



## LEAGUE FACT SHEET Richmond USTA Combo Mixed Doubles Weekend League

Welcome to the 2022 season! The information below will help captains with planning.

- **Contact for Captains: League Coordinator (LC): Stone Smith - [info@richmondtennisleagues.com](mailto:info@richmondtennisleagues.com)**
- Website: <http://www.richmondtennisleagues.com/>

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **July 1 through July 31:** Local Team Registration/Sign-up. Register online [here](#).
- **August 7:** Dropout deadline. Registered teams who drop out of the league after August 7<sup>th</sup> will be charged a \$75 fee to cover processing costs. Notify the league coordinator by email before August 7 to drop out.
- **August 15:** Player registration in TennisLink opens.
- **August 30th (approximate date):** Match Schedules will be posted in TennisLink.
- **September 9 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.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> to last match of the local season:** Deadline for adding players to rosters in TennisLink.
- **January 2023:** 2022 VA Regional Championship. Exact dates TBD.

### **LEAGUE FEES / COSTS:**

- Player registration 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 mixed doubles matches.
- NTRP Levels 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5 & 9.5 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 and the number of weeks available for league play. A typical league season is 8 – 10 matches. Some NTRP levels will be divided into flights.
- 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.
- Teams may sometimes have 2 matches per weekend. **Some Friday evening matches may also be required if lighted courts are available.**
- Match start times are typically between 8AM and 8PM and depend on facility court availability.
- 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.

### **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 Mixed Doubles Sectional Championship Dates:** January 2023, dates TBD.
- Sectional Championship information will be posted [here](#) on the USTA Mid-Atlantic website.



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#### 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 <https://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 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 Mixed Doubles.
- **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.