



2022 Maine One Doubles “Tri-Level” League Information

A traditional Tri-Level USTA League uses a format designed to provide a unique team experience by combining players of different NTRP levels on the same team. In light of the limited population of players in Maine, the traditional Tri-Level League is run as a One Doubles League, meaning that each NTRP level is run as its own league instead of combining levels to create one team.

The League will be offered to both men and women at the 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 levels. In the event of multiple flights at any level, the flight winners will participate in a playoff. The winners of each level will be eligible to participate in the New England Sectional Tri-Level Championships.

The winners of each of Men’s and Women’s Tri-Level Sectionals at the 3.5/4.0/4.5 NTRP levels will form one team to advance to the Tri-Level National Invitational Championship to be held from March 4-6, 2022 at Omni Rancho Las Palmas, California. Currently, no National Invitational exists for the 3.0 level.

Guidelines

- To be eligible, a player have a USTA membership valid through the end of the local season.
- Minimum age is 18 years old within the current calendar year.
- Tri-level is NTRP based — dynamic ratings for self-rated players will be reviewed prior to any playoffs and Sectionals. A player may be subject to removal from the team roster if the dynamic rating is not within an approved NTRP range for the level of play.
- Tri-level is a straight level league (i.e. 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5)
- No defaults are allowed and all scheduled matches must be completed.
- Each player must be registered on their team roster on Tennislink before playing a match, and match results are reported on TennisLink.

General Overview

- A team match consists of 1 individual doubles match.
- A team consists of between 2-6 players.
- Format used: 2 out of 3 sets with 3rd set being a 10-point tiebreak.
- Players may play at their NTRP level or one level higher (e.g. a 3.5 could play on a 4.0 team).
- In any match at least 1 player must be at the rated level (e.g. a 3.5 may play with a 4.0 in a 4.0 match. Two 3.5 players could not play a 4.0 match. If this occurs, the result of the match will be a disqualification.
- Match results will be used in year-end NTRP ratings calculations.
- Players must play in a minimum of two matches to advance to Playoff and Sectional events (1 default will count).
- Matches will be scheduled by the League Coordinator and must be played inside during the league season, which is mid-September through early December.
- Playoffs (if necessary) will be held December 18-19, 2021 in Portland.
- Sectionals will be held on dates to be determined in January, 2022 in Western Massachusetts.
- For teams advancing to the National Invitational Tournament, a maximum of four players per level will be allowed to participate.