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# Adult 65 & Over Men's League

## Fall 2026 Captain Information

*2027 Championship Year*

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 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.

| Division | Season start | Match time |
|---|---|---|
| 3.0 and 3.5 | Friday, September 18, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. |
| 4.0 | Monday, September 21, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. |

## Playoff Structure

| Division | Teams advancing |
|---|---|
| 3.0 | The top four teams at the end of the season advance. |
| 3.5 | The top four teams from each group advance. |
| 4.0 | All seven teams advance. |

## 3.5 Division Playoff Pairings

| Match | Pairing |
|---|---|
| Semi-Final | Group 1 #1 vs. Group 2 #4 |
| Semi-Final | Group 2 #2 vs. Group 1 #3 |
| Semi-Final | Group 2 #1 vs. Group 1 #4 |
| Semi-Final | Group 1 #2 vs. Group 2 #3 |

## Playoff Dates

| Date | Division |
|---|---|
| Friday, November 6, 2026 | 3.5 |
| Monday, November 9, 2026 | 4.0 |
| Friday, November 13, 2026 | 3.0/3.5 |
| Monday, November 16, 2026 | 4.0 |

## City Finals

| Division | Final | Rain date and location |
|---|---|---|
| 3.0 | Friday, November 20, 2026 | Friday, December 4; higher-seeded team's home courts |
| 3.5 | Friday, November 20, 2026 | Friday, December 4; higher-seeded team's home courts |
| 4.0 | Monday, November 30, 2026 | Monday, December 7; higher-seeded team's home courts |

## 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 October 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 Thursday before the last local round-robin match for the 3.0 and 3.5 divisions, and until 11:59 p.m. on the Sunday before the last local round-robin match for the 4.0 division.

**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

1. Go to the TennisLink leagues page and log in to your USTA account.
2. Go to your team's Team Summary page.
3. Select Match Schedule to view the opposing captain's phone number.

## Finding Opposing Captains' Email Addresses

1. Go to the TennisLink leagues page and log in to your USTA account.
2. Go to your team's Team Summary page.
3. Select Captains Report.
4. The opposing captains' email addresses will be displayed.

## Adding or Changing the Co-Captain

1. Go to the New team management page.
2. Under Team Name/Team #, select your team.
3. 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 65 & Over Captain's Corner and choose Captain's Corner, then Adult 65 & Over Men. You will find:

- TennisLink instructions
- League calendar
- USTA Atlanta local league rules and regulations
- Grievance forms and procedures
- Self-rating guidelines

## The Grievance Process

The grievance section in 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, such as a T2 record or college background; 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 in Captain's Corner.

## 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 Section VIII 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.

## 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.

**Good luck—and have a great season!**

## Contact

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