



Adult Tennis

Adult Tournaments

Tournaments are a phenomenal supplement to existing tennis programming, as well as a way to generate interest about tennis in your community. They provide valuable match-play experience that you cannot teach in a lesson or at a practice. If you are interested in hosting a tournament or encouraging your players to participate in nearby tournaments, please visit www.northern.usta.com for tournament director resources. The tournament schedule is constantly being updated and can be viewed at: <http://tournaments.usta.com>.

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USTA Northern sanctions approximately 50 adult tournaments hosted by local facilities so players can strive for a Section or National ranking within a designated age division. In addition to age division tournaments, players can also play in tournaments based on the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP). Organizational Members interested in hosting and running a sanctioned tournament should contact the Section office for assistance.

For questions/comments regarding Adult Tournaments, please contact **Nancy Lundberg** at lundberg@northern.usta.com or 952-358-3286.

USTA League Tennis

USTA League Tennis is the country's largest recreational tennis league, providing organized, structured team matches for men and women of all ability levels. Levels are based on the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) and range from beginner (2.5) to advanced (5.0). All teams are set up according to a player's NTRP rating. Therefore, players are assured of facing off against someone of comparable ability. This allows for a highly competitive and fun tennis environment. USTA League Tennis features local, Area and Section playoffs, culminating in a National Championship. You must be a USTA member and have a current NTRP rating (players can self-rate) to play USTA League Tennis.

League Formats

- **Adult Leagues:** Single gender teams for men and women 18 years of age and older. NTRP levels include 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0. Team match format consists of two singles matches and three doubles matches, except 2.5 and 5.0 divisions, which play one singles match and two doubles matches.
- **Senior Leagues:** For men and women 50 years of age and older. NTRP levels include 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5. Team match format consists of three doubles matches.
- **Senior Mixed Doubles:** For men and women 50 years of age and older. The team format is three doubles positions and the levels of play are 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, & 9.0. Partners combined ratings may not exceed the level in which they are playing.
- **Super Senior Leagues:** Offers both a women's and men's league for players who are 60 years of age and older. The team format is three doubles positions and the levels of play are 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, & 9.0. Partners combined ratings may not exceed the level in which they are playing.
- **Mixed Doubles Leagues:** For men and women 18 years of age and older. Teams are developed with a combined rating of 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 and 10.0. Total NTRP rating cannot exceed level of team (i.e., 7.0 team could be a combination of two 3.5 players, one 4.0 partner and one 3.0 partner or one player a 3.0 and partner a 3.5). Format consists of three doubles matches.
- **NTRP Doubles, formerly Tri-Level Leagues:** For men and women 18 years of age and older. NTRP levels include 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5. Team format is two to four players per team at the same NTRP level. Play format is one doubles match.
- **Flex Leagues:** USTA Flex Leagues group players of similar ability together in an organized season that allows players to schedule 5-8 matches when it best fits their schedules at a convenient location. Players sign up online for singles, doubles, or mixed doubles play using the TennisLink system. Players can track standings, report scores and schedule their matches while online.



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USTA Area League Coordinators

Players compete regularly in leagues throughout the Section. Play is governed by national, sectional and local regulations, which are available at www.northern.usta.com/leagues. If you are interested in organizing teams for participation in USTA League, please contact us to learn more. USTA Northern consists of the following areas:

North Dakota & Northwestern MN (ND)

(includes Fargo/Moorhead, Grand Forks, Bismarck/Mandan, Minot, Dickinson, etc.)

- Hayley Horning Shibley, Area League Coordinator; shibley@northern.usta.com
- Oliver Summers, Fargo Local League Coordinator; oliversummers@yahoo.com
- Shannon Larson, Bismarck/Mandan Local League Coordinator; slarson@bisparks.org

South Dakota & Southwestern MN (SD)

(includes Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Pierre, Aberdeen, Brookings, Yankton, Watertown, etc.)

- Chris Dummermuth, Area League Coordinator; dummermuth@northern.usta.com
- Mary Helen Flanery & Lori Edwards, Rapid City Local League Coordinators
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Northern MN & WI (NMW)

(includes Duluth, Hibbing, Virginia, Brainerd, St. Cloud, Grand Marais, Washburn, Eau Claire, etc.)

