

LEAGUE FACT SHEET Richmond USTA Adult 18 & Over Weekend League

Welcome to the 2023 season! The information below will help captains with planning.

Contacts for League matters:

- Local League Coordinators (LC's) – Stone & 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.
- League fees are \$41 consisting of \$26.00 Mid Atlantic Section/Region fee (\$6 of this fee is non-refundable), \$16.00 local league fee and non-refundable TennisLink Transaction fee of no more than \$4.00.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **January 9 through February 15:** Local Team Registration. Register online [HERE](#).
- **February 22:** Dropout deadline. Notify the league coordinator by email before February 22 to drop out. Registered teams who drop out of the league after February 22th will be charged a \$75 fee.
- **February 22:** TennisLink Player registration begins. Players may register in TennisLink any time before their first match and until the next to last match of the league season.
- **March 24:** Approximate date for Match Schedules to be posted in TennisLink.
- **March 31 through June 5:** Approximate dates for Local League Season. Dates may vary for some levels.
- **2nd to last match of the local season:** Deadline for adding players to rosters in TennisLink.

MATCH FORMAT, LEAGUE SCHEDULE / MATCH TIMES:

- NTRP Levels – 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0 NTRP levels for both men's and women's teams
- Each 3.0 – 4.5 level team match will consist of 5 individual matches, 2 singles & 3 doubles. Each 2.5 and 5.0 level team match will consist of 3 individual matches, 1 singles & 2 doubles.
- The number of matches will depend on the number of teams in the level or flight and the number of weekends available for league play. 8 to 10 matches is a typical league season. Some levels may be divided into flights.
- Local league playoffs may be required in some levels. Playoff formats will be determined by the LC.
- Women's levels play Saturdays and Men's levels play Sundays.
- **Due to the size of the league and the number of weekends available for league play, some levels may require 2 matches per weekend, some Friday evening matches and/or an occasional match on a weeknight.**
- Match start times are between 8AM and 8PM. Home clubs/facilities set match times based on their court availability. Teams are not guaranteed an even number of home and away matches.
- Players must be 18 years old before they can register on a roster in TennisLink.

REGIONAL & SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION:

- Winners from each NTRP level will advance to Mid-Atlantic VA/WV Regional 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.
- **July 7-10, 2023:** VA/WV Regional Adult 18 & Over Championships for .0 Levels
- **July 21-24, 2023:** VA/WV Regional Adult 18 & Over Championships for .5 Levels
- **August 18-21, 2023:** Mid-Atlantic Adult 18 & Over Sectional Championship
- Regional and 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:** 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 is available [here](#).
- **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):** 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 Captain's Resources page on the local league website and review the 2023 Local League Rules and Local League Procedures. Captains should use the rules and procedures as a reference throughout the season.
- **The 4-Player Rule / USTA Mid-Atlantic Rule 1.04G:** Only four (4) players may be members together on another team in the same Division, within an age group, at the same team NTRP level, during the same season. That means only 4 players may be members together on an 18 & Over Weekend Men's Team and an 18 & Over Weeknight Men's team at the same NTRP level. Only 4 players may be members together on an 18 & Over Weekend Women's Team and an 18 & Over Weekday Women's team at the same NTRP level.
- **Playing on different teams at the same level:** Each player may play on one team per NTRP level within the same league.
- **Roster Limits:** Adult 18 & Over age group teams must have a minimum of 8 players for 3.0 – 4.5 levels and 5 players for 2.5 and 5.0 levels. 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**.
- **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.
- **Need more players?** Captains/Teams who need additional players should visit the local league website and click on the [“Need a Team or a Player”](#) page. The list of players looking for teams is updated frequently throughout the season.