



## WEST HAWAII DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION (WHDTA)

*Our Mission: To Promote and Develop the Growth & Enjoyment of  
Tennis in West Hawaii*

# USTA LEAGUE TENNIS

## WHDTA

### 2018 LEAGUE TENNIS REGULATIONS

**It is the responsibility of Every League Captain to know these  
League Rules and ensure all Players on his/her Team know  
these League Rules**

These WHDTA League Tennis Regulations are intended to supplement and be subordinate to the National USTA League Tennis Regulations and the USTA Hawaii Pacific Regulations and shall apply to all USTA League Tennis programs in the West Hawaii District within the Hawaii Pacific Section.

Copies of the 2018 Hawaii Pacific Section and National League Rules can be found at:

[www.hawaii.usta.com/play\\_tennis/adult\\_leagues/regulations/](http://www.hawaii.usta.com/play_tennis/adult_leagues/regulations/)

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## MAJOR NATIONAL REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2018

### 2.01C(2) Team Match.

- A majority of matches must actually be played
- In the case of invalid matches (less than the minimum number of matches played) if scores are entered in TennisLink they will count only for NTRP ratings and advancement.
- Each Sectional Association shall establish procedures in the event of a team default or double default.

### 2.06A

- All 2.5 and 5.0 National Championship teams are allowed to retain 3 players who qualified or advanced to National Championships.
- National Championship teams are required to Move Up or Split Up only in the age group from which their team advanced the previous year.
- Sections may restrict crossover between Adult and Mixed Divisions, and also between some or all Age Groups.

## MAJOR SECTION REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2018

### 2.02B(2) District/Area and Sectional Championship Events

- Should a team withdraw from Sectionals within ten (10) days of the start of play, that team will be replaced by a wild card team from the district that is hosting Sectionals.

### 2.04E(1) Local

- Section Policy: Year-end computer (C) and Benchmark (B) players are not subject to dynamic NTRP disqualification. All other players, Self-rated (S), Appeals and Medical Appeals (A), Mixed-Exclusive (M), Tournament (T), and Dynamic rating (D), will be NTRP disqualified if they reach the NTRP disqualification level (“strike”) three times; all matches played by the player shall be considered losses, and those matches shall be considered wins for the opposing player(s). Disqualified players will be immediately notified by the SLC or designee and have the right to a review in accordance with NTRP procedures.

**Note:** yellow highlighted text is Hawaii Pacific Section (HPS) information

<b>MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR ADULT AND MIXED DIVISIONS</b>			
SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND BELOW		NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	
LOCAL MATCHES REQUIRED	DEFAULTS THAT COUNT	TOTAL MATCHES REQUIRED THROUGH SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	DEFAULTS THAT COUNT
To advance to <b>any</b> championship level through Sectional Championship	To advance to <b>any</b> championship level through Sectional Championship	To advance to National Championship	To advance to National Championship
2 matches on the same team	1 default received shall count	3 matches on the same team	1 default received shall count
RETIRED matches shall count for all players.			

The above match requirements apply to Ekolu League Section Championships.

## Introduction

The USTA LEAGUE TENNIS REGULATIONS, AS SUPPLEMENTED BY THE HAWAII PACIFIC SECTION (HPS) LEAGUE TENNIS REGULATIONS AND THE WEST HAWAII DISTRICT (WHDTA) LEAGUE TENNIS REGULATIONS OUTLINED HEREIN, including those for wheelchair play, shall apply to all matches played in the USTA/HPS League Tennis Program in the West Hawaii District.

The West Hawaii District League Tennis Program consists of the following Divisions: (1) Adult and Mixed. The age groups for play include Adult 18 & Over, Adult 40 & Over, Adult 55 & Over, Adult 65 & Over, Mixed 18 & Over, Mixed 40 & Over, and (2) Ekolu.

The RULES OF TENNIS and TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS shall apply to all matches played in the WHDTA League Tennis Program except as modified herein.

All matches played without officials shall observe the USTA official publication *THE CODE* which can be found <http://assets.usta.com/assets/1/15/2.%20The%20Code.4.pdf>. *THE CODE* is an integral part of the USTA's full regulations, which are found in its annual publication "Friend at Court: The USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules & Regulations," the most recent (2017) edition of which can be found in PDF form at:

<https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/pdfs/Friend%20at%20Court.pdf>

The National and Hawaii Pacific Section: "2018 HPS LEAGUE RULES & REGULATION" can both be found at: [www.hawaii.usta.com/play\\_tennis/adult\\_leagues/regulations/](http://www.hawaii.usta.com/play_tennis/adult_leagues/regulations/)

**It is the responsibility of each captain to know these rules. Further, all players participating in the USTA League, as a condition of said participation, agree to abide and be bound by the USTA Constitution and Bylaws; the USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS; the FRIEND AT COURT - *The USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations* including THE CODE and Wheelchair Rules of Tennis (unless modified by these USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS); and the standards of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship. (USTA/HPS 2018 Regulations, Rule #1.04E (4))**

### 1. The Local League Season

The dates for the WHDTA's Local Season for each of the Adult 18+, Adult 40+, Adult 55+, Adult 65+, Mixed 18+, Mixed 40+, and Ekolu Leagues, including Registration Deadlines, are set forth at the end of these regulations as Attachment A.

