Congratulations to you and your team on advancing to a league national championship! USTA League is the world’s largest recreational tennis league with over 900,000 participants and only about 6,000 players qualify for the 14 national championships so you are among the elite!
Dates:
October 12\textsuperscript{th}-14\textsuperscript{th}, 2018

\textbf{Match Play begins on Friday, October 12th, 2018}

Matches and awards will conclude on Sunday by approximately 2 pm. Please consider that inclement weather and other foreseen circumstances may affect the schedule and ending time might vary, so players should plan accordingly (i.e. flights, etc).

Your section will check to make sure the appropriate number of players have registered, and afterwards, will submit your team roster to the USTA National staff. Therefore, it is imperative that players register promptly.

\textbf{Tennis Facility:}
All matches will be played at:
Darling Tennis Center  
7901 W Washington Ave  
Las Vegas, NV 89128

Lorenzi Park, Las Vegas  
3343 W Washington Ave  
Las Vegas, NV 89107

\textbf{Court Surface:}
Hard Courts

\textbf{Ball Type:}
Penn Championship Extra duty balls will be provided

\textbf{Practice Courts:}
Players and Captains can call and reserve court time 2 days in advance. The price is $10 per hour. Captains need to call 702-229-2100 to book practice courts.

\textbf{PLAYER ENTRY FEE:}
Every player advancing to the USTA League National Championships is required to pay a $55.00 individual player entry fee plus the Thriva administrative fee. If non-playing captains and/or players would like a player gift, player party ticket and an award (if your team wins), he/she should also register for the championship. Otherwise, a non-playing captain and/or player will not receive player amenities.

The deadline for you to register for this event is September 10\textsuperscript{th}.
Go to \url{www.usta.com/nationalchampionships} to your event page for the online registration link.

Any questions please email us at leaguenationals@usta.com
DIRECTIONS

From the McCarran International Airport to Courtyard Marriott (18.6 miles or 24 minutes driving time)

- Head northwest on E Russell Rd toward Landing Strip Ave
- Turn right onto Spencer St
- Turn right onto E Tropicana Ave
- Use the left 2 lanes to turn left to merge onto I-515 N/US-93 N/US-95 N
- Merge onto I-515 N/US-93 N/US-95 N
- Take exit 82A for Lake Mead E toward Rainbow S
- Merge onto W Lake Mead Blvd
- Turn right onto N Rainbow Blvd
- Hotel will be on your right

From Courtyard Marriott to Darling Tennis Center (3.0 miles or about 7 minutes driving time)

- Turn right toward N Rainbow Blvd
- Turn right onto W Vegas Dr
- Turn left onto N Durango Dr
- Turn left onto W Washington Ave
- Tennis center will be on your left

From Suncoast Hotel and Casino to Darling Tennis

- Turn left onto S Durango Dr.
- Turn right onto W Washington Ave.
- Tennis center will be on your right
ELIGIBILITY

Team Eligibility
• A minimum of eight (8) players who were on the final local roster must be available to compete at nationals. Waivers will not be granted to teams who are not able to field a full team.

Individual Eligibility
• A player is eligible to advance to a National Championship competition if that player has played on the advancing team in at least three (3) matches from local play through the Sectional Championships. A maximum of one (1) default received by the player shall count for advancing in the 3-match requirement. (See national regulation 2.03A(4)). Waivers will not be granted to players who have not played the required number of matches.
• All individual team members must be from the appropriate level of play in accordance with the NTRP system

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Please visit www.lasvegas.com or www.visitlasvegas.com for more information on local attractions.
EVENT HOTELS

Courtyard Marriott
1901 N Rainbow Boulevard
Las Vegas, NV  89108
(702) 646-4400

To book a room call 1 (800) 321-2211 or (702) 646-4400 on or before Monday, September 10, 2018, identify yourself as part of the Darling Tennis Center USTA 18 + National Championships Room Block group staying at the Courtyard Las Vegas Summerlin, located at 1901 N Rainbow Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89108-2798.

