

2018 CTA Championships Information

Event Information (Singles):

Date: May 11 – 13, 2018

Location: Rock Creek Tennis Center (Friday evening, Saturday)
4850 Colorado Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20011

East Potomac Tennis Center (Sunday)
1090 Ohio Drive SW
Washington DC, 20024

Time:

7PM – 11PM Friday Evening (RC)
5 Outdoor Courts

8AM – 6PM Saturday (RC)
8 Outdoor Courts

8AM – 6PM Sunday (HP)
8 Outdoor Courts
5 Indoor Courts (if needed for weather delays)

Event Information (Doubles):

Date: June 1 – 3, 2018

Location: George Washington University Tennis Center
GWU Mount Vernon Campus,
2100 Foxhall Road NW
Washington, DC 20007

Time:

7PM – 11PM Friday
5 Outdoor Hard Courts

8AM – 6PM Saturday and Sunday
8 Outdoor Hard Courts

Entry Fee:

\$50 per player, paid via PayPal

Tournament Co-Directors:

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Tournament Format:

There will be five separate draws based on skill divisions: Open, A, B, C, and D, to be dictated by GLTA rating and CAPERS ratings (details are explained in Rules for Registration).

There will be two phases of tournament match play: Round Robin Phase, in which players will be assigned to a group, with one seeded player in each group, and play three shortened-format matches each against three members of that same group; and Phase Two of tournament, where players with the most winning record from group matches will advance to single-elimination play, either as quarterfinals (only if large draw), semifinals (most typical), or straight to a final (for small draw).

Match format during Round Robin Phase will be best-of-three-set matches, with no-ad scoring for all games, a standard first-to-7-points-by-2 tiebreak for 1st and 2nd sets, and a first-to-10points-by-2 super tiebreak as the deciding third "set" if needed (in lieu of a normal third set).

Match format for Phase 2 single-elimination phase will be normal scoring, best-of-three-full-sets.

Fast play during all matches will be encouraged and monitored. Seven-minute warm-ups (max), fast between points, brief change-overs, etc.

Rules for Determining Group Winners:

Group winners shall be determined in three tiers of consideration, as necessary. Players in a group will first be ranked in order of match wins. Only in the event of a tie for first place in a group based on match record, the tied players will then be ranked in order of set win/loss record from all sets played over three matches (a super-tie-break third "set" played shall still be considered a set for these ranking purposes). In the event that there are still players tied for first place in a group after second-tier ranking, the tied players will then be ranked by win/loss for all games played during their three matches (any first-to-seven-tiebreak or super-tiebreak played to determine a set winner shall count as one game win or loss for these ranking purposes).

Rules for Registration:

Registration opens Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 8:00 PM and close Friday May 4, 2018 at 12:00 PM for Singles.

Registration to open Thursday May 3, 2018 at 8:00 PM and close Friday May 25, 2018 at 12:00 PM for Doubles.

Skill divisions will be determined by the following guidelines using GLTA and CAPERS ratings.

For Singles:

GLTA Rating: If a player has a GLTA rating (aka "gradation" for entering GLTA tournaments), then that player cannot play below their GLTA rating.

Example: If Rick has a gradation of B in GLTA Singles, but is a C or 3.25 in CAPERS, he cannot enter the C Division because GLTA trumps CAPERS.

CAPERS Rating: If a player doesn't have a GLTA rating, then that player must follow the below guidelines using their CAPERS rating as of 5/4/2018:

- Players with a CAPERS rating of 4.5 and above must play Open
- Players with a CAPERS rating of 4.0 - 4.49 must play A or higher
- Players with a CAPERS rating of 3.5 - 3.99 must play B or higher
- Players with a CAPERS rating of 3.0 - 3.49 must play C or higher
- Players with a CAPERS rating of 2.99 and below must play D or higher

NOTE: Previous winner: If a player has won the division in the year prior (2017), that player must play up a division level

- Winners from previous year will be available to co-directors in advance of registration to ensure they are registered correctly

Participants will register for the tournament based on the ratings guidelines. Players can play up a division but not down. Any questionable registrations shall be approached on case-by-case basis, as policy does allow for appeals to tournament directors to register in a draw that may not be consistent with current policy.

For Doubles:

GLTA Rating: If both players have a GLTA rating, then each partner cannot play below the highest GLTA rating. If one player has a GLTA rating and the other does not, the GLTA rating will be used.

Example: If Shawn's GLTA rating is Open, but his CTA/CAPERS rating is an A or 4.3, his team must play Open, regardless of his partner's GLTA rating.

CAPERS Rating: If neither player has a GLTA rating, then Capers will be used as follows (ratings as of 5/25/18):

- Open/A Doubles will be combined. **Open players MUST play with an A-level player, given the small number of Open level individuals in CTA, and therefore no two players with a CAPERS rating of 4.5 and up may play together.** A-level players can play with an Open or another A player.
- The doubles partner with a CAPERS rating of 3.5 - 3.99 must play B or higher and therefore both players will play B or higher
- C/D Doubles will be combined and therefore no player on can have a CAPERS rating of higher than 3.499

Participants will register for the tournament based on the ratings guidelines. Doubles teams will not be able to play down a division based on the lowest ranking of their partnership, but may play up a division if requested. Any questionable registrations shall be approached on case-by-case basis, as policy does allow for appeals to tournament directors to register in a draw that may not be consistent with current policy.

Amenities:

Lunch will be provided on the Saturday (5/12 for Singles & 6/2 for Doubles) of both tournaments from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Additionally, the following will be provided on both days for both tournaments with all day availability

- bottled water/ice, Gatorade/Powerade
- bananas, peanut butter, bread/bagels, granola bars