

NOTE: All resolutions in these minutes were approved by the USTA NorCal Board as of October 21, 2026 with the exception of the resolution regarding Mixed 65 Pilot Event which has been tabled.

NOTE: All minutes are final after approval by the committee.

Andrea Barnes, Chair of the Adult Leagues Committee (the "Committee"), called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm and roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

Committee Members Present: Andrea Barnes (chair), Leslie Airola-Murveit, Jennifer Holmes, Damon Levy, Marolyn Morrell-Kristal, Marco Sanchez

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

1. Approval August 24, 2026 Minutes. The Committee considered for approval the draft minutes of the meeting held on August 24, 2026.

The following motion was then **APPROVED** by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

RESOLVED: That the minutes of Adult Leagues Committee meeting held August 24, 2026 be approved as presented.

Damon Levy joined the call at 6:34pm.

2. Staff Update.

- Staff gave an update on Adult League numbers to date. Team counts up 4%. Registrations up 8%. Unique players up 6%.
- Staff gave a recap on the Mixed 65 and Tri-Level Singles Pilot.

3. 2026 Adult League Service Awards. The Committee discussed the recommendations for the following award categories that were presented to them.

- League Facility of the Year
- Local Area Coordinator of the Year

After discussion, the following motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

RESOLVED: That the recommendations for the 2026 Adult League Service Awards be approved.

4. Continuation of Mixed 65 Pilot Event. Following a recap of the 2026 Mixed 65 Pilot Event, the ALC reviewed the proposal to continue hosting the Mixed 65 Pilot Event in 2027.

After discussion, the following motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

RESOLVED: That the Mixed 65 Pilot event be approved to be hosted in 2027

Rationale: Having a Mixed 65 team event will give the 65 and over players another opportunity to play a team event. This might also help grow participation within the 65+ age group as this is only a two-day event which is different from a regular 10-match/10-week season league. Continuing this pilot would help us to continue determining how much interest there is in having a Mixed League for the 65+ age group. There were 10 teams/91 players that participated in the Mixed 65 pilot. They are excited and want to play again. There are also players who did not play because they did not know about it but would play next year if the event is held again. If approved, this will be added to the 2027 budget when doing the budget process. If it does not get approved in the 2027 budget the, Committee authorizes it to be submitted as practical thereafter as an action item to be reviewed.

Fiscal Impact:

Income: Represents net income per player for 48 players per division (192 players). \$40 per player gross; approx. \$33 net after fees.	\$6,336
Expenses:	
Player Gift \$10 each x 192 players	\$1,920
Captain's Gift	\$192
Court Fees	\$1,800
Umpire Fees (\$250/day)	\$750
Misc. Event Expenses (snacks)	\$500
Meals	\$780
Awards (\$12 per award x 15 players per team x 8 teams (includes 1st and 2nd place) <i>Note that 15 is the maximum anticipated expense if teams have more than 12 players.</i>	\$1,440
Balls (from current inventory)	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$7,382
Net Expense:	\$1,046

- 5. FAQ – Team Registrations.** The Committee discussed a proposed change to the Adult League FAQ that currently states that USTA NorCal will file a grievance against a team that withdraws after the deadline. The proposed change would give staff the opportunity to work with the captains withdrawing a team by giving staff the discretion to file a grievance if it is warranted. During discussion, importance of consistency was discussed.

After discussion, the following motion was APPROVED by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, the Team Registration Q&A in the USTA NorCal Adult League be approved as follows (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underline language is proposed addition):

Team Registration

Q: What if I am not sure I have enough players to form a team?

A: Do not register a team unless you are certain that you will have enough players. Normally, most teams need to roster at least twice as many players as needed for a match, due to playoff match conflicts, injuries, vacations, family commitments and emergencies. Withdrawing a team after the deadline creates significant problems for the entire league. USTA NorCal ~~will~~may file a grievance against a team that withdraws after the deadline. Both the captain and all team members are subject to penalties (including suspensions) unless the grievance committee finds "good cause" for withdrawing a team. A "lack of players" is not considered a good cause.

