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RICHMOND USTA 18 & OVER TRI LEVEL
LEAGUE FACT SHEET

Welcome to the 2017 season of the Richmond USTA Tri Level League. It's going to be a great league of play! Listed below is information that will help you with planning your team.

1. The point of contact for this league is: Sandra Mason, bamsdm141@comcast.net, (804) 461-0451.

2. The cost for the Tri Level League is $34.00 plus the TennisLink transaction fee. (Section and Region Fee: $26; $6 non-refundable & Local League Fee: $8.00). You will pay the fee on TennisLink when you register for your USTA team.

3. **LEAGUE SCHEDULE:** Day/Times may be changed due to needs of the league. Coordinator will work with clubs and facilities to set match times. A minimum of 8 matches will be scheduled for each level which may require multiple matches in the same week in order to complete by the deadline. Matches will be scheduled according to court availability at each team's club or facility. Teams are not guaranteed an even number of home and away matches.

4. **IMPORTANT DATES:**
   a. Jul 1st: Registration starts. Please register at rvatennisplayers.com. A Tennislink team number will be issued upon receipt of your registration commitment and captains will be notified of their team # via email and it will be posted on the website.
   b. Richmond will offer the following Tri Level Leagues:
      i. **Tri Level 18 & Over Men's 3.5/4.0/4.5 evening league (Tues or Thurs evenings, 6-9p)**
      ii. **Tri Level 18 & Over Men's 3.0/3.5/4.0 evening league (Wed or Mon evenings, 6-9p)**
      iii. **Tri Level 18 & Over Women's 3.5/4.0/4.5 evening league (Thurs or Tues evenings, 6-9p)**
      iv. **Tri Level 18 & Over Women's 3.5/4.0/4.5 morning league (Fri or Wed mornings, 9a)**
      v. **Tri Level 18 & Over Women's 3.0/3.5/4.0 evening league (Mon or Wed evenings, 6-9p)**
      vi. **Tri Level 18 & Over Women's 3.0/3.5/4.0 morning league (Mon or Fri mornings, 9a)***NEW IN 2017**
   c. The days listed above are the primary days matches will be scheduled however, if courts aren't available on the primary days, matches will be scheduled on whatever days courts are available.
   d. Aug 1st: Registration deadline. Captains must have a minimum of 6 players registered in Tennislink; 2 at each level according to USTA MAS #12. Match play must be in order of strength - no player may play above a player with a higher rating. Defaults do not have to be from the bottom up if players are not available for a particular level.
   e. Aug 30th: Match schedules will be posted in TennisLink by this date.
   f. Season starts the early part of Sep. Actual start date will be dependent on the number of teams and necessary length of the season to get all matches completed.
   g. Deadline for adding players to rosters in Tennislink subject to change based on season ending date.
   h. Dec 1st: Matches must be completed by this date.
   i. No Regional Championship
   j. Jan 2018: Sectional Championship; if there are other teams in Mid Atlantic to compete against. At Tri Level Sectional Championships all players must be at the correct level and no player may play up a level. If teams do not have enough players or combination of players available to compete and meet this requirement, then they may request a waiver through the Section League Committee.

k. Mar 2018 BNP Paribas Tri-Level Open Championships is for 3.5/4.0/4.5 level only. 3.0/3.5/4.0 and 2.5/3.0/3.5 teams only have the opportunity to advance to Sectionals if there are other teams to compete against.

5. LOCAL LEAGUE PLAYOFF AND SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

a. This league does not have a Regional Championshp. Tri Level 18 & Over local league winners will advance directly to Sectional Championships; if there are other teams in Mid Atlantic to compete against.
b. There will be a local playoff between the #1 weekday and the #1 weeknight teams at the same level. This play off will take place on the weekend.
c. **Match Format:** Each match will consist of 3 individual doubles matches at each of the levels; 3.5/4.0/4.5 (4.5 play #1; 4.0 play #2; 3.5 play #3); 3.0/3.5/4.0 (4.0 play #1, 3.5 play #2, 3.0 play #3) or 2.5/3.0/3.5 (3.5 play #1, 3.0 play #2, 2.5 play #3).
d. **Age Limit:** Players must be 18 years old, or must turn 18 during this calendar year.
e. **Email:** All captains must have access to a computer and must have an email address. All league information will be communicated via email. If you use your business email address, please make sure emails to multiple recipients are not blocked.
f. **Tennislink :** Captains must register in Tennislink as soon as team numbers are assigned. Don't forget to check the box designating the team captain so that you will have access to reports / contact lists of the other captains. If the information on the Captain's Report is not accurate, you must update it by calling USTA Membership or by clicking the "manage account" link on your Tennislink home page. Non-playing captains should notify the league coordinator to be added to the team as captain.
g. **League Rules & Procedures:** You will receive a copy of the Local League Procedures. Please print and keep a copy of these procedures with your tennis match gear for future reference.
h. **The 3 Player Rule:** Only 3 players may be members together on another team in the same division, within an age group, at the same NTRP level, during the same season. See Mid Atlantic Rule 11d. Each player may play on one team per level within the same league. The Tri Level 3.5/4.0/4.5 morning Women's League and the Tri Level 3.5/4.0/4.5 evening Women's League are considered 2 separate leagues in the same Division thus only 3 of the same players can register for the same teams. Same applies for the 3.0/3.5/4.0 morning and evening leagues.
i. **Roster Limits**: The Tri Level teams must have a minimum of 6 players (2 at each level); According to USTA MAS #10, rosters can have up to 22 players. I would recommend 12 but no more than 18.
j. **Players Looking for a Team:** Please email the league coordinator if you are looking to join a team or if you need more members for your team.
k. **MAS Problem Match Rule*:*** If there is a problem on the court with outcalls, foot faults, or delay of game, teams may seek an acceptable (by both) impartial third party to make calls in regards to these concerns. If an acceptable impartial third party is not available, a team captain or team representative from each team may observe the match from a stationary position at the net post. Selected parties must be in DIRECT observation and must remain at the net post (I.e. don't start wandering to baselines). If both agree, out call correction stands. If only one party agrees then player's call stands. In regards to foot faults, before a player may call a foot fault on his opponent, (s)he must first give a warning.
l. **Grievances:** Will be handled by a committee.
m. **ALL information will be emailed to you by the league coordinator.**

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