



Dallas Tennis Association presents:

2022 USTA Dallas 18 & MIXED and Match Sunday League

CITY CHAMPIONSHIP – Sunday, July 31, 2022 (X7.0 and X8.0 ONLY)

Sectionals – September 23-25, 2022 in Abilene, Texas

Nationals – October 28-30, 2022 NTRP 6.0, 8.0 & 10.0 in Surprise, AZ; November 4-6, 2022 NTRP 7.0 & 9.0 in Surprise, AZ

Player League fees are NON-REFUNDABLE/TRANSFERRABLE. Please advise your players accordingly.

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GENERAL LEAGUE INFORMATION

IMPORTANT!!!

2022 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations:

Match play and points are to be awarded to the player(s) who physically completed the match. NO EXCEPTIONS. Players may not be substituted during Score Entry on USTA TENNIS LINK nor may match results be altered. This will result in an AUTOMATIC Forfeit/Team Default, noted in rule #10. **Both captains and players involved will be removed from USTA Dallas ADULT League play indefinitely.**

2022 USTA MIXED and Match 18 & over MIXED Match Sunday Level of Play, Format:

Levels of Play: 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 and 10.0

Format: 3 Doubles

No more than 1.0 NTRP rating difference between individual doubles teams.

Local League format for NTRP X7.0 and X8.0 ONLY:

The 2022 USTA Dallas 18 & over MIXED and Match X7.0 and X8.0 will play three (3) Rounds of a four (4) team Round Robin (RR) over the regular season. The "SHUFFLE" allows Dallas to keep play competitive throughout the league season, give EVERY team the opportunity to remain in the progression for the National Championship and promote an enjoyable league play experience for EVERY team.

12 teams, SINGLE FLIGHT (1 Team Standing Group) X7.0 and X8.0 "SHUFFLE"

Teams were randomly drawn and placed in their Round 1 Play Group.

Round 1 Play Groups have been scheduled a Round Robin (RR) in TENNIS LINK. Match dates are 5/15, 5/22 and 6/5. Once the initial RR has been completed and scores entered; DTA will "SHUFFLE" teams based on Team Standings in TENNIS LINK (TL), place in a new Play Group and Round 2 matches scheduled. Round 2 match dates are 6/12, 6/19 and 6/26. After Round 2 is completed, DTA will "SHUFFLE" teams for Round 3. Round 3 match dates are 7/10, 7/17 and 7/24.

Once all 9 matches have been completed and scores entered, the Top four (4) teams in Team Standings in Tennis Link for the regular league season will advance to CITY CHAMPIONSHIP play.

X7.0 and X8.0 Regular Season "SHUFFLE":

ROUND 1:	<u>Court Flight</u>	<u>Ball Flight</u>	<u>Player Flight</u>				
Wk 1 (5/15)	1 v 4	1 v 4	1 v 4				
	2 v 3	2 v 3	2 v 3				
Wk 2 (5/22)	1 v 3	1 v 3	1 v 3				
	2 v 4	2 v 4	2 v 4				
Wk 3 (6/5)	1 v 2	1 v 2	1 v 2				
	3 v 4	3 v 4	3 v 4				
SHUFFLE							
ROUND 2:	<u>Game Flight</u>	<u>Set Flight</u>	<u>Match Flight</u>	<u>Game Flight</u>	<u>Set Flight</u>	<u>Match Flight</u>	
				1st Place Player	1st Place Court	1st Place Ball	
Wk 4 (6/12)	1 v 4	1 v 4	1 v 4	2nd Place Ball	2nd Place Player	2nd Place Court	
	2 v 3	2 v 3	2 v 3	3rd Place Court	3rd Place Ball	3rd Place Player	
Wk 5 (6/19)	1 v 3	1 v 3	1 v 3	4th Place Ball	4th Place Player	4th Place Court	
	2 v 4	2 v 4	2 v 4				
Wk 6 (6/26)	1 v 2	1 v 2	1 v 2				
	3 v 4	3 v 4	3 v 4				
SHUFFLE							
ROUND 3:	<u>Love Flight</u>	<u>Fifteen Flight</u>	<u>Thirty Flight</u>	<u>Love Flight</u>	<u>Fifteen Flight</u>	<u>Thirty Flight</u>	
				1st Place Set	1st Place Match	1st Place Game	
Wk 8 (7/10)	1 v 4	1 v 4	1 v 4	2nd Place Match	2nd Place Game	2nd Place Set	
	2 v 3	2 v 3	2 v 3	3rd Place Set	3rd Place Match	3rd Place Game	
Wk 9 (7/17)	1 v 3	1 v 3	1 v 3	4th Place Game	4th Place Set	4th Place Match	
	2 v 4	2 v 4	2 v 4				
Wk 10 (7/24)	1 v 2	1 v 2	1 v 2				
	3 v 4	3 v 4	3 v 4				

