



2015 USTA/PNW Adult 55 & Over Sectional Championships
Championship Handbook
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DATES

- Wednesday, July 15, 6:15-7:00 pm – Team Check-In @ Double Tree (see pg 5 for more details)
- Wednesday, July 15, 7:00-7:45 pm – Captains Meeting @ Double Tree (see pg 5 for more details)
- Friday, July 17, 7:30-10:00 pm — Player Party @ Spokane Convention Center (see pg 5 for more details)
- Thursday, July 16-Sunday, July 19 – Match Play (see posted schedule for details on time and location)

COURTS

- Match Courts
 - Shadle Park High School - 4327 N Ash St, Spokane, WA 99205
 - Hart Field – 320 E 33rd Ave, Spokane, WA 99203
 - Ferris High School - 3020 E 37th Ave, Spokane, WA 99223
- Practice Courts – There are none reserved. Any of the above locations are available on a first come, first served basis before Thursday. None of the facilities used for match play will be available for practice on Thursday through Saturday. Shadle Park will be open on Sunday. Other courts you can try (on a first come, first served basis) are...
 - Comstock Park - Spokane, WA 99203
 - Rogers High School - 1622 E Wellesley Ave, Spokane, WA 99207

FEES

- \$150 per team, plus a non-refundable fee of \$9.24. Entire entry fee is non-refundable once the schedule is posted.
- \$10 per guest (any person not on team roster) for the Player Party, plus a non-refundable fee of \$1.54
- You must pay online by **January 31, 2015**. Go to <http://2015adult55.eventbrite.com>

LODGING

- We have 4 tournament hotels available for this event:
 - Red Lion River Inn – 700 N. Division St., Spokane, WA 99202
 - Reserve at 1-800-733-5466 and mention “2015 55,65 & Over USTA Sectional Championships”
 - Rate is \$109 per night
 - Includes breakfast and Wi-Fi
 - DoubleTree by Hilton Spokane – 322 N. Spokane Falls Ct., Spokane, WA 99201
 - Reserve at 1-800-222-8733 and mention “2015 55,65 & Over USTA Sectional Championships”
 - Rate is \$111 per night
 - Includes breakfast and Wi-Fi
 - Red Lion Hotel at The Park – 303 West North River Drive, Spokane, WA 99201
 - Reserve at 1-800-733-5466 and mention “2015 55,65 & Over USTA Sectional Championships”

- Rate is \$120 per night
- Includes breakfast and Wi-Fi
- The Davenport Grand Hotel and Tower – 10 S. Post St., Spokane, WA 99201
 - Reserve at 1-800-899-1482 and mention “2015 55,65 & Over USTA Sectional Championships”
 - Rate is \$149 per night in the Davenport Tower; \$169 per night in Grand Hotel
 - Includes Wi-Fi (does not include breakfast)
- Looking for an alternative to hotel rooms? Give Airbnb a try!
 - Visit www.airbnb.com for more information

ELIGIBILITY

- All players must have played a minimum of two matches (one can be a default) prior to playing in Sectionals. Any player who does not meet this minimum is not eligible to participate in Sectionals.
- As a reminder, all players must play three matches (with no defaults) through Sectionals in order to be eligible for the National Championships.
- All players must have a current USTA Membership. If a membership has expired, it must be renewed prior to playing a match. If a player plays a match with an expired membership, that player will be deemed ineligible.

RULES, REGULATIONS, and SCORING

Rules and Regulations

- National and USTA/PNW League Regulations will be enforced during the Sectional Championships.
- All match line-ups must be submitted to the tournament desk by the team captain at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled match time. Penalties may be enforced at the Tournament Director or Referee’s discretion. Matches may go on early.

