

# LOTA- Lake Oconee Tennis Association

Welcome to LOTA, a Community Tennis Association (CTA) where our purpose and objective is to create, develop, maintain, and promote tennis in our community. Our goal is to provide tennis opportunities and programs, where we all have fun, play good matches, and benefit from physical activity.

We are thrilled to have you as a new member! Please visit our website, [www.lotatennis.com](http://www.lotatennis.com) and make sure your roster information is current as this helps us keep you up to date on all of our activities. Your membership fee of \$20 per calendar year helps support some great tennis events. As you review the website, you will find important information about our sponsors, the [LOTA calendar](#), the [USTA calendar](#), our [Board of Directors](#), and many other links about our tennis community.

The Lake Club Tennis Center, a part of Reynolds Lake Oconee, has graciously agreed to provide courts for LOTA play; for which we are grateful. **LOTA members may not reserve Reynolds courts but may play on them IF a Reynolds member is on that court.** Events and activities created by Reynolds Lake Oconee for its members do not require LOTA membership. **There is no other organizational relationship between LOTA and Reynolds.** Courts in other lake communities are sometimes available as well to our LOTA members! There are also Greene County public courts available.

**Non-Reynolds members are required to pay \$10 each time they participate in recreational (non-USTA) activities at all Reynolds facilities.** This can be paid by credit card in a bundle or individually. For example, if you charge \$50 or \$100, a card in your name will be created at the Lake Club that will be punched each time you check in to play. This is the easiest way to cover the charges; but feel free to discuss options with either Nelley or Barbara Voyles at the Lake Club tennis center.

LOTA coordinates and manages many activities. Some are recreational and some are competitive leagues like USTA. This does not imply the recreational matches are not competitive.

**USTA:** Competitive leagues are coordinated under the auspices of USTA GA. If you are already a USTA member, you are good to go. If not, please join! <http://membership.usta.com/?intloc=networknavJoin>. You must be current in your USTA dues and have a USTA rating to play in these leagues. **You must also be a LOTA member to play USTA out of LOTA.**

2017 USTA Leagues are under development and will likely include some 40 & over men's and women's adult leagues, mixed, combo or Tri-level, and 55 & over men's and women's, and tri-level. These competitive levels may change each year with interest levels and our membership profile. Upcoming events and deadlines are posted on the website.

According to the USTA calendar, a LOTA USTA coordinator will send an email out to all LOTA members informing them of upcoming leagues. Simply respond to the email and you will be placed on a team. That original email will also ask if you are interested in being a captain. ALL team formations are dependent on having enough captains to run the leagues so PLEASE consider volunteering! We also ask if you want to go to the State Tournament as this info is essential in the formation of some teams.

**LOTA Recreational Play** – We have several options for recreational tennis. You will receive email notification when these events begin. For Sunday afternoon Mixed doubles, a weekly email is sent to ascertain your availability for that week and a follow-up email will be sent notifying you of confirmed matches and court time. We are starting a new program called LOTA Smash! This will be flexible format doubles and singles season that allows you to set times and places for each match with people at your level. Finally, we will be starting a “World Team Tennis” format event in June! As long as you are a LOTA member, these are available for you. Stay tuned to the website as we implement these programs and check the calendar for upcoming events.

Please use the [contact information](#) on the website and in your welcome bag if you have any questions! The Board members would love to help you get involved! See you on the courts!

## Lake Oconee Tennis Opportunities

	<b>LOTA Membership required?</b>	<b>USTA membership required?</b>	<b>REYNOLDS Membership required?</b>	<b>Cost if played at Reynolds</b>	<b>Cost if played outside Reynolds</b>
<b>LOTA recreational tennis</b>	<b>Yes</b>	No	No	\$10 court fee if NOT Reynolds member	None
<b>USTA leagues</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	No	TennisLink fee only, no additional court fees	TennisLink fee only, no additional court fees
<b>LOTA tournaments</b>	Some	No	No	Entry fees only	Entry fees only
<b>LOTA Classic</b>	No	No	No	Entry fees only	Entry fees only
<b>Reynolds tennis activities</b>	No	No	<b>Yes</b>	Membership fee only	N/A
<b>All other tennis</b>	No	No	No	\$10 court fee if NOT Reynolds member	None