

Columbia Tennis League

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Schedules for spring league are published on Tennis Link, and spring season has sprung!

CTL Spring League starts play February 1, 2019. Please review dates and match times on schedules in Tennis Link carefully - some divisions have weeks with 'facility blackout' or 'skip' dates during the season!

Captains: Be sure your home courts are reserved each week!

CAPTAINS MUST confirm the number of home courts with your facility each week AND notify visiting captain 3 days prior to match date how many courts will be provided at match time, pursuant to CTL Rules.

Courts are limited at facilities, and the number of courts for your team may vary per match due to multiple home team matches. **Captains should try to work out arrangements to play early or late matches with each other ahead of time, when home courts are limited for a team match.** NOTE: There are staggered match times at Rockbridge in some weeks (6:00 pm and 7:30 pm) when there are double home matches at Rockbridge. It is important that captains communicate and that teams begin all matches promptly!

The CTL local league rules, state rules, sectional rules, and national rules are posted on the CTL website. Many of the questions we are asked are covered in the CTL local rules. All captains and players are responsible for reading and complying with these rules! If you have questions, please contact us!

CTL City Championships: For NTRP levels with more than one division, there will be a city championship playoff between divisions to determine CTL league champion who will advance to state championships.

***NOTE:** New USTA Rules now require that players must now pre-qualify to compete in CTL city championships by participating in minimum of 2 matches during the CTL regular season. (A default received can count.)

CTL city championships schedule for spring league will be posted on CTL website calendar in the near future. 2019 SC State Championship dates/locations for each age group are also posted on the CTL website calendar.

Important Reminders:

***Tennis Link is open for additional players to register on existing teams until March 31, 2019.**

***Matches MUST be played as scheduled, unless there is inclement weather or unless otherwise permitted under CTL Rules. There is NO exception without express authorization from your level coordinator.**

****Rain-out rules!** Please review and comply with the rules. CTL rules allow a **2-week time span** to complete a make-up match from the original match date. **CTL rules require captains to decide within 48 hours on mutually agreeable make-up date(s) and inform level coordinator by email (must copy opponent captain!).**

This rule enables the level coordinator to keep track of rained-out matches, ensures both captains are communicating & avoids unnecessary disputes between captains regarding 'agreements'. If the captains cannot agree or **if the match score is not posted on TL within 2 weeks, the standard default date/time set forth in CTL Rules applies and is binding on both teams.**

*** Home Captain is responsible for entering match scores into TL within 48 hours of the match completion.**

*** Each captain must exchange a written line-up/scorecard with opponent no later than starting time of match. Captain must confirm scores and player names with opponent captain at end of match.**

Please contact your LEVEL COORDINATOR if you have any questions, problems, or need assistance during the season. They are there to help you! Good luck this season – and most importantly, have FUN on the courts!