



LEAGUE FACT SHEET Richmond USTA Mixed 40 & Over 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/>

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:

- **March 1 through 31:** Local Team Registration. Register online at www.richmondtennisleagues.com.
- **April 1:** Approximate date for opening player registration in TennisLink.
- **April 7:** Dropout deadline. Players may register in TennisLink any time before their first match.
- **April 18 (approximately):** Match Schedules will be posted in TennisLink.
- **April 29 through July 20:** Local League Season. Dates will vary for different levels.
- **2nd to last match of the local season:** Deadline for adding players to rosters in TennisLink.

COMPETITION FORMAT:

- NTRP Levels – Mixed 6.0 thru 9.0 combined rating NTRP levels for mixed doubles teams. Up to a 1-point rating difference between doubles partners allowed.
- All levels utilize competition formats per USTA National Rule 2.01C(1). 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 or additional matches after playing at least one round robin may be utilized. Playoff or additional match formats will be determined by the Local Coordinator, will follow USTA National Rule 2.01C(1), and must be completed within the weeknights available before the deadline set by USTA Mid Atlantic.
- 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 weeknights 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)

- **Mixed 6.0 thru 9.0 levels play Monday, Wednesday & Friday evenings.** Matches for all levels will be scheduled on any of the 3 nights based on court availability at the home clubs. 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 have more than one match per week in order to complete the season on time and qualify for Mixed 40 & Over Regionals.
- 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 Regionals in 2021. Teams advance to Sectionals.
- **Dates TBD:** Mid-Atlantic Mixed 40 & Over Sectional Championship are planned for September 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. 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 will be available [here](#).
- **Match Format:** Each 6.0 – 9.0 level team match will consist of 3 mixed gender (1 man, 1 woman) doubles matches using a combined rating format, with up to a 1-point rating differential allowed.
- **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:** Mixed 40 & Over age group teams must have a minimum of 6 players, 3 women and 3 men. **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.