

CHANGES WITHIN CCTA AND USTA

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Changes have occurred with the local League of the CCTA and the USTA. Many of you have already experienced some of these changes. I thought that it might be useful to give membership an overview.

The local Coastal Carolina Tennis Association (CCTA) that handles all the local USTA leagues has made some revisions.

- Due to the August/September heat, it was decided to play the fall season in late spring. The fall season has completed, and in September the USTA State Championships will be played based on those late spring results. If your team qualified, you will be invited to the State USTA tournament. I believe that it runs in early October.
- We are currently playing USTA Mixed. Next up is Combo (Team rosters are completed.) which is playing in the August/September period which used to be the old fall USTA.
- Now we get to our current situation. Teams are forming for the new CCTA interleague (NOT USTA SANCTIONED). They are going to call this league: The Beaufort County Fall League. Below is a chart of the categories available in this league. Any member in good standing of the Sun City Tennis Association (SCTA) may pay the fees and play in this league. But first you have to form a team. Anyone can declare themselves a Captain and recruit players to form a team. The winner of a category will play the winner of the TAHHI (Tennis Association of Hilton Head Island) for a local championship. A local Interleague is a dream that many of us have shared for years. There were some successful attempts within Sun City in the past but they never seemed to have "legs." In my humble opinion, this is a program that we should support.

BTW, this League seems to be well supported by other communities with several teams in most categories.

To put this in a larger context the aforementioned CCTA offers a Spring Summer and Fall league for the USTA. The primary new features are the Beaufort County League and the move to have teams vying for the State Tournament in the fall to play late spring because of the heat.

I hope that this recap of USTA and CCTA activities has been helpful. Now that you have a better understanding, I hope that many of you will take the plunge and begin playing in one or more of these programs.

Remember, for Sun City scheduling, if you form a team and register, you also have to register with the SCTA. We will need to reserve courts for your home matches

To assist you I have outlined the organizations involved and the makeup of the Beaufort County League. Please contact me for more information.

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Organizations:

- **CCTA** – Coastal Carolina Tennis Association is the local affiliation of USTA responsible for offering local events and publicizing them.
 - **TAHHI** – Tennis Association of Hilton Head Island is the Island affiliation of USTA.
 - **Interclub** – Tennis league played among Sun City and other clubs/plantations but is not part of USTA.
 - **Intraclub** – Tennis league played within Sun City but is not part of USTA.
 - **Rookie League**
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- I expect registration for the fall league to open up in late August, since the season will not start until October.
 - I expect to have the registration listed as **Beaufort County Fall League**, or something like that.
 - Day of play for the 3.0 flights: 70+ Men to play on Monday and 70+ Women on Tuesday.
 - The 2.5 flight will most likely play on weekends, since that is what they're used to and it won't interfere with other levels.