Players on Multiple Teams

- Players who qualify on more than one team for the Sectional Championships may compete on one or all teams provided they are at different NTRP levels. We will do our best to accommodate these players in the schedule—captains must email the Tournament Organizer, Adam Hutchinson (ahutchinson@pnw.usta.com) BEFORE the schedule is created.
- Players who qualify on more than one team for the Sectional Championships at the same NTRP level must declare which team they will play for through the end of the Sectional Championships. This must be done prior to the first match of any teams with said player on the roster at the Sectional Championships. The player is allowed to join any of the other teams at the conclusion of the Sectional Championships to compete in the National Championships. (PNW Regulation 2.0(b)).

Scoring

- Best two out of three sets with a match break in lieu of a third set. Regular Scoring will be used (play out the ads).
- Coman Tie Break procedure used for all tiebreakers.

- The Tournament Director reserves the right to modify the scoring if needed due to weather or other delays beyond our control.

Championship Flight Set-Up

- Round Robin, non-elimination format. Two sub-flights per division.
- The winner of each flight will be determined by team matches won and will play each other in the Finals on Sunday. In the event of a tie in the standings, the following procedures will be used to break the tie:
 - Winner of the most individual matches
 - Winner of head-to-head match
 - Winner of the fewest number of sets lost
 - Winner of the fewest number of games lost

Grievance and Appeal Procedures

The following guidelines and procedures will be used during the Sectional Championships. Please review them carefully. Any tournament staff member will be glad to assist you with the forms and answer any questions or procedures.

- National Regulation 3.03C(1) – Any grievance alleging a violation during championship 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 Eligibility Grievances and NTRP Grievances.
- Eligibility Grievances (National Regulation 3.03B(3)) – Any grievance regarding failure to meet eligibility requirements may be filed by a team captain, league coordinator, or member of a Championship Committee at any time.
 - National Regulation 3.03B(3)a – For eligibility matters of simple fact (e.g., age, USTA Membership, Tennis Link Registration) a USTA league coordinator may declare a player ineligible and disqualify that player without filing a grievance.
- NTRP Grievance – See USTA/PNW Standard Operating Procedures for NTRP Grievances. This will be sent to all captains and also available at each Tournament Desk. Also refer to National Regulation 3.03E.
- Grievance Appeals – Refer to National Regulation 3.04. If necessary, this can be found on the National USTA website and also available at the Tournament Desk.

NTRP Disqualification

- The USTA/PNW will follow National Regulation 2.04B(2)a which states the following: Run dynamic calculations and produce ratings throughout the championship. Through the conclusion of the championship event, notify and disqualify any player who meets the criteria for NTRP Dynamic Disqualification and reverse appropriate matches played.
- National Regulation 2.04E(2)a states all matches played by a dynamically disqualified player shall be considered losses and those matches shall be considered 6-0, 6-0 wins for the opposing player or doubles team (note – this is only within a specific segment of play. For example, the Round Robin play is considered one segment. The Finals are considered a different segment. If a player is NTRP Dynamically DQ'd from a Final, only the Final will be affected).

Coaching

- No coaching is allowed. Cell phone and other electronic devices are not allowed on court without permission from the Tournament Director or Referee.

Officials

- USTA PNW will put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for all USTA Certified Officials in the Pacific NW. The number of Officials on site for the Adult 55 & Over Sectional Championships will be depend on the number of RFP's we receive.

PLAYER AND TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Team Check-In

WHEN: Wednesday, July 15, 6:15-7:00pm

WHERE: Double Tree Hotel in **Suite A**, 322 North Spokane Falls Court, Spokane, WA 99201

The following needs to be done by the captain or team designee:

- Check-in with tournament staff
- Review roster for ineligible players
- Submit Player Publicity release form for photos
- Pick up packet with line-up cards
- Pick up t-shirts

Captains Meeting

WHEN: Wednesday, July 15, 7:00-7:45 pm

WHERE: Double Tree Hotel in **Suite A**, 322 North Spokane Falls Court, Spokane, WA 99201

Details about the tournament, important reminders, and an opportunity to have questions answered will be at this meeting so please plan on attending. It immediately follows the Team Check-In. There will also be raffle prizes, so don't miss out!

