

Welcome to the 2025 USTA 40 & over CITY CHAMPIONSHIP!

CONGRATULATIONS to your teams! We look forward to seeing everyone on court 4/11-13, 2025!

Please take a moment to review and share the 2025 USTA 40 & over CITY CHAMPIONSHIP information with your players. If DALLAS TENNIS does not have the best contact name and number listed for you, please provide by return email.

The 2025 USTA 40 & over CITY CHAMPIONSHIP schedule is available on TENNIS LINK (TL) under "Advanced Championship Search" but in the slight case that TL and the attached schedule vary, DALLAS TENNIS will follow this schedule. Thank you.

- (1) Captains must report to their assigned site **30 minutes prior to the scheduled match time to turn in a lineup.** Captains will fill in their line up at the event desk. All players must be present before you turn in your lineup. No player substitutions are permitted once lineups have been exchanged, except for injury, illness, or disqualification of a player prior to the start of the match, or unless otherwise authorized by USTA Texas.

Please be aware that matches may be played earlier when courts are available. It is the responsibility of players and their captains to be ready to play once their line-up is turned in.

- (2) Warm up IS LIMITED to 5 minutes including serves. Neither **DALLAS TENNIS nor facilities PROVIDE WARM-UP COURTS.** Players are given a 5-minute warmup including serves. Please advise your players ahead of time. COURTS ARE AT A PREMIUM AT EVERY FACILITY!

If your players require a longer warm up, teams should make the necessary arrangements off site to accommodate team members prior to arriving on site.

Should DALLAS TENNIS Site Workers be placed in the position by players to have to ask them to leave a court on which they have chosen to take an "unauthorized" warmup, the USTA Official will be asked to assess penalty prior to the start of those players upcoming match.

- (3) Courts are assigned by the Event Desk and will be noted on the score cards as they become available. Please DO NOT ask the Event Desk what courts your team will be on when you check in 30 minutes prior to match time. They WILL NOT know at that point. As designated match times approach, please ask your players to remain within hearing distance of the Event Desk.
- (4) Understanding that the Event Desk may put matches on court once scorecards are turned in. **Teams should be onsite and ready to begin play 30 minutes prior to designated match time.**
- (5) Match play is continuous. Please notify your players in advance.

PACE OF PLAY, please share with your players:

2025 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Rules and Regulations:

7M. Play should be continuous. Between points, a maximum of 25 seconds is allowed. When players change ends at the end of a game, a maximum of 90 seconds is allowed. At set break, 120 second (2 minutes) is allowed. There is no break after the 1st game of any set.

- (6) Players from the Winning Team are asked to **REPORT SCORES IMMEDIATELY** after their match. The Event Desk WILL NOT track players or captains down after a match for missing scores. The line will be entered as an AUTOMATIC Double Default in TENNIS LINK.

At the conclusion of each line, players are asked to exit the court IMMEDIATELY. Players from the Winning Team on each line are asked to report scores to the Event Desk before stopping to watch the remaining matches. DO NOT wait until every line has finished to report scores.

IMPORTANT NOTE!

The Event Desk keeps track of courts available for the next round by players reporting scores.

- (7) Confirmation you have received the 2025 USTA 40 & over CITY CHAMPIONSHIP schedule.
- (8) POST SEASON Format is 1S and 3D (exception - W2.5, 1S and 2D).
- (9) Player Eligibility (Qualifying Matches) *Computer Rated – Self-Rated – Computer Appeal*

2025 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Rules and Regulations:

2C(1). All players with a valid computer rating must play two (2) matches during the local league season (one (1) of which may be a default) in all leagues other than 55 & Over MIXED, Combo Doubles and Tri Level which require only one (1) match (zero defaults) to be eligible to participate in championship competition (Local League Championship, Sectionals, etc...).

2C(2). All Self-Rated and Valid Computer Rated Appealed players must play three (3) matches during the local league season (zero defaults) in all leagues other than 55 & Over MIXED, Combo Doubles and Tri Level which require only one (1) match (zero defaults) to be eligible to participate in championship competition (Local League Championship, Sectionals, etc...).

2D. In the Adult and Mixed Divisions, all players other than Self-Rated and Valid Computer Rated Appealed Players are eligible to advance to National Championship competition if that player has played on the same team in at least three (3) matches at the same NTRP level in the same Age Group through Sectional Championships and is otherwise eligible. A maximum of one (1) default received by the player during local league or championship competition shall count for advancing.

All Self-Rated and Valid Computer Rated Appealed players are eligible to progress to National Championship competition if that player has played on the same team in at least four (4) matches at the same NTRP level in the same AGE Group during its local league season and is otherwise eligible. No defaults received by the player during local league or championship competition shall count for advancing. Retired matches shall count toward advancing for all players involved in both USTA League Divisions.

Erin Nolen has sent the list of ineligible players. Please let Erin know if you have not received it. Erin's email is leagueadmin@dta.org.

A player may only play on one (1) team at the same NTRP Level during the 2025 USTA 40 & over CITY CHAMPIONSHIP. If you have a player who has qualified for DALLAS TENNIS' 2025 USTA 40 & over CITY CHAMPIONSHIP on two (2) teams at different NTRP Levels...

2025 DALLAS TENNIS Rules and Regulations, Player Eligibility:

Players will be allowed to play on more than one team (if they are at different NTRP levels) at a Section Championship.

If a player participates on more than one team during Post Season Play (i.e. League Play Offs, City Championship, etc...) matches for multiple NTRP levels may be scheduled on the same day and time or different locations. Schedules may not be adjusted by the coordinator nor will match start times be delayed due to waiting on a player that is playing in a different match at another NTRP level.

