



MID-ATLANTIC

ADULT TOURNAMENT OPTIONS

Types of Tournaments

Adult competition tournaments are broken down into five general categories:

1. **NTRP** - Play tournaments at your appropriate rating level, 2.5-5.0 singles, doubles and mixed, or 6.0-9.0 combo doubles and mixed doubles.
2. **Open** - Players of all abilities and ages can play in Open events, including former and current pros, teaching professionals, college players and top-ranked juniors.
3. **Senior** - Similar to Open tournaments, but broken down by age. Age range is 30-90 by 5 years.
4. **Wheelchair** - Divided into ability levels, these tournaments are exciting to play and even more inspiring to watch.
5. **Family** - Mother/Son/Daughter or Father/Son/Daughter divisions are offered.

Tournament Formats

Open Tournament

An “open” tournament is one that is open for any USTA member that meets the age and gender requirements for that tournament.

Closed Tournament

Entries to “closed” tournaments are restricted, normally by a requirement of residency within a specified geographic area. Some tournaments also require that a player be endorsed for participation by the player's District or Section.

Single-Elimination Events (SE)

The most common kind of tournament draw, and the one you're probably familiar with when watching the pro tours. If you lose, you're out. If you win, you go on.

Consolation Events

These player-friendly formats guarantee competitors at least two matches. There are several types of consolation formats. FMLC-First Match Losers Consolation, is the one most commonly used for adults.

One Day Tournaments

One Day (Express) tournaments are now sanctioned by MAS and count for rankings. These can be completed in about 3-4 hours using shortened match formats and non-elimination draws.