

## **Minutes of the USTA NorCal Adult Leagues Committee Meeting Monday, June 10, 2024**

**NOTE:** All resolutions in these minutes were approved by the USTA NorCal Board as of June 20, 2024.

**NOTE:** These minutes were approved on June 24, 2024.

Christine Costamagna, Chair of the Adult Leagues Committee ("ALC" or "Committee"), called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm and roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

**Committee Members Present:** Christine Costamagna (chair), Andrea Barnes, Jeff Birkenseer, Carlo Guariento, Marilyn Morrell-Kristal, Michelle Nicholson, Tuesdai Powers, and Paul Startz

**USTA NorCal Staff Present:** Michelle Wilson (Sr. Manager, Adult Competition)

**Guests Present:** Sarah Robinson

- 1. New Member of the Adult League Committee.** Carlo Guariento was introduced as the newest member of the Committee.
- 2. Approval of April 29, 2024 Minutes.** The Committee considered for approval the draft minutes of the meeting held April 29, 2024.

The following motion was then **APPROVED** by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of Adult Leagues Committee meeting held April 29, 2024 be approved as presented.

- 3. 2025 Adult Leagues Calendar.** The proposed draft of the 2025 Adult Leagues Calendar (the "Calendar") was presented to the Committee for review. It was noted that the Calendar had been reviewed by a subcommittee of Committee members and Staff. The Committee reiterated to Staff that it would important to survey facilities for input regarding USTA NorCal programming and related impacts. The Committee wants to be aware of any concerns facilities may have so that they can be addressed, particularly in the leagues space.

During the discussion of the Calendar, Staff explained that when preparing this Calendar, it considered: overlaps, facility load, national and sectional tournaments and holidays. Additionally, one week is lost at the beginning of 2025 so the first league would start on January 6th to avoid the New Years holiday. Another week was lost for Mixed 40 due to National requiring the sections to determine participants by September 29 instead of the first week of October.

The subcommittee had discussed the possibility of an 8-week Combo season that would be completed in the same calendar year. The Committee stressed the importance of communication with the captains to work together to get the matches played especially in the seasons with inclement weather was noted. It was suggested that Staff create a communication cadence. A request was also made to pass the calendar earlier since early start leagues open in July.

After discussion, the following motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

**RESOLVED:** That the 2025 Adult League Calendar be approved as set forth on Exhibit A.

**Rationale:** The 2025 Adult League Calendar is similar to the 2024 Adult League Calendar. Two weeks of play was lost due to:

1. The way the calendar falls (starting January 6 which is the first Monday in January as opposed to starting January 1); and
2. National requiring Sections to submit their advancing Mixed 40 teams one week earlier in 2025.

Changes of note are:

- Mixed 18 and Adult 40 went back to being a 10 match/10 week season. In 2024, there were two additional "make-up" weeks in case of inclement weather. However, this impacted facilities with the overlap of Adult 55 when that season started. There is a "hidden" one week buffer for the Adult 40 league which can be used

if inclement weather becomes an issue and a make-up week is needed. Staff will encourage captains to work together to get the matches played by the end of the posted season.

- The 2025 Mixed 40 Season is moved up two weeks from 2024 because National set an earlier deadline to determine advancing teams.

**4. 2024 Combo Sectional Dates.** Staff proposed the dates of January 24-26, 2025 and February 7-9, 2025 as the 2024 Combo Sectional dates. It was noted that February 7-9 would be the rain makeup weekend.

After discussion, the following motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

**RESOLVED:** That the 2024 Adult League Calendar be updated to add January 24-26, 2025 and February 7-9, 2025 (rain make-up weekend) as the 2024 Combo Sectionals dates.

**Rationale:** It has been determined that Combo Sectionals (NorCal Combo League and NorCal Combo Daytime League) will be played on January 24-26, 2025. When the calendar was originally approved, these dates were listed as TBD. February 7-9 has also been added as a make-up weekend in case of inclement weather. The make-up weekend was pushed out a week to give captains more time to recruit players to have viable teams for Sectionals. During this past season, captains expressed their frustration with not having enough time to secure players due to a rainout on the scheduled weekend.

**5. Flex League Dates.** It was reported to the ALC that a week has been added to the remaining 2024 Flex League seasons to make it a 10-week season to give more players extra time to finish matches. It was noted that Flex League participation has been -increasing in participation and that the Committee would like to discuss these leagues further as potential growth opportunities.

