



LEAGUE FACT SHEET Richmond USTA Adult 55 & Over Men's 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 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:

April 1 - 30: Local Team Registration. Register online [here](#).

May 7: Dropout deadline. Notify the league coordinator by email before May 7 to drop out. Registered teams who drop out of the league after May 7th will be charged a \$75 fee.

May 7: 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.

June 1: Approximate date for Match Schedules to be posted in TennisLink.

June 12 through August 11: 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: 6.0 through 9.0 combined rating NTRP levels. Up to a 1-point rating difference between doubles partners allowed. Each team match will consist of 3 doubles matches.
- 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.
- Evenings of Play:
 - 7.0 Men's Level plays Tuesdays
 - 8.0 Men's Level plays Thursdays
 - 9.0 Men's Level plays Wednesdays
 - 6.0 Men's Level TBD if any teams sign up.
- **Alternate weekday evenings may be required** due to league size, court availability, other league matches and multiple teams in the same NTRP level playing at the same facility.
- Weeknight court availability is very limited. Teams may be required to play more than one match per week in order to complete the season on time and qualify for Adult 55 & Over Sectionals.
- Match start times will be between 5:30PM and 9PM.
- 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 Regional Championship for Adult 55 & Over Age Group.
- **Sept 8-11, 2023:** Mid-Atlantic Adult 55 & Over Sectional Championship
- All Regional and Sectional Championship information is 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. 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 6.0 - 9.0 level team match will consist of 3 individual doubles matches using a combined rating format, with up to a 1-point rating differential allowed.
- **Age Requirement:** Players must be 55 years old, or must turn 55 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.
- Each player may play on **one team per level** within the same league, but may play on multiple teams as long as teams are a different NTRP level. For example, John Smith is a 4.0 player. John Smith could play on an 8.0 team with a 4.0 (or below) partner, a 9.0 team with a 5.0 partner and a 7.0 team with a 3.0 partner.
- **Roster Limits:** Adult 55 & Over age group teams must have a minimum of 6 players. 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.