

USTA LEVEL 1, 2, AND 3 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS

LEVEL 1 REQUIREMENTS:

Tournament Director Experience

- Directed at least 2 major tournaments in the last 2 years with proven growth in participation. Prior Level 1 experience is preferred, or
- At least 3 years of proven National TD experience (Adult L1, L2, L3, Junior L1, L2, and/or Wheelchair L1, L2). With less experience, the Manager of Adult Tournaments (Michael Bumgarner) and the Chair, Adult Competition (Mike Vandegrift) must approve

Staffing

- A USTA-certified Referee and athletic trainer (and/or massage therapist) during all tournament dates
- On-site staff (if possible) for player support and communication
- Michael Bumgarner, Adam Hutchinson, and/or Andrea Gutierrez visiting the Level 1s (at a minimum) once per quarter for any new Tournament Directors

Facilities

- A minimum of 8 courts: Draw specific
 - 8 or less players - 6 courts
 - 9-16 players - 8 courts
 - 17-24 players - 8 courts
 - 25-32 players - 10 courts
 - 32+ players - 12 courts
- Lights for evening/night matches (if needed)
- Showers and/or locker rooms must be cleaned day before tournament begins and stocked with towels and toiletries (if available) and maintained throughout
- Porter potties are NOT acceptable as the only option
- On-site or off-site stringer

Communications

- Email/Text to players the day before (or sooner) tournament begins with link to schedule and tournament homepage

Player Experience

- Provide a player gift(s)
- Offer on-site food/snacks/drinks
- Player party or dinner one night of tournament or a lunch
- A very clear check-in process
- If a large facility (20+ courts), providing players a map for directions where numbered courts and amenities are found

Reporting

- Follow all USTA Regulations, Adult & Family Tournament Regulations, and Friend At Court
- Gold/Silver/Bronze Ball awards distribution in case of double defaults. In the event of a double default in the finals, which has never happened before, both players will receive silver balls and finalist points. Please return the gold ball to the USTA and another silver ball will be mailed to the player. In the event of a double default for the 3rd and 4th place playoff, the **bronze ball is not to be given away to consolation winners or anyone else. They are to be returned to the USTA.**

Level 2 Requirements:

- Should follow Level 1 requirements and;
- Level 2 Championships should have a minimum of 225 total participants to remain a Level 2 tournament.
 - Due to the ITF restrictions on the number of Level 2 events that the USTA can sanction, the Subcommittee will only consider requests to become a Level 2 tournament from Level 3 tournaments that reach 225 total participants.
- Furthermore, it is expected that all Level 2 Championships have men's and women's divisions, or associated Level 2 sectional tournaments.
 - Exceptions: Atlanta-Men, Daniel Island-Women; Naples-Men, Ft. Lauderdale-Women, St. Petersburg-Men, Palm Beach- Women; all are current Level 2 Championships.
- Level 2 tournaments that do not meet these participation requirements in 2025 will, most likely, be reassigned to Level 3 status.
- On-site or off-site stringer

LEVEL 3 REQUIREMENTS:

Should attempt to follow all Level 1 Tournament requirements.

- Should have a minimum of 125 total participants to remain a Level 3 tournament.
 - Although the ITF restrictions on the number of Level 3 events that the USTA can sanction is not as strict as Level 2s, the Subcommittee will only consider requests to become a Level 3 tournament from Level 4 tournaments that reach 125 total participants.
- Level 3 Championships must have men's and women's divisions.
 - Currently there are no Level 3 tournaments with associated men/women tournaments and, therefore, the exemption that the 6 Level 2 tournaments receive does not apply here.
 - Unlike Level 2 tournaments where all Championships must be ITF sanctioned; not all Level 3 tournaments qualify to be ITF sanctioned. This decision is made yearly by the Subcommittee.