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To: USTA League Tennis Captain
From: David Bain, Senior Director of Adult & Junior Leagues
Re: 2024 USTA Georgia Adult 55 & Over League Tennis State Championships

Congratulations to you and your teammates for having a successful season and earning a berth in the 2024 USTA Georgia Adult 55 & Over League Tennis State Championships. There are over 25,000 players in Georgia competing for a berth in the USTA League Tennis Georgia State Championships, so you are in an elite group. The next step on the road to becoming a National Champion is the USTA Georgia Adult 55 & Over League Tennis State Championships, which will be held June 7th – 10th, in Columbus, GA.

Registration will be done electronically, so each player will be able to register and pay for themselves. All they will need is their team level and the captain's name. Once the local league coordinator submits the captain and team #, you will receive an email to review your Tennislink roster, the withdrawal and default policies and accept the team deposit fee of \$250. **Your card WILL NOT be charged.** The team deposit form is an authorization to charge the same credit card that was used for player registration in case of a team withdrawal or a default. USTA Georgia does not place "holds" on the credit card. If you are a non-playing captain and will not register for this tournament, click on "non-playing captain approval" and you will receive a separate email to forward the link to the player that will complete your team deposit authorization. **Your team will not be uploaded for registration until you approve it.**

Once your team is uploaded to the registration form, you and your teammates will be able to [register](#). The entry fee is \$47 per player. The deadline for the teams to be registered with the minimum number of eligible players will be no later than **Wednesday, May 15th**. Any player who registers after that date may not receive the tournament shirt (Please remind your players of this).

The directions page shows which facilities we will be using, and all levels will be scheduled to play on clay courts. Balls will be provided prior to each match.

The Columbus Regional Tennis Association (host CTA) would appreciate your help with your hotel information. This information is critical to obtaining the required rooms and Economic Impact report. Please be sure to fill out the "hotel survey sheet" (later in this packet) for all your players and submit via email to me. Please be sure your hotel knows you are with the Tennis Tournament.

Please visit the NEW USTA Georgia League State Championship website (www.ustageorgialsc.com) as this site has all the information that is needed. Once you are on the Adult 55 & Over State Championship page, you will see a picture on the upper right side that is a screenshot of our **USTA Georgia League State Championship App!** Please remind your players to download this and turn on their "Event Messages", so they can receive alerts throughout the tournament.

CORTA will be providing a meal voucher to be used one time Friday through Sunday at several local locations. They will be given to the captain at the captain registration for each registered player.



If you have questions, please contact your local league coordinator. If your local league coordinator is unable to answer your questions, contact me at the USTA Georgia office (404-256-9543 x118) or by email at bain@ustageorgia.com. The answer to most of your questions may be found in this packet or on the state championship website, so please review before calling.

Good luck to your team, and the USTA Georgia staff looks forward to seeing you in Columbus!



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ADULT 55 & OVER LEAGUE TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION SHEET (Men & Women 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0 Combined)

When:	June 7 – 10, 2024
Where:	Columbus, GA (Cooper Creek Tennis Center & satellite sites as needed)
Captain's Zoom Video Call:	Wednesday, June 5th at 7:00 pm (Zoom Video link will be emailed to the captains a few days prior and is mandatory for all captains or a representative of the captain)
Captain's Registration:	Thursday, June 6 th from 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm (CORTA office at Cooper Creek Tennis Center)
Match Format:	3 Doubles
Format of Play:	Round Robin(s) or Partial Round Robin draw. The use of multiple round robins or the use of partial round robin matches will require a playoff structure. See Championship Procedures for full details.
Play Begins:	Friday, June 7 th at 7:30 am
Play Ends:	Most round robin groups will conclude play on Sunday, June 9 th . Partial Round Robin draws finish on Saturday, June 8 th or Sunday, June 9 th .
Playoffs:	Semi-finals may begin on Sunday, June 9 th for levels with more than four groups. Most other semi-finals and/or finals may be scheduled for Monday, June 10 th .
Awards:	Champions and Finalists teams will receive awards, with all players covered by the entry fee receiving an award.
Surface /Official Ball:	Clay Court (subject to change with extreme circumstances) Penn (provided and handed out prior to each match)
Player Amenities:	State Championship Shirt (<i>see on-line registration for shirt sizing</i>) Player meal voucher to be used one time Friday through Sunday at several local locations



