



## USTA Atlanta Adult 40 & Over Weekday Women League Registration Information Winter 2020/2021 (November 2020 – February 2021)

### Winter 2020/2021 Season Information and Dates

- **Team Match Format:** Each team match consists of 1 singles and 4 doubles matches in a 7-week local round robin format. Individual matches are best 2-out-of-3 sets with an optional 10 pt tiebreak in lieu of a full third set.
- **Division Levels:** Playing levels offered are 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 Low, 4.0, 4.5 and an Open level for players 4.5 and up. **Players will use their most current Year End Rating to register for the regular levels. Players registering for the low levels will need to verify their low level eligibility at [www.ustaatlanta.com](http://www.ustaatlanta.com) > Check Your Rating.**
- **Registration Dates:** Registration is open Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, with the deadline for team registration on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. **TennisLink will not allow for late team registrations.** Players can be added to teams through 11:59 pm the night before the last match of the round robin season.
- **League Registration Fee (per player):** The league fee is \$19 per player. All registration is done online. To create a team, visit [TennisLink](http://TennisLink) (step by step TennisLink instructions are included in this packet). TennisLink will show the \$14.00 local league fee, \$2.00 USTA Georgia administration fee and a \$3.00 TennisLink fee. **USTA Atlanta only receives the local fee portion.**
- **Schedule Availability:** Schedules will be available on TennisLink by Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. After schedules are posted, captains will receive an introductory letter from his or her Level Representative and/or Program Director.
- **League Start Date:** Play begins Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:30 AM. For most divisions, the last scheduled regular local round robin match will be Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If agreeable by both captains, teams may agree to play at a later time during the same day.
- **Playoffs and Local City Finals:** **Per a USTA National Regulation Change, Players must now play two matches in the regular season to qualify for post-season play.** For teams that qualify for the playoff bracket in their respective division level, the playoff matches will begin Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The local City Finals will be held on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- **USTA Georgia Adult 40 & Over State Tournament:** City Champions (and some select City Finalists) will be invited to attend the Adult 40 & Over State Tournament in June 2021.
- **Contacts:**
  - Elena Cospers. Program Director. [elena.cospers@gmail.com](mailto:elena.cospers@gmail.com) or 404.375.3195
  - Maegan Kulich. Director of Adult Leagues – USTA Atlanta. [Maegan@ustaatlanta.com](mailto:Maegan@ustaatlanta.com) or 770.416.4333.
  - Chris Clayton. League Program Coordinator – USTA Atlanta. [cclayton@ustaatlanta.com](mailto:cclayton@ustaatlanta.com) or 770.416.4333

### Team Requirements

- **Forming a Team:** Teams need at least 9 eligible players registered by the deadline. Teams with less than 9 eligible players on their register on the deadline will not be permitted to play (“illegal roster”).
- **Home Facility Requirements:** Teams are required to provide two courts of the same surface at their location. **All facilities must be located in Cobb, Dekalb, Douglas, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, or Paulding County (east of Hwy 61).** Captains at a new facility should contact USTA Atlanta (770-416-4333 or [cclayton@ustaatlanta.com](mailto:cclayton@ustaatlanta.com)) to verify your facility is eligible for the USTA League Tennis program. The following information is required: facility name, address, number of courts and directions from I-285.



The team can not register until the facility is processed. Lights are **required** for any evening league matches.

- Captain Information: Captains must have a current email address in order to receive league information throughout the season. As captain, you are responsible to get all USTA Atlanta information to players. Please ENSURE that your e-mail and phone number are correct on TennisLink.

### **Player Requirements**

- New USTA Players and/or Self-Rate Players: New players that do not have a NTRP rating must self-rate using the USTA League Self-Rating Guidelines as found on [www.ustaatlanta.com](http://www.ustaatlanta.com) (Ratings > Self-Rate Guidelines). Individuals are required to answer a series of questions prior to self-rating. It is strongly recommended that self-rated players register at least 10 days prior to the registration deadline so any appeals can be handled before the close of registration. **If a person has a computer rating generated 3 years ago (2 years ago for Adult 60 & Over), s/he will be permitted to enter a new self-rating.**
- Age Eligibility: All players shall have reached the age of forty (40) years prior to or during the calendar year in which such player participates in their first local league match.
- USTA Membership: All players must have a USTA membership that is current through February 2021. To join or renew a membership, go to [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com). Current members can change contact information by calling Membership Services (800-990-8782) or emailing at [memberservices@usta.com](mailto:memberservices@usta.com).
- Captains should check with all players before registering them for the team. Once payment has been made **no refunds** will be issued. We recommend that each player be responsible for registering themselves on a team.
- If you need additional players for your team, please visit the database of players looking for a team on our website at <https://www.ustaatlanta.com/findateam>.