#### USTA Membership

All team players must be current members of USTA at the time of each competition.

A player who fails to meet this requirement will be deemed an ineligible player for any and all matches while not a member and points earned while ineligible will be removed.

**FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING 2018 LEAGUES IN THE WEST HAWAII DISTRICT, USTA MEMBERSHIP MUST BE GOOD THROUGH AT LEAST THE CORRESPONDING DATES:**

Adult 40 & Over:	March 4, 2018
Mixed 18 & Over:	March 11, 2018
Adult 55 & Over:	May 13, 2018
Adult 18 & Over:	August 5, 2018
Mixed 40 & Over:	August 12, 2018
Adult 65 & Over:	October 14, 2018
Ekolu:	November 4, 2018

## **2. Self-Rate**

All players must have an NTRP rating to be eligible to participate in league play. Players who do not have a computer rating on file in TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) Guidelines and declare their self-rating on TennisLink upon registering for a team.

Players who allow someone else to complete the self-rating process for them will be ultimately responsible and held accountable for information submitted or omitted. Failure to self-rate in accordance with the *Guidelines*, or omission of information regarding a player's tennis history, will subject the player as well as the captain and/or others who completed, assisted, condoned and/or approved an inappropriate self-rating to penalties and suspension. Players whose self-ratings are determined to be inaccurate or inappropriate shall be disqualified. (See USTA/HPS 2018 Regulations, Rule 3.03E (1) a).

Players who play exclusively in the Mixed Doubles League and choose to participate in the Adult Division the next year must enter the Adult League by self-rating with the minimum rating being the higher of the (1) self-rating or (2) valid mixed exclusive rating.

Similarly, players who plays exclusively in NTRP tournaments and subsequently choose to participate in the Adult Division must enter that Division by using a valid Computer (C) from a previous year. If such player does not have a valid (C) rating from a previous year, he or she must self-rate with the minimum rating being the higher of the (1) self-rating or (2) valid Tournament Exclusive (T) rating (USTA/HPS 2018 Regulations, Rule #1.04F (1) c)

**Ekolu League Minimum Self-Rating for Players Ages 18-30 with High School Varsity or College Experience.** Notwithstanding the system on TennisLink, a player who is between the ages of 18 and 30 who is self-rating for Ekolu and who has not played in Adult League or Mixed Doubles League during the same year as Ekolu shall self-rate no lower than the following:

- (a) College or Junior College Level. If a player was on the roster of their college or junior college tennis team, that player shall follow the guidelines to determine the appropriate rating, but may not self-rate below 4.0.
- (b) High School Varsity Level. If a player was on the roster of their high school tennis team, that player may not self-rate below 3.5.

If a player subject to this regulation self-rates himself or herself incorrectly, the LLC shall inform the player and captain of the minimum rating required by this rule. The player may not play in Ekolu until a new rating is requested and confirmed by the LLC. However, the match results from any matches prior to such notice shall stand.

### 3. Competition Format

Each NTRP level within a local league shall play at least one round robin competition, although the West Hawaii District strongly encourages divisions with fewer than 7 teams play at least 2 rounds. When any NTRP level consists of only two teams, each team is *required* to play a minimum of three team matches which is a triple round robin. When any NTRP level consists of only three teams, each team is *required* to play a minimum of four team matches which is a double round robin.

The maximum number of rounds to be played in any level will be determined by the number of teams within that level, according to the following:

- 2 teams – 5 rounds
- 3 teams – 3 rounds
- 4 teams – 3 rounds
- 5 teams – 2 rounds
- 6 teams – 2 rounds
- 7 or more teams – 1 round

For those levels comprised of two, three or four teams, the captains involved may choose to play fewer than the maximum number of matches listed. Such decision is to be made by the captains in the given division, prior to the scheduling meeting, through a secret ballot vote by each captain involved to the League Coordinator where a vote of the captains by majority determines the outcome. (For example, in a level with three or four teams, captains may choose to play two rounds rather than three. Or in a 2-team level, the teams may choose to play only the required three rounds instead of five.)

### Player Participation (USTA/HPS 2018 Regulations, Section 1.04)

<b>NTRP RATING LEVEL FOR ENTRY INTO LEAGUE PLAY</b>		
<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>AGE GROUP</b>	<b>PLAYER’S NTRP RATING LEVEL</b>
Adult	18 & Over 40 & Over 55 & Over 65 & Over Straight NTRP Levels	Current NTRP level and/or up to one level above the player’s current NTRP level.  The 18 & Over 5.0+ and 40 & Over 4.5+ levels may have up to two players from the next higher NTRP level on a team roster.

