

# Columbia Mixed Doubles Tennis League

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T0: Team Captains and Tennis Facilities

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**TEAM REGISTRATION FOR MIXED DOUBLES 2009 IS OPEN ON 'TENNISLINK' at <http://national.usta.com> AND WILL CLOSE APRIL 13.**

The registration fee, including \$3 Tennis Link fee is \$17.00 per player, and is paid by credit card when registering on Tennis Link. Captains – INCLUDE YOUR TEAM CODES when registering your team name on TL – TL will not prompt you for team name codes. ALSO, SUBMIT YOUR TEAM CAPTAIN CONTACT FORM to CTL via [www.columbiatennisleague.org](http://www.columbiatennisleague.org)

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING A TEAM ROSTER WITH A MINIMUM OF 6 PLAYERS (3 DOUBLES PARTNERSHIPS) IS APRIL 13.** It is the responsibility of the team captain to insure a roster of 6 players is registered on TL by April 13! Team rosters that are not complete with 6 players cannot be placed on a schedule, and may be deleted! Once a player pays registration fees on TL, there are NO REFUNDS. TL will not accept a player without a USTA membership current through the state championships (September 2009). Membership can be paid on TL. Additional players may register to join a team roster on TL roster through June 30.

**Mixed doubles season will start the week of May 4, 2009 and conclude in July. Schedules will NOT be mailed, but will be published on TennisLink and captains will be notified by email.** Captains are to print scorecards from TL for matches.

(Caveat: There will be no local play for 10.0 adult and 9.0 senior teams. These teams must register a minimum of 6 players on TennisLink by June 30 and will play their 'local league' at state championships September 12-14 in Charleston, SC.

**There are 4 steps that captains need to complete for your team for mixed doubles:**

**Step 1: Captain must secure APPROVAL for home courts for your team PRIOR to registering the team on Tennis Link!** You must contact the facility and obtain approval for home courts – there are limited numbers of home teams allowed to play at each facility - and are typically approved on a first-come/first-serve basis. The League Coordinator will contact the facility to verify teams on the facility approval list before placing the team on a schedule. If your team is not on the facility approval list, your team will be deleted from TL with no refund.

**\*IMPORTANT: INFO FOR TEAMS WHO UTILIZE COURTS AT PARKLANE, CAUGHMAN ROAD, TRENHOLM PARK, ST. ANDREWS PARK, NORTH SPRINGS PARK, COLUMBIA TENNIS CENTER, SOUTHEAST PARK OR GREENVIEW PARK AS YOUR HOME COURT FACILITY FOR MIXED DOUBLES LEAGUE.** Team captains are responsible for paying court fees directly to facilities for mixed doubles league. **THE TEAM FEE AT THESE PUBLIC FACILITIES IS \$120 PER ADULT TEAM AND \$100 PER SENIOR TEAM. THE TEAM CAPTAIN MUST SUBMIT THIS TEAM FEE (ONE CHECK ONLY) TO THE FACILITY BY APRIL 27.** Failure to pay the team fee will result in your team being denied courts for home matches.

Below are instructions to obtain approval for home courts:

**COLUMBA TENNIS CENTER and SOUTHEAST PARK** – Contact CTC at 733-8440 to request approval. Make ONE CHECK for team fee, payable to “Columbia Parks and Recreation”, and submit check to CTC by April 27, 2009.

**GREENVIEW PARK** – Contact Greenview at 754-5223. Team captain must submit a written request in order to secure home courts at Greenview. Make ONE CHECK for team fee, payable to “Columbia Parks and Recreation”, and submit check to Greenview Park by April 27, 2009.

**PARKLANE, CAUGHMAN ROAD, TRENHOLM PARK, ST. ANDREWS PARK AND NORTHSPRINGS PARK** – To obtain approval to play at any of these county facilities – call 788-3001 or send email to [rctc@rcrc.state.sc.us](mailto:rctc@rcrc.state.sc.us) and specify the facility requested for home courts as well as level and captain info. They will keep a master list of teams approved for each county facility. Make ONE CHECK for team fee, payable to “RCRC”, and submit it to Richland County Tennis Center, 7500 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC 29223. Deadline for payment of team fee is April 27, 2009.

**Step 2: After obtaining court approval from the facility, then Register your team on Tennis Link. ENTER YOUR TEAM CODES WHEN NAMING YOUR TEAM ON TL. TL will not prompt you for these team codes.**

**TEAM NAME: List Team Code first – team name second – then home court code.**

(Team Code for adult teams = “C” followed by Captain’s first name initial and first two letters of last name. Team Code for senior teams = “CZ” + the first initial of captain’s first and last names. See list below for home court facility codes.) For example, Adult team Captain Jane Doe of the “Lobsters” with St. Andrews home courts would enter team name of CJDO – Lobsters - SA. Senior team captain Jane Doe would enter a team name of ‘CZJD – Lobsters - SA.

