

**NOTE:** All resolutions in these minutes were approved by the USTA NorCal Board as of June 18, 2025 with the exception of the resolution regarding Reimbursement for Qualifying National Teams, Penalty for Lateness at Sectionals (FAQ), and Combo League Counting Towards NTRP Ratings which have been tabled.

**NOTE:** These minutes were approved on June 16, 2025.

Andrea Barnes, Chair of the Adult Leagues Committee (the "Committee"), called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm and roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

**Committee Members Present:** Andrea Barnes (chair), Anoosh Davoudzadeh, Marilyn Morrell-Kristal, Tuesdai Powers

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

**Guests Present:** Sarah Robinson

- Approval of April 21, 2025 Minutes.** The Committee considered for approval the draft minutes of the meeting held on April 21, 2025.

The following motion was then **APPROVED** by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of Adult Leagues Committee meeting held April 21, 2025 be approved as presented.

- Reimbursement for Qualifying National Teams.** Staff gave an update and reminded the Committee that at the March 2025 Adult League Committee meeting, the ALC approved to change the language in the FAQs to have NorCal contributions for qualifying teams that participate in USTA National Championships be reimbursement for meals as it was understood at the time that expensing meals would be considered a reimbursement that would not need to be reported to the IRS. After this was approved, the NorCal auditors came back and confirmed that meal reimbursements to winning teams would still be considered an "award" and would still need to be reported to the IRS.

Due to the most current information, it was requested to change the verbiage in the FAQ's regarding helping with expenses for National Teams back to the original verbiage and including that a W-9 must be submitted for the funds to be paid.

After discussion, the following motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

**RESOLVED:** That effective immediately, the language in the NorCal League Rules FAQ be amended as follows (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underline language is proposed addition):

#### **Expenses for Qualifying National Teams**

**Q:** Does USTA NorCal help with the expenses of taking a team to Nationals?

**A:** Yes. USTA Northern California provides an allowance contributes towards the expenses of a team dinner for qualifying teams that participate in USTA National Championships. For five-line leagues, NorCal will provide a per diem allowance up to contribute \$650; for four-line leagues, NorCal will provide a per diem allowance up to contribute \$550; for three-line leagues, NorCal will provide a per diem allowance up to contribute \$450. Per diem allowances Contributions are paid directly to the individual listed as captain of the team, for use by the captain and teammates, on the date of the national championships and will be mailed at the conclusion of the USTA National Championships for each league, upon the captain submitting a request for a per diem, or by submitting receipts, a W-9 to USTA NorCal.

**Rationale:** The FAQ's were changed in March to have the funds go towards a National Team dinner upon submitting receipts as NorCal was given information at the time that this could be considered an expense that is not reported to the IRS. Since then, NorCal has been made aware that putting the funds towards a meal reimbursement still would need to be reported to the IRS as an award. Changing the rule back would allow NorCal to award the funds as NorCal had been doing without collecting receipts. A requirement of a captain

submitting a W-9 to receive the funds will ensure that a captain submits a W-9 so NorCal can more accurately send them a 1099, if necessary.

**3. 2025 Combo Sectional Dates.** The ALC was presented with proposed Sectional dates for the 2025 Combo League. Staff explained that it is being proposed to have two separate Sectionals for Combo; one for traditional and one for daytime. It was explained that there have been concerns that having sectionals for daytime and traditional leagues at the same time makes it hard for players that play daytime and traditional to play both at Sectionals when they are played at the same event. Daytime leagues are typically played during the week, typically from 9:00am – 11:00am. Traditional leagues are typically played on weeknights and weekend. With splitting up the Sectionals event, it was proposed that the daytime sectionals are played during the week as that is when it is typically schedule and Sectionals for the traditional league is kept to the Friday – Sunday. During discussion a committee member had concerns that players that play daytime may be only be adjusting their work schedule for a specific day to participate in the match and would now need to take up to 3 days off to play daytime Sectionals if it were held during the week. Other Committee members thought that a number of day time players may be able to play during the week and that there are always going to be some players that can play and others that cannot play.

