

2026 CTL SPRING ADULT LEAGUE

18&Over, 40&Over, 55&Over, 70&Over

Local League Coordinator: Deborah Salzberg
 Email: CTL.LLC@sctennis.com (preferred contact method)
 Website: <https://sctennis.com/columbia-tennis-league/>
 Mobile: 803-479-7350

IMPORTANT:

- Registration opens in [Tennis Link](#) (TL) on December 3, 2025.
- **Registration closes January 11, 2026 (at 11:59PM).**
- Matches will start the week of January 26th and the deadline to add players is March 31.
- **MANDATORY CAPTAIN'S MEETING: TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025 – 6:30-8:00PM, at the Rockbridge Club, 4135 Rockbridge Rd, Columbia, SC 29206. If the captain cannot attend, they should send a representative.**
- Each level winner will earn an automatic bid to the State Championship.
- To be eligible to play at any CTL/City, State, or Sectional Championship, a player must have at least 2 matches during the regular season for 18&Over, 40& Over, and 55&Over, which may include up to one default. For 70&Over, a player must have at least 1 match during the regular season to advance to any playoff or Championship.
- CTL [2026 Local League Rules](#) for Spring Adult League

RULE CHANGES FOR 2026:

1. **Minimum & Maximum # of players by Age and Level:** CTL had several excessively large teams in 2025, which meant that certain levels had fewer matches or too many repeated round robins due to low numbers of teams. After a review of rules for maximum team sizes in other areas, CTL will now enforce the Maximum # of Players below.

Age Group	NTRP Level	Format	Minimum/ Maximum #Players	Winners Could Advance To:
18 & Over	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	2 Singles, 3 Doubles	8/ 18	National Championships
	2.5 (women), 5.0	1 Singles, 2 Doubles	5/ 14	National Championships
	2.5 (men)	1 Singles, 2 Doubles	5/ 14	Southern Sectional Championships
40 & Over	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	1 Singles, 4 Doubles	9/ 19	National Championships
	2.5	1 Singles, 2 Doubles	5/ 14	Southern Sectional Championships
55 & Over	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0	3 Doubles	6/ 15	National Championships
70 & Over	3.0, 3.5, 4.0	3 Doubles	6/ 18	SC State Championship

2. **Direct Advance for Singleton Teams: Adult 70&Over** teams will be allowed to directly advance to the State Championship if there is only one (1) team for the level. **New for 2026: Directly advancing teams must consist of 50% of players from the Local Area.**
3. **Local League at State (LLAS): Fewer levels will advance via LLAS to State Championships in 2026.** For the Spring Adult League, LLAS levels will be **18&Over 5.0 Men & Women and 40&Over 2.5 Men**. LLAS teams are required to have at least 60% of their TL roster from South Carolina. Residency is determined using the address used for their USTA account.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CAPTAIN TO CREATE A TEAM:

ALL 4 STEPS MUST BE COMPLETED BY 11:59PM ON JANUARY 11, 2026!

Per USTA South Carolina Mandate, no teams can be added after the deadline!

1. Captain must FIRST obtain home court approval directly from desired facility PRIOR to registering a team on TL. Teams without facility approval will be re-assigned.
2. Captain must make sure that contact information is correct on their TL account. This information will be published in the Captain's Report tab on the Stats & Standings area of TL. This is where opposing captains and the LLC will find your phone # and email address.
3. Captain must name and register their team on TL using the following format (as required by USTA National):
Team name format: CTL and age division/Captain's last name/Facility code For example: **CTL18/Smith/CTC** (See list of facility codes on page 3.)
4. Captain must ensure that the minimum # of eligible players have registered by 11:59PM on January 11 (see table above for minimum requirement by Age and Level).

ADDITIONAL PLAYERS: After the schedules are published, around January 18 or 19, the TL registration portal will be re-opened, and additional players may register for existing teams through March 31.

REGISTRATION FEES: For 2026, the CTL League the player registration fee will increase by \$6 to \$26.15,* which includes \$23 for registration and a \$3.15 TennisLink fee. Once a player has registered for a team, there will be NO REFUNDS, but a credit could be given for a future league registration, under extenuating circumstances with approval from the LLC. **The team Captain will continue to receive a complimentary registration fee (\$23)** and will only have to pay the \$3.15 TennisLink fee. USTA memberships must be current through the end of the local season for players to be eligible to register.

**Fees adjustments have been small over the years, with the last major change in 2021. For context, the current national average USTA Registration fee is about \$25. This increase will help cover rising costs and will support the things that make CTL possible. These include captain's gifts, local winner gifts, sectional team stipends, court fees for local championships, facility improvements like resurfacing and windscreens, and ongoing tennis growth in the greater Columbia area.*

COURT FEES: Captains are required to pay court fees directly to the facility where they are playing. Check with the facility to inquire about the cost of court fees. **Both public and private facilities must give approval for home courts before teams are registered in TennisLink.**

COUNTY AND CITY PARKS and PAYMENT OF TEAM COURT FEES:

- Do NOT register your team on TennisLink until AFTER you obtain approval for home courts! Each facility maintains a master list of teams that are approved for home courts. Courts are limited and home teams are approved on a first-come/first- served basis. If your team is not on the approved list, your captain will be contacted; and you may have to find alternate courts as home courts. **Pay your team fee for courts promptly! Your team fee covers court costs for all home matches and make-up matches at county and city parks.** The team captain must pay this fee directly to the facility for the total amount. Failure to pay the team fee will result in your team being denied courts.

