

2026 CTL TRI-LEVEL LEAGUE

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IMPORTANT:

- Registration opens in [Tennis Link](#) (TL) on March 9th and initially closes on April 19 at 11:59PM.
- Matches may begin as early as the week of May 4.
- Format: team matches consist of 3 Doubles courts, each at a different level.
- **Deadline to add players for teams with a local season will be JUNE 15th.**
- A player must have at least 1 match during the regular season, including up to one default, to participate in City, State or Sectional Tri-Level championships.
- **A legal team consists of at least 6 players, with NTRP ratings to ensure that they could field a match where no player plays down, and players may play up one (1) level. E.g., a legal 4.0, 3.5, 3.0 Tri-Level team could have two 3.0 players, three 3.5 players, and one 4.0 player, since a 3.5 player could play up at 4.0.**
- **Local League at State (LLAS):** the following will play their local season at the Tri-Level State Championship:
 - 18+ 5.0, 4.5, 4.0 Men & Women
 - 40+ 4.5, 4.0, 3.5 Men & Women and 4.0, 3.5, 3.0 Men
 - 55+ 4.0, 3.5, 3.0 Men & Women
- The **State Championship** for Tri-Level will be held in Sumter on September 18-20.
- Link to Local Rules: [Tri-Level CTL Local Rules 2026](#)

RULE CHANGES FOR 2026:

- CTL Tri-Level teams will be capped at a **Maximum of 20 players.**
- **New Levels offered for 40+ and 55+**

REQUIREMENTS FOR CAPTAIN TO CREATE A TEAM:

ALL 4 STEPS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE 11:59PM ON APRIL 12, 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, which is where opposing captains and LLC will find your phone # and email address.
3. Captain must name and register their team on TL using the following format (established by USTA National in 2022):
Team name format: CTL and age division/Captain's last name/Facility code For example: **CTL65/Smith/PK** (See list of facility codes on page 3.)
4. Captain must ensure that a minimum of 6 eligible players have registered by April 13, at midnight. (*Extensions may be considered in extenuating circumstances, but LLC must be contacted within 24 hours of registration deadline for any consideration.*)

ADDITIONAL PLAYERS: After the schedules are published, around April 27, the TL registration portal will be re-opened, and additional players may register for existing teams. The deadline to add players to the roster for teams playing a local season is June 15.

REGISTRATION FEES: **For 2026, the CTL League the player registration fee has increased 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 Parkline), TRENHOLM PARK, ST. ANDREWS 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

DAYS AND LEVELS OF PLAY:

18&Over	
<p><u>WOMEN (WEEKEND)</u> 3.5, 3.0, 2.5 – Sunday 2:30pm 4.0, 3.5, 3.0 – Saturday 9:30am 4.5, 4.0, 3.5 – Sunday 2:30pm 5.0, 4.5, 4.0 – Local League at State (LLAS)</p> <p><u>MEN (WEEKEND)</u> 4.0, 3.5, 3.0 – Sunday 2:30pm 4.5, 4.0, 3.5 – Saturday 9:30am 5.0, 4.5, 4.0 – Local League at State (LLAS)</p>	<p><u>WOMEN (DAY)</u> 3.5, 3.0, 2.5 – Monday 9:30am 4.0, 3.5, 3.0 – Wednesday 9:30am 4.5, 4.0, 3.5 – Friday 9:30am</p>

40&Over
<p><u>WOMEN</u> 3.5, 3.0, 2.5 – Monday 6:30PM 4.0, 3.5, 3.0 – Wednesday 6:30PM 4.5, 4.0, 3.5 – LLAS</p> <p><u>MEN</u> 4.0, 3.5, 3.0 – LLAS 4.5, 4.0, 3.5 – LLAS</p>

55&Over
<p><u>WOMEN</u> 4.0, 3.5, 3.0 – LLAS</p> <p><u>MEN</u> 4.0, 3.5, 3.0 – LLAS</p>

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. CTL65/Smith/PK**

FACILITY	CODE	FACILITY	CODE
Cayce Tennis 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 Ctr	HB	Wildewood Club	WWD
North Springs Park	NS	Windermere Club	WRC
Parklane Tennis Center	PK	Woodcreek Club	WF
Rockbridge Club	RK	Woodlands Club	WLD
Southeast Park	SEP		