



## 2019 ITA Mixed Doubles Sectional Championship Handbook

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## SITES & DATES

### ITA MIXED DOUBLES SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP

**DATES: October 25-27, 2019**

- Your district will forward team roster to Section Tournament Director

**Online Registration: Team Captains MUST register their teams in order to participate in this Sectional Championship.**

**Team Entry Fee: \$260.00/team (includes \$20.92 administrative fee)**

#### **REGISTRATION:**

- Go to [Website](#)
- Click on the “**Registration**” link to register your team. You will receive a registration confirmation via email or you can print your own confirmation on the final registration summary page.

#### **TENNIS FACILITIES:**

##### **Darling Tennis Center (DTC)**

**7901 W Washington Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89128**

**(702) 229-2100**

#### **FACILITY INFORMATION**

- Locker rooms with showers, pro shop and new LED lighted courts.
- Players can reserve courts 2 days in advance and the fee is **\$4.50** per person per hour.  
Call: 702-229-2100
- Café on premises serving lunch and breakfast. (No outside food or beverages allowed)
- Water on all courts. **Players should bring water receptacle or jug.**

## Travel

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Destination airport is Las Vegas NV (**LAS**). When making your flight arrangements please note the following:

Matches start at 8:00 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Matches should be completed by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Please be advised that the match Schedule is subject to change at ANY time as deemed necessary by the Championship Committee. Therefore we strongly recommend that you make your flight arrangements with the intention of participating throughout the entire weekend. Weather or other delays may occur, so we strongly suggest that you do **NOT** schedule early afternoon flights home on Sunday. Please make your travel plans in accordance with these tournament parameters.

## **Hotel Information**

**Suncoast Hotel and Casino**  
**9090 Alta Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89144**  
**(702) 636-7111**

**Room Rates:** Thursday 10/24 Deluxe \$76.00 /Golf View \$81.00  
Friday 10/25 Deluxe \$125.00/Golf View \$130.00  
Saturday 10/26 Deluxe \$125.00/Golf View \$130.00

**Resort Fee:** The room rate is a base rate that **does not** include the Resort fee of \$24.99 / night as well as the 13% Clark County Room Tax.

**Deadline:** To receive this rate; reservations must be made no later than **September 30, 2019**

**Reservations:** Reservations can be made on line: <http://www.suncoastcasino.com/groups> or call the hotel directly 866-636-7111. **Group Code: AIFN119**

- First night's room and tax will be required at the time of booking as a **deposit** to secure the room reservation.

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellation is 48 hours prior to arrival to receive a refund on the deposit.

**Check-In:** Guests will be required to present the same credit card used for the reservation and will be asked for a \$100.00 security deposit. For a credit card, this will be a \$100.00 hold only; for debit card, the \$100.00 is charged by the bank and refunded after departure if there are no additional charges.

## **Transportation**

Suncoast Hotel does **NOT** offer shuttle service. **The use of rental car(s) is strongly recommended.**

# **ELIGIBILITY**

## **TEAM ELIGIBILITY**

- A minimum of six (6) team members (three women and three men) who were on the final roster of their local league team roster must be available and eligible to **combine and compete**.
- Note: Teams that do not have the minimum number of players required at the start of the tournament are subject to a Championship Grievance being filed by the Championship Committee

## **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

- Each player shall have reached eighteen (18) years of age prior to, or during the calendar year in which such player plays in his/her first local league match.
- Any individual who progresses to championship level in the USTA League Tennis Program must be a USTA current member through each championship progression.
- A player is eligible to advance to championship level competition if that player has played on that same team in at least **two (2) matches** during its local league season. A maximum of **one (1) default** received by the player during local league competition shall count for advancing. A retired match shall count for all players involved. **USTA Regulation 2.03A(3)**
- All individual team members must be from the appropriate level of play in accordance with the NTRP system.

## **Player Identification Check**

Tournament staff will conduct random checks of player ID at the time of check-in for matches. Be sure your players know to have ID with them at all times. If the player is without ID when asked for it, he/she will be asked to provide it before they can be sent on the court.

# **RULES, REGULATIONS, SCORING, COACHING**

## **INTENT TO PLAY**

No later than **three** days after completion of district championships or local league, each team which qualifies to compete in the sectional championship must notify the District League Coordinator that it will or will not participate in the tournament. District League Coordinator must in turn, notify the Section League Coordinator of teams attending Sectional Championship. If a team gives notice that it will participate but then fails to do so, penalties may be administered with the maximum penalty being disqualification of all of its members who had agreed to participate from all league play for the following year. The Championship Committee named for the event where the violation occurs shall decide upon the penalty. This decision may be appealed to the ITA Section League Grievance Committee.

