

2026 Sectional Championship FAQ

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Q Where can I find out information about my Sectional Championship like what facilities are being used, host hotels etc.

A In the Championship Handbook! You can access all Championship Handbooks on our [Championship Homepage](#).

Q How many matches do I need to play to qualify for:

- Adult 18 & Over Sectional Championship
- Adult 40 & Over Sectional Championship
- Adult 55 & Over Sectional Championship
- Mixed 18 & Over Sectional Championship
- Mixed 40 & Over Sectional Championship

A If you are a **S- Self rated** or a **Computer Appealed DOWN** player you must play in 3 matches and 1 match may be a received default.

If you are any other type of rating- **C, T, M** or a **Computer Appealed UP** player you must play in 2 matches and 1 match may be a received default.

Q How many matches do I need to play to qualify for:

- Adult 65 & Over Sectional Invitational
- Tri Level Sectional Invitational
- Mixed 55 & Over Sectionals Invitational
- ITA Mixed Sectional Championships

A For **ANY** type of rating, you must play in 2 matches and 1 match may be a received default.

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Q For **Nationally Advancing Leagues:** Adult 18 & Over, Adult 40 & Over, Adult 55 & Over, Mixed 18 & Over and Mixed 40 & Over and Tri-Level if I play on two teams locally can I play on both teams at Sectionals?

A No. If a player qualifies for a Sectional Championship at two different NTRP Levels they must choose which team they will play on at Sectionals.

Q For the **Non Nationally Advancing Leagues:** Adult 65 & Over, Mixed 55 & Over, and ITA Mixed if I play on two teams locally can I play on both teams at Sectionals?

A Yes. For the **NON Nationally Advancing Leagues: Adult 65 & Over, Mixed 55 & Over, and ITA Mixed** players may play on more than 1 NTRP level, i.e. 6.0 and 7.0 **NO ACCOMMODATIONS** will be given with the schedule. Matches **WILL NOT** be held if the shared player has not finished their match in the other divisions. Teams are expected to have the minimum number of players required for this championship without counting on the shared player.

Q Why is this different for National Advancing Leagues & Tri Level and Non National Advancing Leagues?

A The main reason is that National Advancing Leagues will not accept ANY defaults to qualify for Nationals for Self Rated or Computer Appealed down players. Tri Level Nationals also does not allow any shared players at Nationals. The Adult Programs Committee put this in place to prevent defaults resulting because teams share players which could cause an opposing player to not meet the minimum match requirement set by National and therefore not be eligible to play at Nationals.

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Q Will the Adult Program Committee ever change the no shared players rule?

A Never say never! The Adult Programs Committee continuously reviews and evaluates our Section Regulations. So there is a chance this regulation could change in future years.

Q What will the format be for Adult 40 & Over USTA Intermountain League Sectional Championships?

A For the 2026 and 2027 Championship years, the USTA Intermountain Adult Programs Committee has voted that the format for all 2026 and 2027 USTA League Adult 40 & Over Sectional Championships will remain at 4 lines- 1 singles 3 doubles.

Q Where can I find out more about the 40 & Over Format?

A Click [here](#) for our dedicated 40 & Over Format FAQ.

Q How many matches will my team play? And what about wildcards?

A The number of teams in each flight will vary depending upon the number of advancing teams per district. Therefore, anticipate a minimum of 3 team matches and a maximum of 5 team matches. If there are 2 teams in a flight a triple RR will be played for a total of 3 matches. If there are 3 teams in a flight a double RR will be played for a total of 4 matches. For flights with **4 teams** a wildcard may be considered. Click [here](#) for the 2026 Wildcard Procedure.

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Q Do we need to bring gifts for our opponents?

A If your team would like to bring a small gift to give your opponents you are more than welcome to do so. Please note though, while this is a very nice gesture, bringing a gift for your opponents is not mandatory or required and teams choosing to give a gift should not expect to receive one in return.

Q When will we know the schedule for our Sectional Championship?

A Schedules are not posted until the registration deadline has passed. You can find the registration deadline dates for each Sectional Championship [here](#).

Q If my teams wins but we have more than 12 players on our team, how do I get more awards?

A For additional awards beyond the 12 provided onsite, please email Liz Murrieta at sectionchampionships@ita.usta.com. Please note that additional awards will not be given until **ALL Sectional Championships** are completed in October. Liz will reach out to all winning teams with more than 12 rostered players about additional awards after all the Sectional Championships are complete.

Q Where can I find out information about National Championships?

A By visiting the [National Championship Homepage](#).