



MCTA POLICY RE: WEATHER-RELATED CLOSINGS

As stated in the MCTA Unified League Rules, MCTA relies on Montgomery County Public School and Montgomery County's Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF) announcements whether to require league matches to play during adverse weather conditions (e.g., snow, sleet, etc.). **Captains and players can register to receive notifications directly to their e-mail or cellphone by subscribing to the "Alert Montgomery" system (instructions below).**

If MCPS closes schools for the day (applies to Ladies Day League matches only) or CUPF announces cancellation of evening activities in public buildings *due to inclement weather*, (applies to all other leagues) then MCTA teams are not required to play, regardless of any facility's decision to remain open. **Opposing captains can mutually agree to play if they so desire and the facility is available.** In such cases the captains must call the tennis facility directly to verify that the location will remain open and to confirm that the facility will honor their reserved court time.

If CUPF has not issued a notice that community activities in public buildings have been cancelled, and captains are in doubt as to weather-related closings, then captains are responsible for contacting the site facility directly to determine whether it is open for play. If open, captains are responsible for ensuring that their teams play, MCTA having already paid for the courts.

Note: Neither MCPS nor CUPF has any role in, or information concerning tennis facility closings, so please do not call them with those types of questions. MCTA simply utilizes MCPS and CUPF decisions as the MCTA standard for whether teams must meet MCTA published match schedules or incur default charges for failing to do so.

MCTA strives to contact every captain whose team is affected by a closure notice. MCTA also strives to post a list of any known facility closures on its website. **MCTA volunteers and staff do not make independent decisions to adhere to scheduled match dates/times, but rather defer to the policy guidance stated herein.**

Specific Application to Ladies Day League Matches

1. If Montgomery County Public Schools are **closed**, then no LDL matches scheduled that day are required to play. Captains may agree to play if they wish and the site facility for your match is open. Otherwise, matches will be re-scheduled as time and court availability permit.
2. If Montgomery County Public Schools are operating on "**delayed opening**," then no LDL matches scheduled before 12 noon that day are required to play (although opposing captains may mutually agree to play if they so desire); but all matches scheduled for 12:00 PM or later start must play as scheduled. Any early matches that are postponed will be re-scheduled as time and court availability permit.
3. If Montgomery County Public Schools are operating on "**early release**," then no LDL matches scheduled for 12:00PM or later are required to play that day (although opposing captains may mutually agree to play if they so desire); but all matches scheduled for 10:00AM start must play as scheduled. Any late matches that are postponed will be re-scheduled as time and court availability permit.

Specific Application to Winter Mixed Doubles, Combo Doubles, and Senior Leagues

1. If CUPF announces *evening activities in public buildings are cancelled due to inclement weather*, then MCTA matches are not required to play that evening (but captains may agree to do so if they desire). If CUPF has not issued a closure notice, then matches play as scheduled.
2. Please note that CUPF may cancel evening activities even if MCPS completes the normal school day as warranted by the weather conditions.

How to Subscribe to "Alert Montgomery" System and Receive Direct Notice of Closings

To sign up to receive "Alert Montgomery" notices including MCPS school closings and CUPF announcements, simply:

1. Go to the County website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov
2. In the upper right quadrant, click on "Alert Montgomery: sign up to get emergency alerts"
3. Follow the prompts to register, select the devices to which you want notices sent, and the specific notice types you wish to receive.