

RCRL Rules What's New in 2018?

We have done major rewriting to simplify and clarify the rules, and include long-standing interpretations which may not have been clear in the written document in the past. Of particular attention may be:

- Rule IV. B, pertaining to the placement of teams into divisions (major rewrite, basic substance the same; some new provisions on qualified move down and “piggybacking” old teams onto new teams for placement purposes)
- Rule III.M, pertaining to grievances filed against captains
- Rule V.E.7, pertaining to the requirement that players have an official rating entered into the TopDog system before playing a match.
- Rule III.A, requiring each team to have a captain and co-captain, whose phone numbers and email addresses are published on TopDog and RCRL publications and communications

What's New: The A and A1 divisions have been merged for this year, and for the foreseeable future. The merged division will be using eligibility and court placement rules formerly applied to the A division. There are some changes to the rules regarding movement up into the top division, which will be called A., reflected in Rule III.

The mid year roster addition procedure experimented with last year has been adopted as a rule going forward. See Rule V.B. Please note the requirement that the captain notify the division director of players added, so that the division director can verify the proper rating for the player. Note also that, as last year, players may not be added in September.

All divisions will play a 10 point tiebreak at two sets all if there are 30 minutes or less court time remaining when the last ball is out of play in the second set. Also, clarifying that if all players, in good faith, agree to play a set tiebreaker though more time remains, that is acceptable.

Some revision to the electronic interference rule to take smart watches and other technologic advances into account. Clarification to stress that the electronic interference rule applies to distractions or delays that might arise from the presence of devices on the court, not to mere glances at the same.

In the event that a court must be forfeited, the forfeiting team is responsible for the court cost if the court is not cancelled by **7 pm the night before the match** (formerly 7 hours before the match).

A new rule is added which would allow the Board, in its discretion, to move down the last place team in a division following the year in which that division reached 16 teams in size, no matter what percentage that team achieved. See Rule IV.

Letter of Intent deadline is moved to June 8, and deadline for rostering 11 players is moved to a July 15.

Note also, not a part of the Rules but an operation of law – Kentucky Sales Tax of 6% will be added to the court cost for play. Due to the necessity to make change for those paying in cash, there may be delays at the desk when paying. Arrive in time to make your payment well before the official match start time. You must be on the court at the start time. There will be no allowances for delays at the desk!!!