CAYCE TENNIS AND FITNESS CENTER – Team captain should call CTFC 803-227-3030 to obtain home court approval and pay the court fee.

COLUMBA TENNIS CENTER and SOUTHEAST PARK – Team captain must obtain home court approval from Jeff Kefalos at CTC. You may call 803-733-8440 to inquire if courts are available, but phone calls will NOT be accepted for official court approval without fee payment. Submit ONE CHECK payable to “Columbia Parks and Recreation” and deliver to CTC.

GREENVIEW PARK – Contact Greenview at 803-754-5223. Team captain must submit a written request to secure home courts at Greenview. Make ONE CHECK for team fee, payable to “Columbia Parks and Recreation” and submit to Greenview Park.

HARBISON COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER – Contact Danelle Gunter at 803-781-2281 or dgunter@harbisoncommunity.com.

RICHLAND COUNTY TENNIS CENTER (a.k.a. RCTC or Parklane), TRENHOLM PARK, ST. ANDREWS PARK AND NORTH SPRINGS PARK – Submit a written request for approval by email to Shauna at shauna.williams@rcrc.state.sc.us. Specify the facility requested, team name, age division, NTRP level, match play days, captain’s name & contact phone/email. RCTC will keep a master list of teams approved for each county facility and will notify each facility.

TENNIS CENTER OF CAMDEN – Contact Rick Martin at 803-432-0252 or rmartin@camdensc.org

FACILITY CODES: See below. Remember that your team’s name should be in the following format: **CTL and age division/captain’s last name/facility code, e.g. CTL18/Smith/CTC**

FACILITY	CODE	FACILITY	CODE
Cayce Tennis & Fitness Center	CTFC	Spring Valley Country Club	SVCC
Columbia Tennis Center	CTC	St. Andrews Park	SA
Cobblestone Park	CSP	Tennis Center of Camden	TCC
Greenview Park	GV	Trenholm Park	TP
Harbison Rec Center	HB	Wildewood Club	WWD
Northsprings Park	NS	Windermere Club	WRC
Richland County Tennis Center (Parklane)	PK	Woodcreek Farms	WF
Rockbridge Club	RK	Woodlands Club	WLD
Southeast Park	SEP		

2026 SPRING ADULT LEAGUE DAYS OF PLAY

<u>18 & OVER MEN</u>			<u>18 & OVER WOMEN</u>
2.5 - Adult Men - Wednesday, 6:30 pm			2.5 - Adult Women - Day Wednesday, 9:30 am
3.0 - Adult Men - Monday, 6:30 pm			2.5 - Adult Women – Night Wednesday, 6:30 pm
3.5 - Adult Men - Thursday, 6:30 pm			3.0 - Adult Women - Day Friday, 9:30 am
4.0 - Adult Men - Wednesday, 6:30 pm			3.0 - Adult Women – Night Monday, 6:30 pm
4.5 - Adult Men - (NEW!) Thursday, 6:30PM			3.5 - Adult Women - Day Tuesday, 9:30 am
5.0 - Adult Men – Local League at State			3.5 - Adult Women – Night Tuesday, 6:30 pm
			4.0 - Adult Women - Day Monday, 9:30 am
<u>40 & OVER MEN</u>			4.0 - Adult Women – Night Thursday, 6:30 pm
2.5 - Adult Men – Local League at State			4.5 - Adult Women - Sunday, 3:00 pm
3.0 - Adult Men Thursday, 6:30 pm			5.0 - Adult Women – Local League at State
3.5 - Adult Men Tuesday, 6:30 pm			
4.0 - Adult Men Monday, 6:30 pm			<u>40 & OVER WOMEN</u>
4.5 - Adult Men Sunday, 3:00 pm			2.5 - Adult Women - Sunday, 3:00 pm
			3.0 - Adult Women - Day Thursday, 9:30 am
<u>55 & OVER MEN</u>			3.0 - Adult Women - Night Tuesday, 6:30 pm
3.0 – Adult Men – Saturday, 9:30 am or 11:00 am			3.5 - Adult Women - Day Thursday, 9:30 am
3.5 – Adult Men – Saturday, 9:30 am or 11:00 am			3.5 - Adult Women - Night Wednesday, 6:30 pm
4.0 – Adult Men – Sunday, 3:00 pm			4.0 - Adult Women - Day Friday, 9:30 am
9.0 – Adult Men – Saturday, 9:30 am or 11:00 am			4.0 - Adult Women - Night Monday, 6:30 pm
			4.5 - Adult Women - Day Wednesday, 9:30 am
<u>70 & OVER MEN</u>			4.5 - Adult Women - Night, Thursday, 6:30 pm
3.0 – Adult Men – Thursday, 9:30 am			
3.5 – Adult Men – Thursday, 11:00 am			<u>55 & OVER WOMEN</u>
4.0 – Adult Men – Tuesday, 9:30 am			3.0 – Adult Women – Saturday, 9:30 am or 11:00 am
			3.5 – Adult Women – Day Monday, 10:00 am
<u>70 & OVER WOMEN</u>			3.5 – Adult Women – Saturday, 9:30 am or 11:00 am
3.0 – Adult Women – Tuesday, 11:00 am			4.0 – Adult Women – Sunday, 3:00 pm
3.5 – Adult Women – Tuesday, 9:30 am.			9.0 – Adult Women – Saturday, 9:30 am or 11:00 am
4.0 – Adult Women – Thursday, 9:30 am.			