Welcome Adult League Captains

ALTA Pre-Season Captain's Meeting

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Agenda

- Welcome
- Introductions
- General League Information
- Sportsmanship Awards
- Captain/Coordinator Responsibilities
- Review of Rules
- Questions and Answers

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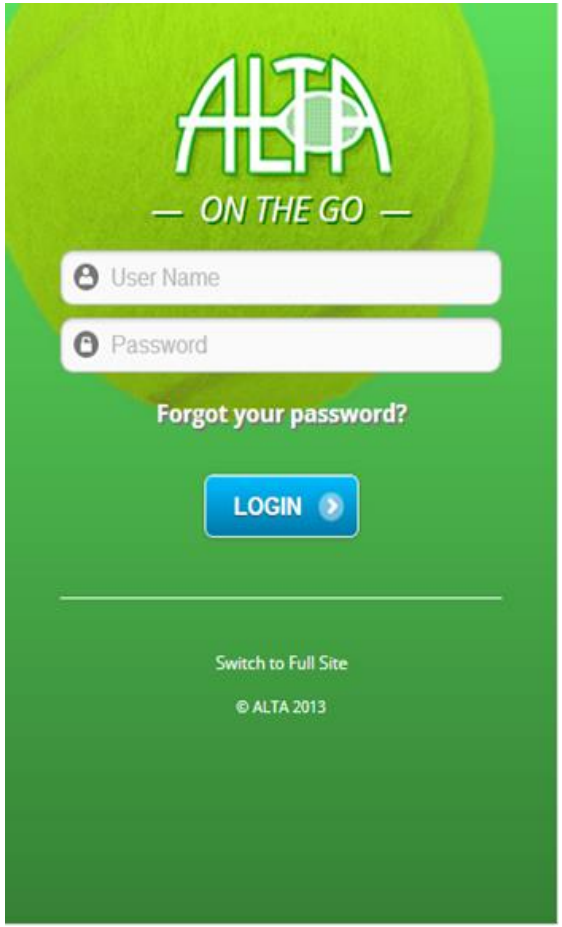
ALTA *“On the GO”*

- Mobile version for smart phone or tablet
- Not an “app” . . . nothing to download
- Simplified (touch screen) navigation
- Same user name and password
- Focused on active rosters . . . most used functions



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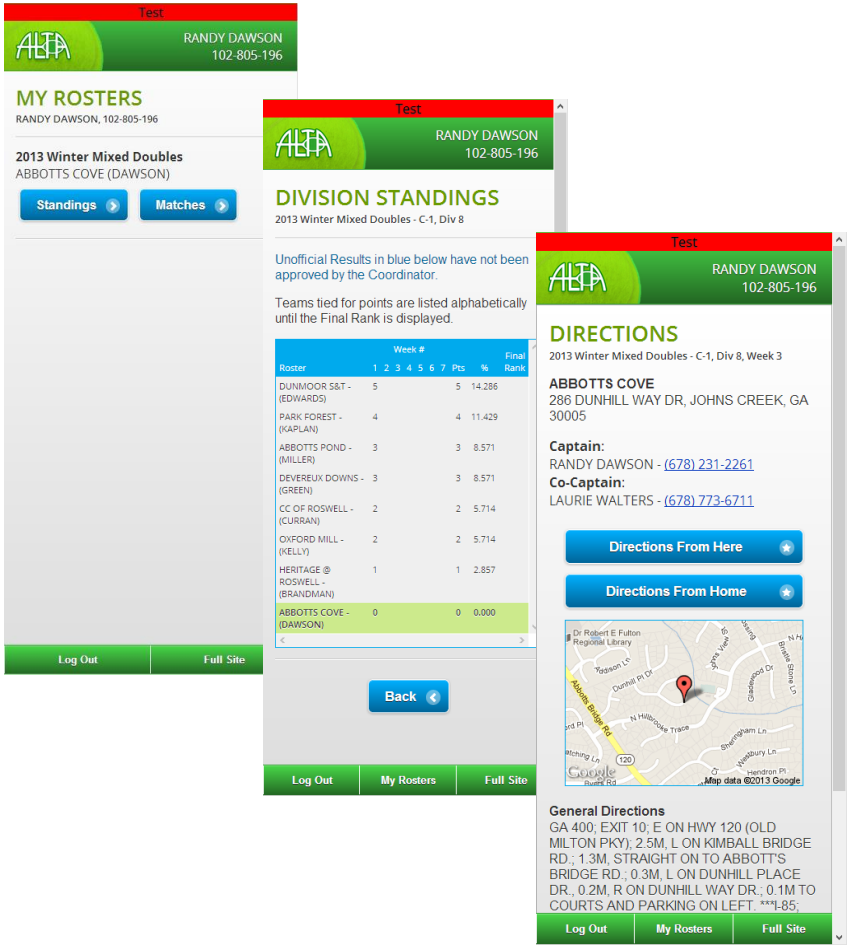
- Multiple active views
  - Roster – the “Starting Point”
  - Standings
  - Matches
  - Directions
  - Scorecard
- Quick link to full ALTA site



