

2010 Combo Doubles League Information

Please read this before you register a team!

Registration for the USTA Combo Doubles League and Combo Doubles Weekday Women's League is now open. **The deadline to register is May 30, 2010.** To register a team, visit the local league website www.richmondtennisleagues.com, click on the appropriate league page and complete the online registration form.

- **Do not register a team unless you are sure you have enough players!** We consider your registration to be a firm commitment to bring a team to the league, and we do our scheduling based on these firm commitments. If you are hopeful that you will have a team or you think you will probably have a team, don't register until you are sure.
- **Online Registration Form:** The only way to register a team is by using the online registration form. An email stating, "Our club plans to have 3 men's 7.5 teams" does not register your team.
- **TennisLink Team Numbers:** A list of registered teams will be kept on the Combo League pages and will be updated every few days until the deadline. TennisLink team numbers will be added to the list throughout May, so please check the list every week until you see your assigned Team Number.
- **Email:** If you want to be team captain, you must have access to email. Email is the main form of communication with the coordinator and other captains.
- **Work Email Address Issues:** If you plan to use your work email address for your contact information, please make sure that emails to multiple recipients are not blocked. If these emails are blocked, use another email address. Some captains set up a yahoo, gmail or hotmail account to use for tennis purposes.
- **Captain Contact List: Captains must register in TennisLink as soon as their team number is assigned. When you register, please don't forget to click on the box designating yourself as Team Captain. If you don't click that box, you will not be listed as Team Captain and you won't be able to access the Team Captain Report / Contact List.** The Captain Report pulls your name, address, email address and phone number from the USTA Membership database. If the information on the Captain's Report is not accurate, you must update it by calling USTA Membership or by clicking on the USTA Membership / Renew your Membership link on the TennisLink home page.
- **League Rules & Procedures:** Please visit the League Rules and Forms page on the local league website and review the 2010 Richmond Local League Rules & Procedures for all leagues. Also, see the short list of league rules that apply to Combo Leagues only.
- **The 2-Player Rule:** Mid Atlantic Rule 12d (the 2 Player Rule) does not apply to Combo Doubles.
- **Playing at more than one level:** Since the 2-player rule no longer applies to Combo Leagues, players may participate on as many teams as they want at different levels, as long as their rating allows it. Combo doubles allows up to a 1.5 rating differential for each doubles team. For example, a 7.5 doubles team could be a 3.5 and 4.0 playing together, or a 3.0 and 4.5 playing together.
- **Playing on different teams at the same level:** Each player may play on one team per level within the same league. Players can play on 2 teams at the same level if the teams are in different leagues. In Richmond, Combo Doubles and Combo Weekday Women's League are 2 different leagues.
- **Players looking for teams:** If you need any players, go to the league website and click on the players looking for teams page. Several players are looking for teams.

Important league dates are listed below.

- Schedules will be posted on the league website by June 30, 2010. The number of matches for each level will be determined after all teams have registered.
- The season will start the week of July 5-11, 2010.

- The league season will end August 31, 2009. Please be prepared to play more than one match per week in order to finish the season on time.
- The Combo District Tournament will be held October 1-3, 2010. (4th rain date).

Please visit our website frequently for updates and new information!
www.richmondtennisleagues.com