give players as many matches and play as many different teams as possible during the time allotted. Some teams may have a bye while others do not. Sometimes the number of teams in a division and the number of weeks of play do not allow for a complete rotation through the flight. Divisions will use % won if the teams in a division play uneven numbers of matches. (% = # of Overall Team Wins divided by the # of Matches Played.) In the Bonita League standings, the points column, the first column in the standings, to the left of the matches win/loss, is the "percentage".

**TIES** in the regular season matches are decided by least individual sets lost if still tied, then least Individual games lost. The standings in order of priority, working from left to right in the divisional standings:

1. Points- the percentage of overall matches won. (Where applicable).
2. Least individual matches lost. (Each weekly team overall win counting as 1)
3. Least individual sets lost
4. Least individual games lost

Topdog Tennis software shows up to the minute standings. All teams are displayed in order of strength. Contact the League Coordinator with questions regarding the standings.

**Continuous Play/Breaks** ~ There is no rest after the first game in ANY SET. A two (2) minute rest may be taken between sets if requested by a player. No extra time shall be given to allow a player to recover condition; however, a player suffering from a treatable medical condition may request one medical time-out for a maximum period of up to EIGHT minutes. Play shall be suspended if any player feels the court is unsafe due to rain or drizzle.

**Reporting Scores** ~ Match scores must be entered into Topdog Tennis by either captain within 24 hours of the completion of the match. The OPPOSING captain must Confirm or Dispute the scores entered within 48 hours of the entry. Disputes: Call or email the captain who entered the original scores to correct. If scores are not confirmed or disputed within 48 hours by the opposing captain, Topdog Tennis will accept the scores as entered. Both captains should retain a copy of the scorecard. Teams/Captains that consistently do not enter or confirm their scores in a timely matter may be subject to penalty.

**Coaching / Court Conduct** ~ NO COACHING IS ALLOWED AT ANY TIME DURING THE MATCH BY CAPTAINS, TENNIS PROFESSIONALS OR SPECTATORS. PROFANITY OF ANY KIND IS AGAINST THE RULES AND SUBJECT TO PENALTIES. All electronic devices capable of sending or receiving messages must be off. 1<sup>st</sup> offense loss of 1 point, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense loss of game, 3<sup>rd</sup> offense is match default. Penalties enacted by opponents on the court. **Line Calls or disputes** during a match can only be resolved by players participating in that match. General supervision of all aspects of the play belongs to the club Tennis Director.

**Rain Delay** ~ Official rainout is one (1) hour after the original match start time unless BOTH captains agree to declare it sooner. The individual players must be available to play in case of a rain delay. They should go to the home club and be ready to play.

**If no individual matches have started play:** If the match has started, the original line-up must be used. If the rain delay occurs before the start of play, line-ups will again be exchanged on the new date agreed upon by the Captains. If the rain delay occurs during warm-up or before the first point has been played, teams may alter their line-up for the make-up match at the start of the rescheduled match.

**Match Started, Suspended and Resumed- Same Day:** If the match has started and play has been suspended and will resume on the same day, at a rescheduled time, match play will resume with the same players at the same positions, where play stopped at the exact score, set and game point. All completed games, sets, and individual matches will count as played. No player changes to the initial roster. Any court that can't be played with the same players will be recorded as a retirement.

**Match Started, Suspended, and Resumed- Another Day:** If the team match has started and play has been suspended and rescheduled for another day, a new line-up may be presented for any individual match that hasn't started and for any individual match indicated as a default on the initial line-up. Individual matches that started will resume play at the point play was suspended. Both captains should write down the scores and make a note of serve rotation and who is to serve next, which side of court everyone is on, etc.

Team captains should mutually agree upon a time to reschedule a rain-delayed match. Every attempt should be made to reschedule matches within TWO weeks. All matches should be played before the last match of the regular season (before playoffs). Individual matches may be scheduled at different times and either club. The time of the make-up match does not have to follow the 'before 2 p.m.' rule. If the teams are unable to agree

upon a make-up date the match the League Coordinator may pick a date for the make-up match. The Home Club will have the first option of playing the match at their facility at a time determined based on court availability. If the home club does not have courts available, the match may be played at the away club.

Partially completed matches cannot be entered into Topdog Tennis. If the match is rained out or rescheduled for any reason, the HOME captain can change the date of the match in Topdog. Click on 'New Date' on your schedule and the home captain can enter a new date for the match.

If some or all of the matches are rained out during the last week of play, the matches for the last week MAY be deleted or canceled.

When the home captain enters a new date, an email is automatically sent to the opposing captain. The opposing captain must confirm the change. The match will be labeled 'unconfirmed' until the opposing captain agrees to the new match. If matches are to be played on different dates, the dates can be listed in the 'comments' section. The captains and players can easily read the 'comments' section to see how the rescheduling of the match has progressed. Once the mutually agreed date has been confirmed it can only be changed due to rain/hurricane. If a rain delay occurs on the last match of the scheduled League, the Coordinator will work with the captains to determine the date and time of the required make-up match or the last match may be canceled.

