

AARSA Atlanta Chinese Fall Tennis League — Registration Guidelines

To enrich cultural and recreational life in the Atlanta Chinese community and to foster friendship among tennis enthusiasts, AARSA is organizing the Atlanta Chinese Tennis League. Please read the following carefully before registering:

1. League Schedule and Registration Deadline

The league is scheduled to begin on September 12 and conclude on November 15.

The registration deadline is August 31. Whether late registrations will be accepted depends on team formation and lineup scheduling at that time.

2. Format and Team Formation

This league uses a team-based format.

After registering, players may indicate a preferred team based on their area, partner preference, and preferred captain. The final number of teams, team composition, and captains will be determined based on actual registrations.

When forming teams, the committee will try to respect each player's preferences while also balancing overall team strength, geographic distribution, partner requests, and scheduling/logistics considerations.

A player's stated team preference is only a reference for the committee and does not guarantee placement on the requested team. Players who do not state a preference will be assigned by the committee based on their registered area, tennis level, and overall team balance.

3. Match Lineups and Divisions

Each team will field multiple doubles lineups, including:

Men's Doubles;

Women's Doubles;

Mixed Doubles.

The committee will decide whether to add a singles lineup based on the number of registrants, player preferences, roster composition, and scheduling considerations.

The exact number of teams, the number of lineups per match, and the ratio of men's, women's, and mixed doubles will be determined based on the number of registrants, participant composition, and overall skill distribution.

Captains should arrange their team's players and lineups reasonably, per the committee's rules.

Each round does not have a fixed match day, but does have a clear completion deadline.

Sample Multi-Division Format

Depending on registration numbers, each division will have 4 or 5 teams. The playoff qualification method depends on the number of divisions; possible formats are illustrated below:

Two Divisions

The top two teams from each division advance to the playoffs, for a total of 4 teams. The semifinals use cross-division seeding — i.e., the 1st-place team of one division plays the 2nd-place team of the other division — and the winners advance to the final.

Three Divisions

The top two teams from each division advance directly, plus the two best-performing 3rd-place teams (selected from all three divisions), for a total of 8 teams entering the playoffs. These 8 teams first play a cross-bracket knockout round, and the 4 winners advance to the semifinals.

Four Divisions

The top two teams from each division advance to the playoffs, for a total of 8 teams. These 8 teams first play a cross-bracket knockout round, and the 4 winners advance to the semifinals.

The exact matchups and ranking/tiebreak rules will be determined separately by the committee based on the final divisions and results.

4. Roster Participation and Best Pairing Awards

Registered players are, in principle, expected to be available for most regular-season matches and to work with their captain to complete the team's match schedule.

In addition to team standings, the league will also present Best Pairing awards for each category. Only pairs who play together as a fixed partnership are eligible for the Best Pairing rankings; results from temporarily reshuffled partners or non-regular lineups are not counted toward this award. Rankings are based primarily on match win rate; ties are broken by set win rate, then game win rate.

5. Tennis Level Information

Registrants should accurately report information related to their tennis level, including but not limited to typical rating, league experience, competition results, preferred position, and usual partners.

This information is an important basis for the committee's team assignments, lineup planning, and balancing of team strength.

If a player's provided information differs significantly from their actual level, the committee reserves the right to adjust that player's team placement, level, or lineup assignment accordingly.

Accurately reporting your level helps ensure fairness and a good match experience across all teams and lineups.

6. Match Scheduling and Results Reporting

Group round-robin matches and the early knockout rounds are scheduled by the two team captains, who coordinate match time and location directly.

Each team is responsible for finding a suitable venue and completing matches within the committee's deadline.

Both captains should confirm match time, venue, participating players, and lineups in advance, and notify their teammates promptly.

After a match, both captains should verify the results together and report them to the committee promptly as required.

Semifinals and finals will, in principle, be held at venues arranged centrally by the committee; the specific time and location will be announced separately.

7. Safety and Liability Disclaimer

Tennis involves a certain level of physical exertion and risk of injury. All participants should independently decide whether to register and play based on their own health, physical condition, and athletic ability.

Participants should warm up, protect themselves, and stay hydrated, and should bring their own appropriate athletic gear.

To the extent permitted by law, the committee, event organizers, captains, and venue providers are not liable for any accidents, injuries, property loss, or other damages occurring before, during, or after matches, or while traveling to or from the venue.

By registering, participants acknowledge the inherent risks of tennis and voluntarily accept the risks associated with participating in the league.

Participants with health conditions that may affect their ability to play safely should consult a medical professional before registering or competing.

8. League Mission

This league aims to provide a fair, friendly, and well-organized platform for Chinese tennis enthusiasts in the Atlanta area — fostering connection and collaboration among players, helping them meet like-minded friends, improving together as tennis players, and enjoying the health and happiness that tennis brings.

By registering, participants confirm that they have read, understood, and agree to abide by these registration guidelines as well as any competition rules and arrangements the committee publishes subsequently.

AARSA Organizing Committee