

Columbia Mixed Doubles Tennis League

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TEAM REGISTRATION FOR MIXED DOUBLES IS NOW OPEN IN TENNIS LINK at <http://national.usta.com> AND WILL CLOSE MIDNIGHT, APRIL 15, 2016. Once a player registers on TennisLink, there are no refunds.

REGISTRATION FEE FOR MIXED DOUBLES 2016:

Age 18 & Over - \$20 (includes \$3 TennisLink fee)

Age 40 & Over - \$20 (includes \$3 TennisLink fee)

Age 55 & Over - \$15 (includes \$3 TennisLink fee)

Age 65 & Over - \$15 (includes \$3 TennisLink fee)

4 STEPS CAPTAIN MUST COMPLETE BY APRIL 15, 2016 MIDNIGHT TO REGISTER TEAM:

1. Captain must first obtain home court approval directly from your facility **PRIOR** to registering a team on TennisLink. The league will verify which teams are on the facility approval list. Teams without approval will be re-assigned or deleted. **NO REFUNDS.**
2. Captain must submit the team captain contact form to CTL league to provide email and phone contact numbers for captain's directory via CTL website www.columbiatennisleague.org.
3. Captain must register the team on TennisLink and type your team code and home court code as part of your team name. TennisLink does not prompt you to enter these codes – you must type codes into your team name! (see instructions below).
4. **DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING A TEAM ROSTER WITH A MINIMUM OF 6 PLAYERS (3 men and 3 women) IS APRIL 15, 2016.** It is the responsibility of the team captain to insure a roster of 6 players (3 men & 3 women) is registered on TennisLink by April 15, 2016! Team rosters that are not complete with 6 players cannot be placed on a schedule, and **WILL BE DELETED** with no refund. **NO EXTENSIONS! NO EXCEPTIONS!** Once a player pays registration fees on TennisLink, there are **NO REFUNDS.** TennisLink will not accept a player without a USTA membership current through the end of the Mixed Doubles season. CTL will shut down all registrations at midnight April 15, 2016 on TennisLink. We will check team rosters and delete teams that are not legal. Once the schedules are posted for the current season, CTL will reopen registration and additional players may register to join a team roster on TennisLink until the next to last scheduled match.

Mixed doubles season will start the week of May 2, 2016 and conclude in July. Schedules will NOT be mailed, but will be published on TennisLink and captains will be notified by email. Captains are to print scorecards from TennisLink for matches.

All age divisions/NTRP levels must play a local league. No singleton teams will be allowed to advance to the Mixed Doubles State Championship. If only one team has signed up in your age division/NTRP level, that team may be assigned to play in another area league.

A player may play at the same NTRP level in the same age division (18 & Over, 40 & Over, 55 & Over and 65 & Over) on teams in separate Mixed Leagues in South Carolina during the same season.

Example: A player may play on a 6.0 team in the 18 & Over age division in both CTL and LATA. If a player advances on two teams in different Local Mixed Leagues at the same NTRP level, that player must choose which team he/she will play on at the State Championships. NO scheduling accommodations will be made for conflicts.

During the South Carolina Mixed League Season, a player may play at different NTRP levels in the 18 & Over, 40 & Over, 55 & Over and 65 & Over age divisions in the same Mixed League during the same season if qualified by age and NTRP criteria. Example: A player age 40 may play 6.0 and 7.0 in the 18 & Over and 40 & Over age divisions. A player 65 & Over may play 6.0 and 7.0 in the 18 & Over, 40 & Over, 55 & Over and 65 & Over age divisions.

Players who qualify for South Carolina Mixed Doubles State Championships may advance on multiple teams in the 18 & Over, 40 & Over, 55 & Over, and 65 & Over age divisions. No accommodations for scheduling will be made at the Mixed State Championships. It is the responsibility of the captain to make sure there are enough players on the team to cover players who may be playing on multiple teams at the State Championships.

All age divisions/NTRP levels will be attending the same Mixed Doubles State Championship in Florence the weekend of September 9-12, 2016.

COURT FEES: Captains are required to pay court fees directly to the facility where they are playing, if the facility requires court fees.