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

- USTA Rules and League Regulations will be enforced during the Championship.
- All match lineups must be submitted to the tournament desk by the team captain **at least 30 minutes** prior to the start of the match. Failure to comply may result in penalties as imposed at the tournament director's discretion. **CAPTAINS: Pick-up your match line-up form at the tournament desk where your match is scheduled to be played**

### **3.03E NTRP GRIEVANCES**

- **The Intermountain Section has chosen the option to adjudicate NTRP Grievances AFTER a championship event. USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS (3.03E(5), 3.03E(6) & 3.03E(7).**
- **2019 USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS:**  
<https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/pdfs/2019%20League%20Regulation%20Book%20web.pdf>

## **SCORING**

- Best of two tiebreak sets with a Match Tiebreak (if required) in lieu of a third set
- The Coman Tiebreak Procedure will be used for the Set and Match Tiebreak. This procedure is the same as traditional Tiebreak, except that ends are changed after the 1<sup>st</sup> point, then after every four points and at the conclusion of the Tiebreak. The Set tiebreak is the first to 7 by 2 pts. The Match tiebreak is the first to 10 by 2.
- Two minute rest between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> set and between the 2<sup>nd</sup> set and 3<sup>rd</sup> set match tiebreak.
- Scores must be reported to the tournament desk immediately after match is completed. When all matches are complete, both Team Captains are to report to the tournament desk to sign the official tournament scorecard.

## **CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT SETUP**

- Teams will compete in a non-elimination Round-robin format at the 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5 levels. The team winning the majority of those individual matches will be awarded one team point
- The winner of each flight/division will be determined by team matches won
- In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken by the first of the following procedures:
  - Individual **Matches** – Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition
  - **Head-to-Head** – Winner of head-to-head match
  - **Sets** – Loser of the fewest number of sets
  - Games –Loser of the fewest number of games
  - A **method to be determined by the championships committee:**  
Procedure to be announced prior to commencement of championship competition.

## **COACHING**

No coaching allowed. No cell phones or electronic devices allowed on court.

## **BALLS**

Penn heavy duty balls will be provided. Players will NOT be given a new can of balls for 3rd set tiebreak.

## **UMPIRES**

There may be certified roving officials present at the site.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Please note that the tournament format, number of matches and match length may change due to a team not showing up or circumstances beyond our control such as weather. Rain could cause delays, modifications to the format, and possible cancellation of the tournament. **There are NO back-up courts.**

In the event of rain, please remain at the tournament site until the tournament staff informs you of the play schedule. In the event of a long rain delay, it will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee to use an alternative-playing format.

## **CANCELLATION**

If the championship, or part of the championship is cancelled due to rain or unforeseen circumstances the championship will **NOT** be rescheduled.

<h2><b>PLAYER &amp; TOURNAMENT DETAILS</b></h2>
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### **CAPTAINS' CONFERENCE CALL**

*(Captains only)*

*Date: Tuesday October 22, 2019*

*Time: 6:30pm (Mountain Time)*

*Conference Call #: 1-800-704-1867 Access Code: 23835#*

### **AWARDS**

The USTA Intermountain Section will provide **up** to twelve (12) awards for each **1<sup>st</sup> Place** team(s). Awards may be shipped to the captain after the Sectional Championship. If you have any questions concerning awards please contact, Becky Hodous: [bhodous@ita.usta.com](mailto:bhodous@ita.usta.com)

## **TEAM PHOTOS**

If time permits, team photos will be taken of the First Place teams once the winning team has been determined at each level. These photos are posted on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/USTASection13> and on Instagram at [USTAINTERMOUNTAIN](#) after after the event. If your team prefers to use an alternate photo, please email it to Wendy Anderson, USTA Intermountain Marketing and Communications Manager, at [wanderson@ita.usta.com](mailto:wanderson@ita.usta.com) within one week after the conclusion of the event.

In consideration of championship participation, players grant USTA Intermountain permission to use their likeness in photograph(s)/video(s)/voice in any and all publications and media whether known or hereafter existing, controlled by USTA Intermountain, in perpetuity. Further, players waive any right to royalties, inspection or approval to the finished product and forever discharge USTA Intermountain from all claims, demands and causes of action which the registrants, their heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on their behalf or on the behalf of their estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

## **MATCH SCHEDULE**

Match schedule will be posted to the ITA website no later than **October 11, 2019**.

[CLICK HERE](#)

## **TENNISLINK**

Match results will be entered daily. To view standings go to <http://tennislink.usta.com/leagues>, locate "**Stats and Standings**". Click on Championship Advanced Search and scroll down to the appropriate Section Championship and appropriate level.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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