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Adult 40 & Over Weekday Women's League

Winter 2026/2027 Captain Information

2027 League Year

Season begins: Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Hello captains!

Welcome to the winter USTA Atlanta Adult 40 & Over League! Thank you so much for volunteering and helping to make our league so successful. Not only will you serve as the communicator and representative for your team, but we wouldn't have our league without all your efforts.

Important Rules Update for 2027 League Year

Rules 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.

Important Reminders

- To start the team match, complete written lineups showing all individual matches must be simultaneously exchanged. If the captain will not 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.**
- 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.
- If a team forfeits more lines than they have played, making the match invalid, a warning email 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.

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Contacts for the Season

Each team has a level representative available to answer questions throughout the season. Elena Cosper is the Program Director for the 40 & Over Women's league. If your level rep is unavailable for an immediate question, you may call another level rep listed below.

3.0	Arrie Lugar	469-586-6565	arriellugar@yahoo.com
3.5	Lisa Ray	404-246-3067	atlantaappraisal@comcast.net
4.0 Low	DeAnna Emborski	850-774-0169	DeecoordinatorUSTA@myyahoo.com
4.0	Carolyn Watkins	678-468-9065	crwatkins@comcast.net
4.5	Elena Cosper	404-375-3195	elena.cosper@gmail.com
League Program Director	Elena Cosper	404-375-3195	elena.cosper@gmail.com

Local Match Dates*

Item	Season information
Season start	Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.
Schedule	See TennisLink: Team Summary → Match Schedule.
Holiday byes	Tuesday, November 24; Tuesday, December 22 through Tuesday, December 29

Playoffs

Date	Levels
Tues., Jan 19, 2027	All levels
Tues., Jan 26, 2027	All levels except 4.5
Tues., Feb 2, 2027	3.5 and 4.0 only

City Finals

City Finals	Location	Rain Date
Tues., Feb 9, 2027	Harrison Tennis Center (all levels)	Tuesday, February 16, 2027

***Dates are subject to change**

Playoffs

Any player advancing to playoffs must have played two times during the regular season to advance and be eligible for playoffs. A default received may count as one of the matches played.

The following teams advance to playoffs. Normal seeding procedures apply (see league rules for specifics).

Division	Teams advancing and seeding
3.0	All 3 first place: seeds 1–3; All 3 second place: seeds 4–6; top two overall third-place teams: seeds 7–8.
3.5	All first place: seeds 1–7; All second place: seeds 8–14; top two overall third-place teams: seeds 15–16.
4.0 Low	All 3 first place: seeds 1–3; All 3 second place: seeds 4–6; top two overall third-place teams: seeds 7–8.
4.0	All First place: seeds 1–5; All second place: seeds 6–10; All third place: seeds 11–15.
4.5	Both First place: seeds 1–2; Both second place: seeds 3–4.

Default Match Start Times:

Default start time	Lines
9:30 a.m.	1S and 1D
10:30 a.m.	2D and 3D (to follow 1S and 1D)
11:30 a.m.	4D (to follow 2D or 3D)

Both captains must agree if start times or the order of play differ from the default.

Obtain confirmation by email or text from the opposing captain when deviating from the default start times or order of play.

Make-up Matches

Teams have 13 days to make up matches (except for the last 2 matches of the season – see paragraph below). Please refer to the 2027 league rules and regulations for specifics.

If inclement weather occurs on the makeup default day (Monday), the new default time moves to the following Wednesday (2 days later) at 9:30 AM and continues weekday-to-weekday until weather permits the match to be played. If the makeup day continues to a Thursday, and either 40 & Over team has a conflict with an Adult 18 & Over match, the teams must declare Thursday as an inclement weather day and continue day-to-day afterward. The captain having the conflict on that Thursday should notify the level rep of such conflict.

***Exception: If inclement weather occurs on the second to last match of the regular season, the makeup default time is the following Monday (6 days later) at 9:30 AM. If inclement weather occurs on the last match of the regular season or during playoffs, the makeup default time is Wednesday, 9:30.** If it rains on Wednesday, the default time continues weekday-to-weekday. If the makeup day continues to Thursday, and either 40 & Over team has a conflict with an Adult 18 & Over match, teams must declare that Thursday as an inclement weather day and continue weekday-to-weekday afterward. The captain having the conflict on that Thursday should notify the level rep of such conflict.

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Finding Phone Numbers for Opposing Captains

- Go to TennisLink (http://tennislink.usta.com/leagues/);
- Log in your USTA account (if you don't have one – create one);
- Go to your team's "Team Summary" page (the default page for your team)
- Click "Match Schedule" – you will see the opposing captain's phone number.

Finding E-mails for Opposing Captains

To find an opposing captain's email address:

- Go to TennisLink (http://tennislink.usta.com/leagues/);
- Log in your USTA account (if you don't have one – create one);
- Go to your team's "Team Summary" page (the default page for your team)
- Select "Captain Email Report;"
- You will see opposing captain e-mails.