	55 & Over Combined NTRP Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Combined NTRP ratings levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level.  NTRP rating level difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0.  <u>The minimum NTRP Level for:</u> <u>6.0 is 2.5; 7.0 is 3.0; 8.0 is 3.5; 9.0 is 4.0.</u>
Mixed	18 & Over 2.5 Straight NTRP Level	Limited to 2.0 and 2.5 NTRP rated players
	18 & Over 40 & Over Combined NTRP Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level.  NTRP difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0.  <u>The minimum NTRP Level for:</u> <u>6.0 is 2.5; 7.0 is 3.0; 8.0 is 3.5; 9.0 is 4.0; 10.0 is 4.5.</u>

A player may play up to one NTRP level above the player's current NTRP level.

A player may play on only one team in an NTRP level within an Age Group in the same local league during the same season.

A player may play on more than one team in an NTRP level within an Age Group in the same season provided it is in separate local leagues. The Section has the authority to accept or deny participation.

*Hawaii Pacific Section:* A player may play in more than one NTRP level within an Age Group in the same local league during the same season. A player may play on more than one team within an Age Group at the same NTRP level in the same season provided they are in separate local leagues.

A player who qualifies to advance to championships on more than one team may be required by the Section to choose which team he or she will represent.

Players who qualify for Section level competition within a division in more than one NTRP level may represent teams in different NTRP levels at the Section Championship. No special scheduling accommodations will be made for players playing in more than one NTRP level in the same competition.

Players who qualify for Section level competition within a division at the same NTRP level in separate local leagues must choose which team they will represent at the Section Championship. If the player does not communicate his/her choice, the first team the player plays for at the Section Championship at the same NTRP level becomes the player's team, and any play on another team at that same level results in disqualification. This same player may choose to play on the other team if that team progresses to the next level of championship beyond Sectionals.

Progression of play: Each local league may send one team per NTRP level per division to the respective Section Championship. A Player is eligible to advance to a HPS Section Adult, Mixed or Ekolu Championship only if that player has played on that same team in at least 2 local season matches, where only one Defaulted Match in the local season "counts" towards the 2 required matches. A Retired match shall count for all players involved.

All Matches, including make-up matches, are to be played in the West Hawaii District, unless captains of opposing teams of a particular match agree otherwise. It is the responsibility of the home team to acquire courts in West Hawaii for its matches.

**All team captains or their representatives must be present at all meetings called by the League Coordinator.**

### 5. Levels of Play By Division (USTA/HPS 2018 Regulations, Section 2.01A)

NTRP LEVELS OF PLAY				
DIVISION	AGE GROUP	LOCAL LEAGUES	ALL CHAMPIONSHIPS BELOW NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Adult	18 & Over	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+
	40 & Over	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+
	55 & Over	Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 <b>OR</b> Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 <b>OR</b> Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0
	65 & Over	Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 <b>OR</b> Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 <b>OR</b> Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0
Mixed	18 & Over	Straight Levels 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 <b>OR</b> Straight Level 2.5 <b>AND</b> Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0	Straight Level 2.5 <b>AND</b> Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0	Straight Level 2.5 <b>AND</b> Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0
Mixed (continued)	40 & Over	Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0
<b>Ekolu</b>	<b>18 &amp; Over</b>	<b>Straight Level 2.5 AND Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0</b>	<b>Straight Level 2.5 AND Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**In Leagues using straight NTRP levels,** a player cannot have an NTRP rating higher than the NTRP level in which the player is competing except in the 5.0+ NTRP level of the Adult Division, 18 & Over and in the 4.5+ NTRP level of the Adult Division, 40 & Over. All plus (+) level team rosters may include up to two players from the next higher NTRP level.

In Plus (+) NTRP levels utilizing three individual matches within a team match, no more than one Plus (+) level player shall be allowed to play in a team match and shall be required to play in the #1 position, either singles or doubles.

In Plus (+) NTRP levels utilizing four or more individual matches within a team match, two Plus (+) level players may play in a team match and shall be required to play in the #1 position, either singles or doubles.

**In Leagues using combined NTRP levels,** the combined NTRP rating levels of the doubles team cannot exceed the combined NTRP level in which the players are competing. **The NTRP difference between members of an individual doubles team may not exceed 1.0.**

## 5. Registering Players on a Team

The minimum number of players required per team in each of the League Divisions is set forth below, as well as the registration deadline for such minimum, and the maximum number of players per team roster. Players who do not have a computer-generated rating will register with a self-rating. (USTA/HPS 2018 Regulations, Rule #15)

<b>Division/ Age Group</b>	<b>Minimum # Players</b>	<b>Maximum # Players</b>	<b>Registration Min. Deadline</b>
Adult 40+	8	22	Dec. 27, 2017
Mixed 18+	6 (3 men, 3 women)	16	Feb. 23, 2018
Adult 55+	6	16	March 7, 2018
Adult 18+	5 (2.5 & 5.0+) 8 All Other Ratings	16 22	April 25, 2018
Mixed 40+	6 (3 men, 3 women)	16	July 27, 2018
Ekolu	6 (3 men, 3 women)	16	Aug. 8, 2018
Adult 65+	6	12	Aug. 8, 2018

## 6. Minimum NTRP Requirement for Team Rosters – Adult Leagues

1.04D(5) Two Team Leagues. If any Adult Division Age Group consists of only two teams in a level of play, each team must maintain its roster with at least 40 percent of its players at the designated NTRP level of play. The exception is the Adult Division 55 & Over Age Group that uses combined NTRP rating levels and will not be required to comply with this Regulation.



