

April 18, 2024

Dear 2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA 40 & over MIXIN' IT UP Captains:

THANK YOU for fielding teams for the 2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA 40 & over MIXIN' IT UP Weekend Event, 4/25-28, 2024! We are anticipating a FUN weekend of COMPETITIVE tennis! Team numbers within each flight were drawn randomly.

Please confirm receipt of this email. It is our way of knowing...

- (1) You have received the 2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA 40 & over MIXIN' IT UP Weekend Event schedule. **THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE IS WHAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY DALLAS TENNIS OVER THE WEEKEND EVENT.** Team schedules will be available on TENNIS LINK, Thursday, 4/25/2024, but we will be following the attached schedule in the slight case a time or location noted on TENNIS LINK varies. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR PLAYERS ACCORDINGLY. No Exceptions.
- (2) The BEST CONTACT number for you is listed. *If we do not have the best contact for you, please let us know ASAP.*
- (3) **Player Registration closes Wednesday, 4/24/2024 at 10:59pm.** NO EXCEPTIONS. Now that the schedule has been released, there is no player movement.

2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Rules and Regulations:

3C. Once league flights or schedules are published on USTA TENNIS LINK, team rosters are considered set and only new players may be added. No player movement between teams/levels/flights will be allowed.

NOTE!!! Captains may continue to add players up until Wednesday, 4/24/2024 at 10:59pm.

- (4) Acknowledgement that your designated players for each match will all be present before returning your lineup to the Event Desk. Lineups MUST BE handed in to the Event Desk **15 minutes before the scheduled start time.** NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Should a captain(s) fail to hand in a completed line up 15 minutes prior to the scheduled match time their ENTIRE line up will be penalized with loss of toss and loss of 1 game automatically.

If opposing captains in a match both fail to turn in their line 15 minutes prior to the scheduled match time, the last one to turn in will be penalized. Penalty will be loss of toss and loss of 1 game automatically for the ENTIRE line up.

- (5) Understanding that the Event Desk may put matches on court once scorecards are turned in. **Teams should be ready to begin play 15 minutes prior to designated match time.**
- (6) Players from the Winning Team for each line are asked to **REPORT SCORES IMMEDIATELY** after the match. The Event Desk WILL NOT track players or captains down after match for missing scores. The line will be entered as an AUTOMATIC Double Default in TENNIS LINK.
- (7) You have received the 2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA 40 & over MIXIN' IT UP Weekend Event schedule and UNDERSTAND CHAMPIONSHIP Format is 3 lines of doubles. No more than 1.0 NTRP rating difference between individual doubles teams.
- (8) Player Eligibility (Qualifying Matches) *Computer Rated – Self-Rated – Computer Appeal*

2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA 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.

For the 2023 DALLAS TENNIS USTA 40 & over MIXIN' IT UP Weekend Event, ALL matches are considered player qualifying match play opportunities. This includes FINAL match play where applicable.

- (9) You have read and understand the information included within this email.
- (10) Warm up IS **LIMITED to 5 minutes including serves**. Neither DALLAS TENNIS nor facilities PROVIDE WARM-UP COURTS. Players are given a 5-minute warmup including serves. Please advise your players ahead of time. COURTS ARE AT A PREMIUM AT EVERY FACILITY!

If your players require a longer warm up, teams should make the necessary arrangements off site to accommodate team members prior to arriving on site.

PLEASE share with your players, pros, and fans DALLAS TENNIS WEEKEND EVENT EXPECTATIONS:

- (1) Good Sportsmanship is EXPECTED 100% of the time. USTA Officials will be watching this closely and taking appropriate action when needed.

2024 USTA Rules and Regulations, "FRIEND AT COURT" – Courtesy is expected. Tennis is a game the requires cooperation and courtesy.

- (2) USTA Dallas DOES NOT ALLOW COACHING at any point in ADULT Leagues:

2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Rules and Regulations,

7L. Coaching is NOT allowed during USTA League or Championship play.

- (3) Players are RESPONSIBLE for their own ice, water, Gatorade, etc... Players should be hydrating now in preparation for the Weekend Event.

Captains are responsible for communicating City Championship (*including Weekend Event*) expectations to players.