Team fees for the county/city public facilities listed below are:

\$120 per team – 18 & Over and 40 & Over

\$100 per team – 55 & Over and 65 & Over

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEAMS TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR HOME COURTS FROM COUNTY AND CITY PARKS AND PAYMENT OF TEAM COURT FEES: These facilities are: Columbia Tennis Center, SouthEast Park, Greenview Park, Parklane (aka Richland County Tennis Center), Caughman Road Park, Trenholm Park, St. Andrews Park and Northsprings Park.

- Do NOT register your team on TennisLink until AFTER you obtain approval for home courts! Each facility maintains a master list of teams that are approved for home courts. Courts are limited and home teams are approved on a first-come/first serve basis. CTL will verify lists with facility before scheduling. If your team is not on the approved list, your team will NOT be scheduled and will be re-assigned or deleted from TennisLink with no refund.
- Pay your team fee for courts promptly!!! Your team fee covers court costs for all your home matches and make-up matches at county and city parks. The team captain must pay this fee directly to the facility – ONE CHECK ONLY for the total amount. Failure to pay the team fee will result in your team being denied courts.

COLUMBIA TENNIS CENTER and SOUTHEAST PARK: Team captain must report in person to CTC to obtain home court approval for SEP or CTC from Bill or Jeff, and must pay the team fee at that time. Captain must furnish team name, age division/NTRP level, match play date, plus captain name, phone and email, along with team fee check. You may call 733-8440 to inquire if courts are available, but NO phone calls will be accepted for court approval and team will not be approved without team fee payment at time of request. Submit ONE CHECK for team fee, payable to “Columbia Parks and Recreation”, and deliver to CTC by April 15, 2016.

GREENVIEW PARK: Contact Greenview at 754-5223. Team captain must submit a written request in order to secure home courts at Greenview. Make ONE CHECK for team fee, payable to “Columbia Parks and Recreation” and submit to Greenview Park by April 15, 2016.

PARKLANE, CAUGHMAN ROAD, TRENHOLM PARK, ST. ANDREWS PARK AND NORTHSPRINGS PARK: To obtain approval to play at any of these county facilities – submit a written request by email to Cliff at RCTC@rcrc.state.sc.us. Specify the facility requested for home courts, team name, age division/NTRP level, play date and captain name/contact phone/email. RCTC will keep a master list of teams approved for each county facility and will notify each facility. The phone number for inquiries is 788-3001. Make ONE CHECK for team fee, payable to “RCRC” and deliver to ATTN: Cliff Toms, Richland County Tennis Center, 7500 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC 29223 by April 15, 2016.

CAPTAIN INSTRUCTIONS FOR CTL TEAM CONTACT FORM:

This form is posted on www.columbiatennisleague.org website and **MUST** be submitted when you register your team on TennisLink. We will email a captain directory to each captain who submits this form. If you do not submit this form, you will not receive notices from CTL and will not be added to the captain list directory.!

NEW: REGISTERING TEAM NAME ON TENNISLINK

You must name your team as follows when registering on TennisLink:

Team Code – team name – home court code C18ST-Lobsters-SA

Team Code for all Mixed league teams in all age divisions 18 & Over, 40 & Over, 55 & Over, 65 & Over: “C” followed by 18, 40, 55, or 65 then followed by Captain’s first and last name initials. For example, Captain Susan Turner of the “Lobsters” playing in the 18 & Over age division with St. Andrews home courts would enter team name of C18ST – Lobsters – SA.

See list below for home court facility codes:

<u>CTL FACILITY</u>	<u>“TENNIS LINK” HOME COURT CODE</u>
Camden Country Club	CCC
Caughman Road	CR
Chestnut Hill Plantation	CHP
Cobblestone Park	CSP
Columbia Tennis Center	CTC
Forest Lake Club	FLC
Greenview Park	GV
Harbison Rec Ctr	HB
Jeep Rogers YMCA	YMCA
Kershaw County West Complex	KCWC
North Springs Park	NS
Parklane Tennis Center	PK
Rockbridge Club	RK
Scott Park	SP
SouthEast Park	SEP
Spring Valley Club	SV
St. Andrews Park	SA
Trenholm Park	TP
Wildewood Club	WWD
Windermere Racquet Club	WRC

The South Carolina Mixed Doubles League Program offers team competition for 18 & Over men and women with levels of straight 2.5, and combined 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 and 10.0 where individual mixed doubles teams' combined NTRP ratings may not exceed the overall team level entered. All participants must reach 18 years of age during the calendar year in which they play their first local league match.