## 7. Scoring

Regular scoring (ad played out) will be used in the sets and a twelve-point set tie-break (first to win seven points, win by two points) will be played at six-all. In a split set, a super tie-break (first to win ten points, win by two points) shall be played. The Coman tie-break will be used both for the set tie-break and the match tie-break. (USTA/HPS 2018 Regulations, Rule #2.01C) **A two-minute rest period between sets, including between the second set and the super tie-break, shall be observed. COACHING IS NEVER PERMITTED.**

## 8. Reporting Scores (Per USTA/HPS 2018 Regulations, #1.04C(2))

TennisLink is the official system for reporting scores and providing standings for the USTA League including Ekolu League. The captain of the winning team shall report the scores within 72 hours of the day that the last individual match is played or the captain and/or team could face possible sanctions. The 72 hours is 72 hours from the end of day that the last match is played. Winning captains are urged to post scores as soon as possible. If the winning team cannot report the scores due to unforeseen problems, a message shall be left for the LLC within the 72-hour period.

## 9. Player Fee

Each player will be assessed a fee of \$24.00. This fee will be paid for by credit card when registering on TennisLink. Breakdown of fee: \$3.00 is a non-refundable administrative fee to USTA/TennisLink; \$11.50 to HPS which is used towards Sectional expenses, including a subsidy for travel for teams advancing to National Championships; \$9.50 to West Hawaii District for league expenses. Note that for the Adult and Mixed Leagues, \$2.00 of the \$9.50 to West Hawaii District is allocated to the District's National Travel Subsidy Pool, as per WHDTA's 2018 National Travel Subsidy Policy (See Attachment B hereto).

For players who are deleted from the roster before the season matches begin, a refund of \$21.00 will be given. The \$3.00 administrative fee is non-refundable. No refund will be given for players deleted from the roster after the season starts. See Attachment A for the Season Starting Date for each of the Leagues **(Deleting of players from the roster can be done only by the League Coordinator.)**

A player's fee will not be refunded after the season has started with this exception: the player has not played a match because of injury which has occurred within one month of the season start date and has not yet played a match that season. This player must inform the League Coordinator in writing (including via e-mail) that he/she is injured and cannot play. If, at the end of the season, this player has not played a match because of this injury, he/she can receive a refund. This refund will be limited to the District's portion of the registration fee – \$9.50.

NOTE THAT ALL PLAYER REFUNDS FOR A GIVEN LEAGUE DIVISION ARE PROCESSED AT ONE TIME AND ARE MADE AT THE END OF EACH LEAGUE SEASON.

## 10. Communication

The captain, and only the captain or co-captain, shall be the official spokesperson for the team and will be the contact person with the Local League Coordinator.

## 11. Scheduling of Matches

Captains are **required** to attend the meeting to schedule the matches. If a captain cannot attend this meeting, he/she must send a representative. Failure to be at this meeting will result in the scheduling of the matches by the other captain(s) present and the League Coordinator. If the team, whose captain/representative was not at the meeting, fails to show up at the scheduled date and time of the matches scheduled by the other captain(s) and the league coordinator, that team will lose the match by default (and will be subject to the penalties under "Defaulted Matches" below in Section 20).

The WHDTA will assume no responsibility for the cost of court usage for any matches scheduled between captains.

Opposing captains may agree to schedule any given match at tennis courts which are not considered the home courts of either captain's team (such courts will be referred to, hereafter, as "alternate courts" or "neutral courts" or "neutral match site"). If opposing captains agree to play a match at a neutral match site, they must inform the Local League Coordinator (LLC of the league in question) **at least 48 hours prior to the scheduling meeting** (this is so correct paper work can be prepared for the scheduling meeting).

Opposing captains may choose to play the last match of an odd number of matches at a neutral match site. Those captains must establish the location of the neutral match site prior to the scheduling meeting and inform the LLC of their decision **no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduling meeting**. In lieu of a neutral match site agreement between captains, the home court will be determined by Tennislink and the captains will be informed by the LLC no earlier than 48 hours prior to that meeting.

At the conclusion of every League scheduling meeting, the site locations for all matches will be final and may be changed **ONLY IF** agreed upon by the opposing captains and the WHDTA League Committee.

## 12. Balls

The host team will provide the balls for each match. Each team will be provided with balls by the League Coordinator for all of its home matches. The winner of each individual match shall keep the balls.

## 13. Team Line-up

The captains for each team shall exchange their team line-up **simultaneously before** the scheduled match time. No substitution may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player, prior to the start of such match or during the 5-minute warm-up period. If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a 5-minute warm-up. (USTA/HPS 2018 Regulations, Rule #2.01C(5))

Players must be present when their matches are called or be subject to the USTA Point Penalty System as specified below in Rule #15. It is not necessary to have all players present at the start of the team match. However, regulations regarding lateness will apply when a player whose name is on the lineup is not present when his/her match is called. Once lineups are exchanged, the regulation regarding substitutions applies.