Suncoast Hotel and Casino
9090 Alta Dr
Las Vegas, NV
(702) 636-7111

To book a room go to www.suncoastcasino.com click on the “Stay” tab select “group reservations” from the drop down menu and enter this group code: A8PNC10 by 9/11/18 or call 1-866-636-7111 and use code A8PNC10

Additional Hotels in the area:

- JW Marriott – 221 N. Rampart - (702) 869-7777
- Westin Las Vegas – 1600 E. Flamingo Road – (702) 836-5900
- Residence Inn, Hughes Center – 370 Hughes Center Dr. (Flamingo/Paradise) – (702) 650-0040
- Fairfield Inn & Suites Las Vegas Airport – 3850 Paradise Road – (702) 791-0899
- Fairfield Inn & Suites Las Vegas South – 5775 Dean Martin Dr. – (702) 895-9810
- Courtyard, Convention Center – 3275 Paradise Road – (702) 791-3600
- Residence Inn, Convention Center – 3225 Paradise Road – (702) 796-9300
- Las Vegas Marriott – 325 Convention Center Drive – (702) 650-2000
- SpringHill Suites Las Vegas/Convention Center – 2989 Paradise – (702) 433-5880
- Renaissance Hotel – 3400 Paradise Road – (702) 784-5700
- The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas – 3708 Las Vegas Blvd. South – (702) 698-7000
Mandatory Team Captain’s Registration and Captains Meeting:
WHERE: Darling Tennis Center
WHEN: Thursday, October 11th, 2018
NOTE: Captains can check in their team from 5:30-6:30pm, at this time the captain will get their captain’s packets and player gifts. The check in takes about 10-15 minutes. The captains meeting will be from 6:30pm-7:00pm.

Captain and Players Webinar:
Recorded Webinar link will be sent via tournament email and can be found on usta.com/nationalchampionships. All players are welcome and encouraged to watch the webinar for important tournament information. If you have any questions please email us at leaguenationals@usta.com

Player Party:
WHERE: Darlington Tennis Center
WHEN: Saturday October 13th from 6:30pm-9:00pm (Local Time)
Free tickets for players includes two (2) free drinks (beer, wine or soft drinks). Guests pay $20.00 per person, and tickets for guests will be sold only at the Team Captain’s Registration on Thursday. Guest tickets will not be sold after Thursday! CASH ONLY – NO CREDIT CARDS

Trainers:
There will be a trainer on-site to assist with athletic injuries. They will have access to ice.

Emergencies:
Summerlin Hospital Medical Center – 657 N. Town Center Dr. – 702-233-7000

Awards:
Awards and banners will be presented to the teams that finish 1st-4th.

Sportsmanship Awards:
Players may be given Sportsmanship Awards opportunities during the weekend. Details will be provided at the captain’s meeting

Player Gifts:
All players attending the National Championships will receive a championship shirt, bag tag and dampener.

Official Merchandise:
Official USTA League National Championship merchandise will be available for purchase on site and after the championship on our website at www.usta.com/nationalchampionships.

Team Photos:
Team photos will be taken throughout the weekend as well as candid shots. To schedule an appointment, team captains should make an appointment during the team registration. Photos are FREE at www.usta.com/nationalchampionships

Website:
The USTA League National Championship home page will be updated with stories, photos and scores daily. Be sure your local newspaper sports editor, friends and family have the address so they can check the results at www.usta.com/nationalchampionships
Rules and Regulations:

- USTA Rules and League Regulations and Friend at Court will be enforced during championships.
- All match lineups should be submitted to the tournament desk by the team captain, or a designated representative of the team, at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled match time. Failure to comply may result in penalties at the Tournament Referee and Tournament Director’s discretion.
- The match schedule can change frequently. The final match schedule will be posted at the start of the Captain’s Registration period. Therefore, please check TennisLink often for updates.
- NTRP Observers may be present at national championships to help fine tune the year-end rating process.

Scoring:

- Best of two tiebreak sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set.
- Match Tiebreak (10 Points, Win by 2): When the score in an individual match is one set all, a Match Tiebreak shall be played in lieu of a 3rd set. This tie-break game replaces the deciding final set. The player/team who first wins ten points (win by two) shall win this match tie-break and the match. If the score goes to 9-9 and beyond, players continue to play until there is a winning margin of 2 points (i.e. 11-9, 12-10, 15-13, etc).
- Two minute rest between the 1st and 2nd set and between the 2nd and 3rd set Match Tiebreak.
- Coman Tiebreak procedures apply to all tiebreak sets including the Match Tiebreaker. First team serves one time, followed by two serves for each team thereafter. Change sides after the first serve and then after every four points thereafter. (Note: Easy way to remember in doubles is that each player will serve from the same side.)

Move Up/Split Up Reg 2.06A:

Teams that advance to a National Championship are subject to the Move Up, Split Up regulation. Please see USTA League Regulation 2.06A for complete details, or contact your Sectional League Coordinator on questions relating to compliance or how this regulation may affect your team in 2019.
**Championship Format** *

Teams will compete in 4 unflighted matches against randomly selected opponents. Teams can expect to play 2 matches on Friday and 2 matches on Saturday. On Sunday, the top 4 teams, based on TennisLink standings, will advance to the semi-finals, followed by the finals and the 3rd/4th match.

