



## 2023 65 & over ADULT Friday League

City Championship W7.0 ONLY: Rd. 1- May 5, 2023; FINAL – May 12, 2023

*Winners of Regular Season will Advance Directly to Sectionals*

**Sectionals: November 10-12, 2023 in Fort Worth, Texas**

**National Invitational: TBD**

*League Play begins Friday, March 10, 2023*

*League Schedules Published on TENNIS LINK Tuesday, February 21, 2023 (Originally Friday, 2/24/2023)*

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### GENERAL LEAGUE INFORMATION

#### Player Registration:

A player MUST play ONE (1) time during the local league to qualify to advance to championship play (i.e. Qualifying Tournament, City Championship, Sectionals). ZERO (0) Defaults may be counted towards their 1-local league match during the regular season.

A player MUST play TWO (2) times including Sectionals play to qualify for the Nationals Invitational.

#### Last Day to Add Players:

##### W. League:

W6.0 – Thursday, 5/11/2023 (\*)

W7.0 – Thursday, 4/27/2023

W8.0 – Thursday, 5/11/2023

##### M. League:

M7.0 – Thursday, 4/13/2023

M8.0 – Thursday, 5/18/2023 (\*)

#### Notes:

(\*) For teams that have “BYE” weeks during the regular season, captains will need to adjust last date to add player(s) so that players are added with at least 1 regular season match remaining.

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.

#### Player Eligibility:

##### 2023 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.

**2023 USTA Dallas 65 & over ADULT League fee: \$38.00** (includes non-refundable \$3.00 Active.com processing fee)

**Player League fees are NON-REFUNDABLE/TRANSFERRABLE unless the level entered does not make. Please advise your players accordingly.**

## Format:

3 – Doubles

## Match Times:

### **2023 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Captain's Responsibilities:**

**ADULT Spring/Summer League:** Any time between 9:00am and 1:00pm is an acceptable start time for the Weekday League.

## Schedules/Match Times/TENNIS LINK:

Schedules have been forwarded to facilities. Facility managers were given the opportunity to advise DALLAS TENNIS 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. DALLAS TENNIS uses the 12:00am, MIDNIGHT default time and that remains in TENNIS LINK.**

**NOTE!!!!** It is the HOME Team's responsibility to contact the VISITING Team with match time, directions, covid-19 requirements, etc... **at least 5 days prior to the match date.**

DALLAS TENNIS 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. MAKE SURE TO BE SPECIFIC (i.e. If match time is 1:00pm, write out 1:00pm rather than simply 1)

**Out of respect to fellow captains, players and DALLAS TENNIS staff, please follow the guideline. Avoid "GHOSTING" the VISITING Team. Communicate match details as soon as you know them. Facilities received schedules in advance to prepare for HOME Matches.**

## Match Play:

### **2023 DALLAS TENNIS USTA 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/doubles 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.

**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.**

**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.

## 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.

### **As per the 2023 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Rules and Regulations:**

**9B.** Scoring for all DTA/USTA matches will be as follows:

One point for each TEAM MATCH (consists of all individual matches) won.

**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.

#### **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.

#### **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](mailto:leagues@dta.org).

#### **2023 DALLAS TENNIS USTA 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.

#### **Change/Edit to Scorecard:**

When requesting a change, or edit to a scorecard, please email Local League Coordinator at [leagues@dta.org](mailto: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.**

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

#### **TEAM DEFAULT RULE per the 2023 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.

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!!!**

**TEAM DEFAULTS WILL STAND. Teams will NO LONGER be allowed to reschedule the majority of lines once the Team Default occurs.**

**NOTE!!** If format calls for 3 lines, you must play 2 of the 3 lines, etc... Teams who do not field the majority of lines during a match will be held to the penalty as outlined in the 2023 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations, #10A.

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**7J. NEW!!! INJURED PLAYER.** A one-time **3-minute** medical time-out is allowed for injury, illness and heat related condition.

A maximum 15-minute medical time out is allowed for bleeding injury. If bleeding continues and match doesn't resume within 15 minutes, the match is retired.

If a player cannot complete the match, the match is retired. Scores are entered as played, e.g. 6-3, 2-0, RETIRED (not completed).

Reference "*FRIEND AT COURT*" 2022 version Table 13, pp. 97-98 for detail.

**7M.** Play should be continuous. Between points, a maximum 25 seconds is allowed. When players change ends at the end of a game, a maximum 90 seconds is allowed. At set break, 120 second (2 minutes) is allowed.

**Updated!** There is no break after the 1st game of any set.

**7N. NEW!** TO RESOLVE A DISAGREEMENT. The players are expected to resolve disagreements on the court. Friend At Court, "The Code" describes a 3-step process for score disputes, in order of preference:

7J (1) All points & games are agreed upon by the players and REPLAY ONLY the disputed points or games.

7J (2) Play from a score that is agreed upon by all players.

7J (3) Spin a racquet or toss a coin.

7J (4) Under no circumstances may any other person or Captain intervene in a match in progress.

Thank you for your continued support of Dallas League tennis! **HAVE A TERRIFIC 2023 65 & over ADULT League Season!**