

2022 65 & OVER LEAGUE REGULATIONS

SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: November 11-14, 2022 Dothan, Alabama

Play is governed by the Rules of Tennis, "The Code" as contained in the 2022 USTA Friend at Court and the following USTA Alabama 65 & Over Adulte League Regulations. No Regulation or Procedure may be waived by any local league coordinator or Grievance or Grievance Appeal Committee. Any violation of these regulations shall be subject to such sanctions as may be imposed by the League Grievance or Grievance Appeal Committee procedures outlined in the USTA League Regulations.

Players participating in the 65 & Over league program acknowledge the risks associated with playing competitive tennis, accept those risks voluntarily, and in consideration of their acceptance in the program assume all risks for bodily injury, waive all claims for injury and property damage and release and hold harmless Alabama Tennis Association and any host facility, their officials, employees and agents with respect to any injury or loss caused by negligence or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law.

ELIGIBILITY

All players must be current members of USTA during the entire league season and must register for a team via TennisLink. Any player that progresses to championship levels in this program must be a current USTA member through each championship progression. USTA Alabama will adhere to the USTA National and USTA Southern regulations on items not mentioned in the USTA Alabama 65 & Over Regulations. Each player shall have reached the required minimum age prior to or during the calendar year in which such player participates in his or her first local league.

Failure to meet the above requirements will make the player ineligible for each match played and points earned while ineligible will be removed.

Adult 65 & Over requires 1 local or state match to advance to sectional championship play with 1 default counting. For teams that are advancing to the sectional championships through local or state play, the one match requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Tournament Committee for up to a maximum of two players per team.

Individual Eligibility Waiver Requests

Individual Eligibility Waivers may be submitted for review by the Tournament Committee for players who do not meet the minimum match requirement. Players wanting to submit a waiver request must do so through the Alabama State League Coordinator. Players should not make any travel plans until they have received the waiver decision back from the committee as there is no guarantee that a waiver request will be approved. The decision that is made by the tournament committee is final and may not be appealed. Waivers will not be

accepted past the posted deadline of October 1st, 2022.

FORMAT

If there is no local and/or state competition offered for Adult 65 & Over, one team per state per NTRP level may advance directly to the sectional championships.

USTA League Program Organization at the National and Southern level for 65 & Over adult league will be 3 Doubles with the following NTRP levels offered: National (6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0) and Southern/Locally (3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 9.0 combined)

Southern will have no residency requirements for local league play. Exception: A state may regulate residency requirements for teams that play a local league at a state championship, advance directly to a state championship (if applicable for the Adult 65 & Over league) and/or play in a single-weekend local league tournament.

Players who qualify for an Adult 65 & Over team(s) may advance on more than one team within an age group only if they are different NTRP levels. No accommodations for scheduling will be made at any Championship for teams with players that may be competing on two or more teams during a championship.

<u>Adult 65 & Over League</u>: Conclude state championship on or before October 17, 2022 to determine its State Champions. Teams attending must be submitted to Alabama State League Coordinator by October 21, 2022.

Any State that cannot comply with any of these dates must seek the permission of the Alabama State League Coordinator in writing.