



## The Rundown

**What:** From beginners to experienced league players, Red Hare Tennis welcomes all playing types and styles in a laid back, social atmosphere on Monday nights. All doubles play, team-based. *It's a lot social, a little competitive, and co-ed!*

**When:** Monday nights (with Tuesday options at Sandy Springs Tennis Center, Chastain Tennis Center, and Bitsy Grant Tennis Center) starting the week of September 13, league play runs 6-8 weeks

6:30 PM\* start time for Men's Doubles. Women's Doubles follows the Men's match. The night ends with Mixed Doubles.

\*DeKalb Tennis Center has a 7:00 PM Men's Doubles start time.

**Where:** The league is **facility-based** with players having the option to choose the facility that works best for them. Teams choose a facility and play all matches at chosen location.

Location options: Sandy Springs Tennis Center, Bitsy Grant Tennis Center in Atlanta, Chastain Tennis Center in Buckhead, Piedmont Park in Midtown, Terrell Mill Tennis Center in Marietta, and DeKalb Tennis Center in Decatur

**How this league is unique:** 3 lines of doubles: men's doubles, followed by women's doubles, followed by mixed doubles – 8 game sets with unique rules (players can sub in for one another, each player gets one mulligan, etc.); more beer & more fun with themed nights and social yet competitive atmosphere; end-of-season party at the Red Hare brewery with free pizza & beer for all

**Who:** 2 divisions: beginner/intermediate (2.5-3.5 rating) & intermediate/advanced (4.0-5.0 rating)\*.

\*Sandy Springs Tennis Center offers 3 divisions: Beginner (2.5-3.0), Intermediate (3.5-4.0) and Advanced (4.5+)

*A USTA membership is NOT required to participate in this league.*

**Teams:** Consist of minimum 3 women and 3 men

**Free Agents:** We also offer the option to register solo as a "Free Agent" player!

We recommend that free agents register early in the registration process as we assign free agents to teams on a first-come, first serve basis.

Please note that there are seasons in which the number of free agent players outweighs the number of teams with open space available. If this is the case, "homeless" free agents are contacted at the conclusion of registration and a full refund is issued.

### **Location Options:**

**Bitsy Grant Tennis Center:** 2125 Northside Drive NW, Atlanta, GA 30305

**Chastain Tennis Center:** 290 Chastain Park Ave NW, Atlanta, GA 30342

**Sharon Lester Tennis Center (Piedmont Park):** 400 Park Drive NE, Atlanta, GA 30309

**Terrell Mill Tennis Center:** 480 Terrell Mill Road, SE, Marietta, GA 30067

**Sandy Springs Tennis Center:** 500 Abernathy Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30328

**DeKalb Tennis Center:** 1400 McConnell Drive, Decatur, GA 30033

### **Important Dates:**

Registration Opens.....Friday, July 23, 2021

Registration Closes.....Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021

Play Begins.....Week of Sept. 13, 2021

Finals (if applicable)....Week of Nov. 1, 2021

End of Season Party.....TBD

### **Cost:**

\$60 Registration Fee/Person which includes:

- Red Hare Tennis t-shirt
- Court fees
- Balls provided for each match
- End-of-Season Party at Red Hare Brewery (21 and up)\* with free pizza and beer
- Entry into giveaways throughout the season
- Swag for all players
- The opportunity to be a part of Atlanta's top social tennis experience

\*The End-of-Season Party has free food & Red Hare beer (and/or root beer if under 21) for all league members. Players can enjoy mini-tennis, patio games and door prizes throughout the evening.

