



We look forward to seeing all of you this Spring.

If you have questions, please feel free to email Rob at [manager@chapelhilltennisclub.com](mailto:manager@chapelhilltennisclub.com)

## **Durham Orange Community Tennis Association Junior Team tennis**

USTA Junior Team Tennis Spring Season

Season

April 1st - June 4th

6-to-8-week season

Cost 33.15

8U 10U play Friday nights 6:30 place tbd

12u 14u 18U play Saturday times and place tbd

JTT participants must have a Junior USTA Membership which is free and can be requested [here](#).

Use these team numbers to register for a team. Plus your USTA membership number.

Use link below to register. When you get to link look for register for a team.

Register for a team with link below:

<https://tennislink.usta.com/TeamTennis/Main/Registration.aspx?SelectedProgramID=52502>

Chapel Hill tennis club team numbers-

7039452621 - 8U

7039452622 - 10U intermediate

7039452623 - 12U intermediate

7039452624 - 14U

7039452625 - 18U intermediate

For further information, feel free to contact LeeAnn for league questions.

**LeeAnn Rose**

**USTA Junior Team Tennis local league coordinator**

**919-358-1179**

Registration is open

We need a minimum of 6 players by Sept 6th to have a team. Parents will be needed to be coaches at times and will need to go through the background check for approval. Anyone looking



to register a JTT team must complete and submit a Safe Play background screening - which can take from 7-10 days, sometimes longer.

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## **LOCAL RULES**

### **Number of Players, Teams and Balls**

- Each team must have at least 5 players by March 28th
- Minimum of two or more teams per level, or the team must play up a level or split up and play on other teams. The local league coordinator will discuss the options with the state coordinator if there is only one team signed up in a division. The divisions offered.
  - 8 and under (8U) (beginner ) (Red Ball)
    - 8U red ball challenge only played on Sunday afternoons for kids that have never played.
    - Coaches will be on courts with them teaching match play.
  - 10 and under (10U) (beginner and intermediate) (Orange Ball)
  - 12 and under (12U) (beginner green ball)
  - 12U beginner greenball
  - 12U intermediate greenball
  - 14 and under (14U) (beginner and intermediate) (Yellow Ball)
  - 18 and under (18U) (beginner and intermediate) (Yellow Ball)

### **Match Format**

**2 Singles and 1 Doubles (8-10U); 2 Singles and 2 Doubles (12-18U)** (this means you must play at least 3 lines for it to be a valid match (A minimum of 4 players is required at each match) (Timed rotation will be used when only 4).

### **Scoring**

- 8U - 1 game = 1 set (7 points, win by 1), best 2 out of 3 sets.
- 10U – 2 out of 3 short sets (to 4) with tiebreak (to 7) for third set win by 1 (no ad)
- 12U – 2 out of 3 short sets (to 4) with tiebreak (to 7) for third set win by 1 (no ad)
- 14U – 2 out of 3 short sets (to 4) with tiebreak (to 7) for third set win by 1 (no ad)
- 18U – 2 out of short sets (to 4) with tiebreak (to 7) for third set win by 1 (no ad)

### **Match Time/Team Lineups** (both coaches should record scores on scorecard)

Forfeits occur 15 minutes after the match is scheduled to start. Each coach should give their players the opponent's name(s) and assign their players to the proper courts. Players should introduce themselves to their opponent and say what position (example: 1st singles, 2nd doubles, etc.) they are playing. If courts are available, warm up must begin at the scheduled match time.

- Warm-up time lasts 10 minutes, including serves.



- During warm up, a substitute may enter the match if a player fails to show up, illness or injury.
- Substitute may not be someone that is originally in the lineup
- Substitute may not be made after a point has been played in that position.
- Time will lapse from warm up for a substitution entering the match. (Ex. If a substitute enters the match five (5) minutes after the warm up starts, the substitute will have five minutes to warm up.)

Each scheduled match will have a “match number”. Prior to the match, coaches should obtain a copy of the Match Scorecard from the TennisLink system. This card should be filled in with the match lineup and exchanged with the opposing captain five (5) minutes before the scheduled Match Time. (Ex. Match time at 5:00 pm, cards exchanged at 4:55 pm).

### **COACH COMMUNICATION AND COURTESY**

- Home Team Coaches must contact the visiting Team Coach at least two (2) days prior to the scheduled match via email or phone to confirm location, time, etc. Everyone is encouraged to work out any lineup conflicts that may arise during the season. Team Coaches must keep each other informed regarding the status of their lineups.
  - Local play needs to be strengthened because we are using non-gender matches. This means your #1 player should be in the #1 position either in singles or doubles.
  - It is the responsibility of the Home Team to provide balls for each match. See above for ball color for each age group. Also, it would be a nice courtesy to provide water and healthy snacks, as well. An excellent parent volunteer opportunity.
  - Defaults are strongly discouraged. Teams that know in advance that they will not have enough players to play a match should communicate directly with the opposing coach as soon as they know to schedule and play a make-up match within two weeks and before end of season. Immediate contact with the other Coach must occur within 48 hours after scheduled match to set up new date/time.
- \*\*If teams are having a problem coming up with a suitable make-up date, the Local League Coordinator will set the date/time. The surface for the make up match shall be the same as was originally scheduled.

