

## **2021 USTA Arkansas Championships Procedures** **(subject to revision due to Covid-19)**

USTA Arkansas offers state championships in the following leagues:

Adult 18 & Over	18 & Over Combo	65 & Over Mixed Doubles
Adult 40 & Over	40 & Over Combo	18 & Over Tri-Level
Adult 55 & Over	55 & Over Combo	40 & Over Tri-Level
Adult 65 & Over	18 & Over Mixed Doubles	55 & Over Tri-Level
18 & Over Interim	40 & Over Mixed Doubles	
40 & Over Interim	55 & Over Mixed Doubles	

Teams advancing to State Championships must play ALL of their scheduled matches.

A team's leaving a State Championship prior to the completion of scheduled matches may be cause for a grievance to be filed by the State League Coordinator against the captain and the team. The Grievance Committee may impose penalties and fines up to \$50 per player for the names listed on the entry form, and the players will be unable to participate in any USTA league until the fine is paid.

Any team withdrawing after the draw is made for the State Championships may be subject to a grievance filed by the State League Coordinator and is subject to the same fines and penalties listed above.

The format for State Championships will be determined by the Tournament Committee and may be round robin play or un-flighted matches against randomly selected opponents. Some levels may have a semi-final and or final.

**STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**ALL LEAGUES**

The following is the minimum number of team members who must be on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play for the team to be eligible to compete at the State Championships: These players must be available and eligible to compete.

League	Minimum Number of Players
USTA League 18 & Over	8
USTA League 40 & Over	7
USTA League 55 & Over	6
USTA League 2.0, 2.5, 5.0+	5
USTA League 65 & Over	6
USTA League Mixed Doubles*	6
All Southern Combo Doubles Leagues *	6
All Interim Leagues	6
All Tri-Level Leagues*	6

The Tournament Committee may reduce the minimum number of players noted in the above table to not less than four players (three for 2.0, 2.5 & 5.0+).

\*These players must be able to combine to form three valid courts.

**STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Adult 18 & Over and 40 & Over, Mixed 18 & Over and 40 & Over**

**ALL LEVELS**

Entry fee is \$30 per player

**No refunds to individual players or teams after draw is completed.**

Teams are chosen for the State Championships in the following manner:

1. NTRP Levels with fewer than seven teams statewide will receive at least four spots.
2. Winners of each local league:  
Local leagues with: 6 or less teams – 1 spot  
7 – 12 teams – 2 spots  
13 – 18 teams – 3 spots  
19 or more teams – 4 spots
3. The State League Coordinator will issue wildcards as necessary to fill the draw. Wildcards will be based on the wildcard spreadsheet for each division. These are posted on [www.arktennis.com](http://www.arktennis.com). Additional wildcards may be extended at the discretion of Tournament Committee. In local leagues with three or more teams, *wildcards* may only be offered to teams with a winning percentage of 33% or above.

**STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Interim, Combo, Adult 55 & Over, Mixed 55 & Over, Mixed 65 & Over**

**ALL LEVELS**

Entry fee \$30 per player

**No refunds to individual players or teams after draw is completed.**

Teams are chosen for the State Championships in the following manner:

1. NTRP Levels with fewer than seven teams statewide will receive at least four spots.
2. Local leagues will send the top 40% from each division. For example, if local league has eight teams, the top three teams will automatically come to state. If a division has an odd number, total will be rounded down. For example, if a local league has seven teams, the top two teams will automatically come to state.
3. The State League Coordinator will issue wildcards as necessary to fill the draw. Wildcards will be based on the wildcard spreadsheet for each division. These are posted on [www.arktennis.com](http://www.arktennis.com). Additional wildcards may be extended at the discretion of Tournament Committee. In local leagues with three or more teams, wildcards may only be offered to teams with a winning percentage of 33% or above.

## **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS ALL LEAGUES**

- The captain is responsible for checking his/her team in at the site of the match. When all players are present and ready to play, the captain will turn in his/her lineup at the site desk. Captains should turn in scorecards 30 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled match.
- If a team has a known default, the opposing team will have the opportunity to revise its scorecard once both scorecards are turned in and the default has been announced by the site director.
- No substitution may be made in an individual match after the line-up has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player prior to the start of such match, and except other circumstances as permitted by the Tournament Committee. If substitution is made during warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five-minute warm-up. If no such substitution can be made, the affected position only will be defaulted.
- If a captain duplicates a name in error on a scorecard, a team may be allowed to substitute a player for the duplicate name in the lower position (at the discretion of the Tournament Committee), using a player not already listed on the lineup. A substitution may only be made in the lower position if the error is discovered before the match begins. If no such substitution can be made, the affected position only will be defaulted.
- Penalties for lateness, which include the 15-minute default, will be strictly enforced. Court monitors may be used to time warm-ups and changeovers.
- Winners of individual matches will take the balls and report the score immediately to the site desk.
- Captains are expected to sign each scorecard after each scheduled match is completed before leaving the tennis facility. Failure to sign the scorecard may result in scores posted online only confirmed by opposing captain.
- If a team match is postponed following the exchange of line-ups, the original line-up will stand for the make-up match UNLESS teams are released from the tournament by the Tournament Director and/or Referee. If teams are released, the line-up would stand only for those positions that have already started (first service attempt). All other positions, including defaulted courts and even those that were in warm-up, may be changed.
- Tournament referees will not be used to make line calls or call foot faults.
- In the event of weather challenges, the Tournament Committee may use an alternate scoring match format to complete the tournament.

### **Administration**

- Tournament Committee will use proper and fair judgment with regard to all State tournament-related issues. This includes, but is not limited to, procedures and information not listed in the Championship Procedures or National/Sectional/State regulations.
- Tournament Committee will consist of the Tournament Director, Tournament Referee and the Arkansas Adult League Committee Chairman.
- Championship Grievance Committee: To be appointed as necessary.
- Championship Procedures may be amended at Tournament Committee's discretion.
- The Tournament Committee may release a team from the State Championship.