



## LEAGUE FACT SHEET

### Richmond USTA Adult 55 & Over Men's League

Welcome to the 2018 season! The information below will help captains with planning.

Contacts for League matters:

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

#### 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)

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

- **April 1 through 30:** Local Team Registration. Register online at [www.richmondtennisleagues.com](http://www.richmondtennisleagues.com).
- **May 7:** Deadline for having for 6 players registered in TennisLink
- **May 28 (approximately):** Match Schedules will be posted in TennisLink.
- **June 12 through late August:** Local League Season. Dates will vary for different levels.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> to last match of the local season:** Deadline for adding players to rosters in TennisLink.

#### COMPETITION FORMAT:

- NTRP Levels – 6.0 thru 9.0 combined rating NTRP levels. Up to a 1-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: (Day/Times may be changed due to needs of the league)

- 7.0 Level plays Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- 8.0 Level plays Thursdays
- 9.0 Level plays Wednesdays
- 6.0 Level has not had any teams sign up in the past. If we have teams sign up, night is TBD.
- **Note: Additional evenings may be required depending on the overall size of the league and court availability.**
- Weeknight evening court availability is very limited since several leagues play at this time of year on weeknights. Teams may be required to play more than one match per week in order to complete the season on time and qualify for Adult 55 & Over Sectionals.
- Match start times will be between 6PM and 9PM.
- Match times will be assigned in TennisLink. Coordinators 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:

- **No Regional Championship for Adult 55 & Over Age Group.**
- **September 21-24, 2018:** MAS Adult & Mixed 55 & Over Sectional Championship
- Sectional Championship information will be posted on the Mid-Atlantic website. Link is below.  
<https://www.usta.com/en/home/play/play-as-a-member/midatlantic/USTA-Mid-Atlantic-League-Championships.html>

### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Online Local League Team Registration Form:** Local League Team Registration is the process of team captains letting the coordinator know that they will have a team in the league. It also allows the coordinator to gather team information that is needed to produce the match schedule. 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](http://www.richmondtennisleagues.com)
- **Match Format:** Each 6.0 – 9.0 level team match will consist of 3 individual doubles matches using a combined rating format, with up to a 1-point rating differential allowed.
- **Age Limit:** Players must be 55 years old, or must turn 55 this calendar year.
- **Email:** All captains must provide an email address that they check regularly. 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 (Captain 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 (1-800-990-8782) or by clicking "Manage Account" link on your TennisLink home page.
- **League Rules & Procedures:** Please visit the League Rules and Forms page on the local league website and review the 2018 Local League Rules and Local League Procedures. Captains should use the rules and procedures as a reference throughout the season.
- **The 3-Player Rule:** Only three players may be members together on another team in the same Division, within an age group, at the same team NTRP level, during the same season. (Mid Atlantic Rule 11d)
- **Playing on different teams at the same level:** Each player may play on one team per level within the same league.
- **Roster Limits:** Adult 55 & Over age group teams must have a minimum of 6 players. Team rosters are limited to 20 players. The deadline for adding players to your roster is **the next to last match of your level's local 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.