After discussion, the following motion was then **APPROVED** by a vote of 3 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That effective immediately, the 2025 Combo Sectional Dates be approved as follows:

- Daytime Combo League: January 13-15, 2026, and February 17-19, 2026 (rain make-up weekend)
- Traditional Combo League: January 23-25, 2026, and February 6-8, 2026 (rain make-up weekend)

**Rationale:** Traditional Combo Sectionals and Daytime Combo Sectionals will be split up and held in two separate date blocks for the 2025 Season. Daytime leagues are typically played during the week. Traditional leagues are typically played on weeknights and weekends. The benefit of playing Traditional and Daytime Combo Sectionals at different times is that players that play in daytime leagues have the opportunity to play both if both of their teams advance. The Combo League is growing. Combo Sectionals already uses three sites over one weekend and are maxed out at the sites. This is also during the rainy season which makes rainout and reschedules hard with the Spring leagues occurring at the same time.

**Fiscal Impact:** An analysis of whether there will be any fiscal impact has not been done; however, it is anticipated that with fewer matches on the first Sectionals, the cost increase won't be incrementally too large. Any budget required for separating the two leagues will be built into the 2026 budget.

**4. 2026 Early Start Leagues Dates.** The Committee was presented with proposed dates for the 2026 Reno/Tahoe Early Start dates. During discussion it was noted that the 2026 early start dates are similar to the 2025 dates being a 10 match/10 week season. It was also mentioned that the rest of the 2026 Calendar is still being worked on and would hopefully be presented at the next meeting.

After discussion, the following motion was then **APPROVED** by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That effective immediately, the 2026 Adult 40 and Mixed 18 Reno/Tahoe Early Start dates be approved as follows:

**Early Start 2026 Adult 40 & Over Reno/Tahoe**

**Team registration:** July 7, 2025

**Season opens:** August 18, 2025

**P:** December 4-7, 2025; December 11-14, 2025

**S:** TBD

**Closes:** July 28, 2025

**Season Closes:** November 16, 2025

**Early Start 2026 Mixed 18 & Over Reno/Tahoe**

**Team registration:** July 7, 2025

**Season opens:** August 18, 2025

**P:** December 4-7, 2025; December 11-14, 2025

**S:** TBD

**Closes:** July 28, 2025

**Season Closes:** November 16, 2025

**Rationale:** The proposed dates are similar to the 2025 Adult 40/Mixed 18 Early Start Dates. In order to hold the Early Start League, team registrations need to open in July and the league needs to start in August. We are planning to keep the Adult League Calendar similar to 2025 in terms of what part of the year the leagues

are scheduled in. We are still working on the rest of the 2026 Calendar but are waiting to confirm a couple of things.

## 5. 2026 NorCal Regulation Proposals.

**A. Sectional Wildcards.** The Committee discussed the proposal to not publish the specific placement of wildcard spots in a Sectional Schedule until the last round of playoffs have been completed. During discussion, staff explained to the Committee that currently wildcards are selected at the beginning of the season and the wildcard spots are indicated on the Sectional Schedule when it is initially released. Because the wildcard is awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team in the flight and the teams are aware of the Sectionals schedule before the playoffs occur, if teams like the wildcard spot better, the teams are trying to lose or not play the final round of playoffs so that they can "lose" and get the wildcard position.

After discussion, the following motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

**RESOLVED:** That effective immediately, the (NorCal LLAR) Wildcards regulation be amended as follows (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underline language is proposed addition):

(NorCal LLAR) Wildcards. Wildcards may be used to round out the number of teams that advance to Sectionals. Wildcards are chosen during the regular season from areas with the greatest number of teams. If there are two or more areas that have the same greatest number of teams, the wildcards will be selected randomly from those areas. For areas with wildcards, the specific placement of the two advancing teams will be randomly drawn and published on the Sectional Championship schedule after playoffs have been completed.

**Rationale:** The last match of playoffs with a wildcard determines who goes to Sectionals as the area winner and wildcard. When a team defaults their match in this occasion, they get to lock in the spot as the wildcard for Sectionals which is sometimes seen as the easier flight or better match times. To prevent this, it is being proposed to determine the specific placement of the wildcard and winner after the playoffs for the flights with wildcards so that it fair for both teams and no one is trying to lose to get what they think is the "better draw"

**B. Wildcard selection for the playoff progression of Championships.** Staff explained to the ALC that at League Sectionals when there are only three flights in a division, a wildcard is selected to complete a four-team playoff draw. Currently, the wild card shall be awarded to the second-place team with the best overall record following the National Championship tiebreak procedure. However, it was explained to the Committee that this process is not equitable for teams in flights in where another team is pulled out of standings for a total team default. To make it more equitable, it was proposed that in the event that there is a total team default that results in a team being removed from standings, to use "Games Won %" displayed in TennisLink to determine the best second-place team.

