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Adult 55 & Over Women's League

Fall 2026 Captain Information

2027 League Year

Hello captains!

Thank you for volunteering as a captain this season. Your communication and leadership make the league possible. Keep this guide as a reference, and please contact me if you need clarification or additional help.

Important Rule Update: Sections IV 4B and IV 4C

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

If the facility closes and the notice was not provided, the visiting team is not required to interrupt or reschedule play. The visiting team may:

1. Continue play at its home courts; or
2. Declare a default against the home team and win the uncompleted individual matches.

Comment: When finalizing a match date and time, the home team should disclose if the facility is expected to close within 2.5 hours of the scheduled start. If notice was given, or if the match begins more than 2.5 hours before closing, teams should refer to Rule IV.6 if the facility closes.

Fall Season Schedule

See TennisLink for the complete detailed schedule. From your Team Summary page, select Match Schedule.

Season	Season start	Match time
Fall 2026	Wednesday, October 7, 2026	10:00 a.m.

Playoff Structure

Division	First-place teams	Second-place teams	Third-place teams
3.0	Each division winner advances as seeds 1-4.	Each division runner-up advances as seeds 5-8.	n/a
3.5	Each division winner advances as seeds 1-4.	Each division runner-up advances as seeds 5-8.	n/a
4.0	Each division winner advances as seeds 1-3	Each division runner-up advances as seeds 5 - 8	Top 2 best overall third place team out of all groups will advance as seeds 7 – 8.

Playoff Dates

Date	Division
Wednesday, November 18, 2026	3.0 only
Wednesday, December 2, 2026	3.0, 3.5, 4.0
Monday, December 7, 2026	3.5 and 4.0 only

City Finals

Division	Final	Rain date and location for both dates
3.0, 3.5, 4.0	Wednesday, December 9	Wednesday, December 16; higher-seeded team's home courts

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

USTA Georgia State Tournament for the 2027 Championship Year

We are in the 2027 Championship Year. USTA Atlanta City Champions will advance to the USTA Georgia State Tournament in June 2027. Visit the USTA Georgia State Championships page for logistics information.

Adding a Player After the Season Begins

Players may be added until 11:59 p.m. on the Tuesday before the last local round-robin match.

Player Registration Deadline: A player must be registered on the team before stepping onto the court. If a match begins at 10:00 a.m. and the player registers at 10:02 a.m., the match is illegal, will be disqualified, and will be awarded to the opposing team.

Finding Opposing Captains' Phone Numbers

Go to the TennisLink leagues page and log in to your USTA account.

Go to your team's Team Summary page.

Select Match Schedule to view the opposing captain's phone number

Finding Opposing Captains' Email Addresses

Go to the TennisLink leagues page and log in to your USTA account.

Go to your team's Team Summary page.

Select Captains Report.

The opposing captains' email addresses will be displayed.

Adding or Changing the Co-Captain

Go to the New team management page.

Under Team Name/Team #, select your team.

On the team management page, select Edit next to Co-Captain and choose the co-captain from the drop-down list.

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

Captain's Corner

Visit the 55 & Over Captain's Corner and open Captain's Corner. You will find:

- Captain 101
- TennisLink instructions
- League calendar
- USTA Atlanta local league rules and regulations
- Grievance forms and procedures
- Self-rating guidelines
- Playoff information, when available
- City Finals information, when available

Important Tips

- Read and become familiar with the USTA Atlanta local rules and regulations.
- Before each match, both captains should simultaneously exchange complete scorecards. The exchange may be made by text message.
- Assign a co-captain who can step in if you are unexpectedly out of town. Once assigned, the co-captain will have captain access in TennisLink.
- Contact the opposing captain at least three days before the match to coordinate logistics.
- Confirm the facility address, number of courts available, and court surface with the opposing captain.
- If both captains agree, a match may be played earlier or at a different time on match day. Keep the Program Director informed.
- The home team must provide two courts of the same surface. Unless both captains agree otherwise, #1 and #2 doubles play first; #3 doubles should arrive within one hour of the scheduled start time.
- Confirm that every player is registered before stepping onto the court. If a match begins at 10:00 a.m. and the player registers at 10:02 a.m., the match is illegal, will be disqualified, and will be awarded to the opposing team.

The Grievance Process

The grievance section in the Captain's Corner includes the two types of complaints a captain may file.

NTRP Grievance

If you believe a self-rated player misrepresented their playing ability—for example, their level is at the top of the next level or higher—file an NTRP Grievance as soon as possible before the next match. The claim must include evidence; an opinion alone is not valid support.

USTA Atlanta does not process NTRP Grievances; the USTA Southern Section does. Submit the form to USTA Atlanta, which will forward the complaint to USTA Southern. Forms and instructions are available on the 55 & Over Captain's Corner. NTRP Grievances may be filed only against self-rated players. A computer-generated rating usually cannot be disputed through this process.

Sportsmanship Grievance

A team captain must submit any complaint alleging a USTA League Regulations violation in writing by email to the USTA Atlanta Grievance Committee chair at grievances@ustaatlanta.com. Valid grievances may include misrepresenting a player's identity on a scorecard or in TennisLink; falsifying scores in TennisLink; recording a score without playing the match; ethnic slurs or obscene language; coaching; abusive behavior; or physical violence.

Filing deadline: A grievance must be filed before the earlier of (a) the involved team's next match in that flight, whether or not the player participates, or (b) 24 hours after the local league regular season ends. For grievances arising during playoffs, including City Finals, the deadline is 30 minutes after the involved team's match ends.

Filing fee: A $50 fee must accompany a sportsmanship grievance. USTA Atlanta will refund the fee if the grievance is kept on file or penalties are imposed. Retained fees will be donated to the Atlanta Youth Tennis and Education Foundation.

Good luck—and have a great season!

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