



2015 USTA/PNW League Wild Card Chart and Guidelines

The size of the draw at a Sectional Championship is at the discretion of the Section League Coordinator. If additional teams are needed to fill out a draw at a certain level, the second place team from the local area shown on the wild card chart below will be offered a wild card entry. If, after all second place teams in a level have been offered a wild card entry and the draw is not complete, all 3rd place teams will be notified using the same order as listed below.

Rotation Order: Starting with the 2015 Championship Year, all Wild Cards will be determined based on the number of teams within divisions by area with the most teams receiving the top Wild Card spot. Once all seasons for a specific league have started, the Wild Card order can be released. Below are the approximate dates of when the Wild Card order will be released as well as the total number of teams to be invited to the 2015 Sectional Championships:

Mixed 18 & Over Wild Card Order (if an area is not listed, then there were no teams in that area or that area does not qualify for a Wild Card due to combining areas). Top 3 listed only. Remainder of spots will be completed in January when Alaska begins their league. Yellow highlighted is guaranteed to be invited:

6.0 (8 teams at Sectionals): NWW, NO, SWW
7.0 (10 teams at Sectionals): NWW, NO, SWW
8.0 (10 teams at Sectionals): NWW, NO, SWW
9.0 (10 teams at Sectionals): NWW, NO, SWW
10.0 (4 teams at Sectionals): NWW, CW, NO

Adult 55 & Over Wild Card Order (if an area is not listed, then there were no teams in that area or that area does not qualify for a Wild Card due to combining areas). Yellow highlighted is guaranteed to be invited:

6.0 Men (8 teams at Sectionals): NO, NWW, SO, CW, SWW
7.0 Men (10 teams at Sectionals): NO, NWW, SWW, WV, CW, EW
8.0 Men (10 teams at Sectionals): NWW, NO, CW, SWW, WV, EW
9.0 Men (8 teams at Sectionals): SWW, NO, EW, NWW
6.0 Women (10 teams at Sectionals): NO, NWW, SWW, WV, EW, CW, SO
7.0 Women (10 teams at Sectionals): NO, NWW, SWW, WV, SO, CW
8.0 Women (10 teams at Sectionals): NO, NWW, SWW, CW, SO, WV, EW
9.0 Women (8 teams at Sectionals): NWW, NO

Adult 18 & Over – February 2015

Adult 40 & Over – April 2015

Adult 65 & Over – April 2015

Mixed 40 & Over – June 2015

Mixed 55 & Over – June 2015

Tri-Level – July 2015

Team Withdrawal: When a Local Area Champion team withdraws from a Sectional Championship the Local Area Finalist (2nd place team) from that same local area will be the alternate team advanced to Sectionals. Should the Local Area Finalist be unable to attend the Sectional Championship then that place in the draw will be filled by the next eligible team from the Wild Card Order

Combined Areas: If two areas combine to form one league, then both automatic Sectional bids from those two areas will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place team of the one league. As a result, no Wild Card will be offered to this Area until all other 2nd place teams have been offered a Wild Card. If necessary, the 3rd place team will be offered a Wild Card in the order of the Wild Card Order.

Same Number of Teams in Area: In case of a tie between two areas with the number of teams, a coin flip (2 out of 3) will be done by multiple USTA/PNW Adult Competition Staff to determine the order. If case of a tie between three or more areas, a random drawing will be done with multiple USTA/PNW Staff present.

Wild Card Questions can be directed to the USTA/PNW Section League Coordinator, Adam Hutchinson, at ahutchinson@pnw.usta.com.