

NEW TO LEAGUE PLAY INFORMATION!

Welcome to USTA Piedmont Leagues tennis. USTA Leagues are a lot of fun and a great way to meet new tennis friends! Although the first registration may be a bit cumbersome, once you are setup with the various accounts, registrations after that are quick and easy. To get you started, there are some things to take care of and some need to know information to help you on your way.

Information on each of the leagues as well as information on the many tennis offerings in our area can be found on our website at GRETANC.com under the LEAGUES tab. GRETA is the local Community Tennis Association (CTA) under the USTA umbrella and we are here to support, promote and grow local tennis programming. Piedmont leagues play year round and it is important for players to be aware of the various registration dates and offerings. A summary of league seasons can be found on our LEAGUE webpage: <https://www.gretanc.com/usta-adult-league-tennis/>

Team registration for 2022 spring league play opens on January 1st and closes for teams on February 6th. Players may continue to join teams but teams can no longer be added after that date. League play for the USTA Adult League season officially begins on March 1st. We try to hold off starting if at all possible to allow the nicer weather to arrive but plan to begin play the first week of March. The summer league registration will open April 1st for Singles, Mixed Doubles and Summer Doubles, plus Tri-Level League Tournament.

There are 4 primary things you will need to begin league play:

- 1) Tennislink Account
- 2) NTRP Rating
- 3) USTA Membership
- 4) Team registration (team number)

TENNISLINK ACCOUNT

TennisLink is the official system for USTA Adult Leagues, USTA Tournaments, USTA Flex Leagues and USTA Junior Team Tennis. It is also the official system for reporting scores, providing standings for the League season and for all League championship advancement. If you do not have an account in **TENNISLINK**, you will need to create an account with USTA: <https://tennislink.usta.com/Dashboard/Main/Login.aspx>

NTRP RATING

To play in USTA leagues you must also have an **NTRP (National Tennis Rating Program)**. This system is designed to place players in leagues with players of similar skill levels. More information on NTRP ratings with videos and guidelines can be found on GRETA's Captains/Players Resources page: <https://www.gretanc.com/captain-player-resources/>

To obtain your self-rate NTRP, follow these instructions:

- 1) Login to TennisLink to create an account or log in to your existing account (www.tennislink.usta.com)
- 2) Click on the "USTA League" menu tab in the upper left hand corner
- 3) Select the blue "Self Rate" button under "Find NTRP Rating Info"
- 4) Follow the instructions and carefully answer the questions provided.

IMPORTANT: If your minimum rating allowed is higher than you anticipated, make sure to click on the link to file a self-rate appeal.

The screenshot shows the USTA website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for [ESPAÑOL](#), [NET GENERATION](#), [USTA.COM](#), [FAQ](#), [ABOUT](#), [USTA NEWSLETTER](#), and [CONTACT U](#). Below this is a secondary navigation bar with [PLAY](#), [IMPROVE](#), [NEWS](#), [COACH](#), [ORGANIZE](#), [PRO TENNIS](#), [JOIN](#), and [RENEW](#). The main content area is divided into four columns:

- START PLAYING:** Includes links for "Register for a Team" (if you have a USTA Account and a Team #?) and "Find a League" (if you don't have a Team #?).
- STATS & STANDINGS:** Includes a search form for "Enter player name, USTA Account, team # or match #" and a "Search" button. Below this are links for "League Advanced Search" and "Championship Advanced Search", and a "Need to enter or confirm scores?" section with an "Enter Score" button.
- FIND NTRP RATING INFO:** Includes a search form for "Enter USTA Account, team # or player name" and a "Search" button. Below this are links for "Advanced Search", "Self-Rate", and "Facility Search".
- USTA LEAGUE INFO:** Includes links for "About USTA League", "USTA League FAQ", "USTA League Tennis Rules", "About NTRP Ratings", "National Championships", "Local League Coordinators", and "About Auto-Appeals".

