



USTA New England Social League FAQs

What is the format of the league?

Our leagues are typically 7 weeks long each season (spring, summer and fall). The first week is a fun hit around with group games like King of the Court to get some practice in and meet the other people at your site. The following 5 weeks are matches (most sites are only doubles, though a few select sites will offer singles as well). The final week will be playoffs, which may be run in a few different formats.

After the first week, we will assign teams for the season. Each team will have a captain who will be responsible for setting the lineup each week and entering it in the league spreadsheet. Captains should make matchups as even as they can in terms of playing level. Matches are typically one hour long.

In most of our leagues we put an extra person on each team. Many people miss a week or two each season so it lessens the burden on team captains to find subs outside of the league when people can't make it.

How are teams created?

All players register for the league as individuals and then we assign teams primarily based on playing level, availability and teammate requests. We do our best to honor teammate requests but these are not guaranteed. Since this is a social league and we encourage players to meet and play with everyone at their site, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to be partnered with the same person each week.

I'm fairly new to tennis and I'm not sure if I'm ready for this league. Can you help?

To sign up for one of our leagues, you must be able to serve, rally and know the rules of tennis at a minimum since our league is match-based. If you can do that, we always recommend signing up for a recreational league first (unless you played college club or varsity tennis) since this league is good for all playing levels. Please see our main Social League webpage for more details on playing levels.

If you're not ready for matches, we suggest signing up for our Tennis in the Parks beginner program first – see the link on our Social League website under the "Beginner Instructional

Course” header. These classes are meant for those who have never picked up a racquet before and/or need to learn the fundamentals of tennis. This program is led by a coach and is run for small groups of players.

What makes this a social league?

While our league offers level-based matches that should be competitive, the goal is to create a fun and social environment where players can meet new friends and be active. We also encourage players to be social during and after matches. This could include watching and cheering on your team, participating in theme nights or going to a bar or restaurant after tennis. We also offer special events and gatherings throughout the year to bring players from all sites together.

Do I have to bring my own balls each week?

Nope! Your registration fee covers all balls, prizes and court fees. The only things you need to bring with you are your racquet and a positive attitude!

What happens with rainouts? Do we make up those weeks?

We do our best to add on days at the end of the season to make up for rainouts, but they’re not always guaranteed due to permitting and scheduling allowances. Please refer to our league rulebook for more details.

Can I pay a prorated amount or get a partial refund for weeks that I’m missing?

Since we are a non-profit organization and offer our leagues at an affordable price, we cannot offer prorated registrations or discounts at this time. Please refer to our league rulebook for more details.

Why do you cap some sites at 40 or 45 years old?

Data analysis revealed that the average age of USTA league players is 47 years old. We created this league specifically for young adults to give them more opportunities to play tennis and meet their peers in a fun and casual environment. However, based on feedback and a desire from players over 40 to join one of our social leagues, we have designated some of our sites to be 18 & over or 21 & over.

If you don’t see a league on our webpage that works for you, please feel free to let us know. You can also check out our events, Flex Leagues and competitive USTA adult leagues for more options.