Individual matches within a Team Match may be played at different times/locations IF AND ONLY IF (1) BOTH team captains mutually agree by email prior to the originally scheduled Match Date AND (2) lineups are exchanged simultaneously before the originally scheduled match time as required above, AND (3) all matches are completed within two weeks of the originally scheduled Match Date.

In the event a captain elects to (1) default a court within a given Team Match AND (2) give advance notice to the opposing team that such individual match will be defaulted, the opposing team's designated player(s) for such court/match do not have to be present at the Team Match and will not be penalized for no-show ONLY IF the captain defaulting the court gives at least [24-hours] advance written notice (email is acceptable) to both the League Coordinator and the opposing Captain that he/she will be defaulting that court.

#### 14. Penalty for Lateness

The USTA Point Penalty System will be used for all WHDTA league matches as follows below: (See USTA/HPS 2018 Regulations, Rule #2.01C(5))

##### TABLE OF PENALTIES FOR LATENESS

5:00 Minutes or less	5:01 – 10:00 Minutes	10:01 – 15:00 Minutes	More than 15 Minutes
Loss of Toss Plus 1 Game	Loss of Toss Plus 2 Games	Loss of Toss Plus 3 Games	Default

The lateness penalty clock starts when the match is scheduled and called, a court is available, and a player has not arrived.

#### 15. Warm-up

All warm-ups, including service practice, must be taken before the match starts.

**Total warm-up time should take no more than five (5) minutes, including serves.** The warm-up time starts when the first ball is hit. Play shall be continuous after the first game of each set and during a tie-break, and the players shall change ends without a rest period. (USTA/HPS 2018 Regulations, Rule #2.01C(5))

#### 16. Disputes During a Match

The captains (or teammates designated by the captains) will resolve any dispute that arises in a match, using "The Code" and the "USTA Regulations" as guidelines. If a dispute cannot be settled during the match, the match will be completed and the captain(s) may file a grievance. (The captain should designate a non-playing teammate to assume the responsibility of acting captain for any match in which the captain is playing.)

**17. Rained-out Team Match** (See "USTA League Tennis HPS 2018 Regulations, Rule #2.01C(2))

A team match may be deferred from its scheduled time and location due to inclement weather. The home team captain shall decide, in consultation with the captain of the visiting team, what constitutes "unplayable" weather. In the event the teams have assembled to play, and the beginning of the team match has been delayed by rain or wet courts, the teams do not have to wait for more than one hour past the original scheduled start time; however, both teams may agree to wait longer. If a team match is postponed due to unplayable weather, the match shall be deemed a "rained-out team match."

In the event of a rained-out team match, the teams do not have to exchange scorecards. However, both captains may agree to exchange scorecards at a predetermined time before the match to facilitate rescheduling either the team or individual match. Once scorecards are exchanged, no substitutions are permitted except as specified in these regulations. The team or individual match for a rained-out match must be rescheduled and played within two weeks of the original team match date. However, if the rained-out team match is the last team match of the season or if it scheduled four weeks before the division's Section Championship, it must be made up within one week.

Team members need not be present at the time a team match is deemed unplayable, and a decision is made to postpone a match. However, if a match is delayed and not postponed, players shall be subject to the requirements specified in these regulations.

If teams which are not in contention to advance must play makeup matches due to inclement weather or unforeseen extenuating circumstances at the end of the local league season, these teams may request a waiver from making up these matches without penalty, provided the matches were to occur within two weeks of the original match. The Section will determine whether or not to grant the waiver. These teams involved must mutually agree to do this, and their not playing should have no impact on the team standings for teams in contention.

**18. Rescheduling of a Team Match**

See USTA/HPS 2018 Regulations, Rule #2.01C(2): A scheduled team match may be rescheduled if, and only if, **all** of the following criteria are met:

- (a) both team captains are in mutual agreement to the date, time, and location of the rescheduled team match, and (b) The rescheduled match is played within two weeks of the original match date.

It is required that both team captains notify the LLC of the date, time and location of the rescheduled match. If both team captains cannot agree to the date, time and location of the rescheduled match the team match must be played as originally scheduled.

**Note: A team match may be rescheduled by the LLC if the LLC deems the change necessary.**

**19. Defaulted Matches / HPS Sanctioning**

**HPS Procedure (Rule 2.01C(2):** Captains and players should make every effort to

ensure a majority of the matches are played. Otherwise, a double-default will be declared. Both teams involved will incur the same penalties that would result when a single team defaults a match (in accordance to National Rule 2.03L) and will be ineligible for championship play. Captains and players may be subject to suspension from playing in USTA League for a period determined by the Section.

If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during a local league season, then all matches of that team played, or to be played, shall be null and void except if due to extenuating circumstances which are beyond the control of the team. The HPS will determine the validity of such circumstances. If Section’s Adult Leagues Committee (ALC) determines that all teams in contention for the championships have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches stand as played. If a team match default occurs, the Local League Coordinator (LLC) shall inform the Section League Coordinator (SLC) of the team match default who will then inform the ALC. **The ALC may suspend some or all members of the defaulting team from playing USTA league tennis for the remainder of the calendar year in which the team match default occurred and/or for the succeeding calendar year.**

The minimum number of eligible players available for each match within each Division & is set forth below, as well as the maximum number of positions (courts) in a match that each team can default without defaulting the entire match. The order of default by court is set forth below for each Division/Age Group.

