



## 2024 18 & over MIXED Sunday League

X6.0 and X8.0 – Sunday, August 4, 2024, City Championship (\*)

X7.0 – Sunday, August 18, 2024, City Championship (\*)

X9.0 and X10.0 – Local League WINNER Advances to Sectionals

Sectionals: September 20-22, 2024, in Abilene, Texas (\*\*)

Nationals: November 1-3, 2024, in Surprise, AZ (NTRP 6.0, 8.0 & 10.0); November 1-3, 2024, in Orlando, FL (NTRP 7.0 & 9.0)

### (\*\*) TEXAS SECTION CHANGE FOR 2024!!!

Section fees will be collected at the player level. \$30.00/player. The individual player on a Sectionals advancing team will be responsible for registering themselves for the Sectional event in which they have qualified.

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

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### GENERAL LEAGUE INFORMATION

**2024 18 & over MIXED Sunday League 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.

**Player Eligibility:**

**2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Rules and Regulations:**

**2C(1). UPDATED 2/12/2024!** 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, 65 & over ADULT, Combo Doubles and Tri Level and which require only one (1) match (zero defaults) to be eligible to participate in championship competition (Local League Championship, Sectionals, etc...).

**2C(2). UPDATED 2/12/2024!** 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, 65 & over ADULT, 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:

**2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA 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.

TEAMS MAY ADD PLAYERS UP UNTIL TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR TO FINAL REGULAR SEASON MATCH FOR COMPUTER RATED (C) PLAYERS. Self-Rated (S) and Computer Appealed (A) Players need to be added at least three (3) weeks prior to the final match of the regular season match.

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.

**2024 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. **NOTE: DALLAS TENNIS utilizes player information provided in TENNIS LINK.**

2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA 18 & over MIXED Sunday League fee: \$38.00 (included \$3.00 Active.com non-refundable processing fee)

**2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA 18 & over MIXED Sunday League Start Date: Sunday, June 2, 2024**

**Match Times:**

**2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA 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.

**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.**

**2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Rules and Regulations:**

**6. SCHEDULE:**

**6A.** The home team captain should notify the visiting team **seven (7)** days in advance of the match time and accurate, up-to-date directions to the site.

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.

**Match Play:**

**2024 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/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.

**2024 DALLAS TENNIS Captain's Responsibilities:**

**PENALTIES FOR LATE ARRIVAL:**

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.

### **2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Rules and Responsibilities:**

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 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.

### **2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Rules and Regulations:**

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.

### **9. SCORING:**

9A. Within 12 hours of a completed match BOTH CAPTAINS are responsible for entering scores using USTA TENNIS LINK. The first captain (or designated team member) to log on will enter the scores and the second captain (or designated team member) to log on will confirm or dispute the already reported results. In the event of a disputed score, contact the DTA office with the details at [leagues@dta.org](mailto:leagues@dta.org).

**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.**

### **2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Rules and Regulations:**

#### **10. Updated 11/27/2023! FORFEITS/Team Defaults:**

10A. Forfeits start from the lowest singles or doubles lines.

10B. A team must play the majority of lines each team match or that match shall be considered a "team default". The majority of lines are lines that have been played and scores entered in Tennis Link. For a 3-line format the majority of lines would be 2 lines; 4-line format would be 3 lines; 5-line format would be 3 lines.

If a "team default" occurs for any reason during round robin play, the defaulting team will:

(a). Be allowed to finish the remainder of the local league season. At the end of local league play, the defaulting team's matches will be removed from Team Standings in Tennis Link; HOWEVER, all matches played AGAINST THE DEFAULTING TEAM will count towards a NON-DEFAULTING player's eligibility for Post Season Advancement.

(b). Should the defaulting team fail to field the majority of the lines for any remaining matches after the initial team default, every player on the team with the "team default" will be subject to a League Suspension Grievance for Flagrant Unsportsmanlike Behavior.

(c). EVERY member of the defaulting team will be INELIGIBLE for POST SEASON PLAY regardless of Age Division, ADULT or MIXED or NTRP Level, to include League Local Play Offs, City Championship, Weekend Events and Sectionals for a period of one (1) year from the "team default".

