



LEAGUE FACT SHEET

Richmond USTA Combo Doubles 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:

April 20 - May 20: Local Team Registration. Register online [here](#).

May 25: Dropout deadline. Notify the league coordinator by email before the deadline to drop out. Registered teams who drop out of the league after May 25 will be charged a \$75 fee.

June 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 27: Approximate date for Match Schedules to be posted in TennisLink.

July 8 - Sept 10: 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.

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 & 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 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.
- Women's 5.5 through 9.5 levels play Sundays. Men's 5.5 through 9.5 levels play Saturdays.
- Some levels may require 2 matches per weekend. **There may be a Friday evening or weeknight (M-Th) match 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.

SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION:

- Winners will advance to Mid-Atlantic Combo 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 13-16, 2023
- Sectional Championship information will be posted [here](#) on the USTA Mid-Atlantic Championship web page.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Online Local League Team Registration Form:** The registration form is available at <https://richmondtennisleagues.com/> on the Combo Doubles League page.
- **Age Requirement:** Players must be 18 years old before they can register on a roster in TennisLink.
- **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):** 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:** 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.
- **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.