Add or change the co-captain

1. Go to TennisLink (TennisLink).
2. Login to TennisLink (Refer to the "Login to TennisLink" section of this document).
3. Click on "New Team Management Tool" under the heading "Quick Links"
4. On the Team Details section, click the pencil icon and choose a player on your team in the drop-down menu to assign as co-captain.

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

Captain's Corner

Visit the 40 & Over Women's Captain's Corner at USTA Atlanta 40 & Over Captain's Corner

Line-ups

Avoid having matches reversed by ensuring that your players are registered on your roster (not just registered as a USTA member). Players must be registered to your team before they step foot on court to play their match. If they are not registered in time, the match will be reversed/disqualified, and the point will be awarded to your opponents even if you win. **No exceptions.**

Adding a Player After Season Begins

You may add players at any time up until 11:59 PM on the Monday before the last local round robin match (for many of you, this would be 11:59 PM on January 11, 2027).

Scoring

Teams have the option to play a 10-point tiebreaker in lieu of a 3rd complete set. This does not mean teams are required to do this, it is merely an option. Before the racket spin, the individuals on the court (involved in the match) can decide to play the 10-point tiebreaker or not. This must be decided prior to the racket spin. The **default scoring will be a complete 3rd set**, so if all players do not agree, the default scoring will be used.

If a tiebreaker is elected, players should communicate this to their captain prior to starting their match. If a 10-point tiebreaker is chosen, coaching is not allowed after the 2nd set and only a 2 minute rest period is allowed. When recording the score in TennisLink, you would record a winning 10-point tiebreaker as **1-0 retired** in the 3rd set. For example, if a team wins 4-6, 7-5, 10-8, they would report the score as 4-6, 7-5, 1-0 ret.

"Low" Levels (4.0 Low)

It is every captain's responsibility to check low eligibility before registering a player on a roster and/or playing them. If a player is not eligible for a low level and plays a match, the match will be reversed. There is a published list of eligible players on the USTA Atlanta website.

USTA Atlanta does a weekly check every Monday to ensure eligibility of newly added players. If there is a player not eligible, USTA Atlanta will notify you as soon as possible. USTA Atlanta is NOT responsible for a captain or player registering and/or playing someone who was not on the eligibility list and/or checked by USTA Atlanta first.

Important Tips

- Be sure to thoroughly read through and be well-versed with USTA Atlanta local rules and regulations.
- 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! Contact your captain at least 3 days in advance to coordinate logistics for the team match.
- If both captains agree, you may play your match earlier or at a different time on match day. Keep your level rep informed if you do this!
- Make sure your player is registered on your team before stepping foot on the court. If your player's match starts at 9:30 AM, and they registered on the team at 9:31 AM, it is an illegal match and will be disqualified and awarded to the opposing team.
- Stay in the know:
    - Subscribe to the USTA Atlanta e-newsletter
    - Connect with us on Facebook
    - Connect with us on Instagram.

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 June 2027. Please visit the USTA Georgia's site at www.ustageorgia.com (USTA League Tennis > State Championships) for more information on logistics. **There is no state tournament for the 4.0 Low level.**

Qualifying for the State Tournament

If your team receives an invitation to the state tournament, each player (going to state) must be on the scorecard for two matches during the regular season to qualify for state. One of the matches may be recorded as a default received, but at least one must be an actual match played.

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Home Court Requirements

Restrooms

Bathrooms are required. Home teams must have restrooms with running water and flushable, functioning toilets that remain unlocked for the entirety of match play. Porta Potties are not approved restrooms. If restrooms are out of order, the visiting team must be given the option to provide courts. If the visiting team cannot provide courts, then it goes back to the home team to find nearby courts with acceptable restroom facilities.

Court Time and Lighting

If your facility has time constraints for courts, please make arrangements for them to stay open and lighted to allow you to complete long-running makeup matches.

Guest Requirements

If the home team facility has special requirements for guests entering their facility, such as a specific dress code, the signing of a waiver or requiring the collection of personal information (photo ID, email address, phone number, etc.) captains must inform the visiting captain 3 days in advance so traveling teams can make necessary changes if needed.

Official Home Facility

Once you have indicated your official home facility in TennisLink, all home matches should be played at that facility. If you cannot play at your designated home facility, the visiting team has the option of supplying courts for the match.

Of course, you can always agree to play your match somewhere else if it eases the commute… but home captains may not arbitrarily choose to schedule matches at an alternate facility.

The Grievances Process (found in captain's corner)

The Captain's Corner includes information about the two types of complaints a captain may file.

USTA National instituted a Suspension Point System. To learn more about the new point system, please click here: USTA Suspension Point System

NTRP Grievance

If you believe that you (or one of your players) have played against a player that has misrepresented their playing ability within the **self-rating** process (i.e., their playing level is at the top of the next level or higher), you should file a NTRP Grievance ASAP before the next match is played. However, you must have evidentiary support for your claim (i.e. college background). An opinion is not a valid back-up for a self-rate grievance.

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.

Grievances must be filed prior to 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 all grievances arising during playoffs (including city finals), Grievances must be filed within 30 minutes of the completion of the involved team's match.

There is a $50 fee for filing a 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.

Good luck – and have a great season!