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Adult 55 & Over Men

Fall 2026 Captain Information

2027 League Year | Men's Wednesday League

Season begins: Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Hello captains!

Thank you for volunteering as a captain this season. Your leadership and dedication help keep our league running smoothly. We appreciate all you do to organize your team, coordinate matches, and promote fair play.

We're looking forward to a great season!

Important Rule Update: Section IV.4B and 4C

For team matches or rescheduled matches scheduled within 2.5 hours of a facility's posted closing time, the home team should notify the visiting team of the closing time prior to match day.

If a facility closes and such notice was not provided, the visiting team is not required to interrupt or reschedule play. If this occurs, the visiting team has the option to:

a) Continue play at their home courts or

b) Declare a default against the home team and win the uncompleted individual matches

Comment: When scheduling a team match or rescheduled match, the home team should notify the visiting team in advance if the facility is expected to close within 2.5 hours of the scheduled start time. This notice should be provided when finalizing the match date and time. If notice has been given or if a match begins more than 2.5 hours before closing time teams should refer to rule IV.6 if the facility closes.

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Important Rule Reminders

- To start the team match, complete written lineups showing all individual matches must be simultaneously exchanged. If the captain won't be there at start time, they should send the lineup with a player who is playing in the first time slot. **If Team A will not provide a written lineup within the default time, Team B may claim a default of the positions that were to start first. The remaining positions will play at the next scheduled time(s), provided a written lineup has now been exchanged.**

1. For players to be eligible to play in the local playoffs, they must play two times during the regular season (first match through the last regularly scheduled match of the round robin). A default may count as one of the matches played.
2. If a team forfeits 2 or 3 lines in a match, making it invalid, a warning letter will be sent to the team. If this happens a second time in the league season, the team will be removed from the league and reported to the USTA Georgia Adult League Committee for review.
3. Defaults awarded in advance may be revoked up until the start of the overall match. The team receiving the default should have players on site and ready to play in the event the defaulting team is able to secure players for the match.

Season Schedule for Fall 2026/2027 League Season

Division level	Local round-robin teams
3.0	2 teams
3.5	6 teams

Local Match Dates

Important Details	Season information/dates
Season start	Wednesday, October 14 (3.5) / October 28 (3.0), 2026
Detailed schedule	See TennisLink for the complete detailed schedule. Click on "Match Schedule" from your "Team Summary" page.
Match time	Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
Playoff date*	Wednesday, December 2 (3.5 only)
City Finals date*	3.5 – Wednesday, December 9 – at the higher seeded team's home courts. Rain date: Wednesday December 15.

**Playoff and City Finals dates are subject to change.*

Playoffs

The following format will be used for the playoffs:

- **3.0 Division:** The top team at the end of the round robin will be the champion
- **3.5 Division:** The top 4 teams will advance to the playoffs

Georgia State Tournament for 2027 Championship Year

We are currently in the 2027 Championship Year! City Champions from USTA Atlanta will advance to the USTA Georgia State Tournament to be held in late May/early June 2027. Please visit USTA Georgia's site at www.ustageorgia.com for more information on logistics.

Finding Phone Numbers for Opposing Captains

1. Login to the TennisLink leagues page.
2. Go to your team's "Team Summary" page by clicking on the team name in your "My Teams" list.
3. Click "Match Schedule" to see the opposing captain's phone number.

Finding Emails and Phone Numbers for Opposing Captains

To find an email address for an opposing captain, use the following steps:

1. Login to the TennisLink leagues page.
2. Go to your team's "Team Summary" page by clicking on the team name in your "My Teams" list.
3. Click "Captains Report."
4. You will see the opposing captain's email addresses.

Adding or Changing the Co-Captain

1. Login to the TennisLink team management page.
2. On the page that appears, click your team under the heading "Team Name/Team #."
3. On the team's management homepage, select "Edit" next to "Co-Captain" and make the changes using the drop-down box that appears.

Note: You must be listed in TennisLink as the team captain to add or change the co-captain.

