



2026 Local League Regulations

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General League Information-Apply across all leagues

- All players participating in the USTA League Program, as a condition of their participation, agree to abide by and be bound by the USTA Constitution, the National, Sectional, District and Local USTA League Regulations; and the standards of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship which can be found in Friend at Court and The Code.
- There are links to National regulations, Friend at Court in the Helpful Hints section of these regulations.
- [Memphis](#) local league includes Shelby, Lauderdale, Tipton and Fayette Counties). All matches take place within these counties.

| <u>League</u> | <u>Local Registration Opens</u> | <u>Legal Team Registration Deadline</u> | <u>Last Day to Add Individual</u> | <u>Local Schedule Released</u> | <u>Local Playoff Dates</u> | <u>League Play Deadline</u> | <u>2026 State Championship Dates</u> |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 18 & Over | January 1, 2026 | Feb.3 | April 14 | Feb. 22 | May 6-20 | 2026 | 18 & Over Even/40 & Over Odd June 12-14 th Murfreesboro |
| 40 & Over | | Feb. 3 | April 14 | Feb. 22 | May 6-20 | | 18 & Over Odd/40 & Over Even June 19-21st (Memphis) |
| 55 & Over | | Jan. 31 | April 12 | Feb. 22 | N/A | 2026 | May 29-31st (Chattanooga) |
| 65 & Over | | May 1 | July 12 | May 9 | N/A | 2026 | September 11-13th (Knoxville) |
| Mixed Doubles | March 27 | May 1 | July 10 | TBA | N/A | 2026 | August 21-23 rd Chattanooga |
| Combo Doubles | June 1 | July 3 | Sept 5 | July 18 | TBD | 2026 | Combo 18 & 55 November 6-8 Memphis |
| Combo Doubles | June 1 | July 3 | Sept 5 | July 18 | TBD | 2026 | Combo 40 & 65 October 23-25 Knoxville |

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|------------------|----------|--------|---------|-----|----------|------|-------------------------------|
| Tri-Level | March 27 | May 1 | July 10 | TBA | 7/24-8/1 | 2026 | September 11-13th (Knoxville) |
| 2027 Early Start | August 1 | Sept 8 | TBD | TBD | TBD | 2026 | TBD |

Registration & Eligibility

- TennisLink is used to complete registration of teams and players. Players must be registered before they participate in their first match.
- TennisLink is the official system for reporting scores and providing standings.
- NTRP Rating Entry: Players without a current NTRP rating must self-rate in TennisLink. A Self-rating is valid for 2 years or until replaced by a year-end computer rating. Failure to provide accurate information will subject the player and/or the captain to sanctions and disqualifications.
- Self-rated players are eligible for appeal.
- Self-rated players and players that were granted an appeal are subject to disqualification.
- Players must reach the minimum age requirement either prior to or during the calendar year for the league in which they wish to participate.
 - *For all leagues, players must be at least 18 years of age before registering*
- All participants must be current USTA members, valid throughout the entire season including advancement opportunities.
- It is against USTA regulations for a player to have 2 USTA memberships.
- Players may play on multiple teams but may not register on more than one team in the same local area, age division, and NTRP level.
- Players are allowed to play at their current NTRP level and/or one level above it.
- Tennessee has no residency requirements.
- Divisions with only 2 teams have a 40% “at level” requirement.

Fees & Refunds

- Each player pays a league fee per team, plus a non-refundable TennisLink processing fee.

| League | Fee | Last day to request refund |
|----------------------------|------|----------------------------|
| Adult Leagues (18, 40, 55) | \$31 | May 17 |
| Mixed Doubles | \$31 | TBD |
| Adult 65 & Over | \$19 | July 19 |
| Tri-Level | \$31 | TBD |

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|-------------------------|------|---------|
| Combo | \$31 | TBD |
| USTA Early Start League | \$31 | Nov. 20 |

- Refunds: Available for players who did not play in a match and are not advancing to a championship. Requests must be made within four days after the State League Play Deadline. (Noted separately for each league)

Team Captain Responsibilities

- Each team must appoint a captain with valid email and phone in TennisLink.
- A captain can only captain one team per age division/level.
- When registering a team, the captain must use the format: Last Name/City (e.g., Smith/Nashville).
- Captains are responsible for communication with the local league coordinator, score entry, and resolving disputes and/or filing grievances.
- It is the captain's responsibility to recruit enough players to have a complete line-up at match time.
- It is the captain's responsibility to have each team member read and understand current local USTA League Regulations.
- **Home teams pay for court fees for the regular season and visiting teams provide balls for each match.**
- Teammates, spectators, and coaches may not comment on the line calls or scoring while a match is being played. Captains will be responsible for controlling spectator's conduct during match play.