<b>Division/ Age Group</b>	<b>Minimum # Eligible Players Available</b>	<b>The Maximum # of Courts That Can Be Defaulted</b>
Adult 40+ and Adult 18+	four (4)	two (2) – first order of default is from the lowest court up – 3 <sup>rd</sup> doubles is defaulted before 2 <sup>nd</sup> doubles, 2 <sup>nd</sup> singles is defaulted before 1 <sup>st</sup> singles. The 2 maximum defaults can consist of <i>either</i> : both singles, or 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> doubles, or 2 <sup>nd</sup> singles and 3 <sup>rd</sup> doubles.
Adult 55+ and Adult 65+	4 players who are eligible to combine and compete	one (1) – the 3 <sup>rd</sup> doubles
Mixed 18+ and Mixed 40+	four (4)	one (1) – the 3 <sup>rd</sup> doubles court will be defaulted
Ekolu	four (4)	one (1) – any 1 of the 3 doubles courts can be defaulted

In the West Hawaii District, any Adult, Mixed or Ekolu League Team that *either* (a) defaults an entire team match, *or* (b) defaults a total of 33% rounded up to the nearest whole percent of all its individual court matches throughout the entire league season measured at

the end of the league season, will be required to split up the team the following season with no more than three (3) players remaining together on a team. An example of Part (b) follows: if an Adult, Mixed or Ekolu team has 6 meets in its season, that is a total of 18 individual court matches (6 meets x 3 courts). Over the entire season measured cumulatively at the end of the season, if this team defaults 6 courts or more, then this team will be required to break up with no more than three (3) players remaining together on a team.

Any Adult League Team that *either* (a) defaults an entire team match, *or* (b) defaults a total of 40% rounded up to the nearest whole percent of all its individual court matches throughout the entire league season measured at the end of the league season, will be required to split up the team the following season with no more than three (3) players remaining together on a team. An example of Part (b) follows: if an Adult team has 5 meets in its season, that is a total of 25 individual court matches (5 meets x 5 courts). Over the entire season (measured cumulatively at the end of the season), if this team defaults 10 courts or more, then this team will be required to break up with no more than three (3) players remaining together on a team.

**20. District Winners / Section Championships** A team match will consist of the matches as shown in the table below. The team winning the majority of individual matches will be awarded one team point. The team in each division with the greatest number of team points will progress to the Sectional Championship. For each team match, a majority of the individual matches must actually be played by the two teams to constitute a valid team match.

DIVISION AND AGE GROUP	TEAM MATCH	ONE TEAM POINT AWARDED FOR
Adult 18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	2-Singles 3-Doubles	3 individual matches won
Adult 40 & Over		
Adult 18 & Over 2.5 & 5.0+	1-Singles 2-Doubles	2 individual matches won
Adult 55 & Over Adult 65 & Over Mixed 18 & Over Mixed 40 & Over Ekolu	3-Doubles	

**In the event of a tie between two or more teams, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:**

**20.01 Individual Matches.** Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.

**20.02 Head-to-Head.** Winner of head-to-head match.

**20.03 Sets.** Loser of the fewest number of sets.

**20.04 Games.** Loser of the fewest number of games.

If any team which advances to the Sectional Championships finds that it cannot make it to the event, the captain must notify the Local League Coordinator in writing as soon as possible, preferably within 40 days and in no event later than the completion of the match

schedule for the Sectional Championship, so that the second-place team may take its place and make arrangements in a timely manner.

**Team No-Show for Section Championships.** The Championships Committee shall penalize any team that has committed to participate and fails to appear and participate with the minimum number of players at any Section Championship. This penalty shall be imposed on all the players and the captain and may include declaring the players and/or captain ineligible to participate in any USTA league play for the immediate ensuing year. At the sole discretion of the Championships Committee, this penalty may be waived if the team that is not participating gives written notice to the appropriate parties of its non-participation prior to the completion of the match schedule for the Section Championship or if another team takes the place of the team that failed to participate in the Section Championship. (USTA/HPS 2018 Regulations, Rule #2.03A(5))

## **21. Move-Up/Split-Up** (USTA/HPS 2018 Regulations, Rule #2.06)

National Championship Teams are required to Move Up or Split Up only in the age group from which their team advanced the previous year.

**Adult Divisions:** Teams and team members that advanced to, or qualified for, any Adult National Championship may play together as a team, in whole or in part, in any Age Group within the Adult Division if they move up one NTRP team level. These players may combine and play at any level for which they are eligible in the Mixed Division.

**Mixed Divisions:** Teams and team members that advanced to, or qualified for, any Mixed Division National Championship may play together as a team, in whole or in part, in any Age Group within the Mixed Division if they move up one NTRP team level. These players may combine and play at any level for which they are eligible in the Adult Division.

