

How to Qualify for the NTRP National Championships from the Northern California Section

Divisions:

- 18 & Over Men's & Women's 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5 Singles/Doubles/Mixed
- 40 & Over Men's & Women's 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 Singles/Doubles
- 55 & Over Men's & Women's 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 Singles/Doubles

Northern California's quota:

Northern California's quota is 2 players in each singles division, and 2 teams in each doubles division.

Players for the 2 quota spots will be selected using the following criteria:

Selection Criteria

Qualifying events:

For the 18 & Over 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5 Singles/Doubles/Mixed divisions – USTA NorCal may host a Grand Prix tournament

For the 40 & Over and 55 & Over (all divisions) – A NorCal Qualifying event may be held.

Spot #1

The Champion of the Grand Prix or NorCal Qualifying event will receive NorCal's endorsement to the NTRP National Championships. The 2nd place finisher will be the #1 alternate. The 3rd place finisher will be the #2 alternate and the 4th place finisher will be alternate #3. If a draw is not possible due to lack of entries, or if the champion and all three alternates cannot participate, Spot #1 will be filled using the same criteria as spot #2.

* Doubles players qualify **as a team**. If one player from the team cannot go to the NTRP National Championship, the spot will go to the team in 2nd place, followed by the 3rd and then 4th place. If a draw is not possible due to lack of entries, or if the champion and all three alternates cannot participate, Spot #1 will be filled using the same criteria as spot #2.

NOTE: If a qualifying event is not held, both spots will be selected using criteria for spot #2

Spot #2

The **highest ranked NorCal player on the last published National Standings List prior to entries closing** will be selected into the NTRP National Championships. If the top player already received the endorsement as champion of the Grand Prix, the spot will go to the player in 2nd position.

Important: Players must have played at least one (1) tournament in the NorCal section in the respective division within the 52-week rolling period.

Exception: The requirement of having played at least one (1) tournament in the NorCal section in the respective division within the 52-week rolling period may be waived if ALL the conditions below are met:

- If a player or team had registered for a tournament in the respective division, but the division was canceled due to lack of opponents
- if that player or team has played in an NTRP tournament in a different age division at the same level and same event (singles or doubles),
- if there is no other player/team registered for the championship that would meet the requirement
- if the team is on the respective NSL

Note: If USTA National allows players from a different NSL into the championships – the requirement of one NorCal tournament must be met in that division. For example: if USTA National allows players from the Open NSL or the Age Group NSL to register in the 18+ 5.5 division, the player must have played at least one (1) tournament in the NorCal section in the specific division in the Open or the Age group division within the 52-week rolling period. The specific division refers here to singles or doubles.

* For doubles the **top combined** NSL will be selected. For example, if Player A is ranked #1/Player B is Ranked #74 and Player C is ranked #5/Player D is ranked #10 then Player C/D will be selected first because their combined NSL ranking is 15 as opposed to Player A/B which has a combined NSL ranking of 75. For Mixed Doubles, the top combined NSL will also be listed using the NSL from the Men's and Women's Mixed Doubles lists.

If a tie exists, the team with the highest ranked player will be selected

NTRP Rating Validation

- Players will use their most CURRENT year-end rating, valid in the year of the NTRP National Championship. Players will NOT be allowed to play below their CURRENT level. If a player qualifies for spot #1 or spot #2 but is moved up a rating level, they will be able to participate at the championship at their NEW level. Their spot at the prior level will be given to the player next in line. (see criteria above)
- Self-rates are not eligible to participate.