Player rest periods between different levels of play will NOT be guaranteed. Rest periods are only allowed if they are within the same level of play. Post Season (i.e. League Play Offs, City Championship, etc...) schedules and matches will not be delayed by NTRP Level should a player participating on more than one team still be on court or just coming off court at a scheduled match time.

Updated 4/7/2025:

If you have a player on your team who has **ALREADY QUALIFIED and PLANS TO REPRESENT/PLAY** for another city at the 2025 USTA TEXAS 40 & over ADULT Sectionals at the same NTRP as your DALLAS team, they SHOULD NOT step on court/hit a single ball for your team during Dallas' 2025 DALLAS TENNIS USTA 40 & over ADULT POST SEASON. Any player who participates in Dallas' 2025 40 & over ADULT POST SEASON is considered by DALLAS TENNIS committed to your DALLAS TEAM AS LONG AS THE DALLAS TEAM IS IN THE RUNNING FOR A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. DALLAS TENNIS follows Section Play for DALLAS' ADVANCING TEAMS and will file a Grievance against any player(s) who play for another city during Sectionals.

PLEASE share with your players, pros, and fans the following:

- (1) Good Sportsmanship is EXPECTED 100% of the time. USTA Officials will be watching this closely during CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS and taking appropriate action when needed.

2025 USTA Rules and Regulations, "FRIEND AT COURT" – Courtesy is expected. Tennis is a game that requires cooperation and courtesy.

- (2) The USTA Dallas DOES NOT ALLOW COACHING at any point in ADULT Leagues:

2025 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations, 7K. Coaching is NOT allowed during USTA League or Championship play.

- (3) Players are RESPONSIBLE for their own ice, water, Gatorade, etc...

IMPORTANT! As per DALLAS TENNIS' 2025 USTA 40 & over ADULT Post Season Advancement information:

Captains are responsible for communicating Championship Event expectations to players.

1. DALLAS TENNIS and your fellow captains are expecting to play all 4 lines (3 lines for NTRP W2.5) throughout the 2025 CITY CHAMPIONSHIP. Should your team accept their playoff spot and then default 2 or more lines over an entire Event, your team will be subject to disciplinary action. See #2 for penalty.
2. **Team Penalty for Pulling Out of the Sectional Championships. Modified 1/23/2023 to include Dallas USTA ADULT Leagues.** When a team, which is scheduled to play in a Sectional Championship and Dallas' ADULT League Post Season Play (including local league play off,

qualifying tournament, city championship and weekend events), pulls out within 14 days of the Championship or leaves a Sectional Championship/Dallas ADULT League Post Season Play, causing a full team to forfeit before completing all scheduled matches the following penalty will apply:

All players on the forfeiting team can play in their local league the following year but cannot advance to any Texas Sectional Championships or Dallas ADULT League Post Season Play for a period of 12 months, including the Sectional Championship/Dallas ADULT League Post Season Play they dropped out of for the following year. The Section league coordinator and local league coordinator for the city or area in whose league the team played will be notified of the year suspension for all players on the team. The team through their local league coordinator may appeal their suspension within 14 days of notification to the Section Appeals Committee who may grant relief under extenuating circumstances.

3. **INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTE:** Should DALLAS TENNIS be faced with inclement weather conditions over the course of the weekend event, the 2025 USTA 40 & over CITY CHAMPIONSHIP schedule is subject to change. Matches that DO NOT impact the final standings may be cancelled at the discretion of DALLAS TENNIS. Please advise your players in advance that should weather dictate a schedule change or cancellation of match they are available to play/understanding of cancellation.

Players should be prepared and available to play **ALL** weekend. THANK YOU!

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70. When weather or unforeseen circumstances force the DTA League Coordinator to use an alternate scoring format during a local championship event (i.e. League Play Off, City Championship and Weekend Events), Dallas will utilize an 8-game Pro-Set with Ad scoring. If faced with time constraints, the DTA League Coordinator and VP of Leagues will determine the appropriate scoring format, which could include a shorter format.

ADDITIONAL ADULT LEAGUE Information:

2025 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Rules and Regulations:

10. FORFEITS/Team Defaults:

10A. Forfeits start from the lowest singles or doubles lines.

7J. INJURED PLAYER. A one-time **3-minute** medical time-out is allowed for injury, illness and heat related condition.

A maximum 15-minute medical time out is allowed for bleeding injury. If bleeding continues and match doesn't resume within 15 minutes, the match is retired.

If a player cannot complete the match, the match is retired. Scores are entered as played, e.g. 6-3, 2-0, RETIRED (not completed). Reference "FRIEND AT COURT" 2022 version Table 13, pp. 97-98 for detail.

To keep to our schedule if you choose to use a player that for whatever "BAD" reason is not on site when you turn in your line up, that player MUST BE placed on the lowest singles or doubles line.

They are still subject to the penalties for late arrival (0-5 minutes/1 game & loss of toss, 5-10 minutes/2 games & loss of toss, 10-15 minutes/3 games and loss of toss, 15:01 minutes/default). These penalties apply to physically being on court not just on site.

Site workers at the Event Desks are volunteers. They are so generous with their time; most work all day! DALLAS TENNIS is fortunate to have them! Please remind your players that they are volunteers. Their goal is to get matches on court in a timely, efficient manner. It goes without saying that potential challenges always exist, so everyone's patience and courtesy is appreciated and expected.

LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT 2025 USTA 40 & CITY CHAMPIONSHIP!