**All Divisions:** No more than 3 players (2 for Adult 2.5 and 5.0+) who were on the roster of any team or combination of teams, that advanced to, or qualified for, any National Championship the previous year may play together in any age group within the same Division and NTRP level or lower NTRP level as the National Championship team, if their NTRP rating allows. Move Up/Split Up requirements only apply to players who participated in three (3) or more matches (including one (1) default) for that team during the championship year. If a Section has a regulation that limits the number of players on a roster that are at a specific level, the Section must suspend that regulation for one year for any team that advanced to, or qualified for, any National Championship the previous year and chooses to move up one NTRP team level.

**Ekolu Playoffs.** Ekolu League section champions must move up one level as a team or disperse to form new teams with no more than three players who were on the final roster at the conclusion of local league play on any single team for the following league year.

**ATTACHMENT A** \*\*\* SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE \*\*\*

League	Roster Max	Captains' meeting Start Reg	Minimum Registration	Scheduling	League Season	End Registration	Sectionals
40 & Over Adult	22	12/16/17	12/27/17	12/30/17	1/6/18 - 3/4/18	2/18/18	5/26-5/28 CORP
18 & Over Mixed 7.0 & 9.0	16	2/17/18	2/23/18	2/26/18	3/10/18 - 3/18/18	3/18/18	6/30-7/1 EKS/HALAI
55 & Over Adult	16	2/3/18	2/28/18	3/3/18	3/24/18 - 5/13/18	4/29/18	7/21-7/22 ROYAL LAHAINA
18 & Over Adult	22	3/24/18	4/25/18	4/28/18	5/12/18 - 8/5/18	7/22/18	8/17-8/19 CORP
40 & Over Mixed 7.0 & 9.0	16	6/23/18	7/27/18	7/28/18	8/11/18 - 8/19/18	8/19/18	9/22-9/23 ORCHID
65 & Over Adult	12	7/14/18	8/8/18	8/25/18	9/1/18 - 10/14/18	9/30/18	11/10-11/11 UH MANOA
Ekolu	16	7/14/18	8/8/18	8/25/18	9/1/18 - 11/4/18	10/21/17	12/1-12/2 HOLUA

**2018 Scheduling Meeting Order (League Coordinator will determine times)**

- 4.0 Men
- 3.5 Women
- 3.5 Men
- 3.0 Men and 4.5 Women OR Combined 8.0
- 3.0 Women and 4.5 Men OR Combined 7.0
- 4.0 Women OR Combined 6.0 and 9.0

**League Coordinators:**

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## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **WEST HAWAII DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION 2018 POLICY FOR NATIONALS TRAVEL SUBSIDIES**

#### **INTENT**

The West Hawaii District Tennis Association (“WHDTA” or the “District”) has developed a Policy for Subsidizing League Teams traveling to Nationals that seeks to be:

- Fair and as equitable as possible across the various leagues
- Purely “formulaic” to avoid any subjective decisions by the League Committee or the WHDTA Board of Directors (so that no favoritism may be perceived by our participating League members)
- Timely – players could receive their subsidy in advance of traveling to Nationals (however such subsidy would have to be returned if the requisite tennis community service is not completed within one year as described below).

#### **POLICY**

**Overview:** A “Nationals Subsidy Pool” has been established and will be maintained by WHDTA going forward for participation by each League for which a National Championship is held by the USTA. Each Season, \$2 of every player’s existing League Fee will be added to the Pool.

In the event that one of WHDTA’s Teams earns the right to go to Nationals, and its League’s Nationals are being held on the Mainland U.S. that year, such qualifying Team that attends the national championship would be entitled to receive a subsidy (the “Nationals Subsidy”).

**Subsidy Amount:** In the 2018 Season, any qualifying WHDTA Team traveling to a National Championship on the Mainland U.S. with the intent to play at that championship, will receive a subsidy amount equal to \$50 multiplied by the total number of Players registered as members of such Team on TennisLink as of the final requisite Registration Deadline for the given League, where such total number of players for purposes of this calculation shall not exceed the Maximum Allowable Players for such League under the WHDTA League Regulations. In the event the qualifying team’s roster has fewer than 10 players, such team will receive \$500.

For example: If a WHDTA team qualifying for and traveling to Nationals in the 2018 season has 18 registered players on TennisLink, that team is eligible to receive a \$900 travel subsidy (18 x \$50).

If no teams within a given League season travels to Nationals that current year, the District's National Subsidy Pool will continue to accrue (with the \$2 per player annual subsidy) until the year in which such Pool reaches or exceeds \$8,000. When the Pool ultimately is tapped again by WHDTA League team(s) traveling to Nationals, the \$2 per player Subsidy will be re-instituted until the Pool again reaches or exceeds \$8,000. The WHDTA Board of Directors reserve the right to increase or decrease the \$8,000 Pool cap at any time if such action, by the sole discretion of the WHDTA Board, is warranted.

No travel subsidies will be granted to teams in a League during years in which its Nationals are held in the State of Hawaii.