Match Play

- USTA League matches are non-officiated . **Memphis will use the USTA lateness rule only for City Championships. No player or captain can time a player for a restroom break or medical timeout.**
- Matches may be played on any surface
- Completed written lineups showing all individual matches must be simultaneously exchanged, in order to start the match.
- The default time is 15 minutes after the scheduled match time. If a captain agreed to play the match after the default time, the match results stand.
- Substitutions allowed for illness/injury before 1st point is played, if the team makes the substitution before the 15-minute default rule is enforced.
- No coaching allowed during matches or breaks. *Coaching is communication, advice, or any instruction of any kind and by any means, which is either audible or visible to a player.*
- Cell phones, pagers and smart watches must be silenced or covered. Cell phones and pagers should be turned off during the match. Smart watches and fitness

trackers may be worn during the match, however, if an opponent suspects communication of any kind, they may ask that it be disconnected.

- Scoring: Best of two sets with match tiebreak in lieu of third set (Coman procedure).
- Set break: 2-minute set break at end of each set.
- Matches shall be the best of two sets with a set tiebreaker (first to 7 by 2) used when tied at 6 all in a set. In lieu of a 3rd set, when sets are tied 1-1, a Match Tiebreak (first to 10 by 2) will be played. **Coman Tiebreak Procedure** is used in all tiebreaks.
- Divisions may be separated into two or more flights, with a playoff at the conclusion of local play to determine the local champion. Players are permitted to participate in only one flight per NTRP level. **A division that has 12 teams or more may be subdivided into 2 flights per the LLC's discretion.**
- Local Leagues may use for scheduling purposes either a full round robin, partial round robin, or a combination of both as approved formats and different schemes for each level if necessary.
- **There will be a weekday and weekend bracket for any level of play if there is a minimum of 2 teams registered . If there is only one weekday team, that team will be moved to the weekend bracket. If there is only one weekend team, that team will be moved to the weekday bracket but all their matches will be played on the weekend.**
- Players who register for more than one division should be aware that local schedules are created based on court availability. While coordinators make every effort to minimize overlap, *there is no guarantee that conflicts will not occur.* Players are responsible for managing their own availability, and teams should plan accordingly.
- Teams may continue to add players according to local league's regulations. No individual may register for a local team roster after the State League Play Deadline.
- To generate a year-end computer rating, a player must have played three times during the year's rating period. Defaults do not count.
 - Local League play may need to take place at the same date/times of USTA State, Southern, Sectional or National Championships or Invitations. A team that has at least 6 players for adult spring leagues, or three players of one gender or of a level that are playing in such an event may reschedule their match for mixed, tri-level and combo leagues. These players must register and attend the championships for the team to be eligible to reschedule their match. The captain should email the opposing captain and the LLC via email at least 7 days prior to the originally scheduled match date. All matches MUST be completed by local deadlines.

Defaults & Forfeits

- The majority of courts must be played for the match to be considered *legal*. **For any**

reason other than inclement weather or USTA Championship play, a legal match as defined above must be played on the originally scheduled match date and time.

- Forfeited matches are recorded as 6-0, 6-0 for the receiving team.
- Scoring Retirements: Once a match has begun and one player retires, the match score is recorded as (i.e. 6-2, 2-1, 15-15 retired)
- Full Team Defaults – Championship Impact
- At the end of the season, if a full team default occurs (including any match deemed not legal) and the defaulted match changes the standings between 1st and 4th place:
 - The defaulting team will be removed from the standings.
 - All matches they played will still count toward dynamic ratings and advancement purposes only.
 - The defaulting team will no longer be eligible to advance.
- Defaults awarded in advance may be revoked until the start of the overall match. The team receiving the default should have players on site and ready to play in the event the defaulting team is able to secure players for the match.

