

USTA PNW LEAGUE SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP HANDBOOK

1. Welcome to Section Championships

Congratulations on qualifying for the USTA Pacific Northwest Section Championships.

USTA PNW is proud to support and celebrate the players, captains, and facilities that make league tennis one of the most vibrant parts of our tennis community.

This handbook helps captains and players prepare for the championship weekend by outlining key expectations, event structure, and important resources.

USTA Pacific Northwest Section Championships are conducted in accordance with the following governing documents:

- [USTA PNW Section Championship Procedures](#)
- USTA Pacific Northwest Regulations ([available on the USTA PNW website](#))
- USTA National League Regulations ([available on the USTA National website](#))
- Friend at Court – The Official Rules of Tennis ([available on the USTA National website](#))

Players and captains are responsible for being familiar with these rules and procedures.

2. Championship Structure

Section Championships are conducted using round robin play.

Most divisions will consist of:

- Two flights of four teams
- Each team plays three round-robin matches
- The winners of each flight advance to the Championship Final

In some divisions, formats may vary depending on the number of teams.

USTA PNW reserves the right to modify the championship format due to weather, facility availability, or other unforeseen circumstances.

3. Advancement Opportunities

Section Championships bring together the top teams from across the Pacific Northwest. Depending on the league and division, teams may advance to a USTA League National Championship, a USTA National Invitational Championship, or compete for the USTA Pacific Northwest Section Championship title.

Advancement opportunities vary by league and division. Please refer to the [championship event website](#) for specific advancement details.

Teams must meet all eligibility requirements in order to advance when advancement opportunities apply.

4. Player Eligibility

All players must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in:

[USTA National League Regulations](#)

[USTA PNW Section Championship Procedures](#)

Key reminders include:

- Players must be a registered member of the team they represent and appear on the Match Tennis Team App roster.
- Players must meet minimum match requirements
- Players may only represent one team per NTRP level within a championship event. Players who qualify on teams at different NTRP levels may compete in each eligible level.

5. Match Format

Section Championship matches follow the standard USTA League scoring format.

- Best of three tiebreak sets
- 10-point match tiebreak played in lieu of a third set
- 7-point tiebreak played at 6–6 in any set

The Tournament Director may adjust format if necessary due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

6. Championship Standings & Tie-Break Procedures

If two or more teams are tied within a flight, the following procedures are used to determine standings:

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

7. Match Day Expectations

Captains and players should be prepared for the following:

- **Lineups:** Captains must submit lineups through the Match Tennis Team App prior to each match.
- **Arrival:** Captains and players should be on site ready to play 30 minutes before scheduled match time.
- **Warm-Up:** Warm-ups are limited to 7 minutes.
- **Sportsmanship:** All players are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect for opponents, officials, staff, volunteers, and spectators.

[See USTA Pacific Northwest Section Championship Match Day Guidelines](#)

8. Match Tennis Team App

The Match Tennis Team App will be used for championship operations. Captains and Players should download the app prior to the event.

Captains will use the app to:

- Submit Lineups
- Confirm Match Scores
- Receive Schedule Updates and Event Notifications

Players will use the app to view:

- Match Schedules
- Enter Scores
- Court Assignments
- Event Notifications

9. Standings & Results

The official standings and results can be found on **TennisLink**.

To view standings:

1. Visit tennislink.usta.com
2. Navigate to Stats & Standings – Advanced Search
3. Select the appropriate year, league type, NTRP level, gender, Section Championships level, and Section Name “USTA Pacific Northwest”.

Standings will be updated throughout the event.

10. Weather & Schedule Changes

USTA Pacific Northwest may adjust match schedules, championship format, scoring format, or venues due to:

- Weather
- Court Availability
- Facility Conditions
- Other Circumstances Beyond Our Control

All decisions regarding schedule, format, or venue adjustments are made at the discretion of the Tournament Director and USTA PNW Championship Committee.

Weather updates and scheduling changes will be communicated through:

- Match Tennis Team App
- Tournament Staff

Players should keep their mobile phones available for updates and plan to arrive 30 minutes prior to their scheduled match time unless otherwise notified.

11. Grievances & Disputes

Grievances will be handled in accordance with:

- [USTA National League Regulations](#)
- [USTA PNW Section Championship Procedures](#)

If an issue arises during match play, captains should contact the Tournament Director immediately.

12. Player Conduct & Facility Expectations

- Players must follow all host facility rules.
- Please remember to:
 - Clean up Court Areas After Play
 - Respect Facility Staff
 - Follow Posted Facility Guidelines

Failure to follow facility policies may result in disciplinary action.

13. Event Resources

Important event information will be available through the [Championship Event Website](#), including:

- Schedules
- Hotel Information
- Practice Court Locations
- Site Maps
- Championship Contacts
- Refund Policy

The event website will serve as the central hub for event logistics and updates.

14. Player Entry & Registration

All players must register individually for the Section Championship event through the [Championship Event Website](#).

If teams do not register the minimum number of players by the registration deadline, the next team on the wildcard list may be invited to participate.

15. Tips for Players & Spectators

Ice, water, and bananas will be available at championship sites while supplies last.

Players should come prepared with:

- Refillable water bottles
- Food and hydration for the day
- Small coolers if needed

Spectators may wish to bring:

- Refillable water bottles
- Portable chairs
- Umbrellas or sun protection

Covered spectator seating may be limited at some facilities.

16. Additional Resources

For more information, please review the following resources:

- [USTA Pacific Northwest League Section Championship Procedures](#)
- [USTA Pacific Northwest Section Championship Match Day Guidelines](#)

17. *Grow the Game With Us*

USTA Pacific Northwest is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, and your support helps us grow the game of tennis and strengthen communities throughout our region. Through our programs, partnerships, and scholarships, we help ensure people of all ages and abilities have opportunities to experience and enjoy the game.

To learn more about how you can support and grow tennis in our Section, visit ustapnw.org.