

## Timed Matches – USTA Phoenix League Regulations, Page 4., Item “C. Special Circumstances”

### 1. Timed Matches

- a. Timed match rules (TMR) may be used if a facility has a hard stop time or closing time. The home captain must inform the visiting captain of the allotted time prior to line up exchange.
- b. In the event of limited match time, either captain may elect to use timed match rules for any or all courts in a team match. Such declaration must be made prior to warm-up.
- c. Timed Matches with Staggered Start times: The earlier courts’ hard finish time shall be half-way point between first courts’ start time and the facility’s hard closing time UNLESS otherwise agreed to by both team captains. For example: first courts begin at 6pm and the facility closes at 9:30, the hard finish time for the first courts shall be 7:45pm with the 20-minute warning at 7:25pm (giving 1 hour and 45 minutes to complete 6pm matches.) The 2nd start time matches shall start at 7:45pm (if not earlier) and “hard” finish at 9:30pm with 20-minute warning at 9:10pm (giving 1 hour and 45 minutes to complete 7:45pm matches.)
- d. Should the home captain fail to inform the visiting captain hard stop/closing time and TMR are not used, the visiting team shall choose the location to complete any incomplete matches.
- e. If both teams choose not to use TMR, the visiting team shall travel to the home team's location to complete any unfinished matches at a mutually agreed upon date.
- f. A "warning time" is set at 20 minutes before the hard closing time, with special rules applying to incomplete matches. Once the “warning time” has been reached the following shall apply:
  - I. If the match is complete, the scores shall be entered as played.
  - II. If the first set has not been completed, the match shall be suspended and rescheduled.
  - III. If a third set 10-point tie-break has already begun, complete the tie-break.
  - IV. If the second set has not been completed, complete any game or tie-break in which the first point has already been played, then:
    - a) If the second set is tied, play a 7-point tie-break for the set.
    - b) A team ahead by two games or more is the winner of the second set.
    - c) If a team is ahead by one game, play one additional game, then:
      - i. If a team is ahead by two games or more, that team is the winner of the second set.
      - ii. If the second set score is tied, play a 7-point tie break for the set.
      - iii. If, upon completion of the second set, the match is tied, play a third set 10-point tie-break.
  - V. Should the match time expire, and the match remains incomplete under these rules, the match will be considered suspended and rescheduled.
  - VI. Scoring for any match completed under these “Timed Match” rules shall be entered on the score card with “Timed Match” designation. Only the actual games played shall be entered.

A second set awarded by virtue of being ahead by two games or more shall be entered with the actual game score. A second set determined by a 7-point tie-break shall be entered with the tie-break counting as one game. A third set determined by a 10-point tie-break shall be entered as 1-0 in favor of the winning team/player.