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Adult 18 & Over Weekday Women League

Winter 2026/2027 Captain Information

2027 League Year

Season begins: Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Hello captains!

Welcome to the winter USTA Atlanta Adult 18 & 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 will have a dedicated level representative who has volunteered to answer questions throughout the season. They are here to make this a great experience for you, so please utilize them. **Susette Hall** is the Program Director for the Weekday Women's league.

If you are unable to contact your level representative for an immediate question, you are welcome to call another level rep or the program director.

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3.0 Red	Johnnie Collier	404-402-9739	jwcollier@mindspring.com
3.5 Low	Dee Lavender	404-664-3938	deirdrelavender@yahoo.com
3.5 Blue	Joan Marcinko	770-846-5570	joanajcl@aol.com
3.5 Red	Patti Kinneer	770-331-8074	pkinncpa@hotmail.com
4.0 Low	Dee Lavender	404-664-3938	deirdrelavender@yahoo.com
4.0 Groups 1 - 5	Maureen Gold	404-431-1724	mogo@mindspring.com
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Season Schedule for Winter 2026/2027 League Season

In most groups, teams will have 6-7 team matches in their local round robin. Some groups may have more. This does not include playoffs and/or city finals.

Local Match Dates*

Item	Season information
Season start	Season starts Thursday, November 12th at 9:30 a.m.
Schedule	See TennisLink: Team Summary → Match Schedule.
Holiday byes	No play: November 26th and December 24 – December 31

Playoffs

Date	Levels
Thursday, January 21	all levels
Thursday, January 28	all levels
Thursday, February 4	all levels except 2.5, 3.5 Low, and 4.5

City Finals

City Finals	Location	Rain date
Thursday, February 11th	Harrison Tennis Center (all levels)	Thursday, February 18th

***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.

Division	Teams advancing and seeding
2.5	All three first place teams (seeds 1 – 3); all three second place teams (seeds 4 – 6). Seeds 7- 8 will be filled by the 2 best overall third place teams.
3.0	All eight first place teams (seeds 1 - 8); all eight second place teams (seeds 9 - 16).
3.5 Low	All 7 teams will advance to playoffs.
3.5 Red	All five first place teams (seeds 1 – 5); all five second place teams (seeds 6 –10) All five third place teams (seeds 11-15).
3.5 Blue	All five first place teams (seeds 1 – 5); all five second place teams (seeds 6 –10) All five third place teams (seeds 11-15).
4.0 Low	All five first place teams (seeds 1 – 5); all five second place teams (seeds 6 –10) All five third place teams (seeds 11-15).
4.0	All seven first place teams (seeds 1 - 7); all seven second place teams (seeds 8 – 14); seeds 15 -16 will be filled by the top 2 overall best 3rd place teams out of all groups
4.5	All three first place teams (seeds 1 - 3); all three second place teams (seeds 4-6); seeds 7-8 will be filled by the top 2 overall best 3rd place teams out of all groups

Default Match Start Times

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

Both captains must agree if start times and order of lines differ from the "default."

If you schedule your match start times/order of play differently from the default time, you must get e-mail or text confirmation from opposing captain.

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.

The make-up deadline for the second to last match of the season is the following Wednesday, 9:30 AM. If it rains on Wednesday, it becomes Friday, 9:30 AM. The make-up deadline for the last match of the season and

playoff matches is Friday, 9:30 AM. If it rains on Friday, then day-to-day, 9:30 AM (excluding Saturday/Sunday).

Forfeits: If the start of a team match is cancelled due to inclement weather, any forfeits awarded in advance are voided, and all five lines may now be scheduled for make-up play. However, if any line has already started when weather stops the match, the forfeit(s) stands.

Finding Phone Numbers for Opposing Captains

- Go to TennisLink (TennisLink)
- 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

If you would like to find an e-mail for an opposing captain, you may find this information by doing the following:

- Go to TennisLink (TennisLink);
- 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

The Captain's Corner is another key resource tool for captains. You can find the Captain's Corner by going to Weekday Women's 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 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 Wednesday before the last local round robin match (for many of you, this would be 11:59 PM on January 13, 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, but 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 (3.5 Low and 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 Wednesday 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 is started 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 May 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 3.5 Low level.

3.0 - 4.5 Teams that advance to the state tournament will play a 2S, 3D format.

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 in order 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.

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 matches.

Official Home Facility

Another important note regarding facilities: 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 this 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.