After discussion, the following motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

**RESOLVED:** That effective immediately, a procedure be added to the NorCal League Rules FAQ to explain how wildcards are selected at League Sectionals as follows (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underline language is proposed addition):

Q. How are wildcards selected for the playoff rounds at a Sectional Championship?

A. A. In a division consisting of three (3) flights, where each flight produces one winner and one wild card team is selected to complete a four-team playoff draw, the wild card shall be awarded to the second-place team with the best overall record following the National Championship tiebreak procedure. In the event that there is a total team default that results in a team being removed from standings, creating flights with different numbers of teams, then the process to determine the best second-place team will use "Games Won %" displayed in TennisLink.

**Rationale:** This is the first time this whole process is being added to the NorCal League Rules FAQ. This rule ensures equitable and transparent selection of a wild card entry based on overall performance metrics,

consistent with USTA principles of fair play and competitive integrity. Utilizing a clear, hierarchical tiebreaking process promotes consistency in championship advancement and rewards teams that demonstrate superior performance across multiple statistical categories.

**C. Penalty for Lateness at Sectionals (FAQ).** Staff explained to the ALC that a clear process on how to handle lateness at Sectionals needs to be adopted so everyone has a clear understanding of what the lateness penalty is at Sectionals as there are lateness penalties in the Friend at Court which differs from the lateness penalty for Local League and nothing currently written for Sectionals although NorCal has been applying the lateness penalty that is used for Local League but this has still been unclear.

After discussion, the following motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

**RESOLVED:** That effective with the 2026 Championship year, language be added to the NorCal League Rules FAQ to explain the lateness penalty at League Sectionals as follows (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underline language is proposed addition):

**Q: What is the penalty for lateness?**

**A.** Captains and Players are expected to check and comply with all scheduling done by the Championship Committee. A player is deemed to have arrived when the player shows up at the place designated for checking in and is properly clothed, equipped, and ready to play. The lateness penalty clock starts at the scheduled match time regardless of court availability. A default may be taken if the scheduled player is not ready to play at the court site within 15 minutes after the scheduled match time.

**Rationale:** There is currently no written rule for lateness penalties at a Sectionals event. Adding one to the FAQ would make it clear as to what the lateness penalty is. Having the lateness clock start at the scheduled match time will make it easier for everyone to understand and track as opposed to having the lateness clock start when a match is called if a court is available. At the time matches are called, there are typically a lot of matches called at the same time and when staff is busy with this, time called and court available may be hard to track. Having one clear rule will make it easier for everyone. All line-ups are due 30 minutes before and the players are requested to be there 30 minutes before when captains submit a line-up.

**D. (NorCal LLAR) Initial Scheduling.** It was explained to the ALC that after the initial local league schedule is posted, captains have a specified time period to go back to their facilities and schedule match dates and times based on the published initial schedule. However, currently, once a captain has posted the actual schedule, the schedule cannot be changed without both teams' agreement even if it is still before the deadline to post the match times. It is being proposed to change the rule to allow home team captains to be able to change the match time without the opposing captain's approval if it is before the deadline they have to publish the schedule. During discussion, one member brought up a concern that with allowing captains to change a match time after they have posted it without the opposing captain's approval makes it hard for the opposing captain to plan until after the deadline because of the possibility that the match date and time still being able to be changed.

After discussion, the following motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention (Powers):

**RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2026, the (NorCal LLAR) Initial Scheduling regulation be amended as follows (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underline language is proposed addition):

(NorCal LLAR) Initial Scheduling. The home team shall set the date and time of the match during the designated week and according to the chart above or for daytime, see page 27. The visiting team must accept that date and time. The home team may not post a variance to the date and/or time without the visiting team's agreement. Changes to the schedule can be made prior to the deadlines USTA NorCal has posted without the agreement of both captains. Once the deadline has passed, the schedule is considered final and may not be changed without both teams' agreement. Once posted, the schedule may not be changed without both teams' agreement.