Top four (4) teams X7.0 and X8.0 for Post Season Play will be determined by:

- (1) Team Wins
- (2) Individual Wins
- (3) % Games Won

CITY CHAMPIONSHIP, Sunday, 7/31/2022

Advancement: 1st – 4th Place Teams in X7.0 and X8.0 ONLY!

Format: Single Elimination

1st Place vs. 4th Place

2nd Place vs. 3rd Place

Winners Advance to FINAL

CAPTAINS' NOTE!!! X6.0 (Single Flight - 5 teams, Double Round Robin (DRR), 8 matches), X9.0 (Single Flight – 6 teams, DRR, 10 matches) and X10.0 (Single Flight – 2 teams, 5 matches). Winners of the regular league season will advance directly to **SECTIONALS**. NO LOCAL CITY CHAMPIONSHIP.

2. PLAYER REQUIREMENTS:

2B. For league play, player must be 18 years of age *prior* to participating in 18 & Over ADULT, 40 years of age for 40 & Over ADULT, 55 years of age for 55 & Over ADULT, 65 years of age for 65 & Over ADULT within the calendar year.

2C(1). All players with a valid computer rating must play two (2) matches during the local league season (one (1) of which may be a default) in all leagues other than 55 & Over MIXED, Combo Doubles and Tri Level which require only one (1) match (zero defaults) to be eligible to participate in championship competition (Local League Championship, Sectionals, etc...).

2C(2). All Self-Rated and Valid Computer Rated Appealed players must play three (3) matches during the local league season (zero defaults) in all leagues other than 55 & Over MIXED, Combo Doubles and Tri Level which require only one (1) match (zero defaults) to be eligible to participate in championship competition (Local League Championship, Sectionals, etc...).

2D. In the Adult and Mixed Divisions, all players other than Self-Rated and Valid Computer Rated Appealed Players are eligible to advance to National Championship competition if that player has played on the same team in at least three (3) matches at the same NTRP level in the same Age Group through Sectional Championships and is otherwise eligible. A maximum of one (1) default received by the player during local league or championship competition shall count for advancing.

All Self-Rated and Valid Computer Rated Appealed players are eligible to progress to National Championship competition if that player has played on the same team in at least four (4) matches at the same NTRP level in the same AGE Group during its local league season and is otherwise eligible. No defaults received by the player during local league or championship competition shall count for advancing. Retired matches shall count toward advancing for all players involved in both USTA League Divisions.

CAPTAINS' NOTE!!! As a reminder when being awarded Line Defaults during the regular league season, do not forget they are considered Qualifying Matches for Computer rated (C) Players:

2022 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations:

9D. A team that is awarded a defaulted line during local league season play may have up to 14 days from the original match date to request a player name change for the defaulted line on USTA TENNIS LINK. Player name changes must be requested through the local league coordinator via email at leagues@dta.org. This DOES NOT apply to Post Season play.

PLEASE READ!!!! The MOST REPEATEDLY ASKED QUESTION!!!!

Player Registration:

TEAMS MAY ADD PLAYERS UP UNTIL TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR TO FINAL REGULAR SEASON MATCH. **As per above, self-rated and computer rated appealed players have until three (3) weeks prior to final regular season match to register.**

Player registration is online at the TENNIS LINK website at <http://tennislink.usta.com/leagues>. Once on the TENNIS LINK Leagues website, click on "Register for a team" and enter your USTA number and the team number. Follow the prompts through the credit card portion. Once you have successfully completed registration you will receive a screen notification and an e-mail confirmation.

2022 USTA TEXAS Rules and Regulations:

A team may have only one (1) player from outside the 50-mile radius of the center of a large city, Fort Worth, Dallas, San Antonio, Austin and Houston... If a player does not have the specific league in one of our designated areas (i.e. Abilene, Amarillo, Austin), he/she can play in another city without it counting as part of the out of city maximum.