**Team Volunteer Requirement to Qualify for Subsidy:** A Team will receive its travel subsidy if and only if such Team agrees in writing (through its captain as set forth below) to complete WHDTA's required tennis community service within one year of receiving the Subsidy. WHDTA's required tennis community service consists of a minimum of **50 Volunteer Hours** for one or more "qualified" West Hawaii District tennis events or committees as follows:

- At least 20 hours volunteered at a WHDTA-sponsored event (including its Junior Tournament held every May, its Annual League Party, any Sectional Championship held in West Hawaii, any in-School service program provided by WHDTA, and any other event designated *in advance* by the WHDTA Board)
- At least 30 hours volunteered at other tennis-related events in West Hawaii provided such are approved by the WHDTA Board.

The West Hawaii District board of directors has the exclusive right to approve all Volunteer Hours as "qualified" thus the WHDTA recommends that the Team and its captain(s) seek prior approval from the WHDTA Board for all intended volunteer work for tennis event(s) and/or committee work.

Team members' volunteer service on the WHDTA Board of Directors does not qualify in and of itself towards the 50 Volunteer Hours; however, each Board member on such Team can count up to 5 hours of his/her event work (performed as part of his/her Board responsibilities) towards the Team's 20 WHDTA-related Hours. Any Team member who is a current member of any WHDTA Board Committee (but not on the Board) can count up to 10 hours of his/her service towards the Team's 20 WHDTA-related Hours. *Regardless of the number of WHDTA board members on the qualifying Team's roster, no more than 15 hours of their board-related activity can be credited towards the Team's requisite 50 Volunteer Hours.*

**Volunteer Hours** can be served by any combination of players on the roster of the qualifying Team (e.g., all 50 Hours can be fulfilled by one player, or by several players).

**The Team receiving a Nationals Subsidy will be given one year, from the date at which it qualified for the National championship, to complete its required 50 Volunteer Hours. If such Team fails to fulfill its required 50 Volunteer Hours, then all league teams whose roster contains *any* player on that Team will not be eligible for any future national travel subsidy until all 50 Volunteer Hours are fulfilled.**

**Team/Captain Application to Receive Subsidy:** The Captain of each West Hawaii District Team qualifying for Nationals must make a formal written request for the National Subsidy (email is acceptable) to the District and League Coordinator expressing the Team's intent to fulfill its 50-Hour Volunteer requirement to receive its subsidy.

Payment by the WHDTA of a Nationals Subsidy will be subject to 1) receiving written notification from the Team's Captain or designated representative, and 2) the Team Captain signing & returning WHDTA's written confirmation acknowledging his/her Team's obligation to fulfill its 50 Hour Volunteer requirement within one year as a condition to receiving the Subsidy. If the District Board or League Coordinator does not receive a written request from the eligible Team prior to the starting date of the Nationals Championship in question, then that Team's subsidy will revert back to the District's National Subsidy Pool.

**If a Team receives a travel subsidy and subsequently does not attend the national championship, the WHDTA requires such subsidy amount to be returned to the District.**

### **NATIONAL SUBSIDY POOL**

A copy of the Policy will be available on the WHDTA website, along with updated League balances of National Subsidy Pools which shall be posted after the Registration deadline for each League (i.e., when player totals for each League are finalized).



**LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO RECEIVE WHDTA  
NATIONAL TRAVEL SUBSIDY**

As captain or co-captain of the West Hawaii District League team named below, I hereby acknowledge, and commit on behalf of my team, that:

1. By agreeing to fulfill the requirements of WHDTA’s Policy for Nationals Travel Subsidies, our team will receive a subsidy from WHDTA towards deferring costs for the \_\_\_\_\_(year) Nationals to be played in \_\_\_\_\_ (month), \_\_\_\_\_ (year) equal to \$50 multiplied by the total number of players registered as members of our team on TennisLink. Should our team’s roster have fewer than 10 players, our subsidy will be \$500.
  
2. As a team, we agree to complete 50 hours of Volunteer Hours for “qualified” West Hawaii District Tennis events as set forth in WHDTA’s Policy for Nationals Travel Subsidies and incorporated into WHDTA’s annual League Rules & Regulations, where such hours must consist of:
  - At least 20 hours volunteered at a WHDTA-sponsored event (including its Junior Tournament held every May, its Annual League Party, any Sectional Championship held in West Hawaii, any in-School service program provided by WHDTA, and any other event designated *in advance* by the WHDTA Board)
  - At least 30 hours volunteered at other tennis-related events in West Hawaii provided such are approved by the WHDTA Board.
  - And where each WHDTA Board member on the team can count up to 5 hours towards the Team’s 20 WHDTA-related hours, however *regardless of the number of WHDTA board members on the qualifying Team’s roster, no more than 15 hours of their board-related activity can be credited towards the Team’s requisite 50 Volunteer Hours.*

Our volunteer hours will be completed within one year of the Sectional Date at which we qualified to advance to Nationals.

3. We will proudly represent our West Hawaii USTA District and the Hawaii Pacific USTA Section at Nationals, sharing the spirit of Aloha and upholding the Code of Tennis.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Captain or Co-captain)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of League Team / Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Players on Team Roster  
As of League Registration Deadline  
(attach copy of Roster if possible): \_\_\_\_\_