In the event of a team match tie, the tie will be broken by the first of the following procedures:

- Winner of the most individual matches in the competition
- Winner of head to head match
- Loser of the fewest number of sets
- Loser of the fewest number of games
- A method to be determined by the Championship Committee

*Format and schedule are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.*

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**Coaching**

No coaching allowed by captains, teammates, or spectators. Cell phones or electronic devices are not allowed on court. Please work out problems on court as best as you can. If players are not able to work out a dispute, one of them may come to the Tournament desk to request the Referee. (Please note that captains and/or players should not be involved with decision making or requesting an official without a player’s consent.)

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**Player ID**

Tournament staff may conduct random checks of player ID at time of check-in for matches. If a player is without ID when asked for it, he/she will be asked to provide it before they can be sent on court.
Grievance and Appeal Procedures

- The following guidelines and procedures will be used during this championship. Please review them carefully. Any staff member on site will be glad to assist you with the forms and answer any questions on procedures.

- 3.03C(1) Any grievance alleging a violation during championships competition shall be in writing and delivered to the duly appointed site director or designee prior to whichever occurs first: (a) within 30 minutes of the completion of the involved team’s match or (b) the commencement of the involved team’s next match, whether or not the involved player participates except for

- Administrative Grievances (See Reg. 3.03A(2), Eligibility Grievances (See Reg. 3.03B(3) and NTRP Grievances (See Reg. 3.03E(3)).

- 3.03E(3) NTRP Grievances will not be accepted at National Championships.

- 3.04B(1) The Grievance Appeal Committee shall not be required to hold any hearing except as provided in 3.04B(2). Its decision may be based entirely on the findings of fact by the Grievance Committee whose decision is being appealed and on the facts and arguments submitted in writing by the parties to the appeal.
In the event of an impending major weather situation that could impact a USTA League National Championship Event, the USTA has committed to using best efforts to keep the players, captains, volunteers and staff updated prior to the event.

- USTA League national staff will post emergency updates to usta.com/nationalchampionships.
- USTA League national staff will send out an email notice to players and captains to inform players if the Championship will continue as scheduled or will be cancelled. Best efforts will be used to make decisions and inform players no later than Tuesday at 12:00 PM noon prior to event start.
- Best efforts will be made to reschedule a cancelled USTA League National Championship. Players will be informed within four (4) weeks following the scheduled date as to whether the Championships will be rescheduled.

Our priorities are players, captains, volunteers and staff safety and communication when a major weather emergency arises.

Please note that the tournament format, number of matches and scoring format may change due to circumstances beyond our control such as weather. Extreme weather conditions could cause delays, modifications and possible cancellation of the tournament. There are not any back-up indoor courts where the championship can be played in the event of rain.

In the event of rain or suspension of play caused by extreme heat during the tournament, please remain at the tournament site until the tournament staff informs you of the play schedule. In the event of a long rain delay or heat suspension, it will be at the discretion of the Championship Committee to use an alternative-playing format.

During the tournament, players will be notified of delays via:
- A 800-number given at the captain’s meeting
- An email notification to the email you registered with
- A text message if you opted in to receive messages at registration
Show your section spirit on your way to and at the 2018 USTA League National Championships!

Every team that qualifies for nationals will be given 2018 National Championship wristbands at the conclusion of their Section Championships in their section’s designated color. When each team arrives at their National Championship, they will be given wristbands in their section’s color to exchange with their opponents for each of their matches on Friday and Saturday. We would love for you to show us your spirit by posting on social media sporting your 2018 National Championship wristbands as you prepare for nationals using #ustaleague. More information on this will be provided at the Captain’s Meeting.

Show your section pride by representing your section’s designated colors by:
- Wearing the national championship wristband you received for winning sectionals
- Planning team attire & uniforms in your section’s color
- Getting all your national supplies – water bottles, wrist bands, grips, towels, etc. in your section’s color
- Posting your team on social media in your section color & wristbands #ustaleague

* Teams that post to social media and show the best section spirit will get prizes! *

Is your team looking to participate in the section swap? Don’t worry about bringing gifts this year. The national championship tournament desk will supply teams with extra wristbands that they can exchange with their opponents!
If you would like to match your uniforms/outfits, teams swag etc. to your section’s color we have provided the universal Pantone number for each color that should be able to be easily matched by vendors and companies.

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