



# Section Championship Procedures

## *One Doubles*

### ELIGIBILITY, RULES, REGULATIONS

- **Required Matches for Sectionals:** minimum of one match (one can be a default)
- **Required Matches for National Invitational:** minimum of one match (one can be a default)
- All players must have a **current USTA Membership through the end of event** to compete
- [National and PNW USTA League Regulations](#) will be enforced during Sectionals
- **Match-Line Ups** should 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 or Referee's discretion. Lateness penalties will follow per Friend at Court, unless the Tournament Director or Referee deems an exception for extenuating circumstances.
- **Players on Multiple Teams:**
  - Players who qualify on more than one team **at a different NTRP Level** may compete in both. Captains must complete the [Scheduling Request for Player on Multiple Teams form](#) BEFORE the team registration deadline.
  - Players who qualify on more than one team at the **same Division AND NTRP Level** must declare which team they will play for through Sectionals. The player may join any of the other teams at the conclusion of Sectionals to compete in the National Invitational (if eligible).
- **Rating & Other Requirements to Attend National Invitational (*please note that requirements may change, as it's based on the discretion of the Indian Wells Tennis Director*):**
  - Self-rated (S), Appealed (A), Mixed (M), and Tournament (T) players are not eligible to compete in the Invitational - make sure those players play at least three Adult or One Doubles League matches so they will receive a computer rating for Year-End Ratings.
    - If a Self-rated (S), Appealed (A), Mixed (M), and/or Tournament (T) player receives a different rating at Year-End, he/she must now play at that new level for the Invitational.
  - If a computer-rated (C) player's rating changes at Year-End, he/she can still play with his/her previous Year-End Computer rating for the Invitational. However, should a player move up two levels at year-end, he/she must play at his/her new highest level.
  - All players must have a current USTA Membership through the end of Invitational to compete.
  - Roster size for each Section will be a minimum of 12 players (6 per gender) providing for one doubles team in the 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 ability levels to a maximum of 24 players (12 per gender). This can be any combination of NTRP levels as long as the total number of players on a roster is twelve or less per gender.
  - Invitational details will be available in December.

### SCORING

- **Format:** best of three tiebreak sets with a set tiebreak at 6-all. Match tiebreak (first to 10 points, win by 2) in lieu of a third set.

- Play out the ads.
- Change sides after all odd total games
- Continuous play after the first game of each set; 90 seconds on change overs; 2-minute set break
- **Tiebreak Procedure:** if event is entirely indoors, switch every 6 points for all tiebreaks (set or match). If event is both indoors and outdoors, Coman Tie Break procedure for all tiebreaks (set or match; inside and out).
- **Scoring Modification:** the Tournament Director reserves the right to modify the scoring 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, which is the same as, "Winner of the most individual matches." In the event of a tie in the standings, the following procedure will be used to break the tie (in order):
  1. Winner of head-to-head match
  2. Winner of the most sets won\*
  3. Winner of the most games won\*
  4. Winner of Head-to-Head Most Sets Won\*
  5. Winner of Head-to-Head Most Games Won\*
  6. Coin Flip

**\*Please note that TennisLink is not currently able to calculate most sets and games won, so it will be done manually. Contact Tournament Director to confirm who is in first place.**

## GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

- View [PNW Grievance Protocols page](#) for more information

## COACHING AND OFFICIALS

- **Coaching:** no coaching is allowed. Cell phone and other electronic devices are not to be used on court without permission from the Tournament Director or Referee. Smartwatches must be put in airplane mode.
- **Tournament Referee:** USTA PNW intends on having a Certified USTA Official as the Head Referee
- **Roving Officials:** there will be at least one USTA certified official at each location. The USTA certified official will periodically rove and be available to assist with any on court issues.

## 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 and scoring, 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, please keep your cell phones handy as updates will be texted to you as soon as possible using our texting service. They will also be posted to the event webpage. *Captains - please list all your players' cell phone numbers and email addresses upon online registration so we can keep them updated as well!* Unless you hear otherwise, all players should plan on reporting to their scheduled match 30 minutes ahead of time.