

**2017 USTA/MIDWEST SECTION
STATE AND SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS
ADULT, MIXED AND COMBO LEAGUES
3-9-2017**

1. USTA Rules, 2017 USTA League Regulations, current USTA/Midwest Section Standing Orders and "The Code" will be observed. Matches are unofficiated. Roving officials will be present.
2. Team lineups for each match must be submitted by the captain to the tournament desk **at least** 30 minutes prior to the scheduled match. The captain must inform the tournament desk that the entire team is on site and available to play. The tournament desk has the authority to start matches when courts are available but no sooner than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled match time.

If a team lineup is not submitted prior to the match being called, or the team is not on site when the match is called, an official will be notified. The Point Penalty for lateness as stated in the USTA Friend at Court will be used for each court where the player(s) for the court being called fails to appear. The penalties are as follows:

- 5 minutes or less: Loss of toss plus 1 game
 - 5.01-10 minutes: Loss of toss plus 2 games
 - 10:01-15 minutes: Loss of toss plus 3 games
 - More than 15 minutes: Default
4. Players may be asked to submit a current photo ID and/or driver's license to verify their identity during check-in and at any time during the championship. Failure to provide positive identification (i.e., a current photo ID and/or driver's license) may result in an automatic default of any matches played in which the individual who cannot provide proper identification participated during the championship.
 5. If a player is on two or more first place teams at the same NTRP level and Division, the player must choose **ONLY ONE** team on which to play at the District, State, or Sectional Championships. (Player Decision Form is online).
 6. A round robin schedule will be used. A warm-up of ten minutes is permitted beginning when the courts are assigned. Warm up time will be monitored by the roving umpires.
 7. All courts for a team match must be on the same surface and scheduled at the same time.
 8. The player should have their phone turned off unless it is specifically approved by the Tournament Referee for the player to have the phone on court in VIBRATE mode. Only medical professionals and certain Information Systems professionals are eligible for this exemption.

If a cell phone rings (or vibration is heard) between points or during a changeover, the offending player is given a Time Violation. If it rings during a point, the other player/team may claim the point on a hindrance. In either case the player must turn the phone off at that point. If the player does have an exemption and the phone rings, the player loses the point. If it vibrates, the opposing team or player may claim a let.

A player may bring to the court written notes that were prepared before the start of the match and may read these notes during the match. A player **MAY NOT** use electronic devices such as cell phones, digital messaging systems, radios, tablets/smart watches, etc. Hearing aids and watches not capable of receiving messages are permitted. A player desiring to use any other electronic device should first ask the **referee** whether the device may be used.

9. One team point will be awarded to the team winning the majority of the individual matches:
 - Adult 18 & Over 3.0—4.5 NTRP levels, Five individual matches
 - Adult 18 & Over 2.5 & 5.0+ NTRP levels, Three individual matches
 - Adult 40 & Over 3.0-4.5+ NTRP levels, Five individual matches
 - Mixed 18 & Over 2.5, 6.0-10.0 NTRP Combined levels, Three individual matches
 - Mixed 40 & Over , 6.0-8.0 NTRP Combined Levels, Three individual matches
 - Adult 55 & Over , 6.0-9.0 NTRP Combined Levels, Three individual matches
 - Combo, 5.5-8.5 NTRP Combined Levels, Three individual matches
 - Tri-Level, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5, Three individual matches

10. If teams are tied, the tie will be broken according to 2017 USTA League Regulations 2.03H-2.03H5 and then USTA /Midwest Section USTA League Standing Order 2.03H(5).

USTA League Regulations :

2.03H Procedures in the Event of a Tie. In the event of a tie, whether in round robin or single elimination competition, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:

2.03H(1) Individual Matches. Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.

2.03H(2) Head-to-Head. Winner of head-to-head match

2.03H(3) Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets.

2.03H(4) Games. Loser of the fewest number of games.

2.03H(5) A Method to be Determined by the Championships Committee. Procedure to be announced prior to commencement of championship competition.

