



To: USTA League Tennis Captain
From: David Bain, Senior Director of Adult & Junior Leagues
Re: 2026 USTA Georgia Adult 18 & Over League Tennis State Championships
Men's & Women's 2.5, 3.5 & 4.5 Levels

Congratulations to you and your teammates for having a successful season and earning a berth in the 2026 USTA Georgia Adult 18 & 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 18 & Over League Tennis State Championships, which for the Men's & Women's 2.5, 3.5 & 4.5 levels, will be held May 15th – 18th, in Macon, 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 \$42 per player. The deadline for the teams to be registered with the minimum number of eligible players will be no later than **Wednesday, April 8th**. 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 hard courts, barring any weather problems. Balls will be provided prior to each match.

The Macon Area 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 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 18 & 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.



The MATA 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 Macon!



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**ADULT 18 & OVER
LEAGUE TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
INFORMATION SHEET**

(Levels: Men & Women 2.5, 3.5, 4.5)

- When:** May 15 - 18, 2026
- Where:** Macon, GA (**John Drew Smith Tennis Center** & ancillary sites as needed)
- Captain's Zoom Video Call:** Wednesday, May 13th at 8:00 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, May 14th from 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm (**John Drew Smith Tennis Center**)
- Match Format:** 2.5: 1 Singles, 2 Doubles; 3.5 & 4.5: 2 Singles, 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, May 15th at 7:30 am
- Play Ends:** Most round robin groups will conclude play on Sunday, May 17th. Partial Round Robin draws finish on Saturday, May 16th or Sunday, May 17th.
- Playoffs:** Quarterfinals and semi-finals **may** begin on Sunday, May 17th for levels with more than four groups. Most other semi-finals and finals are scheduled for Monday, May 18th.
- Awards:** Champion and Finalist teams will receive awards, with all players covered by the entry fee receiving an award.
- Surface / Official Ball:** Hard Court (subject to change with extreme circumstances)
Penn (provided and handed out prior to each match)
- Player Amenities:** State Championship Shirt (*see on-line registration for shirt sizing*)
Player meal voucher to be used once Friday through Sunday at designated location(s)



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 will submit 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, April 8th** at midnight. Any player who registers after that date may not receive a shirt.
8. Entry Fee is **\$42 per player** (transaction fee included).



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CAPTAIN'S CHECKLIST

- Captains' Zoom Video Call is Wednesday, May 13th at 8 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.
- Complete the Hotel Information Survey JotForm (link is found at the end of the flyer). This is important because that's how our hosts get financial support from their local community.
- Captains' Registration (Check-In) is Thursday, May 14th from 6:00 – 6:30 pm at the John Drew Smith Tennis Center.
- Thursday, May 14th at 6:30 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.



2026 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 8, 2026
(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, MAY 13th.**

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 2026 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 18 & 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 eight players who can play all five positions (3.0 – 4.5) or 5 players who can play all three positions (2.5 & 5.0), but if the Championship Committee approves this prior to the tournament your team will be allowed to play with only 4 players (3.0 – 4.5) or 3 players (2.5 & 5.0+) 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!**

Hotel Information

Host Hotel

Hilton

Homewood Suites by Hilton



The Homewood Suites by Hilton hotel is located five miles north of Historic Downtown Macon, in the heart of Georgia. With spacious suites and easy access to I-75 to facilitate your commute to our area, the Homewood Suites by Hilton is the perfect home experience for your extended stay or your nightly visit to Macon. Conveniently located in North Macon's business area, Homewood Suites by Hilton is home to upscale residential communities, premier shopping and fine dining establishments. Guests will enjoy The Shoppes at River Crossing, fine dining at Marco Italian Restaurant or family fun at Ocmulgee National Monument. Discover our rich music heritage, home of Little Richard, Otis Redding, Chuck Levell and the Allman Brothers. Come enjoy Macon's Southern Hospitality at the Homewood Suites by Hilton Macon-North hotel.

1514 Bass Road
Macon, GA 31210
478.477.9776

Rate \$159



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The room block expires April 10, 2026.

www.maconareatennis.com

Hotel Information

Host Hotel

Marriott

Courtyard by Marriott



3990 Sheraton Drive
Macon, GA 31210

Phone: (478) 477-8899

Rate \$119

Discover the familiar comforts of home at Courtyard Macon, perfect for business retreats and leisure adventures in Macon, Georgia. With our hotel's convenient location in North Macon, you can sample the best of the city at nearby Mercer University, Macon Coliseum and Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park. Also easily explore lively nightlife, music venues and intriguing museums in downtown Macon. Following a day of work or play, retreat to relaxation in one of our spacious hotel rooms or suites. We keep you connected with high-speed Wi-Fi and feature plush bedding, ergonomic workstations and flat-panel TVs. When you've worked up an appetite, satisfy your cravings at our restaurant. The Bistro serves flavorful American cuisine for breakfast and Starbucks® coffee. During downtime, work up a sweat at our 24-hour fitness center and take a swim in our seasonal outdoor pool. No matter why you're visiting Georgia, Courtyard Macon will simplify your hotel experience.



