



2025 USTA League Section Championships

MISSOURI VALLEY HANDBOOK

**18 & Over 2.5 W, 3.5, 4.5 Men and Women
55 & Over 6.0 & 8.0 Men and Women**

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MISSOURI VALLEY

CHAMPIONSHIP DETAILS

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CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

August 1-3, 2025

Match play begins on Friday, August 1, 2025.

Sunday semis and finals and awards are typically completed by 5pm.

We present awards as teams complete their matches in order to help teams that are traveling more time.

SITES

[Dwight Davis Tennis Center](#)

5620 Grand Drive
St. Louis, MO 63112

[Westminster Academy](#)

800 Maryville Centre Drive
Town and Country, MO 63017

[Lindbergh High School](#)

5000 Lindbergh Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63126

PRACTICE COURTS

There are no practice courts on site. Please reference this [link](#) for other options.

OFFICIALS

One official will be on site to help settle disputes. However, as in a regular local league match it is up to the players, and the players only, to call their own lines and track their own score.

CAPTAIN'S WEBINAR

All captains must attend this virtual webinar.

Google Hangouts:

Section Champ 1-STL Captains Webinar

Tuesday, July 29 · 6:00 – 6:30pm

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/yap-pps-x-agn>

Or dial: (US) +1 650-758-7333 PIN: 134 116 635#

PLAYER ENTRY FEE

Every player advancing to the USTA Missouri Valley League Section Championships is required to register and pay the \$52 individual player entry fee. Captains and players are not able to register their teammates due to the safety waivers that must be completed and signed during the registration process. **All players need to register themselves.**

Registration link: [Match Tennis Team Registration](#)

The minimum number of players must be registered by the July 17, 2025 deadline.

After this deadline, the registration fee will go up to \$72 per player.

*Refunds are subject to the host district's policies. Email your request to leagues@ustastl.com.

*Any team that withdraws within two (2) weeks of the event will not receive a refund.

HOW TO REGISTER:

All players will register via the Match Tennis Team App home page for that event. This link will be sent to captains once their district has submitted their advancing team to the Section. Follow the [link to register](#).

1. Click Open link
2. Make sure your tournament is set to the event you are needing to register for
Then follow the drop down and prompts:
 1. Select your division
 2. Select your team role
 3. Select your team (It may say TBD under the captain name but that will change once we sync everything with tennislink)
 4. Confirm it is the correct team you want to register on
 5. Enter your USTA number
 6. Click Verify
 7. it will then send you to set up an account
 8. Fill out all of the information
 9. Create account
 10. Then follow the rest of the prompts to accept the waivers and pay

MANDATORY CAPTAINS CHECK-IN

Where: USTA St. Louis District Office

1 First Missouri Center, Suite 115, Chesterfield MO
(Part of the First Bank building, on the Spiro side)

When: Thursday, July 31, 2025 from 5-6:30pm

Note: Captains need to check in their team and pick up their captain's packets and player gifts. The check in takes about 10-15 minutes. Captains may send a representative to check in their team, please email leagues@ustastl.com to let us know the name and contact person who will be checking in your team if you are unable to.

HOST NOTES

- Player lunch
 - Saturday at both sites, Firehouse subs from TBD.
- Shaved Ice for players
 - Friday at both sites
 - Dwight Davis from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.
 - Westminster from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm.
 - [Link to St. Louis Local Information](#)
- Host Hotel
 - [DoubleTree by Hilton St. Louis Forest Park](#)
 - Group Name: USTA Missouri Valley
 - Cut-off Date: July 21, 2025
 - Please note, the entire URL is linked above. You can also call the DoubleTree, 314-256-7777 and ASK for Group USTA Missouri Valley.

WATER, ICE & FOOD

Water will be available onsite to refill water bottles as well as free bananas (while supplies last) and

onsite small snack options for purchase. We are not able to provide ice for coolers but there is some ice on site for injuries and water bottle refills for players already on court.

PLAYER GIFTS

All players attending the 2025 League Section Championships will receive a commemorative gift. Captains will receive one item per player who was registered by the deadline to pass out to their players. **Anyone registered after the July 17th deadline may not receive a gift due to late registration.**

AWARDS

Awards and banners will be presented to the winning team. Twelve (12) awards will be present on site. USTA will provide additional awards beyond the 12 for registered players at the event; these additional awards will be shipped to the captain after the championship has concluded if there are not enough on site.

Sportsmanship Nomination

Players who are recognized onsite at one of the 2025 League Section Championships will receive a sportsmanship pin and prize. They will also be entered into the grand prize drawing for our year round Super Sport Initiative. Details linked [here](#).

ELIGIBILITY

- 18 & Over 2.5: A **minimum** of five (5) players who were on the final local roster must be available to compete at sectionals.
 - 18 & Over 3.5, 4.5: A **minimum** of eight (8) players who were on the final local roster must be available to compete at sectionals.
 - 55 & Over 6.0 and 8.0: A **minimum** of six (6) players who were on the final local roster must be available to compete at sectionals.
- There are no team or player waivers at League Section Championships.**
- A computer rated player is eligible to advance to a League Section Championship competition if that player has played on the advancing team in at least two (2) matches from local play through the District League Championships, one (1) default counts.
 - Self-rated and Appeal-rated players must play on the advancing team in at least three (3) matches from local play through the District League Championships, **no defaults count**.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND COMMUNICATION PLAN

In the event of an impending major weather situation that could impact a USTA League Section Championship event, the USTA has committed to using best efforts to keep the players, captains, volunteers and staff updated prior to the event.

