



USTA Pacific NW Endorsement Criteria for 2020 NTRP National Championship

The enclosed information will detail the process for selecting the participants to represent the Pacific NW at the 2020 NTRP National Championships. The criteria listed below will only apply to the 2020 NTRP National Championship.

2020 NTRP National Championship Dates

- 18 & Over Singles– April 3-5, 2020 (Surprise, AZ)
- 18 & Over Doubles – April 17-19, 2020 (Surprise, AZ)
- 50 & Over Singles – April 3-5, 2020 (Orlando, FL)
- 50 & Over Doubles – April 17-19, 2020 (Naples, FL)

Divisions Offered

- Men's and Women's 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 Singles and Doubles. Adult 18+ and Adult 50+ (NOTE – 5.0 is Adult 18+ only)

Adult 18 & Over Endorsement Procedures and Adult 50 & Over Endorsement Procedures

- USTA PNW NTRP Section Championship (1 spot for each division and age group)
 - The USTA Pacific NW will offer the USTA PNW NTRP Section Championship on February 14-16, 2020 (Vancouver, WA). Divisions offered will be Men's and Women's 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, and 5.0 Singles and Doubles (5.0 only for Adult 18+). Age Divisions will be Adult 18+ and Adult 50+. The winner of the USTA PNW NTRP Section Championship will receive an endorsement to participate in the 2020 NTRP National Championship.
 - Each draw will take a maximum of 16 players/teams. The draws will be determined by selecting a certain number of players from each area in the Pacific NW based on the 2019 Final Year End Ranking list released in early January. The following will be the number of players selected by area (area is determined by USTA Membership):
 - Northwest Washington – 4
 - Northern Oregon – 4
 - Southwest Washington – 3
 - Eastern Washington – 2
 - Southern Oregon – 2
 - Alaska – 1

- All interested players **must** register for the NTRP Sectional Championships to be considered. Only registered players will be considered. If a player is not registered by February 2, 2020 then the player will not be selected regardless of ranking. The registration link will be available in October of 2019.
- If an area quota is not met, then the next registered eligible player on the 2019 Final Year End Ranking list from that respective area will be selected. If no other players from that area have registered, then the next highest ranked player overall will be selected until all players have been selected or a maximum of 16 players/teams have been selected.
- The #1 ranked player for each division may not participate in the NTRP Sectional Championships for the division in which they finished #1 in 2019.
- A player may only participate in a maximum of two events during the NTRP Sectional Championships (this includes 18+ and 50+ singles and doubles).
- NTRP Validation – The following will be used for both the NTRP Sectional and National Championships. Ineligible players will not be selected for either event:
 - 2018 or 2019 Year End Computer Rating (or “C” rating).
 - If you do not have a 2018 or 2019 Year End Computer Rating, you may qualify with your 2017 Year End Computer Rating. If you do not have a 2017 Year End Computer Rating, you may qualify with your 2016 Year End Computer Rating.
 - 2018 or 2019 Year End Tournament Exclusive Rating (or “T” rating)
 - Self ratings (“S”) and Mixed ratings (“M”) do not qualify. If a player has a “T” rating, but then self rates, we will allow that player to play using their “T” rating, even though that “T” rating is not published anymore.
- Final Year End Ranking (1 spot for each division and age group)
 - The USTA Pacific NW Director of Competition will endorse one singles player using the Final Year End Ranking list released in January 2020. The top ranked player will be invited. If a player declines, the next highest qualified player on the Final Year End Ranking list will be invited. This process will continue until a singles player accepts the invitation.
 - The USTA Pacific NW Director of Competition will endorse one doubles team using the Final Year End Ranking list released in January 2019. The top ranked player will be invited. If a player declines the next highest qualified player on the Final Year End Ranking list will be invited. This process will continue until one doubles player accepts the invitation. A doubles player may choose their partner as long as they are listed anywhere on the 2019 Final Year End Ranking list.
 - NTRP Validation – The following will be used for both the NTRP Sectional and National Championships. Ineligible players will not be selected for either event:
 - 2018 or 2019 Year End Computer Rating (or “C” rating).
 - If you do not have a 2018 or 2019 Year End Computer Rating, you may qualify with your 2017 Year End Computer Rating. If you do not have a 2017 Year End Computer Rating, you may qualify with your 2016 Year End Computer Rating.
 - 2018 or 2019 Year End Tournament Exclusive Rating (or “T” rating)

- Self ratings ("S") and Mixed ratings ("M") do not qualify. If a player has a "T" rating, but then self rates, we will allow that player to play using their "T" rating, even though that "T" rating is not published anymore.

Additional Notes on the Endorsement Process

- All Combined rating events (i.e. 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 doubles) will NOT be considered. Only straight level events (i.e. 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 doubles) will be considered for doubles qualification).
- USTA National does not allow self rated players or players with a 0.0 rating to participate in the NTRP National Championships.
- A tie in ranking points will be broken by the following (Note - Only singles matches will be considered for a tie in the singles rankings. Only doubles matches will be considered for a tie in the doubles rankings):
 - Winner of more head-to-head matches in 2019 USTA PNW NTRP Sanctioned Tournaments
 - Highest winning percentage of all 2019 USTA PNW NTRP Sanctioned Tournament matches
 - Winner of the most number of matches of all 2019 USTA PNW NTRP Sanctioned Tournaments
 - Player who has defeated the highest ranked player on the 2019 Final Year End Ranking list
- Players in the Adult 18 & Over Division must have turned at least 18 in the 2019 calendar year.
- Players in the Adult 50 & Over Division must have turned at least 50 in the 2019 calendar year.

Players' responsibility at NTRP National Championship

The endorsed players for Pacific NW understand that they must follow all rules and regulations set forth by the USTA National office. The players agree to meet all deadlines and understand that if they do not register by the posted deadline they may forfeit their endorsement. The players agree to pay all expenses associated with the NTRP National Championship including but not limited to airfare, car rental, lodging, meals, entry fee, etc. The players understand they will not receive any compensation from the USTA Pacific NW Section.

Questions in regards to endorsement for the 2020 NTRP National Championships can be sent to Adam Hutchinson at ahutchinson@pnw.usta.com.