

# 2017 USTA MS Summer League Delaware District

## General Information

1. Rules for this league are noted below
2. Any grievance will be handled by the Grievance Committee.
3. Appeals will be handled by the Appeals Committee. The decision of the Appeal Committee will be final and binding.
4. In general, rules for this league follow the guidelines of the USTA League Program Rules and Regulations (District, Sectional & National).

## Registration

1. All team members must be adult members of the USTA before they register for a team or play a match.
2. All players will have a computer rating when signing up for a team or will be prompted to declare a self-rating prior to registration for a team. Players without a computer rating must self-rate in accordance with the NTRP Guidelines.
3. Players may register and play on only one team within each age group and NTRP level.
4. Registration dates for the 2017 Summer League:

League	Registration Period
Adult 18+	January 30 – June 17, 2017
Adult 40+	January 30 – July 1, 2017
Adult 55+	January 30 – July 29, 2017
Adult 65+	January 30 – August 12, 2017

5. The NTRP Rating at the time of a player's registration will be in effect through Nationals.
6. Minimum at Level Requirement for the 2017 Summer League:  
Adult 18 & Over and 40 & Over Northern Delaware teams above the 2.5 level or below the 5.0 level must have a minimum of eight (8) players registered on TennisLink by March 1, 2017. At least six (6) of the eight (8) players registered must be at the league level (e.g. a 4.0 Northern Delaware Adult team must have at least six (6) 4.0 players registered). This minimum at-level requirement does not apply to Northern Delaware Adult teams at the previous year's lowest and highest levels offered (Adult 18 & Over 2.5 Women/3.0 Men and 5.0 Men and Women, and Adult 40 & Over 3.0 and 4.5 Men and Women). Adult 55 & Over and 65 & Over Northern Delaware teams must have a minimum of six (6) players registered by **March 1, 2017**. The minimum at-level requirement does not apply to Adult 55 and 65 & Over teams. \*\* A waiver may be granted for teams under the required minimum.
7. Players can play up one level only. Players cannot play down a level
8. A Delaware District team can have no more than 4 players in common from another district within Middle States for 5 court Leagues, and no more than 3 players in common from another district within Middle States for 3 court Leagues.
9. All teams can roster a maximum of 25 players.

## Randolph Scheduler

The Delaware District Summer Leagues use the "Randolph Scheduler" for Summer League Schedules. The Randolph Scheduler is constantly updated and should be used in lieu of Tennislink for scheduling purposes.

All team captains must fill out their Randolph Scheduler "Personal Profile" and "Team Preferences" found on the web site [www.detenis.com/access.php](http://www.detenis.com/access.php), by March 1, 2017. (Please refer to the Randolph Scheduler Captain Instructions which can found on the USTA Delaware District Website <http://www.delaware.usta.com>, under league tennis)

## League Play

1. Points per position scoring will be used in Summer Leagues as noted below:

18+ and 40+ (5 Court Leagues)	18+ (3 Court Leagues)	55+ and 65+ Leagues
Singles 1 – 5 Points	Singles 1 - 4	Doubles 1 - 7
Singles 2 – 4 Points	Doubles 1 - 7	Doubles 2 - 4
Doubles 1 – 6 Points	Doubles 2 - 3	Doubles 3 - 3
Doubles 2 – 4 Points		
Doubles 3 – 3 Points		

2. Format: Best of 3 sets with a 3<sup>rd</sup> set tie-break (played in lieu of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set)
3. Team captains shall exchange lineups simultaneously PRIOR to the scheduled start time of a team match. No substitutions may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented and before the first serve attempt except for injury to or illness of a player.
4. In case of inclement weather – teams need to communicate as early as possible to avoid any problems. (Please see Match Rescheduling Procedures in the Delaware Regulations)
5. Cost -
  - a. USTA Membership
  - b. \$36.00 Tennis Link Registration Fee
  - c. District Courts are Supplied for no additional fees
  - d. Team court costs are the responsibility of the team supplying the courts
  - e. Home team provides balls.

### **Lateness and Defaults**

**Lateness:** Any player who is more than FIFTEEN (15) minutes late for a match may be defaulted by the opposing team. The Point Penalty system will be in effect for the Summer League as noted below:

5:00 Minutes or Less	5:01 – 10:00 Minutes	10:01 – 15 Minutes	More than 15 minutes
Loss of Toss and 1 Game	Loss of Toss and 2 Games	Loss of Toss and 3 Games	May be Defaulted

1. All late arriving players are entitled to a warm-up. If a player is not there by the default time, courts must move up so the default is taken from the bottom up. In a 3 court match, if the late arriving player is on Doubles 1, Doubles 2 players will move up to Doubles 1, and Doubles 3 players to Doubles 2, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> doubles court defaulted. In a 5 court match, if the late arriving player is on Singles 1, the Singles 2 player will move to Singles 1, and the Singles 2 court defaulted.
2. For each team match, a majority of the individual matches must actually be played by the 2 teams to constitute a valid team match. In accordance with National Regulation 2.01C(2). Any results appearing in TennisLink will not count towards advancement if the majority of individual matches are not played. Teams will be permitted and/or required to make up defaulted courts to comply with this regulation.

### **Championships/ Eligibility**

1. Players must have played 2 matches, 1 can be by default, to be eligible to play in District and Section Championships. Players must have played 3 matches, 1 can be by default, to be eligible to play in National Championships.
2. Self Rated players are eligible to play in this league, but can be Disqualified if found to be out of level.
3. Players playing in multiple Districts, within Middle States, may compete at Delaware District Championships if (1) they have not yet participated in a District Championship, (2) they participated in another District Championship, but their team did **not** advance, or (3) their team that is advancing is at another level or age group. Players must play for the team, at Sectionals that they participated on at Districts.

#### **Exceptions to this rule:**

- a. If a player is on a team that has an automatic through to Sectionals, they may participate at Districts, on another team at the same level and age group, until they advance. They must pick which team they will play for at Sectionals, if both teams advance.
- b. If Districts falls on the same weekend, players may play in multiple Districts, until a team advances.

#### **4. Championships:**

<b>League</b>	<b>District Dates and Location</b>	<b>Section Dates and Location</b>
Adult 18 & Over	July 15-16, Rodney Street/Tower Hill, Wilmington, DE	Aug 18–20, Princeton Area
Adult 40 & Over	July 29-30, Rodney Street/Tower Hill, Wilmington, DE	Sep 8–10, Princeton Area
Adult 55 & Over	Aug 26-27, Rodney Street, Wilmington, DE	Sep 15–17, Hempfield
Adult 65 & Over	As needed, Location TBD	Sep 23–25, Philadelphia Area

National Championships – Please see link on Delaware District Website, Under Leagues

### **League Coordinator**

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