# 2017 USTA INTERMOUNTAIN
Mixed 40 & Over Sectional Championship Handbook

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SITES, DATES, DIRECTIONS

MIXED 40 & OVER SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Life Time Athletic-Green Valley (Henderson, Nevada)
Dates: October 6-8, 2017

YOUR DISTRICT WILL FORWARD YOUR TEAM ROSTER TO SECTION TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Online Registration: Team Captains MUST register their teams in order to participate in this Sectional Championship.
Registration instructions:
1. Go to Web site www.intermountain.usta.com
2. Hover your cursor over the “Adult Tennis” tab at the top of the Home Page
3. Click on “Sectional Championships” from the pull down menu, then click on the “Mixed 40 & Over” link
4. 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.

Team Entry Fee: $216.15 /team (includes $16.15 administrative fee)*

*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. Matches start at 8:00 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Matches should be completed by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. 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.

TENNIS FACILITIES
- Life Time Athletic-Green Valley (Tournament Headquarters)
  121 Carnegie Street
  Henderson, NV  89052
  (702) 802-7390

Practice Courts
Practice courts may be available prior to the event but are limited. In most instances reservations are required and court fees are paid by players. Please contact facility directly.

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 tournament are subject to a Championship Grievance being filed by the Championship Committee

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY
- Each player shall have reached forty (40) 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 shall 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.
- A player must have played at least three (3) matches through Sectional Championships to be eligible to advance to National Championship competition. A maximum of one default received by the player during local league or championship competition shall count for advancing. USTA League Regulation 2.03A(4).

Player Identification Check
Tournament staff will conduct random checks of player ID at 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.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Teams eligible to advance to the USTA Mixed Doubles National Championship (6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 & 10.0 levels) are required to register on-line as well as review all event information provided on the national USTA website www.usta.com/nationalchampionships. Please be advised that you will not receive a packet of information from National – all information is located on the website.

Teams advancing to the USTA League National Championships are required to pay an entry fee.
REGISTRATION TEAM ENTRY FEE (3 court team): $440.88 (includes $40.88 processing fee)

Move Up/Split Up 2.06A National Championship Teams
Please see USTA League Regulation 2.06A for complete details or contact your District League Coordinator to be sure you are in compliance before forming teams for 2018.

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 1st 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 1st and 2nd set and between the 2nd set and 3rd 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 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, and 9.0 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 balls will be provided. Players will NOT be given a new can of balls for 3rd set.

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.

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.

PLAYER & TOURNAMENT DETAILS

MANDATORY “CAPTAIN’S MEETING CONFERENCE CALL”
(Captains and Co-Captains only)
Date: Monday, October 2nd
Time: 6:30pm (mountain time).
Conference Call # 1-800-704-1867 Enter Code 23835#

MATCH SCHEDULE
Match schedule will be posted to the ITA website no later than September 28, 2017.

Access match schedule as follows:
1. Go to Web site www.intermountain.usta.com
2. Hover your cursor over the "Adult Tennis" tab at the top of the Home Page
3. Click on "Sectional Championships" from the pull down menu, then click on the “USTA Mixed 40 & Over” link
4. Click on “Match Schedule”

**AWARDS**
Awards will be given to 1st Place team(s). The USTA Intermountain Section will provide up to twelve (12) awards per team. Awards may be shipped to Captain after the Sectional Championship. If you have any questions concerning awards please contact, Zak Arlen-zarlen@ita.usta.com

**T-SHIRTS**
Each player competing in the championship will receive one (1) Sectional Championship T-Shirt. New this year- we will be providing a Women’s cut t-shirt. Both Men and Women's shirts are 100% cotton. (Size S (women’s only), M,L, XL,XXL) We will attempt to provide you with the t-shirt sizes as requested, however please understand that it may not always be possible to do so.

**TEAM PHOTOS**
If time permits, team photos will be taken of the 1st Place Teams once the winning team has been determined at each level. These photos are posted on our Website after the event. If your team prefers to use an alternate photo you may Email photo to the ITA Marketing Manager, Wendy Anderson at wanderson@ita.usta.com within one week after the conclusion of event.

*In consideration of championship participation, players grant Intermountain Tennis Association 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 Intermountain Tennis Association, in perpetuity. Further, players waive any right to royalties, inspection or approval to the finished product and forever discharge Intermountain Tennis Association 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.*

**PLAYER GIFT EXCHANGE**
Many teams bring their opponents “little” gifts. This “tradition” is not mandatory, but simply a nice gesture and show of good sportsmanship. Gifts are typically small inexpensive tokens that generally represent their region or state. Examples are – state pins, magnets, key rings and candy. These gifts are presented to the opponents in your flight. If you choose to participate you may contact your local or state tourist/convention bureau. They may be able to provide you with a limited amount of small, promotional items. Typically, teams bring approximately 10 gifts per team.

**TENNISLINK**
Match results will be entered daily. To view standings in TennisLink go to http://tennislink.usta.com/leagues, locate “Stats and Standings”. Click on Championship Advanced Search and drill down to the appropriate Section Championship and appropriate level.

**WEBSITE**
The USTA Intermountain Section League home page will be updated with stories, photos and scores shortly after the conclusion of the event.

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