Weather Interruptions

- Inclement weather is defined as precipitation or severe weather (actual temperatures below 40 degrees; 94 degrees or above) as defined by [weather.com](#) (or its app) at match time. If one of the above conditions apply, then the match may be rescheduled as long as it is played within the 14-day makeup rule and completed prior to state league play deadline. You may still play the match if both captains agree to play. Wind chill and heat index are not a factor in determining temperature.
- If play is interrupted by weather, darkness or other factors beyond the control of players, lineups stand only for positions that started; others may be changed.
- Completed matches stand as played. If a match has begun players may not be substituted when the match resumes.
- For any lines that had not begun play, the lineups may be altered if necessary. Whole lineups should not be altered after lineups are exchanged.
- Matches may be completed on a different surface when necessary.
- If a match begins outdoors on clay and is interrupted, it may be completed indoors. Matches may be moved indoors if both captains agree and the cost is split between both teams.
- Make up matches need to be scheduled between the captains. Once date and time are set and confirmed captains will email the rescheduled details to the LLC.
- If a match is rescheduled due to anything besides weather, fall or spring break (as defined by the LLC) or State (TN) or Sectional or National Championships, then 3 courts need to be played on the originally scheduled date for 5 court matches or 2 courts need to be played for 3 court matches on the originally scheduled date. The remaining court(s) may be rescheduled using the 14 day makeup policy. Captains do

not have to agree to reschedule unless it is one of the instances listed above.

Individual courts do not have to be made up at the same time.

- An inclement weather reschedule becomes official if courts or conditions are unplayable for more than 40 minutes during the 2 hour block matches are scheduled to be played.
- The supervisor of the courts will determine if the courts are playable. If there is no supervisor, the team captains will jointly make that determination.
- If captains cannot reach each other to determine if a match is eligible for inclement weather reschedule, the teams must go to the courts and be ready to play.
- Once the captains agree on a match date and time, that date and time are official and cannot be changed without the consent of the LLC. If captains cannot agree on a date, the match will automatically be scheduled for 1 PM (for weekday teams) and 6:30 PM (for weekend teams) on the 14th day from the originally scheduled date. The LLC reserves the right to book the match at another facility if the home facility is not available on the 14th day. If the makeup match scheduled for the 14th day is rained out, it will be played on the next day at 1 PM or 6:30 PM, and so on until the match is completed.
- Captains are encouraged to be proactive and schedule upcoming matches indoors or early at a time and date agreeable to both teams if inclement weather is expected the last weekdays or weekend or play.
- **Finishing Matches:** If a team's match is not finished by the time the next scheduled match starts, the players will have to vacate the courts if one or both of the next scheduled captains requests the courts at their scheduled time.

Score Entry & Disputes

- Captains enter and confirm scores in TennisLink. All scores are final after *48 hours*.
- Corrections require email to LLC with match ID number and description of changes.
- Disputes must be made in TennisLink and LLC notified by email within 48 hours.

Tiebreak Procedures for League Standings

If two or more teams are tied in the league standings at the conclusion of the regular season, the following procedures will be used to determine the final standings. The tie will be broken by applying each procedure in sequence until the tie is resolved:

1. **Individual Matches:** The team with the greatest number of individual match victories throughout the entire competition will be ranked higher.
2. **Head-to-Head Results:** If the teams remain tied, the winner of the head-to-head match between the tied teams will be ranked higher.
3. **Fewest Sets Lost:** If the tie persists, the team that has lost the fewest number of sets during all matches played will be ranked higher.

4. Fewest Games Lost: If still tied, the team that has lost the fewest number of games in all matches will be ranked higher.
5. Game Winning Percentage: If necessary, the team with the highest game winning percentage (calculated as total games won divided by total games played) will be ranked higher.
6. If two teams are still tied for first place after game winning percentage tiebreak, then a playoff match will be held between the tied teams prior to the end of league deadline.

Advancement & Championships

- Players must meet match requirements to advance (e.g., two matches played, one default counts).
- Advancement charts specify the number of teams advancing based on local participation.
- Go to Ustatn.com for championship information.
- Players who play at Sectionals or Nationals in Adult 18/40 beginning in 2026 may not appeal their rating down.