2022 USTA Dallas 18 & over MIXED and Match League fee: \$38.00 *(included \$3.00 Active.com non-refundable processing fee)*

2022 USTA Dallas 18 & over MIXED and Match League Start Date: Sunday, May 16, 2021

PLEASE READ!!!! The 2nd MOST REPEATEDLY ASKED QUESTION!!!!

Schedules/Match Times/TENNIS LINK:

Schedules have been forwarded to facilities. Facility managers were given the opportunity to advise the DTA of any Black Out Dates/Facility Conflicts prior to scheduling. Schedules are set, NO schedule changes will be made at this point.

Facility Managers provide individual match times directly to captains. **TENNIS LINK is not updated with individual match times. The DTA uses the 12:00am, MIDNIGHT default time and that remains in TENNIS LINK.**

It is the captain of the HOME Team's responsibility to contact the VISITING Team with match time, directions, etc... **at least 5 days prior to the match date.** The DTA suggests that captains communicate through email and always request confirmation from their opponent. Reminders a few days prior to match are thoughtful and encouraged to avoid potential miscommunication. *Suggestion: Hold on to all email correspondence. Request confirmation of receipt as acknowledgement and acceptance of Match Times.*

PLEASE READ!!!! The 3rd MOST REPEATEDLY ASKED QUESTION!!!!

Change/Edit to Scorecard:

When requesting a change, or edit to a scorecard, please email Local League Coordinator at leagues@dta.org and copy the opposing captain with the following information:

- (1) Match #
- (2) Detailed Description of requested change/edit.
- (3) Both captains must agree to the requested change/edit prior to TENNIS LINK being updated.

The DTA **CAN NOT** make any changes to a scorecard without the **3** things outlined above.

Match Times:

2022 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations:

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION/Match Times:

18 and over MIXED: All matches are to start between 5:00pm and 6:00pm, unless both captains agree to an alternate time.

Match Play:

2022 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations:

7H. Match play must begin no later than 15 minutes after the designated start time per the 15-minute default rule. No line shall begin play before the 15-minute default time has passed unless all players from the higher singles/double's positions are present. Defaults must be from the bottom up. (i.e.: Line 2 singles or Line 3 doubles if players are not available at the start of the match.) Doubles teams are to be moved up as a pair.

7I. The team captain for each team shall exchange their team line-up simultaneously prior to the beginning of the team match. No substitution may be made in an individual match after the line-up has been presented, except for injury to, illness of a player during warm-up and an eligible replacement can be made within the default time. The substituted player may only take the position of the player whom they are replacing. If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five-minute warm-up.

Late Penalties:

Late players are subject to the penalties for late arrival (0-5 minutes/1 game & loss of toss, 5-10 minutes/2 games & loss of toss, 10-15 minutes/3 games and loss of toss, 15:01 minutes/default). These penalties apply to physically being on court not just on site.

Scoring:

Matches are to be played using the best of two sets criteria, conventional scoring, with a Coman set tiebreak (the first to 7 by 2) at 6 games all and a Coman match Tiebreak (the first to 10 by 2) in the event of split sets.

2022 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations:

9C. In the event of a tie, the following NATIONAL/ SECTIONAL guidelines prevail:

9C (1) Individual Matches. Winner of the most individual matches the entire competition.

9C (2) Head-to-head. Winner of head-to-head match only if all tied teams have played each other and one team defeated all the teams that are tied.

9C (3) Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets

9C (4) Games. Loser of the fewest number of games.

9C (5) Game Winning Percentage: Total games won divided by total games played.

9C (6) Coin toss.

2022 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations:

10. FORFEITS/Team Defaults:

10A. Forfeits start from the lowest singles or doubles lines. **A team must play the majority of lines each team match or that match shall be considered a "team default".** If a "team default" occurs for any reason during round robin play, the defaulting team will (1) default all remaining matches in the round robin, (2) not be eligible for the same Local League Championship for that season, and (3) all team members of the defaulting team must split up in the following season with no more than 4 members of the defaulting team on any one

team in the following season. After the season, if all teams in contention for championship play have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches stand as played; otherwise, all matches of the defaulting team shall be invalid.

