

Tennis Meeting for Social Group Leaders – 2025 Summer Season

Cancelled: (Thursday, May 8, 2025 @ 6:00 PM in Hidden Cypress) Courts for all Groups are already assigned!

AGENDA: Choosing Social Group Play days and times for the 2025 Summer Season: (May 26 – Sep 14)

The summer season involves BBTL's USTA Mixed & Combo leagues (55+ & 65+). USTA captain must choose their home match time, either 2 or 5:30 pm. For the summer, there are no restrictions regarding pre-placement of three-court groups. Intracub league play will be at noon for those electing to play in summer.

All Social Group leaders, USTA team captains, & Inter/Intra Club Coordinators wanting to play during summer must notify the season setup team approx 45 days prior to the start of each season, so that a link to a registration file can be emailed. However, because leagues are setup prior to the formation of the lottery template, **only Social Group leaders need to attend the lottery meeting.** Notifying the season setup team early is required to 1) make sure we have the needed home courts, and 2) verify you are not exceeding limits on court usage. Two separate limits apply such that pre-placement courts (leagues & season courts acquired via the lottery) are distributed fairly.

One limit restricts members such that their CAM # may appear on no more than 6 total registrations.

A second limit determines an **adjusted total expected plays per week in prime time as a result of pre-placement.** This value is calculated by multiplying each pre-placed reservation by its weighting factor (0.7 for groups, 0.15 for USTA, 0.45 for intra/inter) and summing the products. The objective of this limit (2.6) is to ensure equitable distribution of our courts in prime time. These "Lottery Points" are not to be confused with 'Chelsea points'. (See online Policy & Procedures manual, Section 9). **Note: No Lottery or Chelsea points are awarded to teams/groups playing at 5:30 pm or later.**

Requests for an SCTA registration forms must be received by **Apr 21, 2025.** **Request a form online as follows:**

Go to www.sctatennis.com and click on **Event Sign-Up**. Click to **request a link to a lottery registration file** for the upcoming season. Enter your info & place a check mark next to all types of reservations you need (USTA captain, Intracub Coordinator, Social Group Leader). Remember that USTA teams do NOT get free practice courts, so if you also want them, you must request a Social Group. A link to an online registration form will be emailed to you. If you are having trouble, email Gary Green or Steve Sandike for help. You can use one form with multiple tabs (bottom left) to identify all the different teams/groups you'd like (using right-mouse & "duplicate" as needed). Continue to edit the form until it is complete. **Therefore, you should keep this link HANDY!** The online form is saved automatically and will be processed when season setup is handed over to the scheduling committee. You must complete the form by **Apr 30, 2025.**

Do not confuse SCTA registration with signing up for a USTA league. USTA registration is now performed online, through BBTL. They usually want to start registration approx 30 days prior to the start of the next season.

On your SCTA registration, include the captain/leader's name, phone #, email, and team/group name. Indicate the type of team or group, the level, and age group. **Group Leaders confirm (Y or N) if you want the reservation confirmations sent to the player listed 5th and/or 9th on your list, or only to you.** Default is "N" with confirmations going only to group leaders. In the column for the list of player names, simply start typing the last name and use the pull-down to select the player. If a player is not listed, just enter the player's name and the season setup team will resolve the issue with membership. No need to include subs.

Only social group leaders will be entered into Chelsea each week. Leaders are expected to ADD players actually playing before the day of play on a weekly basis.

At least 6 players are required for a one-court social group. A group of 12 or more is required to reserve two courts, and 16 or more for three courts. These listed players are the minimum required to hold your registration for season courts. However, during the course of the season, ANY SCTA member may substitute in your group as needed (they need not be listed on your form). You can always add or remove players as conditions change, even after the season starts. All players listed on the registration file **must** be paid members of the SCTA or the request will not be processed.

Sequence of events at the meeting:

1. **Sign in as your group's representative.** If you represent two groups then ensure both are checked-in.
2. **You will draw a lottery number or ticket as you sign in FOR EACH GROUP.**
3. **Look over the open day/time slots available. Have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice for day & time ready when you are called.**
4. **When your number is called, make a day/time selection on the working template, making sure it is correct.**
5. **This process continues until all Groups are placed on the template. Results will be recorded and forwarded to all Group Leaders for verification prior to data being entered into Chelsea for the season schedule.**