



LEAGUE FACT SHEET Richmond USTA Combo Doubles Weekend League

Welcome to the 2022 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:

- **April 20 through May 20:** Local Team Registration/Sign-up. Register online [here](#).
- **May 25:** Dropout deadline. Notify the league coordinator by email before May 25 to drop out. Registered teams who drop out of the league after the deadline will be charged a \$75 fee to cover the processing costs to re-create the league match schedule.
- **June 7:** Player registration in TennisLink opens.
- **June 27 (approximate date):** Match Schedules will be posted in TennisLink approximately 1 - 2 weeks before the season starts.
- **July 9 through early September:** Approximate dates for local league season. Dates may vary for different NTRP levels. We try to avoid overlap with the fall Combo Mixed Weekend League, but seasons may overlap by 1 or 2 weekends.
- **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.
- League fees are \$41 consisting of \$26.00 Mid Atlantic Section/Region fee (\$6 of this fee is non-refundable), \$15.00 local league fee and non-refundable TennisLink Transaction fee of no more than \$4.00.

MATCH FORMAT, LEAGUE SCHEDULE / MATCH TIMES:

- Each 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5 and 9.5 match will consist of 3 doubles matches.
- NTRP Levels 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, & 8.5 are combined rating and allow up to a 1.5 point rating difference between doubles partners.
- The number of matches will depend on the number of teams in the level or flight and the number of weeks available for league play. A typical league season is 8 – 10 matches.
- 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.**
- Local league playoffs may be required in some levels. Playoff formats will be determined by the Local Coordinator.
- Women's 5.5 through 9.5 levels play Sundays. Men's 5.5 through 9.5 levels play Saturdays.
- Teams may sometimes have 2 matches per weekend. An occasional weeknight match may also be required.
- Match start times are typically between 8AM and 8PM and depend on facility court availability.

REGIONAL & SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION:

- Winners will advance to Mid-Atlantic Sectional Championships. An additional slot will be extended after every twelve (12) teams. ex: 1-12 – 1 team; 13-24 – 2 teams; 25-36 – 3 teams, and so on
- **Combo Doubles Sectional Championship Dates:** October 14-17, 2022
- Sectional Championship information will be posted [here](#) on the USTA Mid-Atlantic website.



LEAGUE FACT SHEET

Richmond USTA Combo Doubles Weekend League

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 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 2022 Local League Rules and Local League Procedures. Captains should use the rules and procedures as a reference throughout the season.
- **The 4-Player Rule:** The Mid-Atlantic Rule “4 Player Rule” does not apply to Combo Doubles.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Players looking for teams:** Captains/Teams who need additional players should visit the local league website and click on the “Players Looking for Teams” page. The list of players looking for teams is updated frequently throughout the season.