

2023 Jingle Bells League

The Jingle Bells League is meant to be a fun, social tennis time during the holiday season. Our goal for you is to have a great time playing tennis and sharing holiday cheer!

Team Match Format

- 1 Male Doubles
- 1 Female Doubles
- 1 Mixed Doubles

Team Composition – Maximum of 12 players per team.

- 2.5/3.0 teams must be comprised of players with a rating no higher than a 3.0 NTRP rating.
- 3.0/3.5 teams must be comprised of players with a rating no higher than a 3.5 NTRP rating.
- 3.5/4.0 teams should be comprised of players with a rating no higher than a 4.0 NTRP rating.
- 4.0/4.5 teams should be comprised of players with a rating no higher than a 4.5 NTRP rating.

For all teams, no player can “play up” more than one level just as it is in the USTA league play. (ex. A 3.0 player can “play up” on a 3.5/4.0 team). All ratings will be based on player’s official rating at the time of registration.

Scoring

- Best 2 out of 3, 6 game sets
- Regular Scoring with 7 point tie-breaker at set score of 6-6
- 10 point tie break in lieu of third set
- Winner determined by number of games won
 - There will be three courts played: men’s and women’s doubles and mixed doubles • Winner of each court will be determined by the number of games won. Winner of the match will be determined by the total number of games won on all three courts. In the example below, you will see it is possible to win more sets than the other team but still lose the match. Team A won 2 out of the 3 courts but still lost the match by 4 games.

Men's Doubles		Women's Doubles		Mixed Doubles	
Team A	Team B	Team A	Team B	Team A	Team B
6	4	2	6	6	4
4	6	1	6	6	4

1	0				
11	10	3	12	12	8
Total games Team A		Total games Team B			
26		30			
Declared Winner	Team B				

- If there is a tie, we will go to the total number of sets won. If there is still a tie, we will go to the total number of matches won. If there is still a tie we will toss a coin to determine the winner.

League Dates

- October 23rd through December 15th, 2023
- No matches week of November 20th, (Thanksgiving week)

Locations & Start Times

- Empie Park - 6:00
- Longleaf Park - 6:00
- Ogden Park – 6:00 &/or 6:30
- Echo Farms – 6:00 &/or 6:30
- There may be some 7:30 matches at Empie and Longleaf Park

Divisions

- 2.5/3.0
- 3.0/3.5
- 3.5/4.0
- 4.0/4.5

Days of the week

- 2.5/3.0 level plays on Tuesday or Thursday
- 3.0/3.5 level plays on Monday or Wednesday
- 3.5/4.0 level plays on Tuesday or Thursday
- 4.0/4.5 level plays on Monday or Wednesday

Theme Nights

- Jingle Bells Night - week of November 6th
 - Wear jingle bells attached to your clothes, shoes and/or racket
- Week of November 13th - Bring a Toy week
 - Not mandatory but if you want to participate, bring an unwrapped toy to your match to donate to local charity.
 - Designated captain will collect from your match
 - Each team will designate a player to collect toys
 - League Coordinator will collect toys from each team the week of November 27th
- Ugly Sweater Night - week of December 11th
 - Wear your ugliest sweater
 - Pictures for the website and GWTA Facebook page encouraged!

Logistics

- Team matches: all courts should go on court at the same time.
- Home Team brings balls and leaves with them after the match
- Score Cards are exchanged at the beginning of the match
- All locations have 3 courts allotted so all matches will go on at the same time • Since all teams have at least 3 men and 3 women, there will be no staggered start times.
 - If, *on an emergency basis*, you are down to only 2 players of the same gender and need to have a staggered start time, **and** the opposing team is able to accommodate, allow the players of the third match to arrive 45 minutes after the original start time. I will need notification to extend reservations.
- Warm Ups limited to 10 minutes in all locations
- Match winner shall enter scores
- Scores will be posted on
- Weather Issues
 - If there is any possibility to dry the courts for play, dry them (we are in a very short season and it will be hard to make up any matches)
 - If the weather is below 32 degrees including wind chill via weather.com, a match may be rescheduled. If players are willing to play however the match may go on but all players who play must be in agreement. You may have 1 court play and 2 not etc. but again, this is a short season and matches should be played if at all possible
 - If a match is cancelled due to weather, please email me and I will find courts and a date. There is a possibility that any make-up match may have to be played on another day of the week