

Mid Atlantic Rule 11 – the “2 Player rule”

11. **USTA League Tennis Regulations** Rule 3.01H(5) authorizes players and captains to participate on more than one team under certain conditions. Specifically in Mid-Atlantic Section and for any Division, whether or not that division results in Sectional Championship competition:
- a. **Same league, same level:** a player/captain may play on or captain one team at the same level within the same local league.
 - b. **Same league, different levels:** a player/captain may play on or captain more than one team in the same local league, so long as each team is at a different NTRP level.
 - c. **Different local leagues:** a player/captain may play on or captain more than one team, regardless of the NTRP level, if each team is in a separate local league.
 - d. **Player limitation for leagues which advance to Sectional Championships, i.e. Adult, Senior, Mixed Doubles, Super Senior, Super Duper, Senior Mixed, Super Senior Mixed and Tri-Level.** In local level leagues of:
 1. four or more teams, only two players who are registered on the same team may be members together on any other team in the same Division during the same season.
 2. three or less teams, three players may be members together on another team in the same Division during the same season.
 3. exception - three players may be members together on another team in the same Division during the same season in the Super Senior, Super Duper, Senior Mixed and Super Senior Mixed Divisions only, regardless of the number of teams in their local league.

The infraction occurs at registration.

Where violations of this rule occur, penalties are established as (a) immediate disqualification from the second (or any subsequent) team of all players who are members together on another team, except for the first two (or where authorized, three) such players, the order of registration as recorded in Tennislink being the determinative factor, unless a player has not played a match for either team, then the player may select which team to be removed from; and (b) forfeiture of all matches played by the disqualified players on behalf of the second (or any subsequent) team. The disqualified players may continue to participate on their other team(s) without penalty, and to register for additional teams consistent with this Rule #12 and any District or local registration deadlines.

Clarification of MAS Rule 11

Players may play on more than one team, as long as they follow Mid-Atlantic Sectional rules (MAS). Please remember MAS rule 11 when putting rosters together. The rule states that no more than 2 players from a team may play together on another team **in the same division during the same season.** Below is a list of all Richmond USTA Leagues and which USTA Divisions they fall under:

Adult Division Leagues

Richmond Weekend League
Richmond Weeknight Men's League
Richmond Weekday Women's League

Adult Mixed Division Leagues

Richmond Adult Indoor (Winter) Mixed League
Richmond Commonwealth Mixed League

Combo Doubles Division Leagues

Richmond Combo Doubles League

Richmond Weekday Women's Combo Doubles League

Combo Mixed Doubles Division Leagues

Richmond Combo Mixed League

Senior Division Leagues

Richmond Senior Women's League

Richmond Senior Men's League

Richmond Super Senior and Super Duper Senior Women's League

Richmond Super Senior and Super Duper Senior Men's League

Senior Mixed Division Leagues

Richmond Senior Mixed Doubles League

Tri-Level Division Leagues

Richmond Tri-Level League

Singles Division Leagues

Richmond USTA Singles League

Please remember that this rule applies regardless of level. Players may play at different levels, but the same rule applies. Below are examples to further clarify the rule.

Example 1:

TEAM A is playing in the Weeknight Men's 4.0 League, which is a 10 team league.

TEAM B is playing in the Weekend Men's 4.0 League, which is a 12 team league.

TEAM A – all players have registered and are on the roster.

TEAM B is allowed to take 2 players from Team A because they are in a 12 team league.

In this example, both teams have the same 2 players, and it is legal.

Example 2:

TEAM A is playing in the Weekend Women's 3.5 League, which is a 10 team league.

TEAM B is playing in the Weekday Women's 4.0 League, which is a 10 team league.

TEAM A – all players have registered and are on the roster.

TEAM B is allowed to take 2 players from Team A because they are in a 10 team league.

In this example, both teams have the same 2 players, and it is legal.

Example 3:

TEAM A is playing in a 10 team league.

TEAM B is playing in a 3 team league.

TEAM A – all players have registered and are on the roster.

TEAM B is allowed to take 3 players from Team A because they are in a 3 team league.

In this example, both teams have the same 3 players, and it is legal.

Example 4:

TEAM A is playing in a 10 team league.

TEAM B is playing in a 3 team league.

TEAM A – players have not yet registered.

TEAM B – all players have registered and are on the roster.

In this example, Team A may NOT use 3 players from Team B, because they are in a 10 team league. If they did, this would be an example of where both teams have the same 3 players, and it is NOT legal.

The emphasis is on the date/time of registration. This is critical.