### **Frequently Asked Questions about the State Championships**

If you have a question about the 2024 USTA Georgia League Tennis State Championships; refer to this sheet as a handy reference.

# 1. Our team won both the summer/fall and winter/spring seasons, but a couple of our players were different. Can we take all our players?

No. You must choose which season you are representing - the fall or the spring. Only those players on that roster, and who are otherwise qualified, may play. You cannot combine rosters.

## 2. How many matches does a player have to have played locally to be eligible to participate at the USTA Georgia Adult 40 & Over League State Championship?

A player must have played two matches during the same local league season, prior to local playoffs, in which his/her team qualified for the state championship. One default received by the player during local competition shall count for advancing. A retired match shall count toward advancing for all players involved.

#### 3. How soon can we get our match schedule?

The tentative schedule will be posted on the USTA Georgia Web Page (<u>www.ustageorgialsc.com</u>) or on <u>TennisLink</u> at least one week before tournament starts. The final schedule will be emailed to the captain the Wednesday prior to the start of the championship.

#### 4. Why do I have to be on the captain's zoom video call?

On the captain's zoom video call, we go over all the specific rules that apply for the tournament. All announcements concerning schedule changes are made at this time. The captain's zoom video call is the only way we can ensure you are informed of changes or special situations you need to know about to make your tournament as smooth as possible. The captain may have a representative on the zoom video call and/or attend the captain's registration.

#### 5. Our team only has four players available. Will we have to default all our matches?

You must have a minimum of seven players who can play all four positions (3.0 - 4.5), but if the Tournament Committee approves this prior to the tournament your team will be allowed to play with only 5 players (3.0 - 4.5). These defaults would be subject to the default rule (see #6).

#### 6. What is the Default rule for the State Championships?

Any team defaulting a court for any reason will incur a fee of \$100 per court defaulted. Teams will pay with the credit card on file for the deposit, or teams may choose to use cash and/or another credit card (additional \$4 processing fee if paid by credit card) if they choose to do so. If a team doesn't pay their fee, it will be charged to the credit card used to register for the state championship by the individual who submitted the authorization form. The reason for this regulation is it's your team's responsibility to have players on every court at each match during a state championship. When a team defaults a line, it not only can affect the outcome of the championship, but more importantly, it affects those players who showed up ready to play, only to find their opponents did not show. Any money collected from defaults will be given to the CTA hosting the state championship in which the defaults occurred. An appeal of this fee may be made to the USTA Georgia Adult League Committee and under extreme circumstances will be considered.

### \* Players must play at the level their rating was on the roster at the time of their local league play!