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ALTA Tournaments

- All playing levels accommodated
  - AA, High A, B, C and Low A, B and C
- Upcoming Tournaments – Register by Tomorrow
  - Women's Doubles – March 2 – Lost Mountain TC
  - Men's Doubles – March 9 – Sandy Springs TC
- Summer and Fall Mixed Doubles Mixers
  - August 9 and November 2
- Details and Sign Up on the ALTA website under Leagues and Tournaments > Tournaments

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Sportsmanship

- Have fun, play with a positive attitude and make new friends
- If you play a team that exhibits great sportsmanship, let your coordinator know
- ALTA recognizes good sportsmanship in the leagues

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Sportsmanship Award

- Fall 2013 – Sunday Women League
  - Durham Lakes Golf and CC, A - 3
    - Kathryn Roberds, Captain
    - Debbi Seelye, Co-Captain
  - Chadds Walk, B - 8
    - Lisa Buxbaum, Captain
    - Jodi Bossak, Co-Captain

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Sportsmanship Award

- Fall 2013 - Men's League
  - Bridgemill Tennis Club, A-5
    - Daniel Pawlak, Captain
  - River Green, A-5
    - Jed McAdoo, Captain
  - Medlock Bridge – Groomsbridge Road, B - 1
    - David Ellis, Co-Captain
  - Vinings Estates, B-1
    - Blain Cloud, Player
    - Peter Conn, Player

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Placement of Teams

The most frequently asked question:
How are teams placed?

- Average level of the 10 highest players on the roster; (8) for Senior; (6) for Senior Day teams
- The most recent team history . . . previous season results
- Evaluation of Requests for Review
- Need to fill the divisions with the proper number of teams
- Consideration for travel where possible

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Captain's Responsibilities

- Read the current Adult League rules . . . available on the ALTA web site.

- Call your coordinator if you still have questions after reading the rules
  - Please only call between 9 AM and 9 PM. Coordinators are volunteers.

- Check your ALTA roster to make sure **ALL** of your players are listed!

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Resources

- ALTA Rules and the Captain's Handbook
  - Available on line. Answers most questions!
- The ALTA website – www.altatennis.org
  - Calendar, important dates, updates
- Your coordinator and overall coordinator
  - Call between 9 AM – 9 PM
  - A complete list of coordinators can be found in the league schedule packet
- ALTA office cannot answer league specific questions

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E-mails - Important

- Encourage your players to keep their profiles up to date including e-mail address and phone numbers

- E-mails serve a larger purpose today
  - » Player confirmation when added to a roster
  - » Captains can communicate with others through the ALTA system
  - » Individual e-mail availability designated by *e-mail* notation
  - » Captains and co-captains must have an e-mail address in their profile

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Designees

- A person designated by the team captain
  - Helps “manage” team with same access as captain
  - Can be any current ALTA member(s)
  - Can be added or removed as needed
  - Can enter scorecards and view team tracking sheet
  - Can add eligible players to roster
- Set up under My ALTA > My Rosters > Designee

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Roster Additions

- A total of 6 eligible players can be added to a roster during the regular season
  - The day after the captain's meeting through the last regular season match
- A player must be added by midnight before the match to be eligible for that match
  - Players must play two matches to be eligible for playoffs
- Specific eligibility rules strictly apply
- Details in ALTA Adult League Rules and Captain's Schedule Packet

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Before Your Match

- Call visiting captain 3-4 days in advance and discuss the following:
  - Court surface
  - Directions
  - Lights
  - Order of play
  - Number of courts

- Matches can never be scheduled to be played late. Matches may be scheduled early.

