

USTA Central Pennsylvania League Regulations – 2021

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USTA League Regulations (National and Middle States) are available on the USTA website:

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/play/adult-tennis/programs/middlestates/usta-league.html>

2021 National Regulation Changes:

2.01A(1) – Changing NTRP Levels of Play: Elimination of the Plus Leagues

a. National Championships in the Adult 18&Over Age Group will be held at the 5.0 level. Championships below National Championships, and Local Leagues, will be held at the 5.0 level and may be held at the Open level (5.0 & higher).

b. National Championships in the Adult 40&Over Age Group will be held at the 4.5 level. Championships below National Championships, and Local Leagues, will be held at the 4.5 level and may be held at the 5.0 level.

2.05E(3) – All players age 70 or over automatically be granted an appeal (A rating) of their current rating to the next lower level, subject to 2.05E(4). NTRP Dynamic Disqualification procedures as outlined in 2.04B(3) apply.

2.03H(1) – For Sectional Championships and below, in the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:

- a. Individual Matches: Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.
- b. Head-to-Head: Winner of head-to-head only if all tied teams have played each other and one team defeated all the teams that are tied.
- c. Sets: Loser of the fewest number of sets.
- d. Games: Loser of the fewest number of games.
- e. Game Winning Percentage: Total games won divided by total games played.
- f. Winner of No. 1 Doubles

2.06 – MOVE -UP/SPLIT- UP RULE: Teams may move up one NTRP level; all of the team members or just some of the team members if they chose to. This is the same as prior years. Split-up only applies to the same Division (Adult or Mixed), same age group and same NTRP team level that the team qualified for or advanced to a National Championship and applies to all players that were eligible to advance. Move-Up/Split-Up regulations are not applicable to Adult 65&Over, 55&Over Mixed, or Tri Level leagues.

General Governance:

* The USTA League Program in 2021 is as follows. It is composed of two Divisions: Adult and Mixed. The age groups for play at the national include 18, 40 & 55 & Over for the Adult division and 18 & 40 & Over for Mixed Doubles division. USTA Middle States will also offer Adult 65 & Over and Mixed 55 & Over.

* It is expected that captains and players will treat coordinators with respect when communicating with them – either in person or in e-mail.

* The USTA MS section league program shall be governed by the USTA MS League Committee appointed by the president of the USTA MS section and subject to the control and direction of the USTA MS section Board of Directors. All coordinators (Area and Local) shall receive their direction from the Section League Coordinator.

CPD Local League Procedures:

1. **League Registration** - All players must register through TennisLink before playing in a team match. If a player has difficulty registering before a match, he/she must notify the coordinator in writing – email - before match play for the match to count. The player will be disqualified if he/she does not notify the coordinator.
2. **Early Start Leagues:** 2.05B3(b) Players who are found to have valid computer ratings, after the appeal process, that place them above the NTRP level at which they are competing may continue their participation at the lower NTRP level through the conclusion of any Early Start League in progress or until such other date or championship level as determined by the Section. They shall not be permitted to advance to any National Championship at the lower NTRP level. Prior team matches played are valid. Players whose year-end rating is “clearly above level” must move up immediately. In Middle States, players must move up not later than the end of the local league. Players may not advance to championships with the rostered rating if they are moved up.
3. **Percentage in Level** – In CPD Adult Teams - 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 teams in 18 & Over and 40 & Over must have 25% of their rostered players in the level that they are competing.
4. **Match Schedule:** The CPD League Coordinator shall establish the match schedule for each league. In case of staggered matches, team captains must agree in advance (in writing – e-mail) on start time for each individual match. The host captain has the final say if no agreement can be reached about the order of courts. Available courts should be filled at match time. There should be no empty courts while players are waiting.
5. **Match Procedures:** Scoring will be Points per Position for all USTA leagues and levels.
 - a. 5 court matches – 5-4- 5-4-3 (2S – 3D) and 5-6-5-4-3 (1s – 4D)
 - b. 4 court matches – 4-4-3-2 (1S – 3D)
6. **Point Penalty System (PPS)** will be used unless amended by District Rules – Due to the fact that CPD matches are not officiated, only the lateness rule of 15 minutes applies.
7. **Team Match and Scoring:** Each team match in a local league shall consist of such number of individual matches of singles, doubles or any combination thereof, as determined by the local league. Any team that defaults an entire team match may not advance to championship level. Teams forfeiting an entire team match may receive further penalties. Results of defaulted matches stand. If a team is knocked out of championships because of a full-team default, there will be a playoff match between the two teams involved. For each team match, a majority of the individual matches must actually be played by the 2 teams to constitute a valid team match. In accordance with National Regulation 2.01C(2): If the majority of courts in team matches are not played, the results entered will not count for determining standings- for example: 2 courts in a 3-court match and 3 courts in a 4 or 5 court match.
8. **Team Lineups:** Team captains shall exchange lineups simultaneously PRIOR to the scheduled start time of a team match. An individual match is started when the first ball is put in play (first serve attempt). If a player is injured during warmup, another player can be substituted for that player.
9. **Postponements** - Matches may be rescheduled for the following reasons only
 - a. Adverse weather conditions (Rain, Snow, Impending Tornado, etc.)
 - b. Unexpected club conflicts
 - c. Team scheduled in another USTA championship. Team must have 4 players in a 5-court match or 3 players in a 3-court or 4-court match)
 - d. CPD teams may reschedule on their own if both captains agree. Agreement in writing is recommended.
 - e. Postponement of matches can be requested if the Temperature (wind chill is below 50 degrees or if the heat index is above 100 degrees).
 - f. When a match is postponed to another day and an individual match has not started, a captain can change the lineup for any such match. **Announced defaults may be reinstated**
10. **CPD Rule on notification** - The home team captain shall notify the visiting team captain four (4) days prior to the match to discuss court surface, # of courts being played, order of play if not all courts starting at same time, and any other pertinent information (COVID-19 policies, etc.). Any team unable to field a full team must notify the opposing captain 48 prior to the match or they may be required to play the entire court fee for that match. If an emergency arises and you are unable to field a full team, contact the opposing captain prior to the match so as not to inconvenience anyone.
11. **Score Reporting:** All scheduled matches must be completed, and scores reported in TennisLink within 48 hours of the completed team match. TennisLink will automatically confirm scores 48 hours after the team match is initially reported in TennisLink if not confirmed by opposing captain. **Both** captains are responsible to report or confirm match scores.