Local League Advancement Chart

| Local Teams | Teams Advancing to State |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| 2–11 | 1 |
| 12–22 | 2 |
| 23+ | 3 |

Grievances & Committees

- The fee for filing a Sportsmanship or Administrative grievance will be \$75, and shall be filed with the Local League Coordinator. The filing fee will be refunded if the grievance is upheld.
- No filing fee for NTRP grievances.
- Medical appeals have a filing fee to Southern of \$100.

Committee Structure for Local Rules and Grievances:

- The Local Rules & Regulations Committee is responsible for overseeing the enforcement and interpretation of league regulations. The committee members include: Jackie Mills , Laura Huss and Rachel Baker.

- The Local Grievance Committee is tasked with reviewing grievances submitted during league play. This committee is chaired by Terryann Nelson and includes Bryce Curry and Tanya Capeling as members.
 - Should a party wish to appeal a decision made by the Grievance Committee, the decision is referred to the Local Grievance Appeal Committee. This committee is chaired by Roger Ross and includes Rob Gosselin and Kelly Baker as members.
- Please note that the composition of both the Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees may be altered at the discretion of the USTA Tennessee Adult League Committee Chairperson. This includes the substitution of individual members or other changes as deemed necessary.
- The USTA Suspension Point System will be utilized for any grievances that are upheld.

Helpful Links and Contacts

- USTA, USTA Southern and USTA Tennessee Regulations -
<https://www.ustatn.com/adult-local-league-regulations/>
- Friend at Court –
<https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/2025-pdfs/2025-friend-at-court.pdf>
- USTA Tennessee Website – <https://www.ustatn.com/>
- USTA Southern Website – <https://southernchampionships.com/>
- Memphis Tennis Association website-memphista.com
 - Facebook- @MemphisTennisAssocation, Memphis USTA 18 & over, 40 & over,
 - 55 & over, 65 & over and Early Start League

Adult League

Days of Play

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---------|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---|--|
| No play | Daytime Overflow | 18 2.5,3.5,4.5 40 3.0,4.0 | 18 3.0,4.0 40 3.5,4.5 | No play | 18 2.5,3.5,4.5 40 3.0,4.0 55 3.5 | 18 3.0,4.0 40 3.5,4.5 55 3.0,4.0 |

Adult League Registration

- If only one team registers by the deadline for any level, a two-week extension is granted to meet the National minimum of two teams.
- If an Adult division age group consists of only two teams in a level of play, each team must maintain its roster with at least 40% of its roster at the designated NTRP level of play.

- Division 4.5 and 5.0: Each team must maintain at least 30% of players rated at that NTRP Level.
- When there are three or more teams in a division, there is no minimum number of players required at the designated NTRP level. For instance, a team registered as 3.0 may consist entirely of 2.5 level players.

Divisions & Format

| Division | NTRP Levels | Format | Min Players | Max Players |
|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 18 & Over | 2.5, 5.0 | 1 Singles, 2 Doubles | 5 | 12 |
| 18 & Over | 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 | 2 Singles, 3 Doubles | 8 | 18 |
| 40 & Over | 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 | 1 Singles, 4 Doubles | 9 | 20 |
| 55 & Over | 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 | 3 Doubles | 6 | 14 |
| 65 & Over | 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0 combined | 3 Doubles | 6 | 14 |

Divisions that play their “Local League” at USTA Tennessee State League Championships.

Adult 18 & Over

- Adult 18 & Over 5.0 Men and Women
- The above levels must meet the State deadline of May 29th, 2026 for team and individual registration. All players must be registered in TennisLink by May 29th.

Adult 55 & Over

- Adult 55 & Over 3.0 Men and 9.0 Combined M/W – These divisions will play the local league at the USTA Tennessee State League Championship. These levels must meet the State deadline of May 15th, 2026, for team and individual registration. Every player needs to complete their registration in TL no later than May 15th.

Adult 65 & Over

- If a city has multiple teams in a division, it must hold a local league and send the winner to the state championship. If there is only one team in a division, that team advances directly to the state championships.
- One match required for advancement – Defaults count toward advancement for eligible players, retired matches count for all players.

Memphis City Championships

- All players must play in two (2) matches locally to qualify for advancement to City Championships. Local playoffs are considered championship play, so each player must have played 2 matches during the local season to be able to participate.
- If a level has more than one flight/bracket, a City Championship will be played to determine which team/teams advance to the TN State Championships. If a bracket/flight

has more than 7 teams, the top 2 teams will advance to the City Championships. If a bracket/flight has 6 or less teams, only the top team in that bracket/flight will advance to City Championships. A maximum of 4 teams per flight may advance to City Championships. See Memphis Standard Regulations at memphista.com to view the full playoff rules.