There being no further matters to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **2025 USTA NorCal League Calendar**

#### **Early Start 2025 Adult 40 & Over Reno/Tahoe must be completed by September 15, 2025**

Team registration: July 8, 2024 Closes: July 29, 2024  
Season opens: August 19, 2024 Season Closes: November 17, 2024  
Playoffs: December 5-8, 2024; December 12-15, 2024  
Sectionals: May 9-11; 16-18, 2025

#### **Early Start 2025 Mixed 18 & Over Reno/Tahoe must be completed by September 29, 2025**

Team registration: July 8, 2024 Closes: July 29, 2024  
Season opens: August 19, 2024 Season Closes: November 17, 2024  
Playoffs: December 5-8, 2024; December 12-15, 2024  
Sectionals: April 25-27, 2025

#### **2025 Adult 40 & Over League must be completed by September 15, 2025**

Team registration: November 4, 2024 Closes: December 2, 2024  
Season opens: January 6, 2025 Season Closes: March 16, 2025  
Playoffs: April 3-6; April 10-13, April 17-20, 2025  
Sectionals: May 9-11; 16-18, 2025

#### **2025 NorCal Adult 40 & Over Daytime League**

Team registration: November 4, 2024 Closes: December 2, 2024  
Season opens: January 6, 2025 Season Closes: March 14, 2025  
Playoffs: March 24-28; March 31-April 4; April 7-11, 2025  
Sectionals: May 9-11; 16-18, 2025

#### **2025 Mixed 18 & Over League must be completed by September 29, 2025**

Team registration: November 4, 2024 Closes: December 2, 2024  
Season opens: January 6, 2025 Season Closes: March 16, 2025  
Playoffs: March 27-30; April 3-6; April 10-13, 2025  
Sectionals: April 25-27, 2025

#### **2025 NorCal Adult 65 & Over Daytime League**

Team registration: December 2, 2024 Closes: January 6, 2025  
Season opens: February 3, 2025 Season Closes: April 11, 2025  
Playoffs: April 21-25; April 28-May 2, 2025  
Sectionals: May 20-22, 2025

#### **2025 Adult 18 & Over League must be completed by September 8, 2025**

Team Registration: January 20, 2025 Closes: February 18, 2025  
Season opens: April 7, 2025 Season closes: June 15, 2025  
Playoffs: June 26-29, July 10-13; July 17-20, 2025  
Sectionals: August 8-11; 15-17, 2025

#### **2025 NorCal Adult 18 & Over Daytime League**

Team Registration: January 20, 2025 Closes: February 18, 2025  
Season opens: April 7, 2025 Season closes: June 13, 2025  
Playoffs: June 23-27, July 7-11; July 14-18, 2025  
Sectionals: August 8-11; 15-17, 2025

#### **2025 Adult 55 & Over League must be completed by September 29, 2025**

Team Registration: January 20, 2025 Closes: February 18, 2025  
Season opens: March 17, 2025 Season closes: May 25, 2025  
Playoffs: June 5-8; June 12-15; June 19-22, 2025  
Sectionals: July 11-13, 2025

#### **2025 Mixed 40 & Over League must be completed by September 29, 2025.**

Team Registration: April 21, 2025 Closes: May 19, 2025  
Season opens: June 9, 2025 Season closes: August 17, 2025  
Playoffs: August 21-24; September 4-7; September 11-14, 2025  
Sectionals: September 26-28, 2025

**2025 NorCal Adult 70 & Over Daytime League****Team registration:** June 23, 2025**Season opens:** August 25, 2025**Playoffs:** November 10-14; November 17- 21, 2025**Sectionals:** December 9-11, 2025**Closes:** July 28, 2025**Season Closes:** October 31, 2025**2025 NorCal Combo League****Team registration:** June 23, 2025**Season opens:** August 25, 2025**Playoffs:** November 13-16; November 20- 23; December 4-7, 2025**Sectionals:** Early 2026**Closes:** July 28, 2025**Season Closes:** November 2, 2025**2025 NorCal Combo Daytime League****Team registration:** June 23, 2025**Season opens:** August 25, 2025**Playoffs:** November 10-14; November 17-21; December 1-5, 2025**Sectionals:** Early 2026**Closes:** July 28, 2025**Season Closes:** October 31, 2025**2025 NorCal Mixed 55 & Over League****Team registration:** June 23, 2025**Season opens:** August 25, 2025**Playoffs:** November 6-9; November 13-16; November 20-23, 2025**Sectionals:** December 5-7, 2025**Closes:** July 28, 2025**Season Closes:** November 2, 2025