**Rationale:** This has been proposed to permit captains who enter matches in error ample time to correct these mistakes.

**E. Combo League Counting Towards NTRP Ratings.** The Committee reviewed the proposal for the NorCal Combo League to count towards NTRP ratings. It was explained that since Combo League is not a National advancing league, it is up to each section to determine if they want Combo to count towards ratings and historically NorCal has opted for it to not count towards ratings. During discussion, it was noted that the NTRP Self-Rate Committee has requested the Combo counting towards leagues be discussed by the Adult League Committee and the regulations sub-committee was also in favor of having Combo count. During discussion some Committee members were concerned that having Combo count towards ratings may affect participation as there are many players who like that it does not count toward ratings. Other members felt that this may encourage more players to play knowing that it will count towards ratings and that having Combo count towards ratings might improve sportsmanship.

After discussion, the following motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

**RESOLVED:** That effective with the 2026 Championship year, NorCal Combo League will count toward NTRP ratings.

**Rationale:** There have been concerns that the Combo League not counting towards ratings is contributing to unsportsmanlike conduct and rating manipulation because this league does not count towards players ratings. Having Combo League count towards ratings will help ensure players that are playing in the league are more at the correct level overall but can also help self-rate players to be able to get a computer generate rating at the end of the year. Players were approximately 50/50 in a recent survey about this, but the recent suspensions and other grievances have "tipped the balance" in favor of adding Combo to the leagues that count for ratings.

**F. 2.06A (1) Move-Up – Adult 65.** The Committee was presented with a proposal for the Adult 65 League to count towards the Move-Up/Split-up Rule restricting a team with more than 3 of the same players to only be able to attend the National Invitational two years in a row if they qualify.

After discussion, the following motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

**RESOLVED:** That effective with the 2026 Championship year, the (NorCal LLAR) Initial Scheduling regulation be amended as follows (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underlined language is proposed addition):

**2.06B(1) All Championships Below Nationals.** Sections shall have the right to decide whether a team who competes at any championship level below the National Championships must move-up or disperse to form new teams for the next championship year and under what conditions.

**(NorCal LLAR) USTA NorCal Options.** USTA NorCal additionally applies the Move-Up/Split-Up Rule in the following leagues that end at sectionals: Combo Doubles, Mixed 55 & Over, Adult 18 & Over (2.5 men only), Mixed 18 & Over (combined 5.0 only).

**(NorCal LLAR) USTA NorCal Options – Exempt Teams.** Teams in the following divisions are exempt from the Move Up/Split Up rule:

Adult DAYTIME Leagues  
Adult 18 & Over 5.5+  
Adult 40 & Over Men's 2.5+  
Adult 40 & Over 5.0+  
Adult 65 & Over  
NorCal Adult 70 & Over  
NorCal Combo 10.0+  
NorCal Mixed 55 9.0

**Adult 65 & over League.** Any team that attends the National Invitational two years in a row in the same division and returns to League play following the second year of attending Nationals with more than three (3) players who were on both rosters may play together in the same Division and at the same NTRP team level, if their NTRP rating allows, but they will not be eligible to compete at National Championships for that season; the #2 team in their flight will advance to National Championships.

**Rationale:** The Adult 65 league population has grown and will continue to grow with all levels being represented at Nationals. While this League does not progress to "Nationals", a National Invitational is well respected and desired. Applying a Move-up/Split-up rule may allow opportunity for more players to have a chance in experiencing a National Invitational. This rule is proposed to go into effect for the 2026

Championship year. The first year that will be counted towards move-up split up will be 2026. The 2025 Adult 65 League will not be affected.

**G. (NorCal LLAR) Total Team Default Procedures.** It was explained to the Committee the under the current NorCal LLARs that total team defaults do not count as a win or a loss for either team, unintentionally penalizing the team that is ready to play because if they do not play the match, then it does not count for standings. It was reported that the Grievance Committee sees issues with total team defaults often. During discussion, the committee reviewed a proposed rule that would award the team that is ready to play a 6-0, 6-0 win for each line but also make it more fair for the other teams in the flight.