- In good sportsmanship and in fairness to other teams in a flight/bracket, if your team knows before City Championships start that your team cannot advance to the State Championships, then please let the LLC know ahead of time so that your team's spot can be offered to the next team in line. Playoff teams may be asked to commit to State Championships by email if the LLC requests. If a team enters the City Championships and knows they can't play all of the courts for playoff matches, or the team knows they will not advance to the State Championships if given the opportunity, a grievance will be filed on the captain and possibly team members.

If you know your team will not be going to the state championships, please do not play in the Memphis City Championships.

- Players in Adult 18, 40, and 55 & Over must play in two matches to qualify for advancement. A player may advance on more than one team within an age group only if they are at different NTRP levels and are qualified for that team.

Tri-Level Doubles

Memphis Tri-Level Local League Coordinator: Laura Huss | laurahuss@memphista.com

- <https://www.memphista.com/leagues/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/MemphisTennisAssociation/>
- <https://www.instagram.com/memphistennisassociation/>

Divisions & Format Offered:

Format: 3 Doubles

Roster Minimum – 6

Roster Maximum - 18

| TN Division | NTRP Levels |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 18 & Over | 5.0–4.0, 4.5–3.5, 4.0–3.0, 3.5–2.5 |
| 40 & Over | 4.5–3.5, 4.0–3.0, 3.5–2.5 |
| 55 & Over | 4.5–3.5, 4.0–3.0, 3.5–2.5 |
| 65 & Over | 4.0–3.0 |

- Tri-Level Doubles teams must have at least 6 players, forming 3 separate eligible doubles pairs. Each match consists of three men's or women's doubles courts, with the winning team taking 2 out of 3 courts.

Divisions offered at the Southern Sectionals:

| <u>League</u> | <u>Divisions</u> | <u>NTRP Levels</u> |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tri-Level | 18 & Over | 5.0-4.0, 4.5-3.5, 4.0-3.0, 3.5-2.5 |
| | 40 & Over | 4.5-3.5 and 4.0-3.0 |
| | 55 & Over | 4.0-3.0 |

Local Play

- One match required for advancement – Defaults count toward advancement for eligible players, retired matches count for all players.
- Local areas that have not registered a team at any level by the registration deadline may be granted an additional 30 days to form a team, unless the State League Play Deadline occurs first.
- If only one team is registered in a division at the deadline, that team may advance directly to the state championship.
- Place the highest NTRP level on line 1, and line 1 goes on first.
- Move down one level per line thereafter.
- Players may compete at their level or one level above.
- Defaults are recorded on the line of the missing players regardless of the court order.
- The winner in each team match is the team that wins at least two out of three individual matches,
- Local League play may need to take place at the same date/times of USTA State, Southern, Sectional or National Championships or Invitationals. A team that has at least three players of one gender or of a level that are playing in such an event may reschedule their match. The three players must register and attend the championships for the team to be eligible to reschedule their match. The captain should email the opposing captain and the LLC via email at laurahuss@memphista.com at least 7 days prior to the originally scheduled match date. All matches MUST be completed by local deadlines.

Women's Weekday/Weeknight Tri-Level Primary Days of Play

| <u>18 & Over</u> | <u>40 & Over</u> | <u>55 & Over</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 3.5-2.5 Thurs | 3.5-2.5 Tues | 3.5-2.5 Thurs |
| 4.0-3.0 Tues | 4.0-3.0 Weds | 4.0-3.0 Mon |
| 4.5-3.5 Mon | 4.5-3.5 Thurs | 4.5-3.5 Weds |
| 5.0-4.0 TBD | 5.0-4.0 TBD | |

Men's Weeknight Tri-Level Primary Days of Play

| <u>18 & Over</u> | <u>40 & Over</u> | <u>55 & Over</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 3.5-2.5 Thurs | 3.5-2.5 Tues | 3.5-2.5 Weds |
| 4.0-3.0 Tues | 4.0-3.0 Thurs | 4.0-3.0 Mon |
| 4.5-3.5 Weds | 4.5-3.5 Mon | 4.5-3.5 Tues |