The Mixed League also offers 40 & Over league competition at the 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 combined levels. All players must reach 40 years of age during the calendar year in which they play their first local league match.

55 & Over and 65 & Over Mixed League play will be offered at the 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0 levels. The 9.0 level will also be offered in the 55 & Over division. 55 & Over players must reach 55 years of age during the calendar year and 65 & Over players must reach 65 years of age during the calendar year in which they play their first local league match.

FORMAT: Three mixed doubles partnerships - Minimum number of six (6) players per team. The partners' ratings cannot be more than 1.0 rating apart.

To play in the:

- 2.5 level, (combinations: 2.5 & 2.5 , or 2.0 & 2.5)
- 6.0 level, (combinations: 3.0 & 3.0, or 2.5 & 3.5)
- 7.0 level, (combinations: 3.5 & 3.5, or 3.0 & 4.0)
- 8.0 level, (combinations: 4.0 & 4.0, or 3.5 & 4.5)
- 9.0 level, (combinations: 4.5 & 4.5, or 4.0 & 5.0)
- 10.0 level (combinations: 5.0 & 5.0, or 4.5 & 5.5)

Players who do not have a rating on file in Tennis Link shall self-rate in accordance with National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) Guidelines and complete the self-rating process on Tennis Link when registering for a team. Failure to do so or omission of information regarding a player's tennis history will subject the player, the captain, and/or others who condoned inaccurate self-rating to sanctions and disqualification.

CTL 18 & OVER MIXED DOUBLES: PLAY-NIGHTS: (6:30pm)

Monday – 8.0;

Tuesday – 2.5 & 9.0;

Wednesday – 7.0;

Thursday – 6.0.

Saturday – 10.0 (9:30am)

This would be subject to change only in event of unexpected number of teams on a given night.

CTL 40 & OVER MIXED DOUBLES: PLAY-NIGHTS: (6:30pm)

Monday – 6.0;

Tuesday – 7.0;

Wednesday – 9.0

Thursday - 8.0.

This would be subject to change only in event of unexpected number of teams on a given night.

CTL 55 & OVER MIXED DOUBLES: PLAY-DAY: 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 levels will play on Saturday mornings at 9:30am.

CTL 65 & OVER MIXED DOUBLES: PLAY-DAY: 6.0, 7.0 AND 8.0 levels will play Sunday afternoons at 3:00pm.

All participants must be on the original roster and have played at least two matches locally (one default may count) in the Mixed 18 & Over division and the 40 & Over division in order to be eligible to compete at the Mixed Doubles State Championships. A retired match shall count toward advancing for all players involved.

In the Mixed 55 & Over and 65 & Over divisions, players must play at least one match (one default may count) in order to be eligible to compete at the Mixed Doubles State Championships. A retired match shall count toward advancing for all players involved.

Players who qualify for South Carolina Mixed Doubles Championships may advance on multiple teams. No accommodations for scheduling will be made at the Mixed State Championships.

MIXED DOUBLES STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

18 & OVER AND 40 & OVER – SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2016, FLORENCE, SC

55 & OVER AND 65 & OVER – SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2016, FLORENCE, SC

MIXED DOUBLES SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

18 & OVER AND 40 & OVER – OCTOBER 7-9, 2016, CHATTANOOGA, TN

55 & OVER AND 65 & OVER INVITATIONAL – TBD, LITTLE ROCK, AR

2016 LEAGUE RULES – each captain/player is responsible for reading and complying with the Mixed Doubles local league rules, state rules, sectional rules and national rules. These will be published in the mixed doubles section at www.columbiatennisleague.org. READ THEM!