

2026 and 2027 Adult 40 & Over Sectional Championship Format FAQ

For the 2026 and 2027 Championship years, the USTA Intermountain Adult Programs Committee has voted that the format for all 2026 and 2027 USTA League Adult 40 & Over Sectional Championships will remain at 4 lines- 1 singles 3 doubles.

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What is the minimum number of players I have to have on my Adult 40 & Over Team?

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All USTA League Adult 40 & Over teams must have at least nine (9) players registered on their local league rosters in order to participate in a 2026 and/or 2027 USTA Adult 40 & Over Local League per National USTA League Regulation 1.04D(4).

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How many eligible players do I need to have on my team to attend a 2026 and/or 2027 Adult 40 & Over USTA Intermountain Sectional Championship?

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At a 2026 and 2027 Adult 40 & Over USTA Intermountain Sectional Championship all 40 & Over Adult teams must have a minimum of seven (7) eligible team members who were on the final roster of their local league team. Players must be available and eligible to compete.

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How many eligible players do I need to have on my team to attend a 2026 and/or 2027 USTA League Adult 40 & Over National Championship?

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Any 2026 or 2027 Adult 40 & Over USTA Intermountain team advancing to a 2026 or 2027 USTA League Adult 40 & Over National Championship must have a minimum of nine (9) eligible team members who were on the final roster of their local league team. Players must be available and eligible to compete and will be playing the National Championship format of 1 Singles and 4 Doubles

FAQ Sheet

Q In a 2026 or 2027 local league, District or Sectional Championship match, if a team match ends in a 2-2 tie what will the tie break process be?

A The current tie break listed below, which is programmed into Tennislink will continue to be used in 2026 and 2027:

<p>Adult 40 & Over</p>	<p>1-Singles 3-Doubles</p>	<p>If tied 2-2, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following methods to do so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Sets: Loser of the fewest number of sets. b) Games: Loser of the fewest number of games. c) Game Winning Percentage: Total games won divided by total games played d) Winner of No. 1 Doubles
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Q Does my 2026 or 2027 Adult 40 & Over local league and/or District Championship have to follow the same format as the Adult 40 & Over Sectional Championship?

A No. Each district is able to decide which format that they will use for local leagues and district playoffs.

Q Is Intermountain the only section that uses the 4 court format?

A No. In 2026 MO Valley, Nor Cal, Southwest, Texas, PNW and So Cal will also use a 4 court format at their Sectional Championships. Additionally, Several other Sections use a 4 court format for their district championships and local leagues

Q Does playing a 4 court format at Sectionals put teams at a disadvantage at Nationals?

A Actually, no. In 2025 Intermountain teams finished in the top 10 at Nationals for every Adult 40 & Over National Championship except for the 4.5W division. Teams from So Cal, Texas, PNW, Southwest, and Intermountain also had teams in the top 4 for every 40 & Over National except for the 4.0M division.



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Q What does the Adult Program Committee take into consideration when making the decision which format will be used at the Adult 40 & Over Sectional Championship

A The Intermountain Adult Program Committee looks at player feedback received via email and player surveys, feedback from the District League Coordinators and the facilities.

Q What will the format be in 2027 for Adult 40 & Over USTA Intermountain League Sectional Championships?

A in 2027 the format will also be the 4 court format. The USTA Intermountain Adult Programs Committee will meet again in the fall of 2027 to review and vote on the Adult 40 & Over format for the 2028 Championship year

Q After I have played in a 2026 or 2027 USTA League Adult 40 & Over Sectional Championship, if I have feedback, how can I share it?

A If you have any feedback on the format for 2028 please send us an email at sectionchampionships@ita.usta.com