- USTA Missouri Valley staff will send out a communication through the Match Tennis Team App to players and captains to inform players of the tournament plan.
- Please note that the tournament format, number of matches and scoring format may change due to circumstances beyond our control such as weather. Extreme weather conditions could cause delays, modifications and possible cancellation of the tournament. **There are no guaranteed back-up indoor courts where the championship can be played in the event of rain or extreme heat.**
- In the event of rain or suspension of play caused by extreme heat, please remain at the tournament site until the tournament staff informs you of the play schedule.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Everyone:

- **NEW Championship software! Please download the Match Tennis Team App before arriving on site. You will register, set and submit lineups, get court assignments, report scores and confirm scorecards all through the Match Tennis Team App.**
- **Match Tennis Team App Review Training-Hosted by Match Tennis (Captains and Players)**
 - Every week via Zoom Meeting on Wednesdays @6pm
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88962952078?pwd=BtfJqfcRG4OMdMOyxIYVtTrca97Ny2.1>
- The match schedule can change frequently. The final match schedule will be posted at the start of the Captain's webinar. Therefore, please check Match Tennis Team App often for updates.
 - We will also have a live Google schedule that we will send out and link on the event website after the captains webinar.
- Teams (captain & players) report to the site at least 30 minutes before match time.
- Tournament staff will check your photo ID before everyone's first match.
 - When a court becomes available, all players for that next line will receive a text/notification from Match Tennis Team. You will then come to the tournament desk, show your ID, meet your opponents and get the balls for the match. Random checks may also be possible.
- Maximum 10 minute warm-up with their opponent, including serves.
- All players should use the score tenders on court at all times. Home and visitor are labeled on the digital lineup.
- At the completion of a match, tap racquets and confirm the score with your opponent.
 - Before leaving the court, **record the match score in the Match Tennis Team App**. If there is a disagreement on the score, call the Official over to the court.
 - If you tap rackets and leave the court, the match is complete and played in good faith.
- It will be hot. Please prepare for the weather, we can help!
 - [Hydration Matters](#)
 - [Beat the Heat: Cooling & Hydrating Tips for Tennis Players](#)
 - [Nutrition for Recovery](#)
 - [Health Handling the Heat](#)

Captains:

- When all courts of a team match have been reported the captain needs to confirm the scorecard on the Match Tennis Team App. It is then submitted to TennisLink.
- All match lineups should be submitted via Match Team Tennis App by the team captain, or a designated representative of the team, at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled match time. Failure to comply may result in penalties at the tournament referee and tournament director's discretion.

COACHING

No coaching is allowed by captains, teammates, or spectators during the match. Cell phones or electronic devices are not allowed on court. Please work out problems on court as best as you can. If players are not able to work out a dispute, please raise your racquet to get the attention of our official. If unable to get their attention, then one of the players on court may come to the Tournament Desk to request the Referee. (Captains and/or other players should not be involved with decision making.)

SCORING

1. Best of two tiebreak sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set.
2. Match Tiebreak (10 Points, Win by 2): When the score in an individual match is one set all, a Match Tiebreak shall be played in lieu of a 3rd set (Coman Tiebreak). This tie-break game replaces the deciding final set. The player/team who first wins ten points (win by two) shall win this match tiebreak and the match. If the score goes to 9-9 and beyond, players continue to play until there is a winning margin of 2 points (i.e. 11-9, 12-10, 15-13, etc).
3. Two minute rest between 1st & 2nd set and between 2nd & 3rd set match tiebreak (Coman Tiebreak).

Coman Tiebreak procedures apply to all tiebreak sets including the Match Tiebreaker. First team serves one time, followed by two serves for each team thereafter. Change sides after the first serve and then after every four points thereafter. (Note: Easy way to remember in doubles is that each player will serve from the same side).

TIEBREAK PROCEDURE TO DETERMINE STANDINGS

For Section and National Championships, in which there is a tie, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so.

1. Individual Matches. Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.
2. Head-to-Head. Winner of head-to-head match only if all tied teams have played each other and one team defeated all the teams that are tied.
3. Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets.
4. Games. Loser of the fewest number of games.
5. Game Winning Percentage: Total games won divided by total games played
6. A method to be determined by the championships committee. Procedure to be announced prior to commencement of championship competition.

The computer breaks as many ties as possible using a given step before using the next step until the order of finish is determined.

NO DEFAULT COMPETITION

If you default a court – it's defaulted throughout the entire round robin in which the default occurred.

REMARKS FROM THE SECTION STAFF

Come prepared, remain flexible, and represent yourself, your team, and your district in a professional manner throughout the event. This will ensure a wonderful experience for you, your teammates, and your fellow competitors. Congratulations on advancing to League Section Championships, we're looking forward to seeing you!

[2025 USTA League Color Wars Store](#)

Find razor back shirts, short sleeve performance shirts, hats and pullover jackets in the **2025 League Color Wars** shop in the store. Check out the gifts and drinkware shops for the perfect team gifts.



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