Combo Doubles

Memphis Combo Local League Coordinator: Rachel Baker | rachelbaker@memphista.com

Divisions & Format Offered

| Division | NTRP Levels | Format | Min Players | Max Players |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 18 & Over | 2.5, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, 10.5 | 3 Doubles | 6 | 18 |
| 40 & Over | 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5 | 3 Doubles | 6 | 18 |
| 55 & Over | 6.5, 7.5, 8.5 | 3 Doubles | 6 | 18 |
| 65 & Over | 6.5, 7.5, 8.5 | 3 Doubles | 6 | 18 |

Maximum NTRP rating allowed per division

| NTRP Level | Max Individual Rating |
|------------|-----------------------|
| 5.5 | 3.0 |
| 6.5 | 3.5 |
| 7.5 | 4.0 |
| 8.5 | 5.0 |
| 9.5 | 5.5 |
| 10.5 | 6.0 |

- A team consists of at least six players who form three separate eligible teams.
- The winning team in each team match is the one that wins at least two out of three individual matches.

- Local areas that do not have a team signed up at any level of play at the registration deadline may have an additional 30 days except when the State League Play Deadline occurs first, to form a team.
- Combo Doubles offers direct advancement for teams that have no local competition.
- Deadline for a direct advancing team to be registered in TennisLink: October 3rd
- Local play advancement qualification requires 1 match with a default counting.

MENS' WEEKEND/WEEKNIGHT PRIMARY DAYS OF PLAY

Overflow matches will be Mon--Thurs evenings depending on bracket/flight

| 18 & Over | 40 & Over | 55 & Over | 65 & Over |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 5.0 Sat-Sun | 5.5 Sunday | 6.5 Sunday | 6.5, 7.5, 8.5 |
| 5.5 Saturday | 6.5 Saturday | 7.5 Saturday | Sat/Sun |
| 6.5 Sunday | 7.5 Sunday | 8.5 - Saturday | (Indoors if available) |
| 7.5 Saturday | 8.5 Saturday | | |
| 8.5 Sunday | | | |

WOMENS' WEEKDAY - PRIMARY DAYS OF PLAY

Overflow matches will be Tues-Weds-Thurs depending on bracket/flight

| 18 & Over | 40 & Over |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 5.0 - Wednesday | 5.5 - Tuesday |
| 5.5 - Thursday | 6.5 - Wednesday |
| 6.5 - Tuesday | 7.5 - Tuesday |
| 7.5 - Thursday | 8.5 - Wednesday |
| 8.5 - Tuesday | |
| 9.5 - Wed/Thurs | |

WOMENS' WEEKEND/WEEKNIGHT PRIMARY DAYS OF PLAY

Overflow matches will be Mon--Thurs evenings depending on bracket/flight

| 18 & Over | 40 & Over | 55 & Over | 65 & Over |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 5.0 Sat/Sun | 5.5 Sunday | 6.5 Sunday | 6.5, 7.5, 8.5 |
| 5.5 Saturday | 6.5 Saturday | 7.5 Saturday | Sat/Sun |
| 6.5 Sunday | 7.5 Sunday | 8.5 Sunday | (Indoors if available) |
| 7.5 Saturday | 8.5 Saturday | | |
| 8.5 Sunday | | | |
| 9.5 Saturday | | | |

Mixed Doubles

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- <https://www.memphista.com/leagues/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/MemphisTennisAssociation/>
- <https://www.instagram.com/memphistennisassociation/>

- **Mixed Doubles:** A team shall consist of a minimum of 6 players able to combine to form 3 separate eligible teams. One team has 1 male and 1 female, and their rating is within the NTRP level they are registering for. The winning team from each match will have won at least 2 or 3 of the courts in that match.
- Match Format will be the best of 3 sets. A set tiebreak shall be used at 6-all in each set. A match tiebreak is played (first to 10 by 2) to break the tie. Coman tiebreak is played.
- Southern Mixed Doubles are played as straight levels (i.e. in the 3.5 level, both the female and male partner will have a NTRP rating of 3.5, however a 3.0 player could play up in the 3.5 position. The only division that is combined is the 10.0 division in Mixed 18 & Over. (A partnership would be a 4.5 and a 5.5)