DIRECTIONS FOR ON-LINE REGISTRATION

1. Confirm with your local league coordinator your team is accepting the berth and the name of the captain (only one name) for the championship.
2. Your local league coordinator submits the captain and team #, you will receive an email to review your Tennislink roster, the withdrawal and default policies and accept the team deposit fee of \$250. **Your card WILL NOT be charged.** The team deposit form is an authorization to charge the same credit card that was used for player registration in case of a team withdrawal or a default. USTA Georgia does not place "holds" on the credit card. If you are a non-playing captain and will not register for this tournament, click on "non-playing captain approval" and you will receive a separate email to forward the link to the player that will complete your team deposit authorization. **Your team will not be uploaded for registration until you approve it.**
3. Use the State Championship specific link on the USTA Georgia League State Championship website to register: www.ustageorgialsc.com
4. Once the team is uploaded, Each player registers using the team level and the captain's name.
5. Each player MUST provide an accurate email and cell phone number, as these will be used if we are able to use our virtual site desk for lineup exchanges and introductions.
6. Each player will select their shirt size during the registration process and there will be NO EXCHANGES after the registration deadline.
7. The initial registration deadline is **Wednesday, May 15th** at midnight. Any player who registers after that date may not receive a shirt.
8. Entry Fee is **\$47 per player** (transaction fee included). should the team fail to complete all scheduled matches.



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CAPTAIN'S CHECKLIST

- Captains' Zoom Video Call is Wednesday, June 5th at 7 pm. The link will be emailed to you the week of the call. This is very important because we will go over all the specific rules that apply for the tournament and the changes for this year. All announcements concerning schedule changes are made at this time. The captain may have a representative on this call if they are unable to attend.
- Email the completed Hotel Information Survey filled out. This is important because that's how our hosts get financial support from their local community.
- Captains' Registration (Check-In) is Thursday, June 6th from 7:00 – 7:30 pm at the CORTA Office at Cooper Creek Tennis Center.
- Thursday, June 6th at 7:30 pm is the last day to have players registered. Make sure your team is all set by checking the list of players registered:
([Who is Registered](#))
- You will receive a list of players registered for your team and the t-shirt sizes they ordered, along with the meal vouchers. Please make sure the sizes in the bag match the list and you have been given the correct number of meal vouchers. It is your responsibility to distribute them to your players.
- Make sure you have the USTA Georgia Championships App and you are set up to receive messages and alerts for this tournament. Weather delay updates and important messages will be sent through the app.
- From the app or the Championship website, locate the links for lineup submission and the court assignment sheets. Submit a few test lineups to get familiar with the process.



2024 USTA Georgia League Tennis State Championships Withdrawal & Cancellation Policy

Tournament Withdrawal Policy

Teams that withdraw twenty-two (22) days in advance of the start of the tournament will be reimbursed their security deposit and entry fee (minus \$2 processing fee). Teams that withdraw within twenty-one (21) days of the start of the championship and the posting of the draw will not be reimbursed their entry fee. Teams that withdraw once the draw is posted will forfeit their entry fee and security deposit. Separately, the team will be subject to a grievance filed by the Championship Committee and may receive suspension penalties imposed by the Championship Grievance Committee.

Tournament Cancellation Policy

- *Round Robin Format (flighted format)*
 - Should inclement weather or other circumstances prevent the completion of the State Championship or prevent round robin matches from starting by a specific time as determined by the Championship Committee on the final day of the championship, the level/flight winners will be determined by the first of the following procedures:
 - In the event a level or flight within a level consists of multiple round robins, the first-place team will be determined by TennisLink standings at the conclusion of the most recent full round robin. If no full round robin is completed, the below-mentioned procedures would apply.
 - In the event that only one team in a round robin has a mathematical chance of finishing first, that team will be declared the winner of the round robin.
 - If more than one team has a mathematical chance of winning their round robin, and the first-place team has already beaten the other teams with a mathematical chance of winning, the 1st place team would be considered the round robin winner as the head-to-head winner.
 - If a round robin winner cannot be determined, and each team in a round robin has been given the opportunity to complete a minimum of one team match, only teams with a mathematical chance of finishing first will receive an entry into a drawing. Undefeated teams will receive a second entry into the drawing.
 - If a round robin winner cannot be determined, and each team in a round robin has not been given the opportunity to complete a minimum of one team match, each team will receive one entry into a drawing to determine the round robin winner.
- *Partial Round Robin Matches Format*
 - Should inclement weather or other circumstances prevent the completion of the State Championship or prevent un-flighted matches from starting by a specific time as determined by the Championship Committee on the final day of the championship, the winners will be determined by the first of the following procedures that does so:
 - If a minimum of 3 full partial round robin rounds have been completed by all teams, any undefeated teams will receive an entry into a drawing to determine a winner. In this instance, unfinished partial round robin rounds in fourth segment will not count.
 - In the event that only one team (after the most recent full partial round robin round) has a mathematical chance of finishing first, that team will be declared the winner.
 - If more than one team has a mathematical chance of winning, after the most recent full partial round robin round, and the first-place team has already beaten the other teams with a mathematical chance of winning, the first-place team would be considered the winner as the head-to-head winner.
 - If a winner cannot be determined, and each team has been given the opportunity to complete a minimum of one team match, only teams with a mathematical chance of finishing first will receive an entry into a drawing. Undefeated teams will receive a second entry into the drawing.