After discussion, the following motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

**RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2026, the (NorCal LLAR) Total Team Default Procedures be amended as follows (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underline language is proposed addition):

(NorCal LLAR) Total Team Default Procedures. If the minimum number of individual matches required to win the match is not played, the team match will be entered as a total team default. A total team default will not count as a win for either team in the standings. Depending on the circumstances, a grievance may be filed against the defaulting team. Grievance sanctions may include the team being pulled from team standings, suspensions and other penalties.

If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, that team is ineligible to advance beyond the local league, regardless of its final standings position. The match will count in standings as a win for the available team and the record of the defaulting team will be adjusted as follows:

If the total team default occurs in a flight with a single round (i.e., all teams play each other once): the scores of the defaulting team's matches will be adjusted to 6-0 6-0 wins for each opposing team.

If the total team default occurs in a flight with multiple rounds: (i.e., all teams play each other the same number of times) only the scores from the segment in which the default occurred will be adjusted.

If the total team default occurs in a partial round:

Scores will be adjusted to 6-0 6-0 wins for each opposing team in that partial round and Scores will be adjusted for all other opponents in the prior completed round.

If the flight's schedule is randomized without clear segments: scores will be adjusted for each other opposing team's earliest match against the defaulting team.

Depending on the circumstances a grievance may be filed against the defaulting team. Grievance sanctions may include suspension points for all team members.

**Rationale:** With the current rule, total team defaults not counting in standings and teams that are ready to play are being penalized. With the proposed rule change, a team would now be getting a win if their opponents total team defaults. To make it more balanced/fair in standings, all other teams in the flight would get 1 match reversed/win against the offending team.

**H. Retirement at Sectionals.** The Committee discussed a proposal to deem a player who retires in a match ineligible to compete in any other matches scheduled for the same day. During the discussion staff reported of players retiring when the overall match has been decided to go and play a match at another level or to save themselves for the next match the same day and how that is unsportsmanlike to their opponents and that is not promoting play. Some committee members were concerned about players legitimately retiring due to injury but still possibly being able to play in a later match. The concern about a captain not being able to fill a position later on in the day due to a player retiring earlier in the day and no longer being able to play was also discussed. Ultimately the Committee understood the players retiring once they find out the match has been decided is becoming more of an issue.

After discussion, the following motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

**RESOLVED:** That effective with the 2026 Championship year, language be added to the NorCal League Rules FAQ to clarify retirements as follows (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underline language is proposed addition):

**Q: What happens if a player retires from a match at a Sectional Championship?**

**A. If a player retires during any portion of a Sectional Championship, they are ineligible to participate in any additional matches scheduled for the same day.**

**Rationale:** Matches should be played to completion as a matter of sportsmanship and respect for the integrity of competition. Retiring a match after a team victory is clinched, especially to conserve energy for potential future matches, is considered unsportsmanlike. All players deserve the opportunity to complete their matches, regardless of the overall team outcome.

**I. Move-up Split-up 2.5 Exemption.** Staff proposed to amend the NorCal LLARs to have the 18 & over Men's 2.5 League and the Adult 40 & over Men's and Women's 2.5 Leagues be exempt from the Move-up/Split-up Rule.

After discussion, the following motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

**RESOLVED:** That effective with the 2026 Championship year, language be added to the NorCal League Rules FAQ to clarify retirements as follows (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underline language is proposed addition):

2.06B Section Options for Move-Up/Split-Up 2.06B(1) All Championships Below Nationals. Sections shall have the right to decide whether a team who competes at any championship level below the National Championships must move-up or disperse to form new teams for the next championship year and under what conditions.

(NorCal LLAR) USTA NorCal Options. USTA NorCal additionally applies the Move-Up/Split-Up Rule in the following leagues that end at sectionals: Combo Doubles, Mixed 55 & Over, ~~Adult 18 & Over (2.5 men only)~~, Mixed 18 & Over (combined 5.0 only).

