

Addendum to NDLTA Rules – 2009 – applicable to all Divisions

Rule 9. COURSE OF PLAY. Each match will consist of 4 rubbers. Each rubber being the best of **three sets**, with a tie-break at six games all in the first two sets. **The third set shall be a championship tie-break [first to ten points – with a margin of two points, or two points clear thereafter].**

The Home team must provide a minimum of 6 new balls for each match. All balls must correspond to LTA standard.

Rule 11. SCORING. Each match is worth **24 points** – 2 points per set ie **6 points per rubber. A straight set win is 6 points [two points per set plus two bonus points]. A win on a deciding championship tie-break third set is four points [two points per each winning set], two points to the opposition for their winning set.**

Rule 13. BAD LIGHT OR BAD WEATHER. In the event of bad light or weather threatening to prevent the completion of a match, a decision regarding the time to stop play **MUST** be reached **BEFORE** the commencement of the second rubbers.

Where the set is not completed and the agreed finishing time is reached, play shall stop as soon as:

- a) at the completion of a game, each pair has had an equal number of completed service games in that set, OR
- b) at the completion of a game, one pair has a lead of 2 or more games.

The points for that set shall then be determined by the number of games won 2 points to the leading pair or 1 point each if the games are equal.

The points for any sets not begun shall be shared.

If the third set championship tie-break has been started then a minimum of 8 points must be played, a margin of 5 points wins the set. If this is not reached [or the third set not started] then the two points shall be shared.

Rule 15. WALKOVERS. Should, on the day of a match, a team fail to turn up; a walkover shall be given to the opposing side. The team giving the walkover shall have **12** points taken from its league total. The team offended against shall receive **12** points, or the number of points won in the return fixture, whichever is the greater.

If a team gives two walkovers during the season, it will be automatically relegated at

the end of the season. No other team will be relegated from that division. See Rule 20. If a team gives more than two walkovers during the season, it shall be suspended from the league for the rest of that season and all points won or lost by it shall be declared void. That team will have to re-apply for admittance to the lowest division the following season. It is the responsibility of both team captains to notify the League Fixtures Secretary within one week of any walkover. If notification is not received within the given time. the offending team(s) will be fined two points.