Player Party

WHEN: Friday, July 17, 7:30-10:00 pm

WHERE: Spokane Convention Center (Ballroom 300 A, B, C & D), 334 West Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, WA 99201

All rostered players are welcome to attend the Player Party. Guests may also attend for \$10 each. Dinner will be provided. A no host bar will be available with beer, wine and soft drinks. There will be a DJ, dancing, and a chance to win raffle prizes for all attendees. **Please indicate the total number of players and guests upon online registration so we can have an accurate food count. Additional guest tickets may be purchased in cash only at Team Check-In on Wednesday, July 15. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD THE NIGHT OF THE PLAYER PARTY.**

Awards

Champions and Finalists each will receive 10 awards. Additional awards may be purchased after the event through Netknacks. Champions will also receive a USTA/PNW Section Champion banner.

T-shirts

Teams will receive as many T-shirts as listed on your roster. Captains will pick up all T-shirts for their team at Team Check-In. **Please indicate the total number of T-shirts in each size for your entire team upon online registration.**

Photographer

We will have a professional photographer on site. He will be taking photos throughout the tournament as well as photos of the Champions. All teams must have all players sign a waiver to have photos taken. This form will be sent to captains and they need to have **all players sign it prior to the tournament.**

Balls

Penn Extra Duty balls will be used.

Inclement Weather & Schedule Adjustments

Please note that the tournament format, number of matches, scoring, and match length may change due to a team not showing up or circumstances beyond our control such as weather. Spokane generally has warm weather in July. However, rain or extreme heat could cause delays, modifications to the format and scoring, or other changes which deviate from the announced scheduled. In the event of suspension of play caused by heat or rain, please keep your cell phones handy as updates will be given as soon as possible. Unless you hear otherwise, all players should plan on reporting to their scheduled match 30 minutes ahead of time.

In the event of a lengthy delay due to rain or heat, it will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director to use an alternative-playing format. We do have back-up indoor courts for this event.

Line-Up cards

All line-up cards are due 30 minutes in advance of your scheduled match time. Upon check-in on Wednesday, all captains will be given a folder with line-up cards for each of their matches. Please bring these with you to all matches! Check that your scorecard has the correct date, time, and location. Also, please double check all line-up cards and make sure the names are correct (i.e. no double entries) and they match TennisLink before handing it into tournament staff.

Tips/Reminders for Players and Spectators

- We recommend spectators bring an umbrella for protection from the sun and a portable chair as not all venues will have adequate seating.
- Players and spectators should bring their own water container.
- Don't forget sunscreen and a visor or hat!
- We are all guests of these facilities. Please pick up all trash and be respectful of management or staff. They also have their own rules in place as to what is acceptable at their facility so please obey any posted rules. Please also be advised of the following:
 - Alcohol is **strictly** prohibited at all facilities.

Tournament Organizer

For all inquiries or questions leading up to the Sectional Championships, please contact:

Adam Hutchinson

Section League Coordinator

Email: ahutchinson@pnw.usta.com

Cell Number: 503-718-3329

Tournament Director Contact Information

For questions during the Sectional Championships, please contact:

Kathi McKay

USTA/PNW Southwest Washington Area League Coordinator/Community Tennis Organizer

E-mail: kmckay@pnw.usta.com

Cell Number: 360-688-8771

Captain To-Do List

- ☐ Find out each player's T-shirt size
- ☐ Determine how many total people (players and their guests) will be attending the Player Reception/Party
- ☐ Register your team online: <http://2015adult55.eventbrite.com>
- ☐ Book your hotel rooms or rental houses for your team (or ask your teammates to book their own individually)
- ☐ Email the Tournament Organizer if you have a player participating in two different rating levels
- ☐ Make sure all players fill out the Photo Liability Waiver and turn it in at Check-In