Captain's Corner

The Captain's Corner is another key resource tool for captains. Find it at ustaatlanta.com/55captainscorner. Here, you will find:

- TennisLink instructions
- League calendar
- USTA Atlanta local league rules and regulations
- Friend at Court. FAC explains line calls, balls that hit scoreboards, hindrances, losing your hat during a point, yelling at your partner, and other situations. The section called "The Code" is a great reference for unofficiated matches.
- Grievance forms and procedures

Adding a Player After the Season Begins

You may add players at any time up until 11:59 PM on the Tuesday before the last local round robin match.

Important Tips

- Be sure to thoroughly review and be well-versed in USTA Atlanta local rules and regulations.
- If you have a question or issue, do not be afraid to contact me. I am here to help you!
- Ensure a proper scorecard exchange before each match. Both captains should simultaneously exchange COMPLETE scorecards before the start of the match.
- Assign a co-captain for your team. This will help if you are unexpectedly out of town and need someone to take over for a team match. Once assigned, the co-captain will have captain access in TennisLink.
- Contact your captain at least 3 days in advance to coordinate logistics for the team match.
- When speaking with your captain, confirm the facility address to make sure you have the correct address on file. Also confirm the number of courts available for the match and the court surface.
- If both captains agree, you may play your match earlier or at a different time on match day. Keep your Program Director informed. The best way to do this is to email the other captain and copy your Program Director. This will help avoid confusion and resolve matters.
- "Home" teams are required to provide two courts of the same surface for each team match. Unless another arrangement is made and agreed upon by both captains, the first two matches will be #1 doubles and #2 doubles. The #3 doubles players should arrive within one hour after the match start time.

Frequently Asked Questions

What weather conditions allow for a rescheduled or delayed match?

Inclement weather is defined as precipitation or severe weather (temperatures below 35 or above 95 degrees for the 55 & Over and 65 & Over league, as determined by a weather app on the home team captain's phone for the zip code of the location of the match). Wind chill and heat index are not factors in determining temperature.

When can I add a player?

You may add players at any time up until 11:59 PM on the Tuesday before the last local round robin match.

How many times must a player compete to qualify for local playoffs and state championships?

Twice.

The Grievances Process

In the grievance section of the Captain's Corner, you will find two types of complaints that may be filed by a captain only.

Filing fee: There is a $50 fee for filing a sportsmanship grievance under Section VIII, which must accompany the written grievance. If the grievance is kept on file or penalties are imposed, USTA Atlanta will refund the $50 fee. All grievance filing fees retained by USTA Atlanta will be donated to the Atlanta Youth Tennis and Education Foundation.

NTRP Grievance

If you believe that you (or one of your players) have played against a player who misrepresented their playing ability during the self-rating process (i.e., their playing level is at the top of the next level or higher), you should file an NTRP Grievance as soon as possible before the next match is played. The process works if you use it. However, you must have evidentiary support for your claim. An opinion is not valid support for a self-rate grievance.

USTA Atlanta does not process NTRP Grievances; this is handled by the USTA Southern Section. However, you will submit your form to USTA Atlanta, which will forward your complaint to USTA Southern. NTRP Grievances may only be filed against self-rated players. If a player has a computer-generated rating, their rating usually cannot be disputed through this process.

Sportsmanship Grievance

All complaints alleging a violation of USTA League Regulations shall be filed in writing by a team captain via email (grievances@ustaatlanta.com) to the chairman of the USTA Atlanta Grievance Committee. Examples of valid grievances include, but are not limited to: misrepresenting a player's identity on a scorecard or in TennisLink; falsifying scores in TennisLink; recording a score without playing the match; using ethnic slurs or obscene language; coaching; abusive behavior; or physical violence.

Filing deadline: Sportsmanship Grievances must be filed before whichever occurs first: (a) the involved team's next match in that flight, whether or not the involved player participates, OR (b) within 24 hours after the end of the local league regular season. For grievances arising during playoffs (including City Finals), grievances must be filed within 30 minutes of the completion of the involved team's match.

Good luck—and have a great season!