



2023 Sectional Championship Procedures

Applies for Adult 65, Mixed 55, and One Doubles

ELIGIBILITY, RULES, REGULATIONS

- **Required Matches for Sectionals:** minimum of one match (one can be a default received) (NOTE - waived for single team leagues per USTA PNW National regulations).
- **Required Matches for National Invitational:** minimum of two matches (one can be a default). Subject to change and will not be finalized until the Fall of 2023. This was the regulation at previous Invitationals.
- All players must have a **current USTA Membership through the end of event** to compete
- 2023 National and PNW Regulations will be enforced during Sectionals
- **Match-Line Ups** must be submitted by the team captain at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled match time. Penalties may be enforced at the Tournament Director discretion.
- **Players on Multiple Teams:**
 - Players who qualify on more than one team **at a different NTRP Level** may compete in both. Captains must submit a scheduling request for consideration BEFORE the Minimum Player Due registration deadline.
 - Players who qualify on more than one team at the **same Division and NTRP Level** must declare which team they will play on through Sectionals. The player may join any of the other teams at the conclusion of Sectionals to compete in the National Invitational (if eligible).

SCORING AND FORMAT

- Format: best of three tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak (first to 10 points, win by 2) in lieu of a third set
- Play out the ads
- Tiebreak Procedure: Outdoor matches - Coman Tie Break procedure for all tiebreakers (set or match). Indoor matches - Regular Tie Break procedure (set or match).
- Scoring, Format, and Venue Modification: the Tournament Director reserves the right to modify the scoring, format, and venue if needed due to weather or other delays beyond our control.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT SET-UP

- Round Robin, non-elimination format. Two sub-flights per division. The winner of each flight will play each other in the Finals. The goal is to have 8 teams in each division with 2 flights (4 teams in each flight) to provide teams 3 round robin matches. This however, is not guaranteed, and could be more or less teams/matches.
Note: if there are five teams or less in a division, there will be one flight with no finals.
- The winner of each flight will be determined by team matches won. In the event of a tie in the standings, the following procedure will be used to break the tie (in order):
 1. Winner of the most individual matches
 2. Winner of head-to-head match

3. Winner of the fewest number of sets lost
4. Winner of the fewest number of games lost
5. Procedure to be determined by Championship Committee

GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

- View [PNW Grievance Protocols page](#)
- 3.03E(5)a (PNW REG) NTRP Grievances will be adjudicated after a championship event.

COACHING AND OFFICIALS

- **Coaching:** no coaching is allowed. Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed on court without permission from the Tournament Director or Official.
- **Roving Officials:** USTA Certified Officials may be used. All on court questions or concerns should be directed to the Officials. USTA Certified Officials can overrule all calls and call foot faults if they see them. The USTA PNW Line Assistance Regulations (where spectators can be used to help with lines) may be used if USTA Officials are not on site.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

- **Format Change:** please note that the tournament format, number of matches, scoring, and match length may change due to a team not showing up or circumstances beyond our control such as weather. Rain or extreme heat could cause delays, modifications to the format, scoring, venue or other changes which deviate from the announced scheduled. In the event of a lengthy delay due to rain or heat, it will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director to use an alternative-playing format.
- **Schedule Changes/Updates:** in the event of suspension of play caused by inclement weather or other reason, please keep your cell phones handy as updates will be texted to you as soon as possible using our texting service. Unless you hear otherwise, all players should plan on reporting to their scheduled match 30 minutes ahead of time.