



Dallas Tennis Association presents:

2021 Dallas 55 & over ADULT League

CITY CHAMPIONSHIP – TBD

Texas Sectionals – May21-23, 2021 in Dallas, TX

Nationals – TBD

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

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GENERAL LEAGUE INFORMATION

WAIVER OF CLAIMS. Players, participants, and any spectators or individuals that are participating in USTA tournaments, programs, or events acknowledge the risks associated with tennis, accept those risks voluntarily, and in consideration of their acceptance in the USTA tournaments, programs or events, assume all loss or damage, and any claim or demand therefore on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in illness and/or death arising out of or related to their participation, including without limitation as a result of any exposure to infectious syndromes or diseases whether caused by negligence or otherwise. By participating or attending a tournament, program, or event, the players, participants, and any spectators assume all risks whether known or unknown. Furthermore, players, participants, and spectators agree to release and hold harmless the USTA, its affiliated Sectional Associations, and Districts/Subdivisions, and the host facility (hereafter, Released Parties) and the Released Parties employees and agents with respect to any injury or loss caused by negligence or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Covid-19!! DTA now requires every player to have a signed Waiver of Claims on file. Please forward link to your rosters.

REMINDER: Player waivers are valid for one (1) calendar year..

This is ONLY for players who are playing USTA for the first (1st) time since covid-19.

<https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/v/dtatennis/>

Covid-19!! DTA Match Protocol and Safety Guidelines. Please forward link to your players. Captains are responsible for communicating *Covid-19* policies that their facility's may require directly with opposing captain and teams prior to scheduled match. Click [here](#).

2021 Dallas 55 & over ADULT Leagues, Level of Play, Format:

Levels of Play: 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0

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

Player Eligibility:

2021 USTA Dallas Rules and Regulations:

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.

Eligibility to advance to National Championships for self-rated and computer-rated appealed players requires playing at least four (4) matches on the same team at the same level in the same Age Group. No defaults received count.

2021 Sectional Rule! Local League to follow.

Self-rate and computer rated appealed players will need three (3) matches, zero (0) defaults to be eligible to participate in championship competition (Local League Championship, Sectionals, etc...).

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.

2018 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.

2021 USTA Dallas 40 & over ADULT League fee: \$38.00 *(included \$3.00 Active.com non-refundable processing fee)*

2021 Dallas 55 & over ADULT League Start Dates:

W. Monday League:

1/18/2021

W. Saturday League:

1/23/2021

M. Sunday League:

1/17/2021 – M8.0 ONLY

1/24/2021

Last Day to Add Players:

W. Monday League:

W7.0:

Sunday, 3/14/2021

W8.0:

Sunday, 2/21/2021 (*)

W. Sunday League:

W6.0S:

Saturday, 2/12/2021

W7.0S:

Saturday, 2/26/2021 (*)

W8.0S:

Saturday, 3/12/2021 (*) and (**)

W9.0S:

Saturday, 3/12/21 (**)

M. Sunday League:

M7.0:

Saturday, 3/13/2021 (**)

M8.0:

Saturday, 3/20/2021 (*) and (**)

M9.0:

Saturday, 3/20/2021 (*)

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, 3/13- 3/20, 2021, matches may be scheduled and completed ANYTIME PRIOR to scheduled match date if BOTH CAPTAINS AGREE.

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:***2021 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.

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 Weekend Leagues, unless both captains agree to an alternate time.

Match Play:***2021 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.

2021 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.

2021 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.

2021 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.

2021 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:

2021 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:

- * 1:00pm for Women's Weekday Leagues
- * 5:00pm for Men's and Women's Saturday Leagues
- * 9:00am for Men's Sunday League
- * 4:00pm for Women's Sunday League
- * 3:00pm for 18 & over MIXED
- * 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 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.

2021 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 League tennis! **HAVE A TERRIFIC 2021 League Season!** Please visit the Dallas Tennis Association's website at www.dta.org for additional ADULT League information and League Calendar.