

2020 NTRP National Championships

How to Qualify in Southwest Section?

Advancement and Selection Process

To play in the 2020 NTRP National Championships, you must be endorsed by the section and you must register for the tournament. (Alternate spots may be available, please reach out to Matt Gleason if you would like details)

The Southwest section is allotted 2 slots in each of the Men and Women's 3.0/3.5/4.0/4.5/5.0 Singles and Doubles events in both the 18 and Over Event and 50 and Over Event. (There will be no 5.0 divisions at the 50 and Over Events)

- **The first slot will be offered to the highest ranking player in the 2019 Year End NTRP Rankings.**
- **The second slot will be offered to the winner of the 2020 Southwest NTRP Championships – National Qualifier (See below for details)**

Should the number 1 player on the NTRP Ranking list choose not to participate in the 2020 National Championships, the spot will be offered to the next player in line. If the same person or team is ranked #1 in both the 18 & Over and 50 & Over categories, the player(s) must choose which tournament he or she would like to participate in and cannot play both events at that level.

Additional Notes on Advancement Process:

1. Self-rated players and players with 0.0 rating *will not be eligible*.
2. **A tie in ranking points will be broken by the following:**
 1. **Winner of more head to head matches in ranking tournament play;**
 2. **Highest winning percentage;**
 3. **Winner of the most number of matches;**
3. Players in the Adult 50 & Over Division must have turned at least 50 in the calendar year 2019.
4. Tournament Registration site will be made available to players, players will be responsible for online tournament registration.

NTRP Validation

All of the following ratings will be accepted:

- 2019 or 2020 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.
- 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.



USTA Southwest 2020 NTRP Championships – National Championship Qualifier

The **USTA Southwest 2020 NTRP Championships – National Championship Qualifier** will be held February 7-9, 2020 at Kiwanis Tennis Center, Tempe, AZ.

The tournament will use the same Fast4 Format that is used at the USTA NTRP National Championships.

FAST4 Format is all Sets using No-Ad scoring and each set will be to 4 Games with a Tie Break at 3 All. The Tie Break will be to 5 points, with sudden death at 4 all.

Matches will be 2 out of 3 sets in a round robin format feeding into a single elimination bracket. (The Tournament Director reserves the right to change the format as/if needed.)

The event will be for Men/Women Singles and Doubles at the 3.0/3.5/4.0/4.5/5.0 NTRP levels. (The Tournament Director reserves the right split divisions/age levels)

Advancing players may not be eligible for the National Tournament if they don't have a valid computer rating.

Entries will be open on or about January 1, 2020.

Questions should be referred to Matt Gleason at gleason@ustaphoenix.com