- Joe Mihalek, Duluth Local League Coordinator; joemihalek@fryberger.com
- Betty Swiston, Washburn, Local League Coordinator, jeffreyjswiston@centurytel.net

Southern MN (SM) -

(includes Rochester, Owatonna, Winona, Mankato, etc.)

- Sheryl Warfield, Area League Coordinator; allaboutsheryl@aol.com

Twin Cities (TC)

(includes Ramsey, Dakota, Washington, Hennepin, Scott, Carver & Anoka counties)

- Kelley Okerman, Area League Coordinator; okerman@northern.usta.com

Section Leagues Coordinator

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2012 USTA League Tennis Section Regulation Changes

1. Team Defaults If a team defaults an entire team match (see National Regulations 2.03K and 2.03L) for any reason during round robin play, then all matches of that team played or to be played, shall be null and void. If all teams in contention for the Championships have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches stand as played. "In contention" is defined as "Any team that has a mathematical chance to win or place second in the event at the time the default occurs."

Round robin segments will be treated as whole and separate within the local league flight. If the first RR was finished and the full team default occurred during the 2nd RR then all matches for the first RR would stand. The same applies to any flights that split during a season.

If a default of an entire match is claimed, an administrative grievance may be filed by USTA Northern against the defaulting team. If the local league committee determines that there was good cause for not playing the match, it may require that the match be rescheduled and played according to the local rescheduling policy. If the local league committee determines that there was no good cause, the team's season may be declared null and void, and for the purpose of standings, all its matches may be voided.





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Additionally, the section may impose suspension of team captains and players for a team default as requested by the local league committee to the Section Leagues Committee and may include suspension from all USTA league participation for up to one year.

2. NTRP Disqualification throughout championship competition in a round robin format or segment: Run dynamic calculations and produce ratings throughout the championship. Through the conclusion of the championship event, notify and disqualify any player that meets the criteria for NTRP disqualification and reverse appropriate matches played.

3. NTRP Disqualification throughout championship competition in single elimination or segment: Run dynamic ratings and disqualify throughout the championship, the last individual match played by players shall be considered a loss and that individual match shall be considered a win for the opposing player or doubles team.



Twin Cities League Tennis Dates and Deadlines

LEAGUE PROGRAM	REGISTRATION OPENS	TEAM REGISTRATION DEADLINE (Minimum Roster and Home Court Deadline)	PLAY SEASON
Summer Adult	March 1, 2012	April 1, 2012	May 14 - August 5, 2012
Summer Mixed Doubles	March 1, 2012	April 1, 2012	May 11 - August 13, 2012
Summer Senior	March 1, 2012	April 1, 2012	May 21 - August 5, 2012
Summer Super Senior	May 15, 2012	June 15, 2012	July 9 - September 7, 2012
Senior Mixed Doubles	June 15, 2012	July 15, 2012	August 13 - October 12, 2012
NTRP(formerly Tri-Level) Doubles	June 15, 2012	July 15, 2012	August 13 - October 12, 2012
Winter 2013 Mixed Doubles	August 15, 2012	September 15, 2012	October 10 - March 31, 2013
Winter 2013 Adult 18+	TBD		
Winter 2013 Adult 40+	TBD		
Winter 2013 Adult 55+	TBD		



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USTA League Tennis Section Championship Dates

Adult Women & Senior Men Section Championship: August 17-19, 2012
Adult Men & Senior Women Section Championship: August 24-26, 2012
Mixed Doubles Section Championship: September 14-16, 2012
NTRP Doubles (formerly Tri-Level) Section Championship: TBD

USTA League Tennis National Championships Dates

September 28-30, 2012

5.0 Adults: Indian Wells, CA, Indian Wells Tennis Garden, Miramonte Resort & Spa
2.5 Adults: Las Vegas, NV, Darling Tennis Center, Suncoast Hotel

October 5-7, 2012

3.5 Adults: Tucson, AZ, Reffkin Tennis Center, Doubletree Hotel
3.0 Seniors: Las Vegas, NV, Darling Tennis Center, Suncoast Hotel