- *During Playoffs*
 - Should inclement weather or other circumstances prevent the completion of all playoff rounds during the State Championship; the following procedures will be used to determine round robin winners:
 - If cancellation occurs before or during the first round of playoffs, all group winners will receive two entries in the drawing and any best 2nd place teams will receive one entry into the drawing to determine one state champion. Team(s) that have clinched (won a majority of individual matches) in their first round of playoffs will be considered the winner of the playoff match and will also receive two entries into the drawing and the losing team(s) will be excluded from the drawing.
 - If cancellation occurs during the second round of playoffs, all teams that have not had their team match decided will receive an entry in the drawing to determine one state champion. Any winning team that has completed their second-round match will also receive one entry into the drawing and the losing team will be excluded from the drawing.
 - Once the finalists are determined, both teams will be told how the champion will be determined by the USTA Georgia Championship Committee, should cancellation occur after the finals have begun play.
 - If cancellation occurs once the finalists have been determined, but play has not begun, both teams can agree to meet at a mutual location and time to play for the state championship. A deadline will be given by the Championship Committee to complete the match. If both teams cannot agree to a mutual location and time prior to or on the deadline set forth by the Championship Committee, both teams will receive an entry in the drawing to determine one state champion. USTA Georgia will not be responsible for providing an official or for any expenses related to this match.

**TENTATIVE MATCH SCHEDULES
WILL BE ON THE INTERNET BY
Friday, May 31, 2024
(www.ustageorgiaisc.com)
([TennisLink](#))**

**TIME AND SITES ARE SUBJECT TO
CHANGE PRIOR TO THE START OF
AND DURING THE TOURNAMENT**

**FINAL SCHEDULES WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED VIA EMAIL ON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th**

Each team is guaranteed a minimum of four matches during the tournament, unless there are only 4 teams registered and the option will be given for a double round robin

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/winter or the spring/summer. 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 55 & 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 (www.ustageorgialsc.com) or on [TennisLink](#) 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 six players who can play all three positions, but if the Tournament Committee approves this prior to the tournament your team will be allowed to play with only 4 players for the entire tournament. 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!**

HOTELS

To receive Discounted Rates, Reservations must be made using phone #s & Reservation Code below before noted cut-off dates

**** Prices do not include taxes or the \$5 Georgia State Hotel Fee ****

Hotel Indigo (Sponsor Hotel)

21 14th street
Columbus, Georgia 31901
(706) 780-7800

Rate: \$179 (King)
Wi-Fi Included, On-site Restaurant. Rooftop bar
Group Code and link: [GAP](#)
Deadline: 5/19/2024

Columbus Marriott

800 Front Ave
Columbus, GA 31901
706-324-1800

Rate: \$134 /night (King or Two Queens)
Breakfast and Wi-Fi Included
Group Code and link: [FICFICA](#)
Deadline: 5/16/2024

Holiday Inn Express (Brand New)

2761 Warm Springs Rd.
Columbus, Georgia 31904
706-330-5000

Rate: \$149/night
Breakfast and Wi-Fi Included
Group Code and link: [U55](#)
Deadline: 5/19/2024

DoubleTree by Hilton

5351 Sidney Simons Blvd
Columbus, GA 31904
(706) 327-6868

Rate: \$159/night (King or Two Queens)
Breakfast and Wi-Fi Included
Group Code and link: [UUU](#)
Deadline: 5/19/2024

Springhill Suites

5415 Whittlesey Blvd.
Columbus, GA 31909
(706) 576-3773

Rate: \$134/night (King or Two Queens)
Breakfast & Wi-Fi Included
Group Code and link: [GRP](#)
Deadline: 5/19/2024

