



League Guidelines – Spring 2023

This schedule is subject to change at any time given the level of Covid-19 transmission in California or lack of available venues

Team Registration Opens 1/13 - Friday
Team Registration Closes 1/29 - Sunday
Player Registration begins 2/11 - Saturday
Schedules will be online 2/11 - Saturday
League begins 2/25 - Saturday
Last day to play regularly scheduled matches 5/20 - Sunday
Last possible date to play make up matches 6/2 - Friday

1. LEAGUES OFFERED

Please refer to **SATA Leagues Offered – Spring 2023** for league descriptions located at <https://sactennis.org>.

2. HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOL

Follow the California Department of Public Health guidelines and other requirements by the City, Club or Park where you are playing. We request the following:

- **Please do not play if you, someone in your household, or someone you have been in contact with has been feeling unwell, has a fever, feels sick, or has tested positive for Covid-19.**

3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- a. All teams submitted must be represented by a club that is a current paid member of SATA. If your club has not paid its annual membership dues, your team will be asked to pay the annual dues prior to your team playing.
- b. Deadlines
 - Emails regarding court restrictions and court permits are to be emailed to sata.courtpermits@gmail.com no later than **Monday, January 30th**. **Requests for byes must be listed in the email and/or court permit.**
 - Teams must register by **Sunday, January 29th**.
 - No teams will be allowed to register once the scheduling process has begun.
- c. Fees and refunds – **Please note, no refunds or credits will be issued for any reason, including if SATA must stop play subject to the level of Covid-19 transmission at any given time.**
 - Captains register their teams at no cost (for singles leagues and single line doubles leagues the Captain must pay to register as a player on the team). Captains should make sure they have sufficient players before the end of the team registration deadline, which is the also the deadline to withdraw teams.
 - Player registration fee is \$15.00 for each team a player joins (with the captain's permission).
 - Registration fees are paid via online registration using MasterCard or VISA.
 - Registration and payment of the \$15.00 fee does not guarantee playing time.

- **There will be no refunds or credits.** Players will not be refunded if they do not play during the season or if they sign up for a team that withdraws after matches have been scheduled.
- Registering for the wrong team is not subject to refund but can be corrected by the league coordinator.

d. Courts

- Court Usage Permit forms must be completed and properly signed authorizing the use of the club's courts
- Depending on the league submitted, the minimum number of courts is between 1 and 6. All courts must be reserved for match times and be in good playable condition. It is acceptable to have courts at different locations as long as they are within the same park district.
- Facilities: Home teams must provide restroom facilities.
- Reservations: All teams must reserve courts for home matches on the appropriate playing day. Any court restrictions varying from the submitted Court Usage Permit must be brought to the Coordinators' attention immediately.

e. Roster

- Players can add to the roster any time after player registration opens until the end of the season.
- Players will be using the ratings that are currently listed on TopDog.

f. Forms (located on the website under *Adult Leagues*)

- **SATA Leagues Offered – Spring 2023**
- Online Team Registration
- Online Player Registration
- SATA Rules for Adult Leagues

4. **PRE-SEASON PROCESS**

- a. When team captains register their teams online, an email is automatically sent to the captain confirming the registration.
- b. It is imperative that captains verify phone numbers and email addresses of their players.
- c. Captain should notify their players of the need to have an email address and login for player registration.

5. **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM MAKEUP**

a. Ineligible Players

- Junior players who will not have reached their 18th birthday by the day of the match to be played are not eligible to play.
- Players with a USTA rating of 5.0 or higher and whose primary profession is as a tennis instructor are not eligible to play in SATA leagues.
- Players must be 50 years of age the same year of competition to play in the 50+ leagues.
- Players must be 60 years of age the same year of competition to play in the 60+ leagues.

b. Ratings

- Player ratings must meet the league requirements.
- All ratings are viewable through TopDog Tennis. To view:
 1. Go to the SATA website: www.sactennis.org
 2. Click on *TopDog*

3. At the top of this page, click on *Search*
 4. To search for an individual player, click on search and enter the player's name. Then, click on the player's name to see his/her rating.
- c. All non-rated players or those that have not played in more than 2 years must self-rate by completing and submitting the online Self Rate Form. Visit our website at <https://sactennis.org/> and click on the TopDog link. This will take you to <https://sata.topdoglive.com> where the form is located under the News Section.

6. **LEAGUE PLAY**

Interclub begins on Saturday, February 25th. When scheduling, coordinators will attempt to give all teams a minimum of 6 matches. Coordinators have the authority to schedule playoffs and finals.

7. **TEAM FORMATION**

- a. The document "**SATA Leagues Offered – Spring 2023**" outlines the requirements for the teams in each league and is located in the *Adult Leagues* section on SATA's website.
- b. The Coordinators have the authority to move players and/or full teams into a different level league, if required, to balance leagues.
- c. Matches: Whenever possible, half of the team matches will be scheduled at home except for designated traveling teams. Designated traveling teams are those teams who are located outside SATA's boundaries. Evening teams without lights on their courts or teams that do not have home courts may request to be traveling teams but can only be accommodated if opposing clubs agree to have extra home matches.

8. **COORDINATOR INFORMATION**

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Self Rate Info	Women's Weekday Doubles
Men's Sunday Morning Regular	Women's Weekday Rotating Doubles
Women's Regular	Women's 50+ Doubles
Mixed Doubles	Women's 60+ Doubles
Men's Singles	
Women's Singles	

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Women's Evening Rotating Doubles	Women's Evening Doubles
Men's Evening Doubles	Mixed Evening Doubles
Men's Evening Singles	Men's 50+ Saturday Doubles