



ADULT 40&OVER SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SEPTEMBER 5–8, 2014

HUNTINGTON PARK & HAMPTON ROADS ACADEMY NEWPORT NEWS, VA

Dear Team Captain:

CONGRATULATIONS! The USTA/Mid-Atlantic Section has been notified that you are the captain of the winning team from your District in either the Adult 40&Over, Mixed 40&Over or Adult 65&Over League. As such, you are invited to participate in the USTA/Mid-Atlantic Adult 40&Over Sectional Championships. The information below should answer any questions you may have regarding this event. If not, please e-mail me at Leibfreid@mas.usta.com. Also, please continue to check our web site for further updates. Go to www.midatlantic.usta.com. On the top, put your cursor on USTA Leagues, then Sectional Championships, then click on Adult 40&Over.

PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO YOUR PLAYERS – THEY SHOULD ALSO TO BE INFORMED.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **USTA League Tennis Regulations (January 2014)** apply to this event. Please refer to that document for additional information and rules concerning USTA Adult League competition.
2. **PENN** is the official ball.
3. Players are expected to wear tennis attire appropriate to this event.

TOURNAMENT RULES OF PLAY

1. **Match line-ups must be turned in to the Tournament Desk no less than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the match. Failure to do so will result in an automatic \$50.00 cash fine for each such occurrence, which must be paid before offending team may play.** Penalties for lateness apply, up to and including match forfeiture if your line-up is 15 minutes late or more. The Tournament Desk clock, at the match site, is the official timepiece. This tournament uses "followed by" scheduling. By rule, the Tournament Desk has the right to call matches up to 30 minutes before their scheduled start time, and will do so assuming courts are available.

2. Once submitted, line-ups cannot be changed without the written approval of the Tournament Director and the Referee.
3. The order of play is #1S, #2S, #1D, #2D and #3D for Adult 40&Over, and #1, #2 and #3 Doubles for the other events.
4. Players must be present and ready to play in order to claim a Default, otherwise, a Double Default is declared.
5. A warm-up period not to exceed 10 minutes (including practice serves) shall be observed.
6. All matches shall be best of two sets, with regular scoring, and the set tie-break shall be used at 6-all in each set. In the event of split sets, a match tie-break shall be played to determine the match winner, with no rest period or coaching allowed. The Coman tie-break shall be used. (**Note: Tournament Director/Referee reserve the right to alter the order of play or to implement alternative scoring systems at any time if necessary in their judgment to complete the tournament within the prescribed time**). Please note that for purposes of Rule 2.03C, a "third set tie-break" shall count as both one set lost and one game lost.
7. At the conclusion of each individual match, all players must return to the Tournament Desk to report scores. Captains or their designees are required to sign the official scorecard at the conclusion of each team match. **All reported scores are deemed final fifteen minutes after the conclusion of the last individual match. Thereafter, no changes will be accepted.**
8. Roving umpires under the direction of the Referee will be on hand at all times to enforce proper conduct and observances of rules.
9. Teams departing prior to completion of all their matches without the written permission of the Tournament Director may be disqualified from League play for the following year.
10. **YOU MUST BRING A FULL TEAM TO THIS CHAMPIONSHIP, or request a waiver from the Section Office to allow you to attend without a full compliment of players.** Failure to bring a full team could mean penalties; including the whole team being banned from playing USTA League Tennis for up to one year.
11. If you choose to compete on more than one team, **no consideration will be given to scheduling.**

HOST HOTEL

The Host Hotel will be the **Marriott Newport News at City Center, 740 Town Center Drive, Newport News, VA 22406, #757-873-9299**. We have secured a special USTA rate of **\$124.00 per night for either a single or double room**. [Book your group rate: USTA Adult 40 & Over Sectional Championships >>](#)

CHAMPIONSHIP SITE

We have secured courts at Huntington Park and Hampton Roads Academy, Newport News, VA.

REGISTRATION AND CAPTAINS' MEETING

For Adult 40&Over 3.0 M&W, 3.5 M&W, 4.0 M&W, Mixed 40&Over 6.0 & 8.0, Adult 65&Over 6.0 & 7.0W, registration will be **Thursday, September 4 at 7 p.m.** and the **mandatory** Captains' meeting will begin promptly thereafter. Those teams/levels will start play on Friday. For all other teams, registration will be **Friday, September 5 at 7 p.m.** and the **mandatory** Captains' meeting will begin promptly thereafter. Those teams will start play Saturday. Both meetings and team registrations will be conducted at the Marriott Newport News at City Center. The front desk will be able to advise you as to which room. **If you cannot attend, please have a representative present – do not phone this office. If no-one on your team can attend, please find another captain who can handle those duties for you.** It is most important that all captains attend this meeting. We will be serving drinks and light snacks.

Your District will be paying the registration fee for the teams attending.

All players must meet standard eligibility requirements (e.g. current USTA membership, minimum 2 local league matches, 1 default counting) provable via TennisLink. We will be giving a t-shirt to each player who attends the event. Tell your players to bring their picture ID with them, and pick up their t-shirt at the tournament site at Huntington Park. No t-shirts will be distributed at the second site. The tournament desk will open at 7:15 a.m.

MATCHES

The schedule has been completed prior to the certification of teams by the Districts. Therefore, we hope there will not be too many changes. Please continue to check back.

MATCH FORMAT

- ◆ If you do not have a full line-up due to an injury or emergency occurring at the event, you must forfeit your #3 Doubles or #2 Singles, and notify the tournament desk. **Please make sure you have enough players attending the event who will be available to play all matches.**
- ◆ Please make changeovers and breaks as brief as possible.
- ◆ If needed, the USTA tie-break rules will be used to determine the champions.

RAIN PLAN

In the event of rain, report to the Tournament Desk, with the balls, for instructions on how to proceed. **Write down the score and who was serving, and bring that information with you to the Tournament Desk.** The tournament staff will have the option of revising the schedule and the tournament format, if necessary, in the event of inclement weather. **Please be aware that if it does rain, matches will get very backed up and we may have to change the days of play.**

WINNERS AND FINALISTS

First and second place Adult 40&Over teams will receive 10 USTA awards. All other divisions will receive 8 USTA awards. Additional awards can be ordered, and I will provide you with an order form. Further, first and second place teams will have their pictures taken, which will be posted on our web site. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THE TOURNAMENT SITE UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED YOUR AWARDS AND HAD YOUR PICTURE TAKEN. WINNING TEAMS NEED TO BE CERTIFIED – WE CANNOT RUSH THIS PROCESS. PLEASE BE PATIENT – WHEN WE HAVE THE INFORMATION FROM THE SCOREKEEPER WE WILL LET YOU KNOW. THANK YOU**

BEST OF LUCK IN THE TOURNAMENT!!

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