(NorCal LLAR) USTA NorCal Options – Exempt Teams. Teams in the following divisions are exempt from the Move Up/Split Up rule:

Adult DAYTIME Leagues  
Adult 18 & Over 5.5+  
Adult 40 & Over ~~Men's~~ 2.5+  
Adult 40 & Over 5.0+  
Adult 65 & Over  
NorCal Adult 70 & Over  
NorCal Combo 10.0+  
NorCal Mixed 55 9.0

**Rationale:** For Adult 40 & Over, NorCal is not currently offering a 2.5+ League. From 2023-2025, NorCal has not had an Adult 40 and over Men's 2.5 League. For the Adult 40 & over Women's 2.5 League, in 2023 there were 17 teams, in 2024, there were 11 teams, in 2025, there were 15 teams. Adult 40 & Over 2.5 are NorCal specific leagues and do not advance to a National Championship. For Adult 18 & Over, NorCal has not hosted a Men's 2.5 division at least from 2023-2025. Removing the move-up split up rule for these divisions would allow players to continue playing if they do not move up the following year and if there are not enough 2.5 players in their area to split up and form another team. The Adult 18 & over Women's 2.5 League will continue to be included in the Move-up Split-up rule because that division advances to League Nationals.

## 6. National Regulation Proposals.

**A. Dynamic Ratings for Adult 65 & over league and Mixed 55 & over League.** The Committee discussed a proposal to generate dynamic ratings for the Adult 65 & and over League. It was noted that this is a National regulation and if approved, NorCal would need to submit a regulation proposal to National that would be reviewed after November 1<sup>st</sup>. Currently dynamic ratings are only generated for the leagues that Advance to a Championship (Adult 18, Adult 40, Adult 55, Mixed 18, Mixed 40). The Committee understood the benefit of keeping the league more level based if dynamic ratings were generated. The population of Adult 65 players and the concern of teams losing players due to dynamic disqualification was

also discussed. The Committee also discussed proposing to generate dynamic ratings for the Mixed 55 League as Adult 65 and Mixed 55 league advance to a National Invitational.

After discussion, the following motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

**RESOLVED:** That USTA NorCal will submit a 2027 USTA League Regulation Proposal proposing that dynamic ratings be calculated for the Adult 65 & over and Mixed 55 & over league beginning the 2027 Championship year

**Rationale:** By having the process of generating dynamic ratings for the Adult 65 and Mixed 55 Leagues, this will encourage positive growth because players will know that their work to improve means something, and improves their confidence at being at their level because they will know that they are playing with players at the same level and that if self-rated and appealed players generate three ratings at the clearly above level, they will be required to move up to the next rating. If USTA allows the "appeal down" process, then appealed Adult 65 and Mixed 55 players should also be subject to the 3 strikes disqualification and/or grievance. While the Adult 65 League does not progress to a League Nationals, it does progress to a League National Invitational and it is still the coveted National competition.

**B. 1.04E(2) Membership.** Staff presented to the Committee a National Regulation proposal to require that captains be paid USTA members. It was explained that under the current regulations that National regulations that league captains are not currently required to be USTA members. This has also been confirmed by National staff. Sections were also notified in May 2025 that in order to file a grievance pertaining to leagues, the person that the grievance is being filed against needs to be a current paid USTA member and is on an active league team. It was discussed captains need to be held responsible for the teams they are captaining.

After discussion, the following motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

**RESOLVED:** That USTA NorCal will submit a USTA League Regulation Proposal to be effective immediately after approval to amend the National League Regulations as follows to require that captains be USTA members (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underline language is proposed addition):

1.04E(2) Membership. All individuals who captain and/or compete in the USTA League must be current USTA members in good standing through the local league season. Any individual who progresses to a championship level in the USTA League must be a current USTA member through each championship progression. Individuals shall only have one USTA membership account/USTA number. Individuals who obtain more than one USTA membership account/USTA number may be subject to a grievance and such suspension penalties as outlined under the League Suspension Point System

**Rationale:** Team captains need to be responsible for the team(s) they are captaining. All SLCs were notified on the week of May 5 at the SLC workshop, that in order to file a grievance, an individual must be 1) a paid USTA member at the time the grievance is filed and 2) must be registered for a current league in progress. Team captains should be held accountable to the rules as they are the individuals that put the teams together. They are also the individuals that can file a grievance against an individual or team.

The remaining League Regulations Proposals were tabled until the next meeting.

There being no further matters to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.