



LEAGUE FACT SHEET Richmond USTA Adult 18 & Over Weekend League

Welcome to the 2021 season! The information below will help captains with planning.

Contacts for League matters:

- Local League Coordinator (LC's) and Men's Level Contact - Patty Smith - info@richmondtennisleagues.com
- Women's Adult 18 & Over Level Coordinator and Contact – Michelle Via - mvia47@yahoo.com
- Website: <http://www.richmondtennisleagues.com/>

LEAGUE FEES / COSTS:

- All fees are paid online in TennisLink when players register for teams.
- Registration fees are \$42 plus the TennisLink Transaction fee. Breakdown is as follows:
 - \$26.00 Mid Atlantic Section and Region fee
 - \$16.00 local league fee
 - TennisLink Transaction fee of no more than \$4.00 will be calculated in TennisLink.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **January 22 through February 20:** Local Team Registration. Register online at: www.richmondtennisleagues.com.
- **February 28:** Dropout deadline. Registered teams who drop out of the league after February 28th will be charged a \$75 fee to cover processing costs. Players may register in TennisLink any time before their first match.
- **March 21:** Approximate date for Match Schedules to be posted in TennisLink.
- **April 3 through June 6:** Approximate dates for Local League Season. Dates may vary for some levels.
- **2nd to last match of the local season:** Deadline for adding players to rosters in TennisLink.

COMPETITION FORMAT:

- NTRP Levels – 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0 NTRP levels for both men's and women's teams
- 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. **The goal is to give all teams 7 – 10 matches.**

LEAGUE SCHEDULE / MATCH TIMES: (Day/Times may be changed due to needs of the league)

- **Saturdays:** Women's 2.5 through 5.0 levels
- **Sundays:** Men's 2.5 through 5.0 levels
- Some levels may occasionally require 2 matches per weekend and/or a weeknight match in order to complete the season on time.
- Match start times will typically be between 8AM and 7PM. 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:

- **TBD:** VA/WV Regional Adult 18 & Over Championships for .0 Levels
- **TBD:** VA/WV Regional Adult 18 & Over Championships for .5 Levels
- **TBD:** Mid-Atlantic Adult 18 & Over Sectional Championship
- Regional and Sectional Championship information will be posted [here](#) on the USTA Mid-Atlantic website.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Holidays:** Easter, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day occur during the Adult 18 & Over Weekend league season. Local League Procedure #8 lists the specific holidays where re-scheduling is allowed. Note: Spring Break is not considered a holiday.
- **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. The coordinator gathers 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 [here](#).
- **Match Format:** Each 3.0 – 4.5 level team match will consist of 5 individual matches, 2 singles & 3 doubles. Each 2.5 and 5.0 level team match will consist of 3 individual matches, 1 singles & 2 doubles.
- **Age Requirement:** Players must be 18 years old before they can register on a roster in TennisLink. This replaces the old rule that players must turn 18 this calendar year in order to play.
- **Email:** All captains must provide an email address that they check regularly. The coordinators communicate league information by email and the league website.
- **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 contacting [USTA Customer Care](#).
- **League Rules & Procedures:** Please visit the League Rules and Forms page on the local league website and review the 2021 Local League Rules and Local League Procedures. Captains should use the rules and procedures as a reference throughout the season.
- **The 3-Player Rule / USTA Mid-Atlantic Rule 1.04G:** This rule will not apply to any 2021 leagues.
- **Playing on different teams at the same level:** Each player may play on one team per level within the same league.
- **Roster Limits:** Adult 18 & Over age group teams must have a minimum of 8 players for 3.0 – 4.5 levels and 5 players for 2.5 and 5.0 levels. Team rosters are limited to **22** players. The deadline for adding players to your roster is **the next to last match of your level's local league season**.
- **New for 2021 / Team Status:** Captains/Teams who need additional players may list their team as Closed, Closed but Seeking Players or Open for Any New Players to Register. These options are listed on the local league registration form. Contact the local league coordinator to change your team status.