### **Other Important Information**

- If a league season is forced to be canceled due to Covid-19, players will receive a league credit toward another season if they were not able to begin play. If play is underway when the season cancellation occurs, players may be eligible to receive a prorated credit if it the season has just begun play.
- Teams that are formed outside of the USTA Atlanta boundaries (outside of Cobb, Dekalb, Douglas, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, or Paulding County (east of Hwy 61)) are welcome to participate in the USTA Atlanta Adult 40 & Over league (if approved). However, teams outside USTA Atlanta boundaries may be required to travel to more (if not all) matches. In every case, those teams will be grouped with the teams in closest proximities as possible.
- USTA Atlanta will make every effort to group teams within the closest proximities possible. Just because your team is closer to one facility does not necessarily mean you will be grouped in that sub-flight.
- TennisLink allows captains to view the "work in progress" that USTA Atlanta does when putting together schedules. In most cases, teams are shifted around in order to finalize other divisions. **PLEASE NO PHONE CALLS prior to schedules being posted.**

*TennisLink Instructions on the following page!*



## Instructions for Registering a Team

All team requirements must be met prior to starting registration.

### “CREATING A TEAM AND TEAM NUMBER”

- Go to <http://tennislink.usta.com>
- All players and captains must create a TennisLink account to create/register for at team. You will be required to login and enter a password to create a team.
- All Captains must create a new team number each season. This step creates a team number and registers the captain on that team.
  - Select the “Online Team Creation” under quick links section of the league page
  - Select Section (USTA/Southern)
  - Select District/Area (GEORGIA)
  - Select Area (GA-ATLANTA 2021)
  - Select League for (USTA ATLANTA WINTER – Adult 40 & Over WEEKDAY WOMEN)
  - Select Flight (example: 3.5)
  - Enter Team Name using this format: **Home Courts - Captain’s Last Name** (example would be: Hudlow - Johnson)
  - Select your Home Court Facility:
    - When you see Home Courts - Click “Other Facility” button.
    - A new screen called “Facility Locator” will pop up. In the “Special Search” box, use the arrow to drop down and select “Atlanta League Facilities.”
    - In the “Facility Name” box and type the first 3 or 4 letters of your facility name (i.e.: Hud for Hudlow) then State and click “Search”. **Do not fill in any other boxes.**
    - If your facility does not appear using the name search, take out the 3 letters of your facility and try using the facility zip code. The list may be long but your facility will be here.
    - Once your facility is located, **click on it once**, the Facility Locator screen will close and the facility name will pre-fill on the Online Team Creation page.
  - Click “Create Team.”
  - Follow the instructions on the screen for payment.
  - **Write down your team number.** Print a copy of your confirmation. You need the team number to give to your players so that they can register on your team.
  - If you did not receive a “Congratulations” screen with an invoice number then your team is not registered and the team number that you have is not valid.

### “REGISTERING A PLAYER”

- All players must create a TennisLink account to register for at team. You will be required to login and enter a password to register for a team.



- Go to “Register for a Team.”
- Enter individual USTA membership number of the player (or players) starting on line # 1.
- Enter your **new** team number for **WINTER 2021**.
- Enter your phone number. This option will allow you to override your membership information should you wish to use a **cell phone number** as your primary contact.
- Click “Submit.”
- If a person does not have a computer rating the system will **prompt a series of questions to declare a self-rating**. Players should self-rate where they believe is correct and not just use the TennisLink assigned minimum level. If you choose a rating for another person and they do not agree with that rating it cannot be changed once a match is played. **If you self-rate for another person and a grievance is filed against that person for playing below their ability level, you may be held responsible as well.**
- Enter the credit card number on the secure site.
- When the confirmation page is displayed, you are registered!

## “CHECKING YOUR TEAM ROSTER”

- Login to your TennisLink account
  - Go to your my Tennis Page
  - Select your team from your “My Teams” list
  - Select “Player Roster.”
- Note: In navigating in the team summary report, use the “Back” button on the screen.