12. **Ties in standings for Points per Position** – If there is a tie in points at end of season the tiebreak is as follows: Head to Head, Least number of sets lost, Least number of games lost.
13. **Disqualification** – If a player is disqualified for a particular level of play, the match that caused the disqualification will be reversed. (e.g. If a player is disqualified at 3.0 and the last strike happened in a 3.5 match, no matches will be reversed. If the strike occurs in a 3.0 match, that match will be reversed)

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

1. **The Coman Tie-break Procedure** will be used at all championship levels for both the set tiebreak and the match tiebreak.
2. Teams must be able to play all courts in a championship. A waiver may be granted if you apply to the championships committee.
3. For championships, see 2:03H in the national rulebook to determine the Procedures in the Event of a Tie: Overall matches won, courts won, head to head. If 3 teams are tied in matches and courts won, sets lost and games lost will come into play.
4. **DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The area shall determine the progression from local league to Section Championship. This process – including the structure for any playoffs or championships (flight, area, for example) - shall be distributed in writing to team captains prior to the start of the local league season.
5. **SECTION CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Section Championship format shall be round robin in all levels of competition. Each team shall play every other team in its flight and the team with the most team points shall be champion in its flight. In the event of a tie in team points, the winner shall be decided by using 2.03H in the national rulebook. Each team shall be scheduled for a minimum of three (3) matches in either a championship or a local league played during championships.
6. **WILD CARD PROCEDURE:** If a team pulls out of the championship after the schedule is published, we will name a wild card to take that opening as follows. If there is an opening at more than one level, this process will be repeated for each level of play.
 - a. Ask second place team if that team does not accept.
 - b. Pull a district name at random and invite the 2nd place team from that district and proceed alphabetically until all districts have responded or until a team accepts (If we pull Delaware and they cannot send a team, we will ask Eastern Penn, etc.).
 - c. We will not invite all teams in a local league flight.
7. **Disqualification at Championships:** In championship play, the section chooses National Regulation option 2.04B(2)a. Run dynamic calculations and produce ratings throughout the championship. For those players that meet the criteria for NTRP dynamic disqualification, all matches will be reversed for disqualified players (2.04E(2)a). In single elimination formats only the last match will be reversed (2.04E(2)b). Only players with the following rating types A, S, M, T or D are subject to disqualification. The deadline for filing a Request for Review of Dynamic DQ at championships is one hour from the time of notification.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS: Grievance and Appeal Forms are found online at the following:

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/organize/program-resources/middlestates/Middle-States-League-Captain-Resources.html>

DISTRICT AND SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championship	Team Format (all Championships)	Matches required for districts/section	Matches required for Nationals	Location (District)	Date (District)	Location (Sectional)	Date (Sectional)
Mixed 18 & Over	3 doubles – combined rating (max 1.0 apart)	2 played, 1 may be received default*	3 matches, one may be by default received**	TBA	May 1-2	Landisville	June 4-6
Mixed 40 & Over	3 doubles – combined rating (max 1.0 apart)	2 played, 1 may be by received default*	3 matches, one may be by default received**	Hershey	January 23-24	Landisville	June 11-13
Mixed 55 & Over	3 doubles – combined rating (max 1.0 apart)	2 played, 1 may be by received default	2 played, 1 may be by received default	TBA	May 8	Landisville	June 4-6
Adult 18 & Over	3.0,3.5, 4.0,4.5: 2 singles, 3 doubles; 2.5, 5.0+ - 1 singles 2 doubles	2 played, 1 may be received default*	3 matches, one may be by default received**	Hempfield	July 30 - August 1	Princeton, NJ	August 20-22
Adult 40 & Over	3.0,3.5, 4.0,4.5+ - Format to be decided locally - 1 singles and 3 doubles for all championships	2 played, 1 may be received default*	3 matches, one may be by default received**	Hempfield	August 27-29	Princeton, NJ	September 10-12
Adult 55 & Over	6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 – 3 doubles	2 played, 1 may be by default received*	3 matches, one may be by default received**	Hempfield	July 24	Landisville	September 17-19
Adult 65 & Over	3 doubles	2 played, 1 may be by default received	2 played, 1 may be by default received	TBA	August 27-29	Delaware Valley Tennis Club	September 24-26

***Self-rated and computer rated appealed players must have two played matches to play at championships within Middle States.**

****Self-rated and computer-appealed players must have four played matches to play at national championships.**

2021 Central Penn Clubs

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Harrisburg Academy	10 Erford Road Wormleysburg, PA 17043	446-9771 thesoulliards@gmail.com	Riz Soulliard
Hempfield Rec	950 Church Street Landisville, PA 17538	898-3102 tennis@hempfieldrec.com	Wilson Pipkin
Hershey CC	1000 E Derry Road Hershey, PA 17033	508-1770 longolf10s@comcast.net	Peggy Long
Hershey Racquet	998 Briarcrest Blvd. Hershey, PA 17033	533-5995 coal_cracker2005@yahoo.com	Stela Katevska
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