1. DALLAS TENNIS and your fellow captains are expected to play all 3 lines throughout the City Championship (*including Weekend Event*). Should team default 2 or more lines over the entire City Championship, your team will be subject to disciplinary action. *See #2 for penalty.*
2. **Team Penalty for Pulling Out of the Sectional Championships. Modified 1/23/2023 to include DALLAS TENNIS USTA ADULT Leagues.** When a team, which is scheduled to play in a Sectional Championship and Dallas' ADULT League Post Season Play (including local league play off, qualifying tournament, city championship and weekend events), pulls out within 14 days of the Championship or leaves a Sectional Championship/Dallas ADULT League Post Season Play, causing a full team to forfeit before completing all scheduled matches the following penalty will apply:

All players on the forfeiting team can play in their local league the following year but cannot advance to any Texas Sectional Championships or Dallas ADULT League Post Season Play for a period of 12 months, including the Sectional Championship/Dallas ADULT League Post Season Play (*including Weekend Event*) they dropped out of for the following year. The Section league coordinator and local league coordinator for the city or area in whose league the team played will be notified of the year suspension for all players on the team. The team through their local league coordinator may appeal their suspension within 14 days of notification to the Section Appeals Committee who may grant relief under extenuating circumstances.

3. DALLAS TENNIS' goal is to host Post Season Play. However, if faced with inclement weather, as the event organizer DALLAS TENNIS maintains the right to alter post season play (i.e. number of advancing teams, format, etc...) or possibly even cancellation.

2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Rules and Regulations:

10. FORFEITS/Team Defaults:

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

Captains should check in at the Event Desk 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of each match. You will be given a scorecard to fill out at that time.

IMPORTANT!!! Make sure that your designated players for each match are all present before returning your lineup to the Event Desk. **Lineups MUST BE handed in to the Event Desk 15 minutes before the scheduled start time. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** The Event Desk may start putting matches on court at that point if courts are open.

***** Once your lineup has been turned in to the Event Desk, it is FINAL. Please note the Dallas Rule below regarding injury (7I).**

2024 DALLAS TENNIS USTA Rules and Regulations:

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 USTA Rules and Regulations, Players on Multiple Teams:

Players will be allowed to play on more than one team (if they are at different NTRP levels) at a Section Championship.

If a player participates on more than one team during Post Season Play (i.e. League Play Offs, City Championship, etc...) matches for multiple NTRP levels may be scheduled on the same day and time or different locations. Schedules may not be adjusted by the coordinator nor will match start times be delayed due to waiting on a player that is playing in a different match at another NTRP level.

Player rest periods between different levels of play will NOT be guaranteed. Rest periods are only allowed if it is within the same level of play. Post Season (i.e. League Play Offs, City Championship, etc...) schedules and matches will not be delayed by NTRP Level should a player participating on more than one team still be on court or just coming off court at a scheduled match time.

To keep to our schedule if you choose to use a player that for whatever “bad” reason is not on site you must put that player on the lowest doubles line.

They are still 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.

Match play is continuous. Please notify your players in advance. These guidelines are followed at Sectionals and Nationals.

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

All players listed in the lineup **should be on site 30 minutes prior to match.**

Courts are assigned by the Event Desk and will be noted on the score cards as they become available. Please DO NOT ask the Event Desk what courts your team will be on when you check in 30 minutes prior to match time. They WILL NOT know at that point. As designated match times approach, please ask your players to remain within hearing distance of the Event Desk, ready to play at the assigned match time or be given updated match information.

If you have a player on your team who has **ALREADY QUALIFIED and PLANS TO REPRESENT/PLAY** for a 2024 USTA 40 & over MIXED team at the same NTRP as your team that **IS NOT DALLAS at Sectionals**, they SHOULD NOT step on court/hit a single ball for your team during DALLAS TENNIS' 2024 USTA 40 & over MIXIN' IT UP weekend Event. Any player who participates in Dallas' 40 & over MIXIN' IT UP Weekend Event is considered by DALLAS TENNIS committed to your DALLAS TEAM AS LONG AS THE DALLAS TEAM IS IN THE RUNNING FOR A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. DALLAS TENNIS follows Section Play for DALLAS' ADVANCING TEAMS and will file a Grievance against any player(s) who play for another city during Sectionals.

IMPORTANT!!! Site workers at the Event Desks are volunteers. They are so generous with their time! DALLAS TENNIS is fortunate to have them! Please remind your players that they are volunteers. Their goal is to get matches on court in a timely, efficient manner. It goes without saying that potential challenges always exist, so everyone's patience and courtesy is appreciated and expected.

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