**For more info. on the "nitty gritty" like the RULES, more detail about how the season is going to go, and the REGISTRATION LINK, head back to [www.ustaatlanta.com/redharetennis](http://www.ustaatlanta.com/redharetennis)**



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **"I want to join a team with people I know. How do I join my team?"**

- The key is to use the [e-mail link](#) your captain sends to you. If you don't see an email from \*Your Captain's Name\* – TennisPoint" in your inbox, your captain can resend the link to your email by logging into TennisPoint and using the "Add/Edit and Invite Players" button.
- Go back to [www.ustaatlanta.com/redharetennis](http://www.ustaatlanta.com/redharetennis) and select the "READ ME BEFORE REGISTERING" tab for more info. on how to register correctly. Wanting to captain but still have questions? E-mail us at [redharetennis@gmail.com](mailto:redharetennis@gmail.com)

### **"I'm a free agent and have one or more friends who'd also like to play on the same team with me. How do we ensure that happens?"**

- We assign free agents to teams in the order in which they register which means signing up early-on in the registration process is helpful! You and your friends should all register individually as free agents and then shoot us an email at [redharetennis@gmail.com](mailto:redharetennis@gmail.com) with your first and last names so we can group you together in the system. We'll be in touch after registration closes about placing you on a team.

### **"I almost have enough players to create a full team but not quite. What should I do?"**

- Create a team and invite your players to join per the instructions found within the "Read Me Before Registering" tab at [www.ustaatlanta.com/redharetennis](http://www.ustaatlanta.com/redharetennis) then email us at [redharetennis@gmail.com](mailto:redharetennis@gmail.com) to let us know that you're looking to add free agents to your roster in order to meet the roster minimum. (This also applies to teams who have met the roster minimum but would like more players added to their team. We often have more than enough free agents to go around so don't hesitate to send a request for additional players.)

### **"How do I know which level I should register for?"**

- If you're unsure about what your skill level is, e-mail us: [redharetennis@gmail.com](mailto:redharetennis@gmail.com) and we'll talk it out. It's a real bummer for other teams when opposing teams are too strong or too weak for a division so let us help you figure out which division's right for you!

### **"I'm a free agent and want to play every week on the team you place me on."**

- We coordinate the league as a whole but your captain will be the one who makes weekly line-up decisions. Like any tennis team, you'll want to communicate with your captain about your season availability and expectations. Keep in mind that they've been nice enough to add a stranger to their roster so show them some #respect.

### **"I love BEER. Why am I not receiving BEER every night in a tennis/BEER league?"**

- The facilities you play out of are public facilities so while we can't shower you with beer each week, we *will* have beer giveaways and samples throughout the season and the End-of-Season party will involve LOTS of Red Hare Brewing Co. beer! (You don't want to miss the party...trust us.)

### **"I love WINNING. I want to beat everyone and win the champion's prize. Is this the right league for me?"**

- Listen, everyone enjoys winning things but this isn't the U.S. Open and to be honest, no one will care whether you win or lose. This is a *social league* which means if you act a fool on the court and



are overly competitive, the people across the net will think you're crazy and no one will want to be your friend.

Take a deep breath, chug a beer, and be nice to people. Having a good time is the name of the Red Hare Tennis game. If you want to play in a competitive tennis league with a rulebook that's longer than your newsfeed, [USTA Atlanta has LOTS of awesome leagues](#) for you to choose from.

**"How many players are on a team?"**

- The minimum is three women and three men but the max. number of players you can have on a roster is ENDLESS. Some teams have up to 20 players, some have 6. Our unique subbing rules make it possible for up to 18 players to play in one night (if you sub as many times as humanly possible). We *recommend* having more than six players as there may be some double-header situations that make it a little challenging for short-stacked teams.

**"How much does this cost again?"**

- \$60. You spend more on Lyft rides and drinks out on the weekends, don't lie. Calculate how much court fees and balls cost for 7 weeks of matches and you'll quickly discover that \$7.50/week is a small price to pay (+ a Red Hare Tennis t-shirt, giveaways, swag, the end-of-season party with dinner/beer provided, and an excuse to exercise and have a wicked good time with your friends on Monday or Tuesday nights)!

**"Why are there *three* division levels at Sandy Springs Tennis Center?"**

- SSTC is a test site; because this location is a popular Red Hare Tennis site, there are enough teams to make three divisions and we are testing how successful this division tactic is. There are three division options at SSTC: Beginner (2.5-3.0), Intermediate (3.5-4.0) and Advanced (4.5+).