From USTA/Midwest Section Standing Orders:

2.03H(5) The tie shall be broken first by the fewest number of sets lost in the Head-to-Head Match, the second determination would be the fewest number of games lost in the Head-to-Head Match, and the third is by a coin toss by the head referee or his or her designee

11. If a team needs to default a position, defaults will be according to 2017 USTA League Regulations. The defaulted point goes to the opponent as stated in the 2017 USTA League Regulations 2.03K.
12. First place trophies will be awarded to the winning team:
Adult 18 & Over 3.0-4.5: Ten (10) trophies
Adult 18 & Over 2.5 & 5.0+: Six (6) trophies
Adult 40 & Over 3.0-4.5+: Ten (10) trophies
Mixed 18 & Over, Mixed 40 & Over, Adult 55 & Over, Combo and Tri-Level: Eight (8) trophies
Extra trophies may be ordered at the team's expense.
13. There will be no accommodation for players at the state or sectional match schedules who play in both Adult 18 & Over / Adult 40 & Over and Mixed 18 & Over / Mixed 40 & Over /Adult 55 & Over.
14. If a team cannot participate in either State or Sectional Championship, the captain must immediately notify the District USTA League Coordinator. The District USTA League Coordinator (DLC) or State Tournament Director must contact the second place team and offer them an opportunity to compete. The DLC will obtain all necessary paper work. The DLC will then notify the State Championship Director or Sectional Championship Director that a new team will be coming.
15. If a team does not participate in the State or Sectional Championship and there is no team to replace that team, then the defaulting team's district will be held responsible for the Championship entry fee. Entry fees are not reduced for defaulting teams. Any additional action against the team is at the District's discretion.
16. At all USTA/Midwest Sectional and State Championships, a minimum number of team members as shown in the table below, who were on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play, must be available and eligible to compete or to combine and compete, as appropriate. The Championship Committees at events below the State level, by majority vote, can reduce that number to not less than the minimum noted in the table below:

MINIMUM NUMBER of TEAM MEMBERS REQUIRED AT CHAMPIONSHIPS		
DIVISION	MINIMUM NUMBER AT MIDWEST STATE/ SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	MINIMUM NUMBER WITH APPROVED WAIVER AT DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP
Adult 18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	8	4
Adult 18 & Over 2.5 & 5.0+	5	3
Adult 40 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+	8	4
Mixed 18 & Over	3 women 3 men	2 women 2 men
Mixed 40 & Over	3 women 3 men	2 women 2 men
Adult 55 & Over	6	4
Combo	6	4

17. If a team has not requested a waiver from the **Championship Tournament Committee** and is not represented by a full complement of courts at the initial check-in at the USTA League State and/or Sectional Championship, they may be subject to penalties as determined by the Championship Tournament Committee and their District will be fined \$100. Any additional action against the team is at the District's discretion.
18. In all other situations where teams do not have a complete compliment of courts due to unusual circumstances the **Championship Tournament Committee** reserves the right to handle on a case by case basis.
19. A complaint against a player or team alleging a violation during championship league competition shall be filed with the Grievance Committee in accordance with rule 3.03C(1), in the 2017 USTA League Regulations. The complaints must be written on specific forms obtained from the tournament desk and returned to the duly appointed site director or designee prior to whichever occurs first: (a) within 30 minutes of the completion of the involved team's match or (b) the commencement of the involved team's next match, whether or not the involved player participates except for Eligibility Grievances.

In Championship season (from July 15 on), a filing fee of \$100 is due to the section upon submission of any grievance type. If the decision of the Grievance Committee is appealed; a filing fee of \$100 is due upon submission. If the grievance or grievance appeal is upheld, the fee is refunded.
20. During District, State and Sectional Championship play, players declared ineligible by the USTA/Midwest Section USTA League NTRP Grievance Committee will not be allowed to advance with their team, but their match results will stand as played. USTA/Midwest Section Standing Order 2.04E(1).
21. Matches will be the best of 2 tiebreak sets with; a match tiebreak in lieu of third set with the two minute set break with no coaching allowed.
 - a) Regular scoring will be used.
 - b) Set tie-break (**Coman Tiebreak Procedure**) at 6 all in each set
 - c) Third set match tie-break (**Coman Tiebreak Procedure**) shall be played in lieu of third set in event of split sets.
 - d) Alternate scoring (no-ad or pro sets) may be used in case of rain or unforeseen circumstances.
22. After the match, players should return the used balls and report the scores to the site director. Scores should be verified by all those who competed. Captains should sign the completed scorecard within 15 minutes after the team match is over or scores will be entered as originally reported.
23. At championship, individual players are allowed a one (1) hour rest between matches. Matches may be called for the other players on the teams. Players may waive their own rest period at any time; however, all players involved must agree to go on prior to the one hour rest period. This rule does not apply to players who are playing on multiple teams at the same championship. Examples include a player playing in Adult 18 & Over and Adult 40 & Over or a player playing at the 3.5 level and the 4.0 level at the same championship.
24. After the championship has begun, any team defaulting an entire team match (5 individual matches for Adult 18 & Over 3.0-4.5 and Adult 40 & Over 3.0-4.5+, 3 individual matches for Adult 18 & Over 2.5 and 5.0+, Mixed 18 & Over, Mixed 18 & Over, Adult 55 & Over and Combo) at the Sectional may be barred from competition in their local and/or district competition in the next championship year. All individual matches won (by the defaulting team before the default of the entire team match) will be reversed and awarded to the opposing team.
25. Disqualification of any individual and/or team and/or default of matches are within authority of the Championship Committee and/or Championship Director when it is determined those eligibility requirements and/or rules have not been followed.
26. Interpretation of the USTA 2017 Regulations of the USTA League Program is within the authority of the USTA/Midwest Section USTA League Coordinator.

