

## 2017 NC USTA LEAGUE ADULT 55 & OVER CHAMPIONSHIPS

### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**Dates:** June 2-4, 2017

**Location:** Greensboro, NC

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#### **Tournament**

**Headquarters:** Tournament Headquarters will be at Pinetop Sport Club, 3723 Pinetop Road, Greensboro, NC 27410.

**Entry Deadline:** All Players must use the Online Registration at [www.ncleaguetenis.com](http://www.ncleaguetenis.com) to register. If you have any issues with the registration system, email [Jenny@nctennis.com](mailto:Jenny@nctennis.com) or call us at 336-852-8577 for assistance. This is not the TennisLink system. Being registered on your team in TennisLink does not register you for the State Championships.

Any team dropping out after the Team Registration Deadline (Tuesday, May 23, 2017) will be required to pay a \$300 penalty and may be subject to a grievance. Any registration fees paid up to that point will not be refunded. This includes any team that accepts a wildcard after the Team Registration Deadline and then later withdraws.

**Entry Fee:** \$25 per player entry fee, plus a \$1 PayPal fee.

#### **Registration**

Pinetop Sport Club

55 & Over: Thursday, June 1 between 5:00-7:00 **OR** before your 1<sup>st</sup> match. Either the captain or a team representative can pick up the Captain Packet, but it must be picked up prior to the team's first match.

You will receive an updated copy of the schedule at Registration. Any information received previously as to match time, place or team to be played is to be disregarded. A complete schedule of play will be posted at the Tournament Headquarters. Please check your scheduled match times for the tournament.

### **Mandatory Captain's Meetings**

In lieu of Captains Meetings and/or webinars, all players will receive tournament information during the registration process.

### **Eligibility:**

To be eligible to participate in these state championships, your team must have the **minimum number of players needed to field a full team for each scheduled match**. All players must be current USTA members through May 2017, be listed on the original roster on TennisLink and have played in qualifying matches, if required.

### **Format Rules:**

The round robin format of play will be used. All matches shall be the best of two sets and the 12 point tiebreak (first to 7, win by 2) shall be used at six-all in each set. No break during change over after the first game. In lieu of a third set, a match tiebreak shall be played (first to 10 win by 2). There will be a two minute break after each set with no coaching. The tiebreak procedures shall be scored as one set and one game. Each team match shall be comprised of three doubles matches. The winning teams will be invited to participate in the Sectional Championships

Set and Match Tiebreakers will use the Coman format

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the format, the scoring method or terminate a team match when one team has won the majority of the points. However, without directive from the Tournament Committee, the teams are to play all matches to completion.

All USTA Official Rules of Play, USTA, Southern, and North Carolina Regulations, the USTA Code of Conduct and the USTA Point Penalty System will be enforced.

In the event of a tie in the round robin (two or more teams with the same record) the group winner will be decided by:

1. Most individual matches won
2. Head-to-head winner
3. Fewest sets lost
4. Fewest games lost
5. Coin toss

The format may be changed by the tournament committee.

Court surfaces may be changed by the tournament committee

## Schedule

Tentative schedule will be available on the Internet: [www.ncleaguesennis.com](http://www.ncleaguesennis.com) approximately 7 days prior to the start of the tournament. **That schedule is only TENTATIVE and is subject to change.** Do **NOT** refer to TennisLink for any match times. The only valid schedule is the schedule you will receive during Registration.

## MATCH PLAY

### **\*\*IT IS THE CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM ALL TEAM MEMEBERS OF THESE TOURNAMENT RULES.**

- 1. All teams must check in, ready to play their match, at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled match. All players must be present and ready to play for the Captains to check in.** Default time is 15 minutes (match can be defaulted if team is more than 15 minutes late). Driving time could vary, depending on traffic, so allow plenty of time for arrival.
- 2. If a court is open, and both teams have turned in their scorecards, the match may start early. Be sure the team captain does not leave the tournament desk area once the team has checked in.**
- 3. DEFAULTS: Defaults at State Championships are unacceptable. It is your team's responsibility to have players on every court at each match. When a team defaults, it not only can affect the outcome of the tournament, but more importantly it affects those players who showed up ready to play only to find their opponents did not show. To that end, any team defaulting a court for any reason will be fined \$100 per court defaulted. The fine must be paid in the tournament room prior to the team's next match. If it is a team's last match of the tournament, they must pay prior to leaving. If a team does not pay the fine, all members of that team will be suspended from any USTA League play and until the fine is paid. Any matches played in that time will be reverted to losses.**
- 4. Weather conditions: All teams must be at match site 30 minutes before match time, regardless of weather, unless other instructions have been provided by the Tournament Director. All players may sign up for the RainedOut.com messaging service to received weather updates via text message. To sign up, text 2016GSO to the number 84483. Messaging and/or data rates may apply, depending on your phone plan.**
- 5. A 5-minute warm-up period, including practice serves, will be observed.**

6. Correct court assignments: Players should always introduce themselves to opponents to be sure they are playing the correct opponent. Example: "We are the #2 doubles team on the 3.5 "local league team" level". This practice may seem elementary, but it can stop a problem from occurring.
7. The server will call the score after each point, clearly and loudly enough for his/her opponent to hear.
8. Line calls will be made as accurately as possible, always giving the benefit of any doubt to your opponent. Remember that if you cannot call your opponent's shot out, it is presumed good. Do not ask opinions of spectators.
9. No coaching of a player while s/he is involved in a match.
10. Follow all rules of considerate behavior. Return balls from other courts promptly. Be ready to receive serve promptly. Always ensure that your opponent is ready for your serve.
11. The winning team on each court should IMMEDIATELY go back to the site desk and report the scores and return the balls.
12. At the conclusion of the team match, both team captains must sign the scorecard and receive information on later matches.
13. In case of rain, if you feel the playing surface is unsafe, you may halt play. Do not leave the site until allowed to do so by the referee or site coordinator.
14. In Championship play please be aware that if a team forfeits an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, **then all matches of that team, played or to be played shall be null and void.**
15. NTRP Grievances filed after May 19<sup>th</sup> against anyone participating in the State Championships will be administered after the State Championships. Points won by players will stand. Disqualified players and/or captains that are suspended will not be eligible to advance to the Sectional Championships.
16. Grievance forms are available in the Tournament Room. There will be no NTRP grievances administered during these championships.

### **MEDICAL TIMEOUTS**

1. Request for a medical time-out: A player may make a request for a medical time-out to the court monitor or tournament desk. During the match or warm-up, if a player suffers from a medical condition or believes that medical diagnosis or treatment is required, the player may request a one-time medical time-out for that medical condition. Subsequently, he may request another medical time-out for a different medical condition. Only one medical time-out shall be permitted for heat-related conditions and cramping in any match, even if the heat-related condition or cramping occurs to different parts of the body.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. All players are responsible for bringing water to the courts.
2. Grievance forms are available in the Tournament Room. There will be no NTRP Self Rate Grievances at championship level.
3. T-shirts will be available for purchase at Pinetop Sport Club.