



USTA/Southeast Michigan

2021 USTA League Tennis Championships

Congratulations! Your team has qualified or is in contention for the 2021 Southeastern Michigan USTA 40 & Over Adult League Championships! Please distribute this information to your players.

**Prior to the District Championships:
Captains must attend a pre-Tournament Conference Call
Tuesday, July 27 – two sessions available
NOON and 6:30pm
Call in number 1-800-791-2345 Code 39536**

DATE: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, July 30-August 1, 2021

LOCATION: Plymouth-Salem High School – 46181 Joy Rd Canton 48187. This facility is also known as the Plymouth Canton Educational Park (PCEP) and is located on Joy Road between Sheldon & Beck.

***PLEASE ALLOW EXTRA TIME FOR TRAINS, TRAFFIC & CONSTRUCTION!
I-275 MAY BE AN ISSUE THIS YEAR! YOU MAY EXPERIENCE MORE TRAFFIC ON THE SIDE ROADS!***

FORMAT: Matches consist of 4 courts – 1 singles player and 3 doubles teams.

ELIGIBILITY: Only players who have played at least twice in your Local Flight are eligible to play. One of the two matches can be a default win.

Women who qualify on a day and a night team of the same level must choose one team prior to the start of Championship Play. This decision is final. Please forward this link to all players on multiple 40 & Over Teams of the same NTRP level:

Due by NOON, July 19, 2021

<https://ustamidwest.formstack.com/forms/decisionofplayer>

MATCH FEES: Match entry fees are due in full prior to the start of your first match.
Cash, checks, or credit cards accepted (checks payable to USTA/Southeast Michigan)

PRELIMINARY ROUND ENTRY FEES

3.0 WOMEN	3 matches	\$420
3.5 WOMEN	3 matches	\$420
4.0 WOMEN	2 matches	\$280
3.5 MEN	2 matches	\$280
4.0 MEN	2 matches	\$280

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS ENTRY FEES

3.5 WOMEN FINAL	\$140
4.0 WOMEN FINALS	\$140

Bank returned checks incur an additional \$50 fee.

REMINDERS: PCEP is school property. NO smoking & NO alcoholic beverages allowed.

It will be hot – bring sunscreen and plenty of liquids to stay hydrated. This is important for both players and spectators. A hat or umbrella for shade is also an excellent idea.

Electrical outlets at the Tournament Desk are for use by the Tournament Staff. Please do not bring extension cords.

There are NO water fountains on the property. The only water source are the sinks in the bathrooms.

We will have Tournament T-shirts available for purchase at the Tournament Desk. Other promotional items may be available.

CHANGES: The number of eligibility matches was adjusted by National for the 2021 season only. The COVID-19 recovery process is different throughout the country. To address this, the following applies to ALL players (computer, self-rate, appealed) only for 2021:

- Eligibility to play at Districts, States, Sectionals – 2 matches, 1 may be a default
- Eligibility to play at Nationals – 2 matches – no default can be included
- Players that began Championship Play with 1 match and 1 default must play at least 1 more regular match during Districts, States or Sectionals to be eligible for Nationals

Due to COVID-19, the large Player Tent will not be available at this year's Championships.

Teams are free to set up a small tent for shade. Please provide your own lawn chairs for use while off court. (No chairs are allowed on-court.)

Ice will be available for injuries only.

Please supply your own towels.

Players should also provide their own beverages, ice, and snacks for on-court needs.

Please be sure to pick up your on-court and off-court trash.



FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
JULY 31-AUGUST 1

- BURGERS
- HOT DOGS
- NACHOS
- CHICKEN TENDERS
- ITALIAN SAUSAGE
- FRIES
- CHIPS
- FRUIT CUPS
- WATER
- SPORTS DRINKS
- SODA



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1. USTA Rules, USTA League Regulations, USTA/Midwest Section Standing Orders, and “The Code” will be observed. Roving officials will be present to oversee all aspects of play.
2. Team Captains must report to the Tournament Desk **at least** 30 minutes prior to your first match. You will receive your lineup cards and local flight awards. You will also provide a contact phone number for the weekend and will be asked to confirm that you will field every position for all scheduled matches.
3. Team Lineups for each match must be submitted to the Tournament Desk 30 minutes prior to the scheduled match time (this includes the first scheduled matches of each day).
4. **All team members on the line-up card must be on site, dressed and ready to play when the line-up card is presented to the Tournament Desk.** Matches will be put on early if courts are available.
5. Lineups will be made available for public view after the first court of the match is placed on court. Until then, only the Tournament Desk will view the lineups.
6. If the lineup is not received 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time, a tournament official may be called for a team penalty as follows:
 - A. 1 to 5 minutes late – loss of toss and one game for ALL courts
 - B. 6 to 10 minutes late – loss of toss and two games for ALL courts
 - C. 11 to 15 minutes late – loss of toss and three games for ALL courts
 - D. 16 minutes or more late – default of entire team match
7. All teams are expected to field all positions for all matches. Any team defaulting any position is required to pay the full entry fee. The Midwest Section rule regarding teams short of players will be followed for all levels of Championship play.
8. **Midwest Championship Rule is as follows:**
If at any time during the championships a team does not have a full complement of players, the team will have to default the same position for every match in compliance with the following guidelines:

