



## LEAGUE FACT SHEET Richmond USTA Adult 40 & Over Weekend League

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

Contacts for League matters:

- Local League Coordinator (LC) and Men's Level Contacts - 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 [here](#).
- **May 1:** Approximate date for opening player registration in TennisLink.
- **May 7:** Dropout deadline. Registered teams who drop out of the league after May 7<sup>th</sup> will be charged a \$75 fee to cover processing costs. Players may register in TennisLink any time before their first match.
- **May 26:** Approximate date for Match Schedules to be posted in TennisLink.
- **June 12 through July 31:** Approximate dates for Local League Season. Dates may vary for some levels.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> to last match of the local season:** Deadline for adding players to rosters in TennisLink.

### COMPETITION FORMAT (Updated 04-24-21):

- NTRP Levels – 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 NTRP levels for both men's and women's teams. **The 4.5 NTRP level is no longer a "+" league, meaning 5.0's cannot participate at this level.**
- **For 2021**, USTA Mid-Atlantic Sectional authorizes the use of adjusted competition formats for each NTRP level. Formats will likely be one of the following:
  - Unflighted play where each team will have an equal number of matches but may not play against all other teams.
  - At least round robin where every team plays every other team in the NTRP level or flight
- Local league playoffs may be utilized in any levels. Playoff or additional match 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. **Levels/Flights typically have 7 to 10 matches.**
- **This league will use the 4 court format (1S, 3D) in 2021 for 3.0 to 4.5 NTRP levels. USTA Mid Atlantic will be following the 4 court format at 2021 Sectionals. The 2.5 NTRP level will use 3 courts, 1S,2D.**

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

- **Saturdays:** Women's 2.5 through 4.5 levels **Sundays:** Men's 2.5 through 4.5 levels
- Some levels may occasionally require 2 matches per weekend, **an occasional Friday evening or other weeknight match in order to complete the season on time.**
- Match start times will typically be between 8AM and 7PM. Clubs and facilities 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 Regionals in 2021. Teams advance to Sectionals.
- **Dates TBD:** Mid-Atlantic Adult 40 & Over Sectional Championship are planned for August 2021.
- Regional and Sectional Championship information will be posted [here](#) on the USTA Mid-Atlantic website.

### 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 will be available [here](#).
- **Match Format:** Each 3.0 – 4.5 level team match will consist of **4 individual matches, 1 singles and 3 doubles**. Each 2.5 level team match will consist of 3 individual matches, 1 singles and 2 doubles.
- **Age Limit:** Players must be 40 years old, or must turn 40 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.
- **Tennis Link Captain Report (Captain Contact List):** The TennisLink Team Captain Report provides the contact information for all captains in your level or flight. The Captains Report uses the name, address, email address and phone number listed for your USTA Membership. 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.
- Each player may play on **one team per level** within the same league.
- **Roster Limits:** Adult 40 & Over age group teams must have a **minimum of 7 players** for 3.0 – 4.5 levels and 5 players for 2.5 level. **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.
- **Team Match Scoring for 4 Courts:** If tied 2-2, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following methods to do so:
  - a) Sets: Loser of the fewest number of sets.
  - b) Games: Loser of the fewest number of games.
  - c) Game Winning Percentage: Total games won divided by total games played
  - d) Winner of No. 1 Doubles