



LEAGUE FACT SHEET

Richmond USTA Combo Mixed Doubles Weekend League

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

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

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 1 through July 31:** Local Team Registration. Register online [here](#).
- **August 7:** Dropout deadline. Registered teams who drop out of the league after August 7th will be charged a \$75 fee to cover processing costs. **Notify the league coordinator by email before August 7 to drop out.**
- **August 15:** Approximate date for opening player registration in TennisLink. **Players may not register on TennisLink rosters before this date.**
- **August 30th (approximate date):** Match Schedules will be posted in TennisLink.
- **September 11 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 2022:** 2021 VA Regional Championship. Exact dates TBD.

LEAGUE FEES / COSTS:

- Player registration fees are paid online in TennisLink when players register for teams.
- Player registration fees are \$41 plus the TennisLink Transaction fee. Fee Breakdown: \$26.00 Mid Atlantic Section fee (\$6 of this fee is non-refundable.) \$15.00 local league fee. TennisLink/Active.com 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 difference between doubles partners is allowed.
- Some NTRP levels will be divided into flights.
- **For 2021**, USTA Mid-Atlantic Sectional authorizes the use of adjusted competition formats. Formats will likely be one of the following:
 - Unflighted play: Each team will have an equal number of matches but may not play all other teams.
 - A round robin where every team plays every other team in the NTRP level or flight, plus additional matches against randomly assigned teams giving all teams an equal number of matches.
- 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:

- Match play is on weekends. Each team chooses either Saturdays or Sundays for their **home** matches. Matches could be on either day, depending on court availability.
- **Note: 2 matches per weekend are sometimes required in order to complete the season on time.**
- Match start times are typically between 8AM and 7PM and depend on facility court availability.
- 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 2022:** VA Regional Combo Mixed Championships
- **No Sectional Championship**
- The Regional and Sectional Championship information is posted [here](#) on the USTA Mid-Atlantic website.

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 at www.richmondtennisleagues.com on the Combo Mixed Doubles League page.
- **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 difference between doubles partners is allowed. The combined ratings of a doubles 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 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 Mixed leagues do not advance to Sectionals, Mid Atlantic “3 Player Rule” **does not** apply.
- **Playing on teams in different levels:** Each player may play on **one team per NTRP level** within the same league. Combo Mixed 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 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.