DISQUALIFICATION & REVIEW PROCEDURES

The following guidelines and procedures will be used during this championship. Please review carefully.

GRIEVANCE (*Written formal complaint regarding an alleged violation of a regulation or procedure.*)

3.03C(1) Any grievance alleging a violation during championships competition shall be in writing and delivered to the duly appointed site director or designee prior to whichever occurs first: (a) within 30 minutes of the completion of the involved team's match, or (b) the commencement of the involved team's next match, whether or not the involved player participates except for the Eligibility Grievance.

3.03E(1)a NTRP Grievance. Any self-rated player who is playing at an NTRP Level lower than his/her actual skill level is subject to an NTRP Grievance. If an NTRP Grievance Committee determines that the self-rated player has an inaccurate or inappropriate self-rating, the player shall be disqualified and have his/her NTRP level adjusted by the NTRP Grievance Committee. Scoring of matches played by the disqualified player, per Reg. 3.03E(6) shall be administered in accordance with 3.03C(4)b. NTRP Grievance Committee may additionally impose other penalties against a player who has inappropriately self-rated, including suspension. Also, a captain or others who have assisted, condoned or approved inappropriate self-rating will be subject to such penalties as the NTRP Grievance Committee may decide, including suspension.

Please take the time to review the balance of **3.03C** (Championship Procedures) to familiarize yourself with the process.

Forms may be obtained from the site director or the Section League Coordinator.

GRIEVANCE APPEAL (*Request for reconsideration of a previous decision determination or finding.*)

Any party to the complaint may file an appeal.

3.04A(2) The party(ies) appealing shall file a written notice of appeal with the appropriate coordinator or designee, who shall send it to the Chair of the appropriate Grievance Appeal Committee; Chair of the Grievance Committee whose decision is being appealed; Local, District or Section League Coordinator, and to the other party(ies) involved in the complaint.

Forms may be obtained from the site director or the Section League Coordinator.

NTRP DISQUALIFICATION

2.04B(2) Championship NTRP Disqualification: There will be no NTRP Dynamic Disqualification at National Championships. Players who are NTRP dynamically disqualified at any championship below Nationals will be notified by the Sectional League Coordinator or designee and have the right to a review in accordance with procedures in Reg. 2.04C. The section shall choose one of the following options for NTRP Dynamic Disqualifications at each Section Championship and below:

USTA/Midwest Section USTA League Option is:

2.04B(2)a Run dynamic calculations and produce ratings throughout the championship. Through the conclusion of the championship event notify and disqualify any player that meet the criteria for NTRP disqualification and reverse appropriate matches played.

NTRP DISQUALIFICATION REVIEW PROCEDURES

2.04C Reviews are considered based solely on missing or incorrect data.

2.04C(2) Championship. If the team captain or the player disqualified during or after the conclusion of championship competition desires a review of the disqualification, a written request must be submitted to the Tournament Director, Section League Coordinator or designee, asking for a review before the NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Committee of the nearest available jurisdiction within the deadline set by the Chair of the Championships Committee. The written request for a review shall be delivered by the recipient to the Chair of the NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Committee. A review shall be held as soon as reasonable. **Forms may be obtained from the site director or the Section League Coordinator.**