

Old Rule

7. Warm-ups for matches should start promptly at 9:15 AM on Tuesdays, matches start at 9:30, unless a pre-play is in effect. Subsequent matches will follow as courts become available. When fewer than 4 courts are available, the visiting team will determine order of play. Home captains should contact visiting captains by 6:00 PM on the Friday before the match to confirm playing time. Once the match has been scheduled and confirmed by both captains, the date stands and the match must be played at the scheduled time and date. The only acceptable reason to reschedule is weather.

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(start time is now 9:15, not 9:30. Players are to take the court and begin warm up/matches at 9:15 am.)

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- a. If there is a possibility courts are unplayable due to weather, the home team captain of the first match should check her courts and inform the visiting captain of an unplayable condition NO LATER THAN 7:15 am or 2 hours before the start time on match day.
- Captains may agree to using an alternate site. Otherwise, Rule 9 goes into effect.

- b. If the visiting team has not been informed of a possible delay, a maximum of 30 minutes will be allotted after the scheduled match time for the home team to clear the courts and make them suitable for play.

If the courts are not playable in that time frame (*e.g., unremoved ice and/or snow, damaged equipment*), the home team defaults any courts that are not playable or the visiting captain may choose to reschedule under rule 9.

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- b. If the visiting team arrives and has not been informed of a possible delay due to court maintenance, the home team defaults any courts that are not playable or the visiting captain may choose to reschedule under Rule 9.

(we removed the 30 minute allowance, if the home team has not contacted the visiting team and the courts are not playable due to MAINTENANCE issues they default any unplayable courts, or the visiting team may choose to come back to play Thursday – rule 9. This is for court maintenance only, not weather that occurs between 7:15 and 9:15. That is covered under the next rule)

22. If weather becomes an issue on match day:

- a. Captains should contact each other 2 hours before match time to discuss playing conditions. Captains can agree that matches should be rescheduled because of rain, snow, extreme cold, or hazardous driving conditions. Good judgment and cooperation between captains is required when weather conditions present possible hazards. In the case where a home club has fewer than 4 courts available and needs to schedule staggered matches, the later match(es) are considered to be a separate match in need of another agreement between the captains (or designated teammates) as the weather may significantly change from the time of the earlier decision.
- b. If both captains have agreed to play, all players must travel to the match site. Once there, any player can determine that it is unsafe to begin or continue play because of hazardous conditions. This is a court-by-court decision. If both captains have agreed not to travel to the match site due to weather issues, Rule 9 goes into effect.
- c. Matches postponed or suspended on Tuesday will resume according to Rule 9.
- d. On any court where play has not begun, line-ups may be changed for the make-up match.
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- g. Delayed school openings or school closings are not an acceptable reason to postpone the regular start time of Tuesday matches.
- h. IF you are the only home team playing at your club on Tuesday/match day, you and your opponent may agree to a later start time on Tuesday/match day, or Rule 9 goes into effect.
- i. IF there are multiple home teams playing on Tuesday/match day, you must adhere to the 9:15 start time because we cannot back up the second and third matches. You and your opponent may agree to play after ALL OTHER home matches are completed on Tuesday/match day, or Rule 9 goes into effect.

(changes made are underlined and self-explanatory. 22A covers what to do if it starts snowing, raining, sleeting etc before 9:15 and after the 7:15 contact between the captains. In those cases they must follow rule 9 and come back to play on Thursday if weather becomes an issue on the morning of the match while the other team is in route.)