



LEAGUE FACT SHEET Richmond USTA Combo Mixed Doubles Weekend League

Welcome to the 2017 season! The information below will help captains with planning.

Contacts for League matters:

- Local League Coordinators (LLC's): Stone & Patty Smith - info@richmondtennisleagues.com
- Website: <http://www.richmondtennisleagues.com/>

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 1 through July 31:** Local Team Registration. Register online at www.richmondtennisleagues.com.
- **August 7:** Deadline for having for 6 players (3 men and 3 women) registered on your team roster in TennisLink.
- **August 28th (approximate date):** Match Schedules will be posted in TennisLink.
- **September 9 through late November:** Local League Season. Dates will vary for different levels. We try to complete the season before Thanksgiving, but some larger levels may go to early December.
- **2nd to last match of the local season:** Deadline for adding players to rosters in TennisLink.
- **January 2018:** 2017 VA Regional Championship. Exact dates TBD.

LEAGUE FEES / COSTS:

- All fees are paid online in TennisLink when players register for teams.
- Registration fees are \$41 plus the TennisLink Transaction fee. Breakdown is as follows:
 - \$26.00 Mid Atlantic Section and Region fee (\$6 of this fee is non-refundable.)
 - \$15.00 local league fee
 - TennisLink Transaction fee of no more than \$4.00 will be calculated in TennisLink. (non-refundable)

COMPETITION FORMAT:

- NTRP Levels – 5.5 thru 9.5 combined rating NTRP levels for mixed doubles teams. Up to a 1.5 point rating differential allowed.
- Each NTRP level within the league will play at least one round robin where every team plays every other team. Some NTRP levels will be divided into flights, and each team will play every other team in its flight.
- Local league playoffs may be required in levels with more than one flight. Playoff formats will be determined by the Local Coordinator.
- The number of matches for each NTRP level or flight will depend on the number of teams in the level or flight and the number of weekends available for league play.

LEAGUE SCHEDULE / MATCH TIMES:

- Mixed 5.5 thru 9.5 levels play on Saturdays and Sundays. Each team chooses either Saturdays or Sundays as preferred for their **home** matches. Matches could be on either day, depending on court availability at your club or facility.
- **Note: Some levels may require 2 matches per weekend on a few occasions in order to complete the season on time.**
- Match start times will be between 8AM and 7PM. Match times will be assigned. Coordinators will work with clubs and facilities to set match times.
- Matches are scheduled according to court availability at each team's club or facility. **Teams are not guaranteed an even number of home and away matches.**



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REGIONAL & SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION:

- **January 2018:** VA Regional Combo Mixed Championships
- **No Sectional Championship**
- Regional Championship information will be posted on the Mid-Atlantic website. Link is below.
<http://www.midatlantic.usta.com/adult-tennis/USTA-League-Championships/?intloc=headernavsub>

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Online Local League Team Registration Form:** Teams are not considered “registered” until the online form is completed. The registration form is available on the registration page of the Local League Website.
www.richmondtennisleagues.com
- **Match Format:** Each team match will consist of 3 mixed gender (1 man, 1 woman) matches using a combined rating format, with up to a 1.5 rating differential allowed. The combined ratings of a double team cannot exceed the team level. For example, a 7.5 doubles team could be a 3.5 and 4.0 playing together, or a 3.0 and 4.5 playing together.
- **Age Limit:** Players must be 18 years old, or must turn 18 this calendar year.
- **Email:** All captains must have access to a computer and must have an email address. The coordinators communicate league information by email and the league website.
- **Work Email Address Issues:** Captains who provide their work email address for league contact purposes must make sure that emails to multiple recipients are not blocked. Some captains set up a Yahoo, Gmail or other account to use for tennis purposes and to avoid having league emails blocked.
- **Tennis Link Captain Report / Contact List:** Captains must register in Tennis Link as soon as team numbers are assigned. Don't forget to check the box designating the Team Captain. If the box is not checked, you will not be listed as Team Captain and you won't be able to access the Team Captain Report / Contact List. The Captains Report pulls your name, address, email address and phone number from the USTA Membership database. If the information on the Captain's Report is not accurate, you must update it by calling USTA Membership or by clicking “Manage Account” link on your Tennis Link home page.
- **League Rules & Procedures:** Please visit the League Rules and Forms page on the local league website and review the 2017 Local League Rules and Local League Procedures. Captains should use the rules and procedures as a reference throughout the season.
- **The 3-Player Rule:** Since Combo leagues do not advance to Sectionals, Mid Atlantic Rule 11d **does not** apply.
- **Playing on teams in different levels:** Since the 3-player rule does not apply to Combo Mixed Leagues, players may participate on as many teams as they want **at different levels**, as long as their rating allows it. Combo doubles allows up to a 1.5 rating differential for each doubles team. For example, a 7.5 doubles team could be a 3.5 and 4.0 playing together, or a 3.0 and 4.5 playing together.
- **Roster Limits:** Combo Mixed Doubles teams must have a minimum of 6 players, **3 men and 3 women**. Team rosters are limited to 20 players. Players may be added to rosters until the 2nd to last match of the league season.
- **Players looking for teams:** Captains/Teams who need additional players should visit the local league website and click on the “Players Looking for Teams” page. The list of players looking for teams is updated frequently throughout the season.