**Hurricane Rescheduling** ~ If there is a need to cancel matches for Hurricane related reasons, please follow the guidelines for the Rain Delayed matches. Captains should contact one another and work on rescheduling any missed matches as soon as possible.

**Team Levels / Rating Review** ~ To keep the league competitive, an annual review of team and individual results will be performed at the end of each Winter season. Topdog Tennis software performs this analytical review. Teams and/or Players may be asked to move up or down. A report with a list of players whose ratings have been changed will be posted on the website in the summer. If a players' performance significantly exceeds the level that they are playing, they may be asked, at any time, to move to a higher level.

**Season Awards** ~ An award will be given to the first-place team in each division. In divisions with several flights, an award will be given to the first-place team in each flight.

#### **Team Captain Responsibilities**

- 1) Read and know the rules of the league in which your team is competing.
- 2) Verify team member's USTA NTRP ratings before registering players on your team roster. See link to 'USTA Ratings' at [www.swfla-tennis.com](http://www.swfla-tennis.com).
- 3) Enter your team's complete roster information online and pay for the team fees by Visa or MasterCard online in Topdog Tennis.
- 4) Verify courts are reserved at your club for your home matches.
- 5) Provide schedules and schedule team members for matches.
- 6) Captains should contact each other at least three (3) DAYS in advance to verify the location, number of courts, and start time.
- 7) Inform your opponent of your club's dress code or gate entry requirements, if any.
- 8) Captains should print match specific score sheets from Topdog Tennis and fill them in with their line-up. Captains exchange their completed line-ups simultaneously before the start of play.
- 9) Captains are responsible to verify that players are on the correct courts.
- 10) The home team provides balls for the matches.
- 11) Some clubs provide refreshments after the match. This is not required.
- 12) Both Captains should retain a copy of the completed scorecard.
- 13) Either Captain may enter the scores in the Topdog Tennis website 24 hours of the completion of the match.
- 14) Or, confirm these scores within 48 hours. If the scores are not confirmed or disputed within 48 hours by the opposing captain, the scores will be accepted as entered and any disputes may be denied.
- 15) Bring a copy of these rules and the USTA [The Code](#) or [Friend at Court](#) tennis regulations to every match.
- 16) Post any makeup match dates and times as soon as decided on TopDog Tennis. Be sure to contact your clubs with any schedule changes so they can revise their court reservation schedules.
- 17) File grievances promptly.

#### **Club Professional Responsibilities** ~

Club Professionals will receive informative e-mails from the league.

- 1) Verify team member's NTRP ratings before registering team players.
- 2) Responsible for all actions made by a team representing their Club.

- 3) Keep up to date on all league rules, dates, and procedures.
- 4) Provide league players with schedules and playoff information.
- 5) Make sure courts are 'reserved' for home matches at your club.
- 6) Stay informed of your team's league standings (available at Topdog Tennis).
- 7) If your club fields the winning team, let the League Coordinator know as soon as possible if your club is unable to host playoffs.

## **Playoffs**

**Divisional Playoffs** ~ Most divisions will have a playoff the week following their last regularly scheduled match on their normal day of play. Once the season begins the captains will be notified the date of their division playoff. Very small divisions where teams have played one another an equal number of times and several times may not have playoffs.

If the division has seven (7) teams or less, there will be a playoff for the top two teams. For those divisions with eight (8) or more teams, the top four teams in each division will play in the playoffs. If a division has two flights, the top two positions in each flight will play in the playoffs. If the division has three flights the top position in each flight will play in the playoffs and one 2nd place team with the best overall record will play in the playoffs. Ties for the #2 team will be resolved with a drawing. If an eligible team is unable to play in the playoffs, the team with the next best record may be invited to participate.

**Divisional Playoffs Tie-Break Procedure** ~ When determining which teams go to the playoffs, there could be multiple ties. Topdog Tennis lists teams in order of strength using the tiebreakers listed in the rules. (See section 'Scoring' above.) If teams are still tied, ties will be determined with a drawing.

**Playoff Match** ~ Playoffs are played on the same day of the week as your scheduled matches. Playoffs are completed in one day. Teams will field the same number of positions as in regular-season matches. **If participating clubs do not have enough courts to host a playoff, the number of positions played may be reduced.**

**Rostered Players Only** ~ All players on your roster are eligible to play regardless of how many regular-season matches they have played.

**Two Teams in playoffs** ~ A regular two-set match is played with a third set Super-Tiebreaker (if necessary).

**Four Teams in playoffs** ~ Play will be two rounds of seven-game pro-sets. If the set score reaches 6-6, a 7-point Coman style tiebreaker (first to 7 by 2 points) will be played.

