



LEAGUE FACT SHEET Richmond USTA Combo Doubles Weekend League

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

Contacts for League matters:

- Local League Coordinator (LLC): Patty Smith - info@richmondtennisleagues.com
- Website: <http://www.richmondtennisleagues.com/>

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **May 1 through May 31:** Local Team Registration/Sign-up. Register online [here](#).
- **June 7:** Dropout deadline. Registered teams who drop out of the league after this date will be charged a \$75 fee to cover processing costs. Players may register in TennisLink any time before their first match
- **June 7:** Approximate date for opening player registration in TennisLink. Players may not register on TennisLink rosters before this date.
- **July 31 through early October:** Local League Season. Dates may vary for different NTRP levels. Match Schedules will be posted in TennisLink about 2 weeks before season starts.
- **2nd to last match of the local season:** Deadline for adding players to rosters in TennisLink.

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 USTA 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, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5 and 9.5 combined NTRP levels for both men's and women's teams. Up to a 1.5 point rating difference between doubles partners is allowed.
- **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. Flights/Levels typically have 7 – 10 matches.

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

- Women's 5.5 through 9.5 levels play Sundays
- Men's 5.5 through 9.5 levels play Saturdays
- **2 matches per weekend are sometimes required in order to complete the season on time. An occasional weeknight match may also be required.**
- 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:

- VA Regional Combo Doubles Championships have been cancelled for 2021.
- Combo Doubles does not have Sectional Championship at this time.
- The Regional and Sectional Championship calendar and other information is 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 is available on the registration page of the Local League Website. www.richmondtennisleagues.com
- **Match Format:** Each team match will consist of 3 individual doubles 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.
- **Age Requirement:** Players must be 18 years old before they can register on a roster in TennisLink.
- **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.
- **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:** Since Combo leagues do not advance to Sectionals, the Mid Atlantic Rule “3 Player Rule” does not apply.
- **Playing on different teams at the same level:** Each player may play on **one team per level** within the same league. Players can play on 2 teams at the same level if the teams are in different leagues. In Richmond, Combo Doubles Weekend and Combo Doubles Weekday Women's League are 2 different leagues.
- **Roster Limits:** Combo Doubles teams must have a minimum of 6 players. Team rosters are limited to 22 players. Players may be added to rosters until the 2nd to last match of the 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.