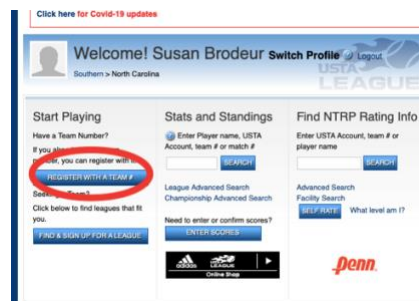
A red arrow points to the "USTA LEAGUE" tab in the top navigation bar, and another red arrow points to the "Self-Rate" link in the "FIND NTRP RATING INFO" section.

USTA MEMBERSHIP

A **USTA MEMBERSHIP** is required to compete in most local leagues and specifically those that advance to state, sectional and national championship. The cost for a USTA membership is \$44.00 per year which allows you to play USTA Adult League in the spring, Mixed, Singles & Tri-level in the summer and Southern Combo Doubles in the fall, plus various USTA local leagues and USTA tournaments, and includes a subscription to Tennis Magazine. Here is the link to purchase your USTA Membership: <https://www.usta.com/en/home/membership/individual-memberships/adultmembership.html>

TEAM REGISTRATION

Once you have your Tennislink account, NTRP rating and USTA Membership, you just have one more step before joining us on the courts, **TEAM REGISTRATION!** The Piedmont local league fee to play in most leagues is \$26 per team registration. Court fees run \$5.00 per match at most sites in the area. If you have been given a team number from a local captain, this is what you will use to register for their team. To complete your team registration, login to your Tennislink account and click on the blue box on the left handside of the page for REGISTER WITH A TEAM #. On this page, you will enter the team number and any other information not automatically populated and scroll down to click on the CONTINUE button to proceed to the league fee payment page. Once your registration is complete, you will receive an email receipt and from there you are on your way to playing! Your team captain will work with players for availability and scheduling for matches.



The screenshot shows the USTA League website interface. At the top, it says 'Welcome! Susan Brodeur' with a 'Switch Profile' link and a 'Logout' button. Below this, there are three main sections: 'Start Playing', 'Stats and Standings', and 'Find NTRP Rating Info'. In the 'Start Playing' section, there is a 'REGISTER WITH A TEAM #' button circled in red. Other buttons include 'FIND A SIGN UP FOR A LEAGUE'. The 'Stats and Standings' section has search fields for 'Enter Player name, USTA Account, team # or match #' and 'SEARCH'. The 'Find NTRP Rating Info' section has search fields for 'Enter USTA Account, team # or player name' and 'SEARCH', and a 'What level am I?' dropdown menu. There are also links for 'League Advanced Search', 'Championship Advanced Search', and 'Advanced Search Facility Search'. At the bottom, there are logos for Adidas, US Open, and Penn.

FIND A TEAM PROGRAM

If you need assistance connecting to a team, we are happy to help with that as well. You can utilize our [FIND A TEAM PROGRAM](#) to get assistance connecting to a team for the various league seasons. This form provides me with the information needed to connect players to captains looking for players and/or connect players to newly forming teams in the various leagues.

Welcome to USTA Piedmont Leagues! As the Director of GRETA and also the Local League Coordinator, I am happy to assist in making your journey out on the courts as smooth and successful as possible. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Susan

Susan Brodeur

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GRETA, Guilford Regional Tennis Association

GRETA is a registered USTA Community Tennis Association (CTA) and a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Visit us at GRETANC.COM for local tennis leagues and programming opportunities for both youth and adults!

- USTA Adult Spring League Team & Player Registration OPENS January 1, 2022 and team registration CLOSES February 6, 2022.
- Summer leagues (Mixed Doubles, Singles & Summer DAZE Doubles) begin registering April 1st for league play late May – Aug.
- Fall Leagues (Combo Doubles & Fall Singles) begin registering for league play Aug-Oct.
- Be sure to sign up for GRETA's email distribution list to receive information on all league offerings, tournaments, community tennis events and all things tennis in our community! <https://www.gretanc.com> NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP tab is located in the bottom right corner of home page.