2022 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations regarding players not registered on TENNIS LINK at Match Time:

7E. Rosters must be exchanged at the designated match time and all players should be on their assigned court ready to play. It is the responsibility of the captain to verify players at the time the lineup is exchanged. Ineligible players must be identified prior to the start of the match. Ineligible players will be recorded as a default (6-0, 6-0) in USTA TENNIS LINK.

Score Entry:

Both captains are responsible for Score Entry on Tennis Link League at <http://tennislink.usta.com/leagues> within 12 hours of a completed match. For disputed Score Entry or Score Entry problems please email leagues@dta.org.

Score Cards:

Blank scorecards are available through Tennis Link. Visit <http://tennislink.usta.com/leagues>. Click on "Record A Score" located under My Quick Links on the right. Enter your match number. Scroll to the bottom and click on "Print Blank Scorecard".

GREAT NOTE! Scorecards printed off Tennis Link for matches will include both teams' most up-to-date rosters. Captains can verify players prior to match time.

Make Up Matches due to Rain/Championship Advancement/Extreme Weather:

2022 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations:

8. MAKE UP MATCHES (Due to Rain/Championship Advancement/Extreme Weather):

8A. Rainout / Championship Advancement/Extreme Weather Make-ups:

All make-up matches for rain or championship advancement should be played within 14 days of the rainout/originally scheduled match. If a make-up match has not been entered in USTA TENNIS LINK within 14 days of the original match date, it should be considered as scheduled by the DTA League Coordinator on the 14th day at:

* 3:00pm for 18 & over MIXED

No match is to be rescheduled without the consent of the coordinator unless it is a rainout/championship play. Do not cancel for rain until the day of the match. Only lines that have started (first service attempt) stand for a rain make-up. A team is not held to any defaulted line(s) given.

Should teams be faced with inclement weather on the date of the scheduled make up match, teams have 7 days from that date to reschedule unless late in the season at which time the DTA will set a completion deadline (#8G).

8B. Players that do not complete their match within the original 2-hour time limit and are bumped from their court must remain available to resume the match for a period of 1 hour if the home team can decide to resume the match within 1 hour. If a court cannot be secured within an hour, the players/captains will have 48 hours to schedule the completion of the match (within 14 days) and provide the details to the league coordinator.

8C. Rain Delay:

If both captains have not agreed to declare a rainout, both teams (all players to play that day's match) must be available at the site for one hour beyond the scheduled match time.

8D. Extreme Weather Conditions. The HOME Captain determines the conditions at the match site and is responsible for notifying the VISITING Captain NO MORE THAN two (2) hours prior to match start time on the SCHEDULED DAY OF THE MATCH. Both captains should verify through www.weather.com. The following weather conditions may subject a match to be rescheduled:

(1) If the actual temperature is 35 degrees or below at the time match is scheduled to begin play.

(2) The actual temperature is 105 degrees or higher at the time match is scheduled to begin play.

If either of the above extreme weather conditions exist, either captain may reschedule the match. Once the match has started, it must be completed.

Important Dates for roster planning:

May 15, 2022

2022 USTA 18 & over MIXED and Match begins

May 20-22, 2022

2022 USTA 55 & over ADULT Sectionals in Dallas, Texas

May 28-30, 2022

Holiday, Memorial Day No Matches Scheduled

June 3-5, 2022

2022 USTA 40 & over ADULT Sectionals in Houston, Texas

June 19, 2022

Holiday, Father's Day No Matches Scheduled (NOTE: Due to 2022 18 & over MIXED and Match League Team Registration Numbers matches HAVE BEEN scheduled)

July 2-4, 2022

Holiday, 4th of July No Matches Scheduled

July 7-8, 2022

2022 USTA 18 & over ADULT Spring/Summer W. Thursday League Play-Offs

July 8-10, 2022

2022 USTA 18 & over ADULT Spring/Summer W. Saturday and M. Leagues Play-Offs/Qualifying Tournament (QT)

July 15-17, 2022

2022 USTA 18 & over ADULT League Spring/Summer League CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

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Thank you for your continued support of Dallas League tennis! **HAVE A TERRIFIC 2022 League Season!** Please visit the Dallas Tennis Association's website at www.dta.org for additional ADULT League information and League Calendar.