October 12-14, 2012

3.0 Adults: Tucson, AZ, Reffkin Tennis Center, Doubletree Hotel
3.5 Seniors: Indian Wells, CA, Indian Wells Tennis Garden, Miramonte Resort & Spa

October 19-21, 2012

4.0 Adults: Tucson, AZ, Reffkin Tennis Center, Doubletree Hotel
4.5 Seniors: Indian Wells, CA, Indian Wells Tennis Garden, Miramonte Resort & Spa

October 26-28, 2012

4.5 Adult: Tucson, AZ, Reffkin Tennis Center, Doubletree Hotel
4.0 Senior: Indian Wells, CA, Indian Wells Tennis Garden, Miramonte Resort & Spa

November 9-11, 2012

Mixed 2.5, 7.0 & 9.0: Tucson, AZ, Hilton El Conquistador Tucson

November 16-18, 2012

Mixed 6.0, 8.0 & 10.0: Tucson, AZ, Hilton El Conquistador Tucson

April 2013

Senior Mixed Invitational: TBD

April 2013

Super Sr. 6.0 & 8.0: TBD
Super Sr. 7.0 & 9.0: TBD



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USTA League Revised Age Divisions Format For The 2013 Championship Year

USTA League tennis will get a whole new look beginning with the 2013 league season. Under the new national structure to be introduced in the Fall of 2012 for Championship Year 2013, USTA League will have two divisions -- Adult (18 & Over, 40 & Over, and 55 & Over) and Mixed (18 & Over).

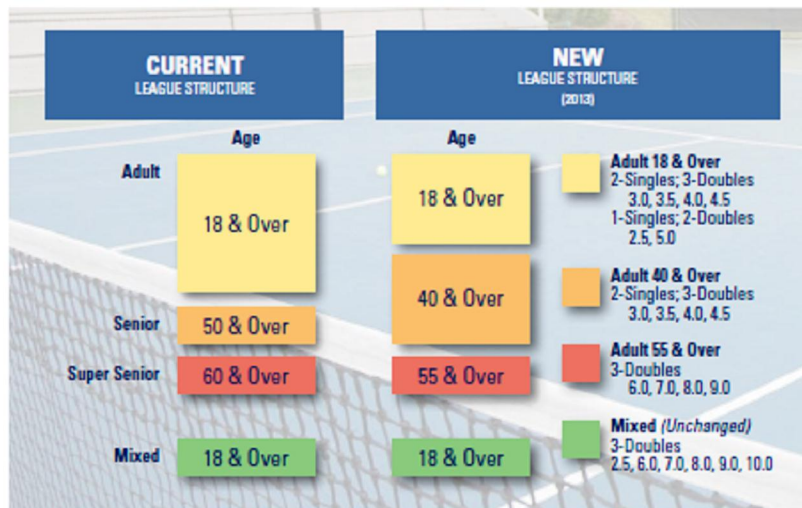


Gone will be the monikers "Senior" (50 & over) and "Super Senior" (60 & over), replaced instead by a more representative grouping based on age. USTA League research and focus group results predict a significant increase in the coming years in league participation, with changes designed to better align age groups with current and future league populations.

Increases in players in each age group will help alleviate two-team league challenges, while the age restructuring is projected to produce more competitive match play and more accurate NTRP (National Tennis Ratings Program) ratings. As they had previously, players will continue to compete by NTRP rating within each division. The 18 & over and the 40 & over divisions will feature both singles and doubles, while the 55 & over will consist of three doubles positions.

To be determined are the possible additions of an Adult 70 & Over division, and Mixed 40 & Over and Mixed 55 & Over divisions, with a decision to be made at the USTA national level by March 2012.

The revised USTA League changes are the result of a study conducted by Taylor Research & Consulting. The changes are projected to meet the needs of an anticipated significant participation increase in the years to come, while providing league players with more opportunities to play on more teams and enjoy making new friends. Under the previous model, players were of the same ability but not necessarily of the same playing style or fitness level. The restructuring guarantees more frequency of play opportunities at more appropriate age divisions.



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