Courtyard by Marriott

3501 Courtyard Way
Columbus, GA 31909
(706) 323-2323

Rate: \$114/night (King or Two Queens)
Breakfast Included
Group Code and link: [USGUSGA](#)
Deadline: 5/19/2024

AC Hotel (Downtown)

1225 Broadway
Columbus, GA 31901
(706) 780-3090

Rate: \$179 (King or Two Queens)
Breakfast and Wi-Fi Included
Group Code: [USTA55](#)
Deadline: 5/6/2024

Home 2

1664 Whittlesey Road
Columbus, GA 31904
(706) 257-6931

Rate: \$139 (King Studio)
Breakfast and Wi-Fi Included
Group Code and link: [CORTA](#)
Deadline: No Deadline

Residence Inn

2670 Adams Farm Dr.
Columbus, Georgia 31909
(706) 494-0050

Rate: \$179/night (1 Bedroom or Studio w/Queen)
Breakfast and Wi-Fi Included
Group Code: [CORTA](#)
Deadline: No Deadline

Hyatt Place

2974 N. Lake Parkway
Columbus, GA 31909
(706) 507-5000

Rate: \$119/night (King) / \$129/night (2 Queens)
Breakfast and Wi-Fi Included
Group Code: [G-55LS](#)
Deadline: 5/16/2024



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2024 Adult 55 & Over League State Championships Hotel Information Survey

Captains: Please fill this out in advance and turn it in at the Captains Meeting.

Team Captain Name:	<input type="text"/>	CTA/Local League:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
Number of Players on your Roster:	<input type="text"/>	Captain's Cell #:	<input type="text"/>

<u>Hotel Name</u>	<u>Name on the reservation</u>	(Choose all that apply for each person)			
		<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>

****If the captain is making the room reservations in their name and having the players change them when they arrive at the tournament, please make sure this form reflects your changes when you turn it in at check in.**

Hotel Partners (please look on the hotel information page of the Captains Packet for hotel rates and offers)

Hotel Indigo (Sponsor Hotel)	Courtyard by Marriott
Columbus Marriott	AC Hotel (Downtown)
Holiday Inn Express	Home 2
DoubleTree by Hilton	Residence Inn
Springhill Suites	Hyatt Place



Directions to Cooper Creek Tennis Center

From I-185:

Cooper Creek Tennis Center (5050 Cooper Creek Parkway, Columbus, GA)

(Sites CC A, CC B and CC H) (706-317-4136)

Traveling South on I-185, take Exit 7 (Manchester Expressway). Turn left at the light onto Manchester Expressway. Stay on Manchester Expressway until you come to the Warm Springs Road Connector Exit. Take the Warm Springs Road Connector Exit and turn right at the light. Go straight and enter Cooper Creek Park. Site A (Clay Courts 21-39) will be on the left side of the road in the Annex Building and Site B (Clay Courts 1-20) will be on the right side of the road at the main Cooper Creek clubhouse – the two-story building.

In Case of Inclement Weather

Directions to Country Club of Columbus & Green Island Country Club

From Cooper Creek Tennis Center

Country Club of Columbus (2610 Cherokee Ave., Columbus, GA 31906)

(706-323-0116)

At the Cooper Creek Park traffic light, turn left (west) out of the park onto Milgen Road. Stay straight and travel approximately 3.5 miles. At the CVS/Hilton Terrace Baptist Church traffic light, turn left onto Hilton Avenue. Go to the first traffic light and turn right onto Cherokee Avenue. The Country Club will be about a mile ahead on your left.

(Note: Milgen Road changes names. Milgen Road = Gentian Boulevard = Warm Springs Road)

Green Island Country Club (6501 Standing Boy Road, Columbus, GA 31904)

(706-324-1533)

At the Cooper Creek Park traffic light: Continue straight on Warm Springs Road Connector approximately 1/2 mile. Turn left onto Manchester Expressway. Continue west to I-185. Get on I-185 heading north. Merge onto W/US-80/22 West / J R Allen Pkwy via Exit 10 toward Phenix City AL. Take the first exit (Exit 3B) onto Bradley Park Drive and bear right and follow until the roundabout. Enter the roundabout and take a right onto Green Island Drive. Travel approximately 1 mile to Standing Boy Road and turn left. The Green Island Country Club entrance is ahead on your left.