### **CANCELLATION POLICY/INCLEMENT WEATHER**

- For cancellation information, please contact LeeAnn Rose at 919-358-1179. Clubs are required to notify the opposing coach at least two hours prior to match time to cancel a match. (You must speak directly with the coach, do not leave a message and assume it was received).
- The home team coach must determine if the match needs to be postponed due to inclement weather. Coaches should monitor the weather conditions up to two hours before the match and make the decision at that time. Please make every effort to avoid postponing a match due to inclement weather. When in doubt, show up. (You must speak directly with the coach, do not leave a message and assume it was received).
- If all matches for a specific date/time are cancelled by DOCTA due to inclement weather, coaches will receive a Calling Post Communication System Message (via voice, text and email).

### **MAKE-UP PROCEDURES**

- Coaches may call the Local League Coordinator for court availability to “reschedule” the entire match. In this case, the match will be treated normally, and scorecards will be exchanged at



match time. Coaches make this decision at the time they determine the match will be postponed. Local League Coordinator should be notified of the date once a match has been rescheduled. Matches not made up by the last date of the season will be scored “double default” for both teams.

- If the original match is in progress when the inclement weather begins, and conditions become unsafe, play stops. The same lineup must be kept, and play is continued when conditions are favorable. The score should be agreed on and recorded by the players at the time the match is stopped. The match will continue from its stopping point when rescheduled.

### **MATCH FORFEITS**

If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during Round Robin play, then the next time a team defaults an entire team match, all matches played shall be null and void. If all teams in contention for the championship have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches stand as played. Sanctions and penalties may be imposed on the defaulting team. Forfeits, especially those that have not been communicated in advance, can be a major source of frustration among league players, parents and coaches. Please communicate.

### **REPORTING SCORES (REQUIRED)**

- Scores **MUST** be entered in the computer within 48 hours of your match or they will become a double Forfeit.

- Either team’s captain may enter scores. The opposing team captain is responsible for confirming the entered scores within 48 hours.

- If scores are not confirmed within 48 hours of entry, the local coordinator will confirm the scores.

and are considered valid and no appeals will be allowed.

- If an error is made when entering the scores, please email LeeAnn Rose at [leerus@icloud.com](mailto:leerus@icloud.com).

### **ENTERING THE SCORES**

- Go to TennisLink

- Log in with your USTA number

- Click on the “Score Entry” icon on right side.

- Type in the match number found on your schedule on your left side.

- Fill in the prompted information.

- When you put in the year, it must look like this: 01/31/2016 – or the computer will not take it.

- You will have an arrow to pull down the names, so you don’t have to type them in.

- Look for the icon that says completed, retired, default, etc.

### **CELL PHONES AND MP3 PLAYERS**

All cell phones of participating players should be turned off or silent during League Matches. This is considered an official warning about cell phones. The player whose cell phone rings during a match loses a point. The penalty is only enforced on the court of the cell phone owner. IPODs are not allowed to be turned on during the player’s match.



## **PROFANITY AND UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR**

Players should abide by the “Code of Conduct” that all leagues follow, as well as the USTA 2018 Friend of Court Code. Coaches are held responsible for making sure each player follow the code of conduct; and shares this with their players and parents.

## **COURT ASSIGNMENTS AND SURFACES**

Captains must designate home courts during the time of registration (by March 3). Failure to do this causes a home court to be assigned by the League Coordinator, this assignment will not be changed once schedules are completed. If you arrive at a location and they have more than one surface for your match, the home team captain will assign which positions play on which court surface. The court assignment must be noted on the one team’s lineup before they exchange their lineup cards.

## **BATHROOM BREAKS**

Reasonable bathroom breaks are allowed. No one should accompany that player other than a partner or opponent.

## **STANDINGS/PROCEDURES FOR TIE AT END OF THE SEASON**

- Regular season standings will be based on: 1) Total teams wins; and 2) Individual Matches won
- Procedures in the event of a tie will be as follows: 1) Team Score (wins and losses); 2) Individual Matches Won; 3) Sets Won Lost and 4) Games Won/Lost. \*\*TennisLink is set up to place teams according to their rank.

## **COACHING**

- A coach must be with their team at each match whether it is home or away.
- Coaches for ages 5-8 may coach as needed throughout the match.
- Coaches for ages 9-18 may coach during the change-over ONLY.
- Team coaches, teammates, and spectators may not volunteer advice on line calls or scoring.