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Playing Matches Early

- Done for convenience of teams and players and with agreement of both teams
  - Match is tracked from the date the last position is completed
  - In case of rain at an early match time, the match reverts to the originally scheduled date unless a new early date is agreed upon
  - Normal default and player movement rules apply
  - Early match play may help alleviate scheduling issues arising from holidays and school vacations

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At the Match

- Exchange line-ups BEFORE play begins!
- Be READY TO PLAY at match time
- Warm-ups should occur prior to match time
- Captains may agree to extend the default time; BUT be specific regarding the time period
- It is your responsibility to control your players' and spectators' conduct
- Coaching is not allowed at any time
- Any disagreement must be resolved on the court

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Following the Match

- Post Scores to the ALTA web site
  - » Either team (any roster member) can post the scores
  - » The other team can review and approve or dispute
- Scorecards must be entered within 24 hours of the match and approved by the opposing captain within 48 hours of the match
- The division standings will be updated upon entry of the scorecard
- The coordinator will do a final approval and any revisions to the division standings will be posted
- A scorecard cannot be changed after it is submitted

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Following the Match

- Enter date played for matches as well as scores and players
  - Enter as “Played as Scheduled”, “Played Early” or “Delayed” (a rain or weather delay)
  - For matches played early or weather-delayed, indicate the date each individual match was played
- Make comments as appropriate for your coordinator’s information
- Contact the coordinator if any disputes need to be discussed

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Following the Match

- **Alert**
  - Scorecards final after 10 days from scheduled date of matches
  - No Changes

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On-Line Information

- The team Tracking Sheet, for checking player movement, is available after scores are entered
  - » Captains, co-captain, roster creator and designees can view their team's tracking sheet
- Division Standings are preliminary when a scorecard is entered and finalized upon Coordinator review
- Playoff Drawsheets are under ***Leagues and Tournaments > Playoffs***
  - » Playoff scorecards are with the drawsheets

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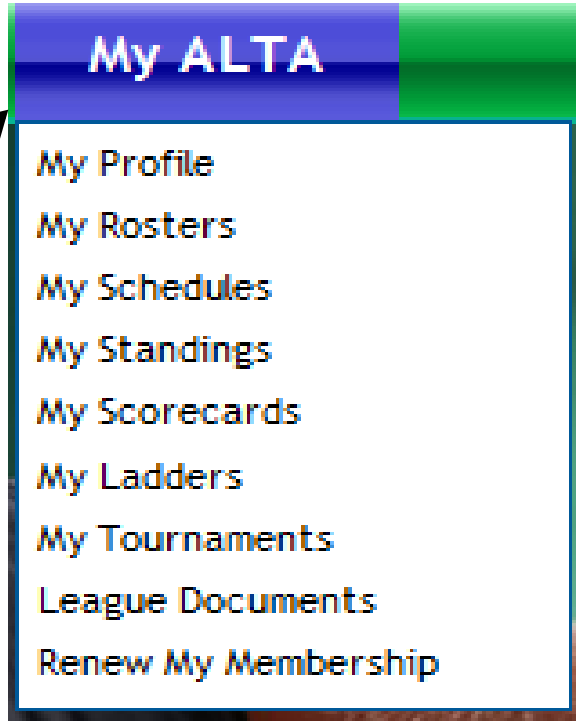
On-Line Information

"My ALTA" provides a quick link to several frequently used functions



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Multiple Memberships

- Multiple membership numbers are not allowed
- Some occur because:
  - Frustration with renewing current membership
  - Can’t remember ALTA number
- Correct by notifying ALTA office to avoid penalty

