



LEAGUE FACT SHEET – Revised 03/27/23 Richmond USTA Adult 40 & Over Weekend League

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

Contacts for all league matters:

Local League Coordinators (LC's) - Patty & Stone Smith - info@richmondtennisleagues.com

Local League Website: 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 USTA 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.

2023 IMPORTANT DATES:

March 15 - April 15: Local Team Registration. Register online [here](#).

April 22: Dropout deadline. Notify the league coordinator by email before April 22 to drop out. Registered teams who drop out of the league after April 22 will be charged a \$75 fee.

April 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.

May 8: Approximate date for Match Schedules to be posted in TennisLink.

May 15 through July 16: Approximate dates for Local League Season. Dates may vary for some levels.

Note: This year we have 2 fewer weekends available in July due to the 40 & Over deadline set by USTA Mid-Atlantic Section. We must be a bit flexible and creative to meet the deadline. We have 6 weekends available from 6/10 to July 16. Teams will have matches on those Saturdays/Sundays and perhaps a weekend or two with 2 matches. Teams will not have matches every Friday in May, but can expect a Friday night match or two.

2nd to last match of the local season: Deadline for adding players to rosters in TennisLink.

MATCH FORMAT, LEAGUE SCHEDULE / MATCH TIMES:

***** We have a very short time frame to complete the Adult 40 & Over season. Some Friday evenings will be utilized to complete the season by the deadline to qualify teams for Adult 40 VA/WV Regionals.*****

- NTRP Levels: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 NTRP levels for both men's and women's teams.
- Each 3.0 - 4.5 level team match will consist of 4 individual matches, 1 singles & 3 doubles. The 2.5 NTRP level will use 3 courts, 1 singles & 2 doubles.
- 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. The goal is to give every team 7 to 10 matches.
- Local league playoffs may be required in some levels. Playoff formats will be determined by the LC.
- For weekend matches, women's levels play Saturdays and men's levels play Sundays. **All levels will also have some Friday evening matches.**
- **Some levels may require 2 matches per weekend. There will be some Friday evening matches in May and/or June. An occasional weeknight (M-Th) may be required due court availability.**
- 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.

- Team Match Scoring for 4 Courts: If tied 2-2, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following methods to do so:
 - a) Sets: Loser of the fewest number of sets.
 - b) Games: Loser of the fewest number of games.
 - c) Game Winning Percentage: Total games won divided by total games played
 - d) Winner of No. 1 Doubles

REGIONAL & SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION: Click [here](#) to view championship site.

- **August 11-14, 2023:** VA/WV Adult 40 & Over Regional Championship
- **August 25-28, 2023:** Mid-Atlantic Adult 40 & Over Sectional Championship

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](#).
- **Age Requirement:** 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 coordinator communicates 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 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 a 40 & Over Weekend Women’s Team and an 40 & Over Weekday Women’s team at the same NTRP level.
- Each player may play on **one team per level** within the same league.
- **Roster Limits:** Adult 40 & Over age group teams must have a minimum of 7 players for 3.0 - 4.5 levels and 5 players for 2.5 level. 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.
- **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.
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