



# USTA Team Selection Process

Goldman Tennis Center (GTC) has seen an increased demand for USTA teams since the renovation in 2020. In order to make the process equitable and to provide the maximum amount of access, Lifetime Activities has revised the process with guidance from SF RPD to ensure clarity and equity. This new process will be released in advance of the Spring 2025 USTA season and will be evaluated after the Summer 2025 season. Adjustments will be made as needed. *Please note that management reserves the right to adjust the maximum number of teams on a seasonal basis due to a number of factors including weather impact, events, tournaments and other programs.*

- In Winter (January-March), GTC can accommodate a maximum of 21 PM/weekend teams (3 or 4 lines). At this time, there is no limit to daytime teams (3-5 lines). This includes the following leagues:
  - Adult 40+
  - Adult 40+ (daytime)
  - Mixed 18+
  - Adult 65+ (daytime)
  - SFPTL
- In Spring (April-June), GTC can accommodate a maximum of 20 5-line teams (18+) and 6 3-line teams (55+, 18+ 2.5 and 5.0) for PM/weekends. If there is less demand for 5-line teams and more demand for 3-line teams, the maximums may be adjusted to allow no more than 28 total teams. At this time, there is no limit to daytime teams. Please note that weather impact and court constraints may require split start times (3/2 or 2/1 splits). This includes the following leagues:
  - Adult 55+
  - Adult 18+
  - Adult 18+ (daytime)
  - SFPTL
- In Summer (July-August), GTC can accommodate a maximum of 28 3-line teams for PM/weekends. At this time, there is no limit to daytime teams. This includes the following leagues:
  - Mixed 40+
- In Fall (September-October), GTC can accommodate a maximum of 24 3-line teams for PM/weekends. At this time, there is no limit to daytime teams. This includes the following leagues:
  - Adult 70+ (daytime)
  - Mixed 55+
  - Combo Doubles

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- Combo Doubles (daytime)
- SFPTL

In order to be considered to host a team out of the Lisa and Douglas Goldman Tennis Center, the captain/co-captain must complete an application and have submitted all requirements by the designated deadline. The application can be found here:

<https://www.lifetimeactivities.com/san-francisco/tennis-leagues/>

Please note that rosters should consist of **confirmed** players only. In the event that a player's name appears on more than one roster for the same level of play (in any given season), those players will not be considered for either team and Captains will be notified.

In addition, teams to be considered must have a minimum of:

- **Twice the number of people needed to host a single match** (e.g., for a Mixed team with 3 lines, 6 people are needed meaning the minimum team size would be 12 people)
  - 3 lines = 12 people
  - 4 lines (1 singles + 3 doubles) = 14 people
  - 5 lines (2 singles + 3 doubles) = 16 people
- **90% at-level players**
  - At-level (as defined by current [USTA League Rules](#)) players are considered to be any player with a computer, self, tournament, mixed or appealed rating (C, S, T, M or A). The type of rating needs to be included with the application form.
- **90% SF residency**
  - 11 of 12 people need to be SF residents (3 line teams)
  - 13 of 14 people need to be SF residents (4 line teams)
  - 15 of 16 people need to be SF residents (5 line teams)
  - **\*\*For 5.0/5.5 level and 10.0 mixed teams, the SF residency rate will be evaluated on a season by season basis depending on the number of teams that apply within a given level. The SF residency rate must be no lower than 50% in order to be considered for approval.**
    - For instance, if 2 women's 5.0 teams apply for the 18+ season, the team with the highest SF residency rate will be given approval even if the SF residency rate falls below the 90% threshold. The other team will be placed in the lottery if it has at least 50% SF residency rate and there is availability for more teams within the given season.
- Lifetime Activities will select 1 women's and 1 men's team for each level (3.0, 3.5, 7.0, 8.0 etc). **In the event of more than 2 team applications per level and gender, a lottery will be held (as long as the above criteria have been met).** In the event that there are teams who meet the criteria but have not been selected AND there are open spots available for additional teams, these teams will all be placed together (by team type / number of lines needed for each match – i.e., 55+, 18+, etc.) and pulled via lottery based on the available number of spots left. The lottery will be held the Monday following the application deadline:

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- For applications due on 1/27/25, a lottery will be held at 6pm on Monday, February 3rd in the Recreation Room (attendance not required).
  - Adult 55+
  - Adult 18+
  - Adult 18+ daytime
- For applications due on 4/28/25, a lottery will be held at 6pm on Monday, May 5th in the Recreation Room (attendance not required).
  - Mixed 40+
- For applications due on 6/30/25, a lottery will be held at 6pm on Monday, July 7th in the Recreation Room (attendance not required).
  - Adult 70+ daytime
  - Mixed 55+
  - Combo Doubles
  - Combo Doubles Daytime

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