



## Notes from 2024 USTA League Captain's Meetings

### 2023 Adult League Stats

- 14,257 Registrations
- 1,372 teams
- 5,928 matches
- Ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the country for unique players; 2<sup>nd</sup> in the section behind Atlanta; 1<sup>st</sup> in NC
- Ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the country for participation; 4<sup>th</sup> in section; 2<sup>nd</sup> in NC

### 2024 Adult League Stats

- 417 teams
- 43 facilities participating this season
- 1,777 matches scheduled

### 40 & Over USTA Adult League State Championship

- To be held in Charlotte June 20-23, 2024
- We will reach out with volunteer and sponsorship opportunities.

### Awards and Recognitions

- Congratulations to Blakeney Racquet & Swim Club who is our 2023 Outstanding Facility of the Year!
- Congratulations Karen Foster (Weddington Swim & Racquet Club) and Kristi Lee (Charlotte Tennis NC) who are the 2023 Captains of the Year!
- Congratulations to Debbie Carmazzi who is the 2023 USTA NC Captain of the Year!
- Congratulations to Jeff Morse (JCC) who captained the most teams in 2023. Jeff captained 11 teams and played on 14!
- Congratulations to our Adult League 40 & Over 4.0 National Championship winning Team captained by Kim Diaz and Rosayn Kartes!

### New USTA Southern Tri-Level League

- Gender specific format which consists of three lines of doubles
- Combines three different NTRP level to form the team match – higher level is line 1 (e.g. 3.0/3.5/4.0)
- Advancement from local play to State and Sectional Championships (September 19-22, 2024 (Kinston))
- **Results will count towards NTRP Ratings.**
- Will run concurrent with USTA Mixed Doubles, USTA NC Singles, and USTA Flex Leagues – registration opens April 1
- 18 & over only will be offered in 2024
- Matches will be scheduled on the traditional day/times of play (Monday and Friday mornings and Weekday evenings.) Check Days of Play schedule.
- Four levels will be offered for men, five for women:
  - 2.5/3.0/3.5 (women only)
  - 3.0/3.5/4.0
  - 3.5/4.0/4.5
  - 4.0/4.5/5.0
  - 4.5/5.0/5.5

### **USTA Mixed Doubles Format Change**

- Format has changed to straight levels
  - o 18 & Over: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 10.0 combined
  - o 40 & Over: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5
  - o 55 & Over: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5
  - o 66 & Over: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0
- Players can play “up” .5 level

### **USTA League Program Resources**

- Found on the CTA website at [www.CharlotteTennisAssociation.com](http://www.CharlotteTennisAssociation.com) under Adult Menu / USTA League Tennis
- All team captains are expected to be familiar with the Charlotte Metro USTA League Regulations and The Code in Friend at Court, and also direct teammates to the same information.
- Contains USTA Regulations, awards forms, Coman tie-break procedures, rain make up forms, playoff schedule and guidelines, new captains guides

### **Schedules**

- Check all match start times and locations particularly at public park facilities
- Skip week – March 25-31; not all flights have a skip week
- Check player availability now; determine whether you have conflicts later in the season
- Other than the first week of season any rescheduling at all needs to be played before the regularly scheduled match date
- Remind your players when you register are making a commitment to play

### **Scorecard Corrections**

- Captains/players are strongly advised to confirm scores and player names with one another at the conclusion of the match to avoid confusion with incorrect scorecard entry.
- Captains have until 2 weeks from the time match scores have been entered to request a correction to a scorecard. After that time, unless a scorecard exchange can be produced (via attachment in email or photos of scorecard) with both line-ups entered (done at time of match) no requests towards changes can be made.
- Captains must complete the [Scorecard Correction Form](#) to request scorecard changes.

### **Code Reminders**

- While on court or during a match, a player may not receive information via electronic devices capable of receiving communications such as cell phones and smartwatches.
- Stalling violates the continuous play principle of the ITF Rule of Tennis 29. Players should not take more than 90 seconds on the odd-game changeover or more than 2 minutes on the set break. Stalling is subject to penalty under the Point Penalty System.
- A toilet/change of attire break consists of a reasonable amount of time when there is genuine need. No coaching is allowed during a toilet/change of attire break.

### **Regulation Changes/Additions**

- Players must contact each other to schedule their individual matches and confirm make-up match date, time, location and court surface.
- Teams are expected to make every effort to arrange to play rained out matches by the mandatory match default date, including matches in progress. In the unusual circumstance, where teams have not rescheduled in the 14-day period, and at least one of the teams is not prepared to play on the mandatory match default date, that match will be scored as a double default.

### **Reminders**

- Balls must be USTA approved as noted on the can and should use regular duty for clay courts and extra duty for hard courts. List of approved balls is linked on the Program Resources page of website.
- Playoff dates will be posted by early March
- Winning team enters scores, although both captains have access to do so.

### **Specials**

- The Invigory USTA discount: ALL USTA Members receive 50% off their first CORE service (USTA50) and 25% off their first IV HYDRATION service (USTA25). Use codes at checkout or online.