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Hotel Information

Premier Partner Hotels



Marriott

Marriott City Center

240 Coliseum Drive

Macon, GA 31201

Phone: 478.621.5300

\$155

Hilton



Tru by Hilton

107 Providence Blvd

Macon, GA 31210

478.779.0116

\$149 Rate



Choice



Comfort Suites

120 Plantation Inn Dr

Macon, GA 31210

478.314.5130

\$107 Rate



Comfort Inn West

5000 Harrison Road

Macon, GA 31206

\$119



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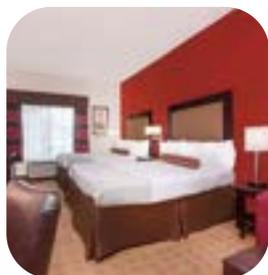


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Hotel Information

Premier Partner Hotels

Wyndham



Wingate by Wyndham

100 Northcrest Blvd.
Macon, GA 31210
478.476.8100
\$119 Rate



Microtel by Wyndham

2020 Bowman Park
Macon, GA 31210
Phone: 478.219.3016

\$75 Rate

Please call property to book



LaQuinta Inn & Suites

4615 Chambers Road
Macon, GA 31206

\$125 Rate



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Hotel Information

Premier Partner Hotels



Avid
3969 River Place Drive
Macon, GA 31210
855.229.5934
\$109 (S)/\$119(D)Rate



Holiday Inn Express
240 North Macon St
Macon, GA 31210
833.372.4819
\$139(Q)/150 Rate (Q Suite)



Garner West
110 Plantation Inn Dr
Macon, GA 31210
478.474.9922



Candlewood Suites
3957 River Place Dr.
Macon, GA 31210
478.254.3530



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A close-up photograph of a bright yellow-green tennis ball resting on a green tennis court surface. A white line runs diagonally across the court. In the background, a green tennis net is visible, creating a grid pattern. The scene is lit from the side, casting a long, dark shadow of the ball and the net onto the court.

WHO DOESN'T LOVE A PRIZE?

**BOOK YOUR ROOM
USING THE LINKS
PROVIDED IN THIS
BROCHURE AND
YOU'LL BE
REGISTERED TO WIN
A HUGE GIFT BASKET
OF TENNIS GOODIES!**

**COMPLETE THE HOTEL JOTFORM BY MAY
10TH AND BE REGISTERED TO WIN 2 VIP
TICKETS TO THE SEMIS/FINALS OF THE
MERCER TENNIS CLASSIC (100K WTA PRO
CIRCUIT TOURNAMENT) INCLUDING
LODGING (FRIDAY AND SATURDAY),VIP
LOUNGE ACCESS & VIP SWAG BAG!**

JOTFORM CAN BE FOUND [HERE](#)

Directions to Macon Tennis Association Facilities

John Drew Smith Tennis Center
3280 North Ingle Place
Macon, GA 31210
(478) 474-5075

From I-75 take the Arkwright Exit 169. Go west to First light at Riverside Dr and take a left on to Riverside Dr. Follow Riverside Dr. until you reach an Arby's on the right and take a right on to Northside Dr. Go about 100 yards and look for the John Drew Smith Tennis Center sign. Turn left on to North Ingle Place, which dead ends at the John Drew Smith Tennis Center.

Directions to other Macon tennis facilities: (from John Drew Smith Tennis Center)

Randy Stephens Tennis Center
7035 Houston Rd.
Macon, GA 31216
(478) 259-4792

Take a right on to Northside Dr. Go about 100 yards and take a right on to Riverside Dr. Go about 1 ½ miles and take a Left on to I-75 S. Stay on I-75 S for 13 miles and take Exit 153, Sardis Church Road. Turn right on Sardis Church Road and follow for 2 miles. Turn right on Houston Road and the complex will be on the right.

Stratford Academy
6010 Peake Rd.
Macon, GA 31210

Take a right on to Northside Dr. Go about 100 yards and turn right on to Riverside Dr. Go 4/10 mile and turn right onto Wimbish Road. Go 1.5 miles, then take a slight left onto Forest Hill Road (Forest Hill Rd is just past North Minster Drive). Go 6/10 of a mile and turn right onto Forsyth Rd/Vineville Ave. Go 1.5 miles, and then turn left onto Tucker Road. Go 2.6 miles and turn right onto Peake Road. Go 4/10 mile, and then turn left into the Academy. You must go all the way around the school to reach the tennis courts parking.