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REGULATION UPDATES AND CLARIFICATION - TEAM DEFAULT RULE

REMOVING MATCHES IN TOTAL TEAM DEFAULT

1. THE TEAM THAT RECEIVES THE DEFAULT DOES NOT GET CREDIT FOR THE WIN (TENNISLINK SETTING)
2. IF THE TEAM THAT RECEIVES THE DEFAULT WOULD HAVE BEEN “IN THE HUNT” WITH THE TOP TEAMS, THE MATCHES FOR THE TOP TEAMS (AND ALL TEAMS) AGAINST THE DEFAULTING TEAM WOULD BE REMOVED
3. IF THE TEAM RECEIVING THE DEFAULT DOES NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO BE ONE OF THE TOP TEAMS “IN THE HUNT” BUT REMOVING ALL MATCHES WOULD CHANGE THE STANDINGS FOR THE TOP TEAMS, THOSE MATCHES WOULD NOT BE REMOVED IF THEY HAVE ALREADY PLAYED THEM PRIOR TO THE DEFAULT
4. IF REMOVING THE MATCHES FOR THE FLIGHT DOES NOT CHANGE ANYTHING, THERE IS NO NEED TO REMOVE ANY OF THE MATCHES
5. THESE ACTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN AT THE COMPLETION OF THE SEASON.

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REGULATION UPDATES AND CLARIFICATION - WEATHER RULE

WEATHER CONDITION SCENARIO #1:

- THE TEMPERATURE IS **38** DEGREES;
- THE WIND CHILL IS “ARE YOU KIDDING ME?”
- AND YOUR STRINGS FEEL LIKE FROZEN LINGUINE. WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?
 - A. PLAY ANYWAY - TENNIS BUILDS CHARACTER
 - B. WEAR THREE GLOVES PER HAND AND HOPE FOR THE BEST
 - C. LIGHT A SMALL FIRE FOR THE CHANGEOVER
 - D. RESCHEDULE - THERE’S LIKELY TO BE A WARMER DAY SOON. AFTER ALL, THIS IS CHARLESTON.

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WEATHER CONDITION SCENARIO #2:

- THE TEMPERATURE/REAL FEEL IS **100** DEGREES;
- YOU JUST FRIED AN EGG ON THE HOOD OF YOUR CAR AND YOUR WATER IS ALREADY TOO HOT TO DRINK.
- YOUR OPPONENT SAYS, LET'S PLAY ANYWAY. WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?
 - A. SAY "GREAT, SEE YOU IN THE ER LATER"
 - B. ASK THE PRO SHOP TO TURN ON THE AIR CONDITIONING ON COURT
 - C. COMMEND YOUR OPPONENT ON THEIR TOUGHNESS
 - D. RESCHEDULE - IT'S NOT LIKELY IT WILL GET COOLER BUT IT PROBABLY WON'T BE 100 FOR 2 WEEKS

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COLD/HEAT POLICY

A HEAT/COLD RESCHEDULING DECISION SHALL BE MADE NO SOONER THAN 2 HOURS BEFORE THE DESIGNATED MATCH START TIME. EACH TEAM WILL USE [HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.COM/](https://www.weather.com/) BY ENTERING THE LOCATION OF THE MATCH TO DETERMINE WHAT CONDITIONS ARE PREDICTED AT MATCH START TIME. NO OTHER WEATHER RESOURCES MAY BE USED TO OBTAIN THE FORECAST.

THE FOLLOWING WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY SUBJECT A MATCH TO BE RESCHEDULED:

- (1) IF THE “REAL FEEL/FEELS LIKE” TEMPERATURE IS 38 DEGREES OR BELOW AT THE TIME THE MATCH IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN PLAY, OR FORECAST WITHIN 2 HOURS OF MATCH START TIME.**

EXAMPLE: IF THE MATCH IS AT 6:00 PM AND THE PREDICTED REAL FEEL WILL BE 38 DEGREES AT 8:00, THE MATCH MAY BE POSTPONED. FOR 7:30 MATCHES IF THE REAL FEEL WILL BE 38 DEGREES AT 9:30 THE MATCH MAY BE POSTPONED.

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- 2) IF THE “REAL FEEL/FEELS LIKE” TEMPERATURE (HEAT INDEX) IS 100 DEGREES OR HIGHER AT THE TIME THE MATCH IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN PLAY, OR FORECAST WITHIN 2 HOURS OF MATCH START TIME.**

EXAMPLE: IF THE MATCH IS AT 9:30AM AND THE HEAT INDEX IS 98F, BUT IT WILL FEEL LIKE 102F BY 11:00AM, THE MATCH MAY BE POSTPONED.

IF BOTH CAPTAINS AGREE, PLAYERS MAY PLAY ONE OR MORE COURTS IN THE HEAT/COLD.

RESCHEDULED MAKE-UP MATCHES DUE TO COLD/HEAT MUST FOLLOW PROCEDURES IN REGULATION 2.01K(1).

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- ❖ CAPTAINS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PLAY ALL INDIVIDUAL MATCHES AT THE SAME TIME, JUST AS THEY WOULD IN A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MATCH; HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT A REQUIREMENT. IF THE INDIVIDUAL MATCHES ARE BEING PLAYED ON DIFFERENT DAYS, THE LINE-UPS WILL BE EXCHANGED ON THE DAY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL MATCHES ARE BEING PLAYED.
- ❖ TEAM LINEUPS ON THE MAKE-UP DAY DO NOT HAVE TO BE THE SAME AS THEY WERE ON THE DAY OF THE POSTPONEMENT EVEN IF THE LINEUPS HAD ALREADY BEEN EXCHANGED, AND ANY DEFAULTS GIVEN DURING OR PRIOR TO THE LINE-UP EXCHANGE ARE CANCELLED, ***HOWEVER, ANY SUBSTITUTIONS MADE TO THE LINEUP CANNOT BE IN THE ORIGINAL LINEUP AND PLAYERS MAY NOT BE MOVED WITHIN THE MATCH LINEUP CARD. SUBSTITUTING PLAYERS MUST BE ON THE ROSTER AT THE TIME OF LINE ASSIGNMENT AND PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF MATCH PLAY.***

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- ❖ IF MATCH PLAY HAS BEGUN (I.E., AT LEAST ONE POINT PLAYED IN ONE INDIVIDUAL MATCH), COMPLETED MATCHES WILL STAND AS PLAYED, INCOMPLETE MATCHES MUST BE RESUMED BY THE SAME PLAYERS AT THE EXACT SET, GAME AND POINT SCORE AS WHEN PLAY WAS HALTED. MATCHES THAT HAVE NOT STARTED DO NOT HAVE TO BE PLAYED AT THE SAME TIME AND DATE BUT CAN BE ARRANGED BY THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN EACH OF THE INDIVIDUAL MATCHES.
- ❖ ***FOR MATCHES NOT STARTED, SUBSTITUTIONS MAY BE MADE, HOWEVER THE SUBSTITUTING PLAYERS CANNOT BE IN THE ORIGINAL LINEUP AND PLAYERS MAY NOT BE MOVED WITHIN THE MATCH LINEUP CARD. SUBSTITUTING PLAYERS MUST BE ON THE ROSTER AT THE TIME OF LINE ASSIGNMENT AND PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF MATCH PLAY.***