



**DALLAS TENNIS**  
USTA LEAGUES

# 2023 USTA Dallas 55 & over ADULT League

**CITY CHAMPIONSHIP – Saturday, 3/25/2023 W7.0, W8.0 and M7.0 ONLY!!; Saturday, April 15, 2023 M8.0 ONLY!!**

**Sectionals – May 19-21, 2023 in Dallas, Texas**

**Nationals – October 14-16, 2023 in Orlando, FL (NTRP 7.0); October 21-23, 2023 in Orlando, FL (NTRP 8.0); October 28-30, 2023 in Orlando, FL (NTRP 6.0 and 9.0)**

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

***Schedules Published on TENNIS LINK Friday, 1/6/2023***

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## GENERAL LEAGUE INFORMATION

*Updated 1/11/2023*

### **2023 USTA Dallas 55 & over ADULT Leagues, Level of Play, Format:**

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

**Format:** 3 Doubles

### **Player Eligibility:**

#### **2023 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations:**

**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.

### **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.

### **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 55 & over ADULT League fee: \$38.00 (included \$3.00 Active.com non-refundable processing fee)

### **2023 Dallas 55 & over ADULT League Start Dates:**

**W. Monday League:** 1/23/2023

**W. Saturday League:** 1/21/2023

**M. Sunday League:** 1/22/2023

### **Last Day to Add Players:**

**W. Monday League:**

**W7.0:** Sunday, 2/26/2023

**W8.0:** Sunday, 2/26/2023

### **W. Saturday League:**

**W6.0S:** Friday, 2/10/2023

**W7.0S:** Friday, 3/10/2023 (\*) and (\*\*)

**W8.0S:** Friday, 2/10/2023

**W9.0S:** Friday, 2/17/2023

### **M. Sunday League:**

**M7.0:** Saturday, 2/25/2023

**M8.0:** Saturday, 3/25/2023 (\*\*)

**M9.0:** Saturday, 3/11/2023 (\*\*)

### **VERY IMPORTANT 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 2 weeks prior to final regular season match. *(3 weeks prior for self-rate and computer rated appealed)*

(\*\*) For teams that have matches scheduled over Spring Break, 3/11-3/18, 2023, matches may be scheduled and completed ANYTIME PRIOR to scheduled match date if BOTH CAPTAINS AGREE.

### **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.**

**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.**

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. 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 the DTA, 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.**

**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.

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

### Match Times:

#### **2023 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations:**

##### **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION/Match Times:**

**Saturday ADULT League only:** Any time between 9:00am and 4:00pm is an acceptable start time for the Saturday League.

**Sunday ADULT Men's League only:** Matches should not be scheduled before 11:00am unless both captains agree to an alternate time.

**Updated 1/11/2023! Women's ADULT Fall/Winter Leagues:** Any time between 9:30am and 11:30am is an acceptable start time for the Weekday Leagues and any time between 10:00am and 2:00pm is an acceptable start time for the Sunday Leagues, unless both captains agree to an alternate time.

### Match Play:

#### **2023 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/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.

**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.

#### **2023 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.

#### **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 your format calls for 4-5 lines, you must play 3 of the lines. If your 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.

### **2023 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](mailto: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.

### **Score Entry on TENNIS LINK:**

Please review attached Score Entry Instructions.

### **2023 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.

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

#### **2023 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:

\* 6:00pm for 40 & over MIXED and 55 & over AGE GROUP

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/or* 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/Extreme Weather Delay:

If both captains have not agreed to declare a rainout/extreme weather, 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](http://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.

**8E.** Split-Time Match Play:

If individual match times must be scheduled separately due to court conflict, it is the home team's responsibility to notify and coordinate with the visiting captain.

**8F.** Automatic Reschedule Match Status. Any regularly scheduled league match(es) involving a team in which 50% or more of male or female roster players are scheduled to play in a USTA Dallas Local Play Off, Sectionals and/or Nationals event representing Dallas shall be granted AUTOMATIC RESCHEDULE status by the local league coordinator and the opposing team. It is the responsibility of the advancing team to notify their opponent NO LATER than 48 hours prior to the scheduled match date. Captains may reschedule the entire match or line by line. The affected match shall be rescheduled following the 14 days' make-up rule noted in 8A.

Teams with greater than 50% absence due to representation at a Sectional or National Championship for a city other than the one the local league is being played, will only be allowed to make up lines so their team plays a majority of the lines to constitute a valid team match (3-lines in a 5-line league; 2-lines in a 3-line league).

**8G.** The League Coordinator may reschedule a match at his/her discretion.

2023 USTA Dallas 55 & over ADULT League CITY CHAMPIONSHIP Advancement will be forwarded under separate cover once Dallas' Local League play is underway.

Thank you for your continued support of **DALLAS TENNIS USTA LEAGUES!** Please visit the **DALLAS TENNIS** website at [www.dta.org](http://www.dta.org) for additional ADULT League information and League Calendar.