**First Round:** If there is one flight in the division, the first place team plays the fourth-place team, second plays the third. If the division has two flights the first place team in Flight 1 plays the second-place team in Flight 2 and vice versa. With three or more flights, seed order will be determined by best record using the regular season tiebreak procedures. The first seed will play against fourth seed and two seed against fourth seed in Round 1. In the case of a tie, a random drawing will be used to determine seed position among tied playoff teams. **Second Round:** The winners of the first round play each other for first place, Playoff Champion, and the losers play each other for third place. Teams may use different players from their roster for the second round.

**Playoff Tiebreak** ~ At the end of the playoff match if the number of courts won is tied (1-1 or 2-2), the least individual sets lost will be counted, and then if still tied, the least Individual games lost will be counted. If still tied, on separate sheets of paper, Position 1, 2, 3, 4 (or 1, 2) will be written and the slips placed into a hat. A drawing by an impartial party will determine which position will play in the final tiebreak.

The position selected will have the two players from Team A that just played in that position, play against the two players from the same position of Team B. They will immediately proceed to play a 7-point Coman style tiebreaker, (first to 7 by 2 points), to determine a winner and break the tie.

**Cost** ~ There will be no additional charges by the league to play in the playoffs.

**Balls** ~ The League will provide one can of balls for each playoff court.

**Refreshments** ~ Host Club will receive some funding from the League to help defray the cost of refreshments. Money provided varies with the number of teams and the number of positions played.

2 courts 2 teams - \$50.00	2 courts 4 teams - \$ 100.00
3 courts 2 teams - \$75.00	3 courts 4 teams - \$ 150.00
4 courts 2 teams - \$100.00	4 courts 4 teams - \$200.00

**Playoff Locations** ~ The First place team in each division hosts the playoffs at their home club at the time that works best for their club. If there are several flights in a division, the first-place team in the flight with the best overall record will host the playoffs. Exact times and locations for playoff matches will be posted on the website as soon as final match results have been entered and locations have been determined.

**Host Club** ~ is responsible for running the playoffs at their club. The League Coordinator will provide the Host Club with the line-up, score sheets, balls, and awards. The League Coordinator will attempt to attend every playoff but with many playoffs held on the same days, this is not always possible.

The Host Club must have enough available courts for the playoff matches. Four teams in the playoffs: # of positions played during a regular-season match x 2 = # of courts needed. Two teams in the playoffs: the same number of courts as a regular-season match are needed. Courts should be freshly lined and swept if time and conditions permit.

**Playoff Pictures** ~ Arrive looking great! Host Club / League Coordinator will take group pictures of the participating teams.

**Playoff Awards** ~ The playoff winners in each division will receive a team award. No award will be given if playoffs are canceled.

**Playoff Rain Date** ~ The Saturday of playoff week has been designated as the rain date. Any playoff division that has been canceled will be held on that date.

## **Grievances**

The Team Captain or Club Director of Tennis, using the following steps, may file all complaints alleging a violation during league play. Grievances will not be accepted by individual players.

1. When the problem arises, stay calm and be courteous to the opposing team. Patience and courtesy are appreciated.
2. Play the match. File a grievance and the League will decide on the issues later.
3. All complaints alleging a violation during local league play must be filed IN WRITING / EMAIL with the League Coordinator before the commencement of the next team match, or within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of local league play, whichever occurs first.
4. The Grievance should state the following:
  - a. Team Captains' Name, email address, and telephone number.
  - b. Team Name and level playing.
  - c. Date, Time, and Location of incident.
  - d. Names and telephone numbers of all parties involved.
  - e. Description of incident. Why you feel there is a grievance.
5. The League will review the grievance and render a decision as quickly as possible. All decisions are final.

**Privacy Notice** - The contact information for BONITA League participants included in the Topdog Tennis website is considered confidential and is exclusively for use by the BONITA League Coordinator and contact between and among the BONITA League participants.

The information in this site should not be used for business, commercial, political, or any other non-BONITA League purposes, and it should not be disclosed or published to anyone outside of the BONITA League.

**Participant's Waiver of Liability:**



Acceptance of my entry in the Bonita League is without the assumption of responsibility of any kind by this organization, Topdog Tennis, the host club, committees, or the management and officers of the Bonita League in which I may be entered or may participate. In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I do hereby for and on behalf of myself and my heirs and legal representative release and forever discharge the organization, organization, and host club, their officers, umpires, committees and representatives and their successors and assigns, of and from all claims and demands of every kind, nature and character which I may have or may hereafter acquire for all damages, losses or injuries which may be suffered or sustained by me in connection with my activities during the period for which such permission is waived and released and I covenant not to sue, therefore. I understand that this tournament/league will be governed by applicable organization rules and regulations, the rules and regulations of this tournament/league, the rules and procedures governing the discipline of players in TournamentsForFun, Topdog Tennis, and Topdog Sports sanctioned tournaments/leagues, the TournamentsForFun, Topdog Tennis Code of Ethics, tournament/league policy, and ranking regulations, and agree to conduct myself accordingly.