

# MIDWEST WISCONSIN

## **GETTING STARTED**

Refer to Madison Tennis document for details of the various leagues.

## LEAGUE (AGE GROUPS)

18 & Over, 40 & Over, 55 & Over, 65 & Over—must turn minimum age or older in the calendar year. i.e. 40 & Over starts in January, but you won't be 40 until December of that year. Are you eligible to play – YES

Players are invited to join teams by Captains. Players complete the <u>"looking for a team"</u> form and captains use this information to contact players.

Players may join USTA without having a rating; however, players must have a rating in order to join a team. Players may wait until they are invited to join a team before they join USTA.

USTA memberships are available for different lengths of time with associated costs. Cost to join teams are in addition to the USTA membership fee. Costs to join teams vary with the league but generally run \$50-\$60 (estimate) for approximately 10 weeks of match play.

#### **SELF-RATING**

Every player must have a rating in order to join a team. Rating guidelines may be viewed at <a href="http://www.wisconsin.usta.com/Adults/USTA">http://www.wisconsin.usta.com/Adults/USTA</a> League Tennis/

If a player is unsure of the rating process, contact Pam Hammond, Executive Director – <a href="mailto:pamhammond62@gmail.com">pamhammond62@gmail.com</a>

### Pertinent information

Email or text to schedule the call.

If team and team number are known, a purchased USTA number is helpful

Players need to know the email that is associated with their USTA number and their password. Player needs to be on a desktop or laptop computer, not iPad or tablet, and be running a browser

Player needs to be on a desktop or laptop computer, not iPad or tablet, and be running a browsel other than Chrome.

Player needs to be on their phone and computer during the conversation.

If all that is done/in place, the process is done in less than 10 minutes.

Existing players begin the new season with their end-of-year rating from the last season that they played. Any computer rating generated from the 2023 league year will be good for three years (2022 for players 60 years or older) or until a new computer rating is generated.

Players may join teams at their level and one higher. For instance, a 3.0 rated player may play on both a 3.0 team and a 3.5 team. A 3.5 player may be on a 3.5 and a 4.0 team if they want to play on two teams. Each level plays on a different day so there are no conflicts.

For Mixed Doubles, 55&Over, 65&Over a 3.0 and a 4.0 or a 3.5 and a 3.5 may be partners on a 7.0 team. There may not be more than 1.0 differential on a Mixed team. A 2.5 and 4.5 may not partner at 7.0

Combo Mixed generally combines 3.5 and 3.0 players at 6.5; 3.5 and 4.0 players combine at 7.5. There may be more than 1.0 differential in Combo and Combo Mixed so a 4.5 could partner with a 3.0 at 7.5.

USTA membership for a 2024 USTA/Wisconsin Madison League must be valid through the end of the local league season.

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Adult 18 & Over, Adult 40 & Over, Adult 55 & Over and Adult 65 & Over

Tri Level 18 & Over Ladies Singles and/or Doubles (Delta 3.0, 3.5, 4.0)

Tri Level 18 & Over Ladies Doubles (Omega 3.5, 4.0, 4.5)

Tri Level 18 & Over Men's Single/Doubles (Delta; Alpha and Omega)

Tri Level 18 & Over Mixed Doubles

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Mixed 18 & Over; Mixed 40 & Over

Combo 18 & Over and Combo Mixed 18 & Over