Divisions & Format Offered

| Division | NTRP Levels | Format | Min Players | Max Players |
|-----------|--|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 18 & Over | 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, (10.0 combined) | 3 Doubles | 6 | 18 |
| 40 & Over | 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 | 3 Doubles | 6 | 18 |
| 55 & Over | 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 | 3 Doubles | 6 | 18 |
| 65 & Over | 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 | 3 Doubles | 6 | 18 |

TN Mixed Doubles Advancement Requirements – TN Championships

- **Mixed 18 & Over 10.0** will play their local league at the TN State Championships. This level must meet the TN deadline of August 8, 2026, for team and individual registration with a local fee of \$4.00. No players may be added after August 8th.
- **Mixed Doubles 18 & Over/ 40 & Over**
 - Minimum of 2 matches played during local play
 - 1 default may count toward the requirement

- If only one team is registered at the local deadline for any division an extension of 2 weeks will be given to meet the National requirement of a minimum of 2 teams per division.
- **Mixed Doubles 55 & Over/ 65 & Over**
 - Minimum of 1 match played during local play to advance.
 - If only one team is registered in a division, that team may advance directly to the TN Championships.

Memphis Mixed Doubles Primary Days of Play

Saturdays & Sundays (with overflow matches possible on Mon-Thurs weeknights)

| <u>18 & Over</u> | <u>40 & Over</u> | <u>55 & Over</u> | <u>65 & Over</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2.5 Saturday | 3.0 Saturday | 3.0 Sunday | 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 TBD |
| 3.0 Sunday | 3.5 Sunday | 3.5 Saturday | |
| 3.5 Saturday | 4.0 Saturday | 4.0 Sunday | |
| 4.0 Sunday | 4.5 Sunday | 4.5 Saturday | |
| 4.5 Saturday | | | |
| 10.0 Combined Sat/Sun | | | |

Play may be necessary during State or Southern Adult League or any other USTA event. If there are four (4) players on a local mixed team attending these Championships of either one level or one gender, the captain may request of the Local League Coordinator to reschedule the affected mixed match. Four of one level or four of one gender must attend the Championships for the team to be eligible for the reschedule. The captain should email the opposing captain and the Local League Coordinator via email at laurahuss@memphista.com at least 7 days prior to the originally scheduled match date. Please note all matches must be rescheduled prior to the first day of Sectionals. All matches MUST be completed by local deadlines.

Adult Early Start League (ESL)

Divisions & Format Offered

| Division | NTRP Levels | Format | Min Players | Max Players |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 18 & Over ESL | 2.5 women | 1 Singles, 2 Doubles | 5 | 12 |
| 18 & Over ESL | 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 | 2 Singles, 3 Doubles | 8 | 18 |

Days of Play

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---------|----------|-------------|----------|---------|-------------|---------|
| No play | Overflow | 2.5,3.5,4.5 | 3.0,4.0 | No play | 2.5,3.5,4.5 | 3.0,4.0 |

If only one team is registered at the local deadline for any division an extension of 2 weeks will be given to meet the National requirement of a minimum of 2 teams per division.

The Early Start League advances 1 team per level to the TN State Championships in June of 2027.

New Southern Regulations beginning for 2025 ESL – Players that receive a year-end computer rating that places them at a higher NTRP level at which they were competing during local play, will not be allowed to advance to the USTA Southern or National Championships, in 2025 which now includes the 2.5 division.

The players may continue their participation at the lower NTRP level through the conclusion of TN State Championships.

Matches required to advance to championships for ESL Adult League

- State Championships
 - 2 matches played on advancing team
 - 1 Default received shall count
 - Retirements count for all players on the court
- Sectional Championships
 - 2 matches played on advancing team
 - 1 Default received shall count
 - Retirements count for all players on the court
- National Championships
 - 3 matches played on the advancing team for a computer rated player
 - One default received counts as one of those 3
 - For Self-rated and computer rated appealed players- 4 matches required with no defaults counting as one of the four.
 - Retirements count for all players

-If an Adult division age group consists of only two teams in a level of play, each team must maintain its roster with at least 40% of its roster at the designated NTRP level of play.

-When there are three or more teams in a division, there is no minimum number of players required at the designated NTRP level. For instance, a team registered as 3.0 may consist entirely of 2.5-level players.