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Lights

- Lighted courts are required (except “grandfathered” facilities)
  - Typically needed for some seniors matches and make up matches
- Check lights prior to matches
  - Check timer operation and facility rules that may impact match completion
- If lighted courts are required and not available, follow normal court availability rules
  - Visiting team has first option of providing their courts
  - Home team can use alternate courts in ALTA area

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Lights

- Lights out during match – “act of God”
  - Visitors have first option of providing their courts
  - If visitor courts are not available, home team can provide nearby alternate courts in ALTA area
  - If no courts available, reschedule as rain-out
- Lights out during match – timer or facility rule
  - Wait a reasonable time to rectify situation
  - Visitors have first option of providing their courts
  - If visitor courts are not available, home team must provide nearby alternate courts
  - If no courts are provided, home team “retires” uncompleted matches

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Coaching/Cell Phones

- Coaching is not allowed at ALTA matches
  - Teammates, fans, coaches, spectators may not “coach” or give instructions to players by any means
  - Player – spectator communications should be in a language understood by all
  - Captains are responsible for team and spectator conduct
- Cell phones (and other electronic devices) are not allowed on the court
  - An audible disturbance will be considered an intentional hindrance

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Rain

- Players should be available and at courts
  - Teams/players not present risk default if courts are playable
- Wait at least one hour to see if courts become playable due to rain/wet courts
  - Match can be rescheduled after one hour wait or if there is a second delay
- It takes only one player to determine that the courts are not suitable for play

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Rainout Match Reminders

- Once the first serve in a match is struck, those four players must complete the match
- Players for matches not begun can be changed
  - Normal player movement rules apply
  - Rain delays wash out any announced defaults
- Once a make-up time, date and location are agreed to, they cannot be changed
  - Make sure all four players know the details
- Rained out matches should be rescheduled by the end of the day of the scheduled match

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Player Movement Rules

- During the regular season, use the tracking sheet to check for player movement and sandbagging
  - A pair may move up or down only one position from the last position played together
    - Any interim individual moves should not be considered, only where the **pair** last played together
  - An individual player may move up or down two positions form the last position played

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Sandbagging Rules

- Lineups are determined according to strength
- Scheduling stronger pairs below weaker pairs is prohibited
- A winning pair can not be moved down so that a losing pair can be moved up
  - A winning pair is defined as a pair whose winning percentage **for the season** is greater than 50%
  - A losing pair is defined as a pair whose winning percentage **for the season** is less than 50%
  - A team whose winning percentage for the season is 50% is neither a winning or losing team

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Sandbagging

Player	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7
	5D W	4D L	3D L		4D W	4D W	2D W
		2D L		1D Fl	2D L		
	3D W	4D L	2D W	3D F	3D W	3D L	5D L
							2D W
	1D L	3D W	1D L				
	5D W		4D W		5D WD		3D W
			5D W	5D F		5D W	5D L
	4D W	5D W	4D W	4D F	4D W	4D W	3D W
	2D W	1D W		2D Fl	1D L	1D L	
	4D W	5D W	3D L	4D F		3D L	4D W
	2D W	1D W	2D W	2D Fl	1D L	2D L	
			5D W	5D F	5D WD	5D W	4D W
	1D L	2D L	1D L	1D Fl	2D L	1D L	1D L
	3D W	3D W		3D F	3D W	2D L	1D L

Losing pair moved up

Winning pair moved down

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Defaults vs Forfeits

- Defaults are points lost for failing to be present to play
  - A team cannot average more than one default per match.
  - Call your Coordinator for assistance if you are having problems or nearing the limit
  - Defaults are scored as 6-0, 6-0 unless there is a double default which will be scored as 0-0, 0-0
- Forfeits are points taken for violations of rules
- Game scores stand as played for forfeits below the point of infraction but points are lost

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Coordinator Responsibilities

- Serves as the primary resource for the questions from team captains. Their contact information is on your season schedule.
- Validates scores posted online and tracks individual player movement to monitor for appropriate play
- Oversees teams for playoffs and city finals
- Approves playoff lineups
- Facilitates City Finals

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Questions

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