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***Dear Newcomer,***

***Welcome to the Central Savannah River Area Tennis Association! We continue our more than 30 year commitment to the growth and promotion of tennis to residents in five counties in Georgia and South Carolina. Whether you are new to tennis or a veteran player we will provide you with the tools and resources needed to get you on the courts as quickly as possible.***

***We support a very active tennis community and offer a variety of programs ranging from our Junior Team Tennis program to Tennis Apprentice, an adult beginner program and senior's tennis. Whatever the level of play there is a team for you! Plus, we are adding new programs every season. Our motto speaks for itself; "Tennis, a Sport for a Lifetime!"***

***The purpose of this guide is to give you and your family a quick overview of the programs we offer as well as the tennis facilities in the area. Most importantly, we want you to have the information you need to get started playing as a member of your new tennis association.***

***Please contact us. We are always here to help answer your questions. Also, we welcome your feedback if you have suggestions on how to make this guide as user friendly as possible.***

***We look forward to meeting each of you on the courts!***

***Best regards,***

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## **Introduction**

Your first stop to find information about tennis in the CSRA is to visit our web site at [www.csratenis.com](http://www.csratenis.com). Here you will find most of your questions answered from adult to junior tennis and everything in between. On the “Home” page be sure to “join our mailing list” to stay up to date on all of our correspondence. Visit the site often to stay up to date on Adult News, USTA Championship dates and the CSRATA tournament schedule. Also, you will find the days and time of play, links to local, state and national rules, TennisLink/Player guides and much more. To play in CSRATA leagues you must have a current USTA membership that will not expire before the end of the season. We offer flights from NTRP level 2.5 – 4.5 plus 4.0 low. If you are 5.0 or greater don’t stop reading, just give us a call. Soon, we hope to be able to populate that flight too. Go to [www.membership.usta.com](http://www.membership.usta.com) to join the USTA or renew your membership. Below is a general outline of the programs we offer.

## **Adult Tennis Programs**

### **Leagues, Calendars and Schedules**

An annual Championship Year USTA Adult League Calendar is published every year in July. If you need help finding a team e-mail us and we will answer all of your questions and help find you a team. While the type of league and the dates and days the leagues are offered may change slightly we historically have offered the following:

#### **Fall League and Events**

##### **CSRATA Membership Appreciation Day**

In late August be sure to attend the annual CSRATA Membership Appreciation Day. This free event is a fun filled day of tennis, prizes, food

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and more. This is a very well attended event and as a newcomer take advantage of this opportunity to meet many of our members, local Pros and the Board of Directors.

### **Adult 18 & Over; 40 & Over; 55 & Over; 65 & Over**

Registration for these leagues opens in mid-August. League play begins in early September and runs through mid-December.

### **Spring League and Events**

#### **Adult 18 & Over; 40 & Over; 55 & Over; 65 & Over**

Registration begins in early December and play runs from early January to early April.

#### **Southern Combo 18 & Over and 40 & Over Mini-Season**

Play format: Men's and women's teams play three doubles lines NTRP levels 5.5; 6.5; 7.5; 8.5; 9.5. This one week season is offered in late February. Registration opens in late January.

### **Summer League and Events**

#### **Mixed 18 & Over and 40 & Over**

Play format: Three doubles lines NTRP levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0. Registration begins in mid-March and play is from mid-April through mid-July.

#### **Southern Combo 18 & Over and 40 & Over**

Play format: Men's and women's teams play three doubles lines NTRP levels 5.5; 6.5; 7.5; 8.5; 9.5. Registration begins in mid-April and play is from early June through late August.

### **Adult Beginner Program, Tennis Apprentice/Tennis for Troops**

This is a great program designed for adults who want to learn to play tennis. It is offered in the fall and spring and participants will learn to play in a few short weeks! Both programs are identical and we welcome all residents to include the military community. Check [www.csratenis.com](http://www.csratenis.com) for more information.

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### **Sets in the City, (Kick Off Fall 2016)**

Calling all 18-36 year olds! This is a fun, social tennis league for adults of all skill levels to start or continue playing tennis. This league is about having fun, making new friends and improving your tennis game while you're at it! The participation fee is probably less than you spent at the bar last weekend. There are no excuses – grab some friends and choose to try something new and fun!

### **Lapsed Player Initiative**

**Relaunch Your Game!** Did you used to play tennis, loved it and want to get back on the courts? We want you back in the game and will pay your first league registration fee. Call now for more information!

## **Junior Tennis Programs**

### **Junior Team Tennis**

The CSRA Tennis Association offers a tennis program for children from 8 years and under to 18 and under. This program is part of the USTA junior tennis program and is offered in the spring and fall. In the fall program the teams are single gender and the spring program is mixed gender with teams qualifying to go to the Junior Team Tennis (JTT) USTA Championship tournaments. Competition consists of both singles and doubles matches. Several facilities in our area offer this junior team tennis program in which there is competition between the facilities at various levels. For more information on Junior Team Tennis in the CSRA, please contact:

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### **High School Tennis**

Calling parents and players! High School tennis is an incredible opportunity to compete in a great environment for teenagers – on a team with friends. And its benefits are many, both in terms of health, fitness and social

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interaction. So, don't wait. Act today to get – yourself - or your child - in the game. For more information contact: Lisa Krupp, at [10schik@comcast.net](mailto:10schik@comcast.net).

### **USTA Officiating.**

**We Need Officials!** Get close to the action and make an impact on the game by becoming an official. The steps are easier than ever before as certification is completed online at the USTA Officiating Online Learning Center. If you are interested in becoming a certified tennis official please contact our local contact or the Georgia State Chairman.

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**Volunteers for Life.** Just as tennis is a sport for life, members can volunteer in the tennis community while they are still playing or even after actively playing. Our needs are many and ever changing. If interested be sure to drop us a note and we will find you a valuable and rewarding position.

### **Area Tennis Facilities.**

Whether you are brand new to tennis, an experienced player or a former player who is returning to the game after an absence, there are facilities and programs in the area that can meet your needs. Below is a current list of approved facilities for USTA league play.

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Private</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Surface</b>
Augusta Country Club		X	706-738-2735	Clay/Hard
Burke County	X		706-554-5210	Hard
Odell Weeks	X		803-642-7739	Clay/Hard
Newman Tennis Center	X		706-821-1600	Hard
Patriots Park	X		706-863-7523	Hard
Petersburg Racquet Club		X	706-860-9288	Clay/Hard
River View Park	X		615-479-4173	Hard
Springlakes Assoc.	X	X	706-294-5231	Hard
West Lake Country Club		X	706-863-4018	Clay/Hard

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