Rationale: This will enable USTA NorCal to work with teams if scheduling has not been started for the league. If scheduling has not started and the late withdrawal is not causing any extra administrative work for staff, not filing a grievance would appear to be working with captains; however, captains would be cautioned about the importance of following deadlines going forward. Grievances will still be filed if the team withdrawal creates significant problems for the entire league such as but not limited to having to redo the schedule.

Fiscal Impact: None

- 6. National Regulation Proposal to 2.04B NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Procedures.** Staff presented a proposal to the ALC that would allow a section to decide if a section specific league would be included in the calculation of dynamic ratings. USTA National has recently informed the sections that only specific National Advancing and National Invitational Advancing leagues are included in the calculation of dynamics.

After discussion, the following motion was APPROVED by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

RESOLVED: That USTA NorCal shall submit a proposal to amend USTA League Regulation 2.04B, to be effective immediately if approved by the USTA, to allow a Sectional Association to decide if a non-National

advancing league would be included in the calculation of dynamic ratings as follows (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underline language is proposed addition):

2.04B NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Procedures. Dynamic ratings will be calculated for all Adult and Mixed National Championship Advancing League Division players and all Adult 65 & Over and Mixed 55 & Over National Invitational Advancing League Divisions players during local league competition and at every level of championship competition including National Championships to determine if any players have reached the NTRP Dynamic Disqualification criteria stated in the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System Procedures.

A Sectional Association may include the results from other non-National advancing leagues in the calculation of dynamic ratings, provided that:

- The division is the same as an Adult or Mixed National Championship Advancing Division where dynamic ratings are calculated and,
- A statement that the league results will count towards dynamic ratings are published.

Players subject to NTRP Dynamic Disqualification, as described in the NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Table will be dynamically disqualified if they reach the disqualification level three times based on all matches except retirements received.

Rationale: Including more leagues in the calculation of dynamic ratings will help to make those leagues more fair. This proposal is proposing for sections to indicate the leagues that count towards the calculation of dynamics so a player knows that the league will count towards dynamic calculation before registering to captain a team or to play in the league. This is also being proposed as a section option so sections can choose not to opt in.

Note that if this proposal is ultimately approved by the USTA, a conforming change will need to be made to "The Use of the National Tennis Rating Program and NTRP Computer Ratings in the USTA League."

Fiscal Impact: None

7. Flex Leagues. The Committee discussed the current USTA NorCal's Flex League system and a request from an organization to host a Flex League using the same software. It was discussed that it would be good to look at ways of growing the Flex League. The ALC suggested that NorCal reach out to the organization to see why they don't want to play in the Flex League that is currently offered and see if there is a way everyone can work together to help grow and enhance the NorCal's Flex League that is currently offered.

8. Sectional Playoff Fees. Staff reported to the ALC that the 2027 Budget is currently being worked on. One of the items that is being considered is raising the Adult League Sectional Fees by \$5 per line. It was mentioned that court fees are continuously increasing and the addition sectional fees can help go toward the league fees and help move sectionals around.

An overview of what the team fee would look like was also presented to the ALC:

- The fee for 5-line leagues is ~~\$275300~~
- The fee for 4-line leagues is ~~\$22040~~
- The fee for 3-line leagues is ~~\$16580~~

With the fee increase,

Based on 15 players for 3-line leagues, the fee per player would be \$12.00.

Based on 15 players for 4-line leagues, the fee per player would be \$16.00.

Based on 15 players for 5-line leagues, the fee per player would be \$16.67.

Following discussion, a straw vote was taken with a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions to support raising Sectional Playoff Fees by \$5 per line effective with the 2027 Championship Season.

Rationale: The additional funds will help with the increase in court fees to run league sectionals and can also help with moving the events around.

9. 5.0+ Taskforce Update. Mr. Levy gave an update regarding the 5.0 Taskforce. He gave a brief summary of the player evaluation results. He also informed the Committee that the Taskforce is going to look into three types of pilots; 1) Premier Tennis League, 2) Showcase / Social Tennis Day, 3) Individual Open Series.

10. Section Connection. Staff reminded the Committee that the NorCal Section Connection is occurring on Saturday, November 7 at the San Ramon Marriott and encouraged the committee members to attend.

There being no further matters to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.