



USTA Dallas ADULT Leagues
CAPTAINS' RESPONSIBILITIES
As of 10/14/2016

INDIVIDUAL LEAGUE FORMATS AS FOLLOWS:

League:	Format:	Post Season Advancement:
18+ ADULT – Fall		
Women (3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5)	4 doubles – 1 singles	<i>Non-Advancing</i>
Men (3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5)	4 doubles – 1 singles	<i>Non-Advancing</i>
Women & Men (2.5, 5.0+, Open)	2 doubles – 1 singles	<i>Non-Advancing</i>
18+ ADULT – Spring/Summer		
Women (3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5)	3 doubles – 2 singles	<i>Sectionals; Nationals</i>
Men (3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5)	3 doubles – 2 singles	<i>Sectionals; Nationals</i>
Women & Men (2.5, 5.0+, Open)	2 doubles – 1 singles	<i>Sectionals; Nationals</i>
40+ ADULT		
Women & Men Winter (3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+)	3 doubles – 2 singles	<i>Sectionals; Nationals</i>
55+ ADULT		
Women & Men (6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0)	3 doubles	<i>Sectionals; Nationals</i>
65+ ADULT		
Women & Men (6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0)	3 doubles	<i>Sectionals; National Invitational</i>
MIXED		
18+ (2.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0)	3 doubles	<i>Sectionals; Nationals</i>
40+ (6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0)	3 doubles	<i>Sectionals; Nationals</i>
55+ (6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0)	3 doubles	<i>Sectionals Only</i>
TRI LEVEL Weekend Event		
Women & Men (4.5-4.0-3.5 and 4.0-3.5-3.0)	3 doubles	<i>Sectionals; BNP Paribas Invitational 4.5-4.0-3.5 ONLY</i>
COMBO DOUBLES Weekend Event		
Women & Men (6.5, 7.5, 8.5 and 9.5)	3 doubles	<i>Sectionals Only</i>

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HOME TEAM CAPTAIN:

1. The **HOME** team captain should determine the time courts are available and contact the **VISITING** team captain at least five (5) days prior to the match with the scheduled match time and accurate, up-to-date directions to the site.
2. Reserve the appropriate number (5 or 3) of courts for two hours. **HOME** captains are responsible for making sure assigned courts are playable and meet the USTA court requirements as stated in *Friend at Court* available on the USTA website at www.usta.com. For example, appropriate net height, removal of any obstacles that might be considered a hindrance, etc...

3. Provide the appropriate number (5 or 3) of cans of new USTA approved yellow balls.
4. **Saturday ADULT League only:** Any time between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. is an acceptable start time for the Saturday League.
5. **Sunday ADULT Men's League only:** Matches should not be scheduled before 1:00 p.m. unless both captains agree to an earlier time.
6. **Women's ADULT Spring/Summer League:** Any time between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. is an acceptable start time for the Thursday League. Any time between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. is an acceptable start time for the Saturday League.
7. **Women's ADULT Fall/Winter Leagues:** Any time between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. is an acceptable start time for the Thursday or Friday Leagues and any time between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00pm is an acceptable start time for the Saturday or Sunday Leagues, unless both captains agree to an alternate time
8. **18+ MIXED:** All matches are to start between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., unless both captains agree to another time.
9. **40+ MIXED and 55+ MIXED:** Matches should not be scheduled before 3:00 p.m. unless both captains agree to an earlier time.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOTH CAPTAINS:

1. Captains should verify players' eligibility prior to the start of the season.
2. Rosters must be exchanged at the designated match time. Teams are encouraged to field players in order of strength.
3. Blank scorecards are available through TENNIS LINK.

Visit <http://tennislink.usta.com/leagues>. Click on "Record a Score" located under **My Quick Links** on the right. Enter your match number. Scroll to the bottom and click on "Print Blank Scorecard".

GREAT NOTE: Scorecards printed off Tennis Link for matches will include both teams' most up-to-date rosters. **Captains are responsible for verifying player eligibility prior to match play.**

Points played in good faith stand. If a disagreement arises on court it should be resolved before play resumes. Detailed information may be found in *Friend at Court "The Code"* available on the USTA website. Match results will stand as played, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

4. Enter scores utilizing TENNIS LINK at <http://tennislink.usta.com/leagues> within 12 hours of a completed match.
5. Change/Edit to Scorecard:
When requesting a change or edit to a scorecard, please email Local League Coordinator at leagues@dta.org and copy the opposing captain with the following information: **(1) Match # and (2) Detailed Description of requested change/edit. Both captains must agree to the requested change/edit prior to TENNIS LINK being updated.**
6. Make up Matches due to Rain/ Championship Advancement/Extreme Weather should be determined and follow the guidelines as set in the 2016 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations, #8A-G.

**** Should teams be faced with inclement weather on the date of the scheduled make up match, teams have 7 days from that date to reschedule unless late in the season at which time the DTA will set a completion deadline.*

7. For the 18+ ADULT Leagues, 5.0+ teams may have a total of 2 - 5.5 players on their roster. 5.5 players MUST play line 1 singles or line 1 doubles ONLY.

The 40 and over ADULT League 4.5+ teams may register 3 – 5.0 players but restriction of 2 - 5.0 players in each match still applies. 5.0 players MUST play line 1 singles or line 1 doubles ONLY.

8. Do not default the majority of lines. If your format calls for 5 lines, you must play 3 of the 5 lines. If your format calls for 3 lines, you must play 2 of the 3 lines. Teams who do not field the majority of lines during a match will be held to the following as outlined in the 2016 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations, #10A:
9. Captains should READ and KNOW DTA and USTA League rules so that you are prepared for any situation that may arise.
10. All players are responsible for their own water during the match.
11. CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY is a privilege for advancing teams. Having earned a spot through competitive play over the course of the regular season, the DTA expects that teams will be fielding the full number lines throughout any Championship Event scheduled. This applies even if matches are rescheduled due to inclement weather conditions.

Captains are responsible for communicating Championship Event expectations to players.

Updated!!! Effective 2007 from the Texas Section and modified 10/2016 to include Dallas – “To encourage play, the following action will be taken when a team scheduled for the local league play off, championship, weekend event or sectional tournament pulls out within 14 days of the tournament or leaves a local league play off, championship, weekend event or Sectional Championship, causing a full team forfeit before completing all scheduled matches, ALL players on that forfeiting team can play in their local league the following year but CANNOT advance to ANY local league play off, championship, weekend event semifinal/final or Texas Sectional Championship in that following year. The league coordinator for the city or area in whose league the team played and Section Coordinator will be notified of the year suspension for ALL players on the defaulting team. The players through their league coordinator may appeal their suspension within 14 days of notification to the Local Grievance Appeals Committee or Sectional Appeals Committee (whichever applicable) who may grant relief under extenuating circumstances.”

12. 2.06 MOVE-UP/SPLIT-UP.

2.06A National Championship Teams

2.06A(3) All Divisions: No more than 3 players (2 for ADULT 2.5 and 5.0+) who were on the roster of any team or combination of teams, that advanced to, or qualified for, any National Championship the previous year may play together in any age group within the same Division and NTRP level or lower NTRP as the National Championship team, if their NTRP rating allows. Move-Up/Split-Up requirements only apply to players who participated in three (3) or more matches (excluding all defaults) for that team during the championship year... (Add'l Information - 2016 USTA Rules and Regulations pp. 25-26)