

What's New for RCRL Rules 2020-2021

Here are the highlights of our rule changes, however, the complete rules should always be referenced.

1. Wording was added to clarify that **a team captain is responsible for the relationship with the home club**- not a coach or the RCRL
2. Players, other than A1, will be eligible to play on two Masters level teams. Masters II/Midmasters or Midmasters/Masters I.
3. All levels will be able to roster **22 players** and all Masters levels will be able to roster **25 players**.
4. **A third set tiebreaker will be played if there are 45 minutes or less left** in court time. If 45 minutes or less remain at the conclusion of the 2nd set the 10-point tiebreaker will be played.
5. **Coman tiebreak** format will be played when a tiebreak is required.
6. "A" level will go back to being called A1 to avoid confusion.
7. **TopDog ratings will be turned off and will not calculate.** A current computer-generated USTA rating or pro verification will be used to place new players on a team. The placement of players returning from last season will not be determined by their ratings and they may stay with their team regardless of their USTA rating.
8. **New players with a current USTA rating and pro-rated player must register on a team as follows:**
 - 4.5 players must play A1.
 - 4.0 players must play A3 or above.
 - 3.5 players must play B2 level or higher.
 - C and B level players may play Masters II.
 - B, A3, and A2 players may play Midmasters.
 - A3, A2, and A1 players may play Masters I.
9. **Court placement rules based on ratings will be eliminated** other than a 5.0 USTA rated player must play court 1 in the A1 division. However, the captains must still strive to place the strongest team on court 1, next strongest team on court 2 and so forth.
10. **All Masters level courts will be weighted (6 ,5,4,3)** as in the other levels.
11. **Grievances will be kept on file for 4 years.** Players involved in a sportsmanship grievance will be warned on the first offense that an additional sportsmanship grievance will result in a penalty.
12. **C1 Division will be eliminated and the B3 Division will be re-established** to create a stronger, more viable division.