<b><u>CTL FACILITY</u></b>	<b><u>“TENNIS LINK” HOME COURT CODE</u></b>
Camden Country Club	CCC
Caughman Road	CR
Cobblestone Park	CSP
Columbia Tennis Center	CTC
Greenview Park	GV
Harbison Rec Ctr	HB
Longcreek Plantation Club	LP
North Springs Park	NS
Parklane Tennis Center	PK
Rockbridge Club	RK
SouthEast Park	SEP
Spring Valley Club	SV
St. Andrews Park	SA
Trenholm Park	TP
Wildewood Club	WWD
Woodcreek Farms	WF
Woodlands Club	WLD
Jeep Rogers YMCA	YMCA

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Step 3. Submit your CAPTAIN CONTACT TEAM FORM to CTL via [www.columbiatennisleague.org](http://www.columbiatennisleague.org) We need this form to obtain pertinent info for your team, coordinate number of teams/facilities, and obtain information needed for the schedules and captain directory. A captain directory will be emailed to each captain who submits this form so that you can contact other captains in your division.

**CTL 2009 MIXED DOUBLES TEAM CONTACT FORM**

Captain:	Home #:
Address:	Work #:
E-Mail: (required)	Cell phone #: (optional)
Home Courts: (captain must get pre-approval from facility)	Level: (Circle one) 2.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0
Team Name:	Adult or Senior (Circle one)

**Step 4. – Team caption must make sure there are 6 players (3 doubles partnerships) registered on your team roster on Tennis Link by deadline of April 13! A team that does not meet this requirement cannot be put on a schedule – there are no refunds!**

The South Carolina Mixed Doubles League Program is team competition for Adult men and women with levels of 2.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 and 10.0 where individual mixed doubles teams' combined NTRP ratings may not exceed the overall team level entered. All participants must reach 19 years of age during the calendar year in which they play their first local league match. The League also offers Senior league competition at the 2.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 combined levels. All senior players must reach 50 years of age during the calendar year. A pilot program is offered for the first time this year for super senior mixed doubles (age 60 and above) at the 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0 levels. (Teams who want to register for super senior mixed doubles league must contact Beaumont Riley at [riley.beau@gmail.com](mailto:riley.beau@gmail.com) for info in order to register.)

**FORMAT: Three mixed doubles partnerships - Minimum number of six (6) players per team. The partners' ratings cannot be more than 1.0 rating apart.**

To play in the:

- 2.5 level, (combinations: 2.5 & 2.5 , or 2.0 & 2.5)
- 6.0 level, (combinations: 3.0 & 3.0, or 2.5 & 3.5)
- 7.0 level, (combinations: 3.5 & 3.5, or 3.0 & 4.0)
- 8.0 level, (combinations: 4.0 & 4.0, or 3.5 & 4.5)
- 9.0 level, (combinations: 4.5 & 4.5, or 4.0 & 5.0)
- 10.0 level (combinations: 5.0 & 5.0, or 4.5 & 5.5)

Players who do not have a rating on file in TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) Guidelines and complete the self-rating process on TennisLink when registering for a team. Failure to do so or omission of information regarding a player's tennis history will subject the player, the captain, and/or others who condoned inaccurate self-rating to sanctions and disqualification.

**CTL ADULT MIXED DOUBLES: PLAY-NIGHTS: Monday – 8.0; Tuesday – 2.5 & 9.0; Wednesday – 7.0; Thursday – 6.0. This would be subject to change only in event of unexpected number of teams on a given night.**

**CTL SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES: PLAY-NIGHTS: Monday – 6.0; Tuesday – 7.0; Wednesday – 2.5; Thursday - 8.0. This would be subject to change only in event of unexpected number of teams on a given night.**

**PLAYING ON MULTIPLE TEAMS IN CTL LEAGUE: Players may play on multiple teams at different levels in CTL local league and state championships, but no accommodations will be made in the event of scheduling conflicts. (A player may play on one Adult and one Senior team at the same level in CTL local league and state championships, but no accommodations will be made in the event of scheduling conflicts.) (A player may also play in other local leagues in SC in addition to playing in CTL league, in accordance with SC state regulation 501 H (5))**

**MATCH FORMAT for all CTL mixed matches: If teams split sets, MATCH TIE-BREAK WILL BE PLAYED IN LIEU OF 3<sup>rd</sup> set (first team to 10 pts by a margin of 2 pts.) This is the same format used at state championships.**

**2009 LEAGUE RULES – each captain/player is responsible for reading and complying with the Mixed Doubles local league rules, state rules, sectional rules and national rules. These will be published in the mixed doubles section at [www.columbiatennisleague.org](http://www.columbiatennisleague.org). READ THEM!**