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

#### **2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Rules and Regulations:**

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/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.

**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.

**(\* ) 2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA 18+ MIXED League Post Season Play:**

**Local League format for NTRP X6.0 and X8.0 (8 teams):**

2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA 18 & over MIXED NTRP X6.0 and X8.0 will play a full Round Robin (RR), 7 matches. After the initial RR, NTRP levels will be scheduled single elimination bracket play based on team standings in TENNIS LINK. All matches will be scheduled within the Local League Season and **COUNTED AS PLAYER QUALIFYING OPPORTUNITIES.**

**Sunday, August 18, 2024 – 2024 DALLAS TENNIS 18 & over MIXED League CITY CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Format:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place vs. 4<sup>th</sup> Place**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**WINNER Advances to Sectionals.**

**Local League format for NTRP X7.0 (10 teams):**

2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA 18 & over MIXED NTRP X7.0 will play a full Round Robin (RR), 9 matches. After the initial RR, NTRP levels will be scheduled single elimination bracket play based on team standings in TENNIS LINK. All matches will be scheduled within the Local League Season and **COUNTED AS PLAYER QUALIFYING OPPORTUNITIES.**

**Sunday, August 18, 2024 – 2024 DALLAS TENNIS 18 & over MIXED League CITY CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Format:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**Wimer Rd. 1 vs. 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**WINNER Advances to Sectionals.**

**Local League format for NTRP X9.0 (5 teams):**

2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA 18 & over MIXED NTRP X9.0 will play a Double Round Robin (RR), 8 matches. **The WINNER of the Local League will advance to Sectionals.**

**Local League format for NTRP X10.0 (2 teams):**

2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA 18 & over MIXED NTRP X10.0 will play 5 matches. **The WINNER of the Local League will advance to Sectionals.**

**Important Dates for Roster Planning:**

June 2, 2024	2024 USTA 18 & over MIXED begins
<i>June 16, 2024</i>	<i>Holiday, Father's Day No Matches Scheduled (NOTE: If 2024 18 &amp; over ADULT M. League Team Registration Numbers necessitate, matches may be scheduled)</i>
<i>July 4, 2024</i>	<i>Holiday, 4<sup>th</sup> of July No Matches Scheduled</i>
July 11-12, 2024	2024 USTA 18 & over ADULT Spring/Summer <b><u>W. Thursday League Play-Offs</u></b>
July 12-14, 2024	2024 USTA 18 & over ADULT Spring/Summer <b><u>W. Saturday and M. Leagues Play-Offs/Qualifying Tournament (QT)</u></b>
July 19-22, 2024	2024 USTA 18 & over ADULT League Spring/Summer League <b><u>CITY CHAMPIONSHIP</u></b>
August 2-4, 2024	2024 USTA 18 & over ADULT <b><u>Sectionals</u></b> (NTRP W2.5, 3.5 and 4.5) in Dallas, TX
August 9-11, 2024	2024 USTA 18 & over ADULT <b><u>Sectionals</u></b> (NTRP 3.0, 4.0 and 5.0) in Richardson, TX
	2024 18 & over LITTLE STATE in Corpus Christi, TX
August 22-25, 2024	2024 USTA COMBO DOUBLES <b><u>Weekend Event</u></b>
September 20-22, 2024	2024 USTA 18 & over MIXED <b><u>Sectionals</u></b> in Abilene, TX
November 1-3, 2024	2024 USTA 18 & over MIXED <b><u>Nationals</u></b> (NTRP 6.0, 8.0 and 10.0) in Surprise, AZ; (NTRP 7.0 and 9.0) in Orlando, FL
	2024 USTA 55 & over ADULT <b><u>Nationals</u></b> (NTRP 7.0 and 9.0) in Scottsdale, AZ

Thank you for your continued support of Dallas League tennis! **HAVE A TERRIFIC 2024 MIXED League Season!** Please visit the DALLAS TENNIS website at [www.dta.org](http://www.dta.org) for additional ADULT League information and League Calendar.