

USTA NH Women's Evening League Info - 2009 Season

Captain's Meeting: New captains only meeting this year. Date & time TBD.

Team Commitments: 4/3/09 (please email these in as soon as possible)

Court Availability & Match Times: 4/10/09

Teams need to submit their club's court availability & match times for each position by this date so the official schedule can be completed.

Registration Starts: 3/30/09

Teams Qualified: 4/28/09 (On level requirements met – 8 per team, 5 for 2.5 Level)

Player Intents Filed: 4/28/09

Districts Intent Filed: 6/12/09 (will your team attend Districts if they qualify in Eve League)

Season Starts: 5/5/09

Season Ends: 7/16/09

Levels & Days **2.5 Wed. Nights** **3.5 Th. Nights** **4.5 TBD**

Night of play** **3.0 Tue. Nights*** **4.0 Th. Nights**

**Some 3.0 teams may need to play on non-Tuesdays to accommodate multiple home teams.*

***There may be one week where teams will play 2 nights to accommodate a full 2 round robin schedule.*

Match Info: **2.5: 1 Singles, 2 Doubles** **3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5: 2 Singles, 3 Doubles**

Match Length: 1-1/2 hours, includes 10min warm up.

Match Start Times*: **Between 6pm* & 8pm (ex: 6pm & 7:30pm or 6:30pm & 8pm)**

**Most NH clubs do not have 5 courts to accommodate all matches at once so match times are split. Home teams determine which positions will play in which time slots. Outdoor courts can be used.*

***For 6pm start times, captains will need to be flexible & help accommodate visitors who travel.*

Match Format:

- 3rd Set Tiebreak (first to 10 by 2 in lieu of a 3rd set), regular Ad Scoring (play out deuces)
- Coman Tiebreak procedure used for all tie breaks
 - For set tiebreak (played at 6-6) & 3rd set match tie break (played in lieu of 3rd set)
- 2-2-2+ Rule used to determine winner when times run out

Division/Flight Schedule: The # of teams in the division determines the # of matches played. Every team will play at least 1 home & 1 away match against every other team in the division. Matches are played every week, unless teams are given BYE weeks by an odd # of teams.

# teams In Div.	# matches Per team	Bye Weeks	# teams In Div.	# matches Per team	Bye Weeks	# teams In Div.	# matches Per team	Bye Weeks
2	8	No	4	12*	No	7	12*	Yes
3 or 5	8	Yes	6	10	No	8	14*	No

**Requires multi-evening weeks of play to fit in all matches*

League Cost: \$17 per player TennisLink registration (other costs paid by home team include court fees & balls).

Rosters: All 3.0 – 4.5 teams need a minimum of 8 players. Because everyone is not always available to play each week, it is recommended 3.0-4.5 teams have at least 12 players on the roster. All 2.5 teams need a minimum of 5 players. It is recommended 2.5 teams have about 9 players on the roster. There is no limit to the number of players on a roster.

- All players must be USTA Members & 19 years of age or turning 19 in 2009.
- Team sign ups and league standings are all run on the USTA website, TennisLink.
- Match location & dates will be on TennisLink.
- Individual match times will be in the League Handbook per home club/team.
- Division winners from this league have the opportunity to advance to the USTA League District Championships in August 7-9, 2009 in Maine & NH to compete against Vermont, NH and Maine.

Tennis Websites: www.newhampshire.usta.com , www.newengland.usta.com , tennislink.usta.com/leagues.