5-court match (2 singles and 3 doubles format):
 - Seven (7) players default 2nd singles
 - Six (6) players default 3rd doubles
 - Five (5) players default 2nd singles & 3rd doubles
 - Four (4) players default 2nd & 3rd doubles
4-court match (1 singles and 3 doubles format):
 - Six (6) players default 1st singles
 - Five (5) players default 3rd doubles
The Tournament Director will inform the opposing captains that the team is short a player(s) and let them know which position(s) will be defaulted.
9. Order of strength is encouraged, but not required.
10. The use of cell phones and/or electronic devices during matches is strictly prohibited. Players in violation will be subject to penalties and/or disqualification.
11. All players must bring a photo ID; random identification checks may be made.

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12. Scheduling accommodations or additional rest periods will not be granted to players who choose to participate on multiple teams at the Championships.
13. Women who qualify on a day and a night team of the same level must choose one team prior to the start of Championship Play. Team declarations must be made by July 19, 2021 and can be submitted at this link: <https://ustamidwest.formstack.com/forms/decisionofplayer> . This decision is final.
14. Team entry fees for all matches are due **in full** at check-in.
15. All courts must be cleared 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled matches of the day.
16. Players may **NOT** warm up on empty courts if there are matches in progress in the same deck of courts. (There are 3 decks of courts at Plymouth Canton.) Warm up courts are **not** available if we are indoors.
17. Courts on an **empty deck** may be used for warm up. **However, players are responsible to be at or near the Tournament Desk when their match is called. We will not look for you.** If a player is slow to report, an official may be called to start the clock to determine if there are penalties for lateness.
18. When matches are assigned to courts, a warm-up of 10 minutes is permitted. This time includes serves.
19. Matches will be the best of 3 sets, regular scoring, with a match tiebreak played in lieu of a third set. The match tiebreak is first to 10 by 2; the set tiebreak is first to 7 by 2. A two-minute set break is available after both the first and second set, but **NO COACHING** is allowed. Coman Tiebreak Procedures will be used for both match and set tiebreakers.
20. After the match, players must return to the desk to report scores and return the used balls. To eliminate scoring discrepancies, both singles players and at least 1 player from each doubles team should report scores. Captains must sign the completed scorecard within 15 minutes of the completion of the final individual match of the team match. Failure to sign the scorecard within the 15-minute time frame indicates agreement to the scores as reported to the Tournament Desk.
21. Any weather-related issues may result in delay of play, moving indoors, alternate scoring methods, or changes in the schedule at the discretion of the Tournament Referee and Tournament Director. If you are not contacted regarding a change in venue, teams must check in at the playing site.
22. The Dynamic Rating Report will be run throughout the day. Self-rated and appealed players are subject to disqualification. These players remain at risk through the Sectional Championships. All matches played by a player who is dynamically disqualified will be reversed to show as (6-0, 6-0) wins for their opponents.
23. In divisions with one flight, the team winning the most **team matches** will be named the Champion. Ties will be broken using the following criteria: 1) the team with the most individual match wins, 2) the team winning the head-to-head match, 3) the team losing the fewest sets, 4) the team losing the fewest games, 5) coin toss by the League Coordinator or Site Director. In divisions with more than one flight, round robins and single elimination will be used.
24. If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, all matches played or to be played by that team shall be null and void and will have no impact on the outcome of the standings within the flight. This team will play no further matches at the Championships. **Any team that defaults individual courts or an entire team match will not be reimbursed for any match fees.**
25. Any team committing a total team default at the District Championships is subject to further sanctions for the 2021 & 2022 seasons. All players on the roster who were eligible to participate at Championships will be subject to sanctions by the Southeast Michigan USTA League Tennis Committee.

On behalf of our Tournament Staff, have fun and good luck!