



2014 USTA LEAGUE

Adult 55 & Over 7.0 & 9.0 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HANDBOOK

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SITES AND DATES

Adult 55 & Over 7.0 and 9.0

November 6-9

Match Play begins on **Friday, November 7**

Matches and awards will conclude on Sunday by approximately 1 pm – make flight arrangements accordingly.

Check updates to match schedules on our website frequently.

YOUR SECTION WILL FORWARD YOUR TEAM ROSTER INFORMATION.

TEAM ENTRY FEE: \$400.00 (plus \$40.88 processing fee)

Please contact your Section League Coordinator immediately following your Sectional Championships to find out the deadline to complete the registration and to pay your team fee.

Failure to register by the deadline may risk your team's participation at nationals. See On line Team Registration link on this event's homepage to register your team and pay the team fee.

Tennis Facilities:

Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex

This facility is located 32 miles northwest of the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport – about 45 – 50 minutes driving time with traffic

14469 W. Paradise Lane
Surprise AZ 85374
623-222-2400

Practice courts available

Call one day in advance to reserve for non-tournament days
\$3.00 per person per 1 ½ hours or \$4.00 per court at night.

www.surpriseaz.com

Holiday Inn Express

16540 N. Bullard Avenue
Surprise AZ 85374
623-975-5540

King Standard @ \$99.00

Dbi Queen Standard @ \$109.00

King Suite @ \$119.00

Dbi Queen Suite @ \$129.00

Includes free buffet breakfast

Marriott Residence Inn

16418 N. Bullard Avenue
Surprise, AZ 85374
623-249-6333

King Studio @ \$109.00

1 bedroom suite @ \$129.00

2 bedroom suite @ \$189.00

Includes free breakfast buffet

To book your room at the Holiday Inn Express or the Marriott Residence Inn: Call direct to the numbers indicated and identify yourself with the USTA Adult 55 & Over and you will be given our rate

www.hiexpress.com/surpriseaz

Holiday Inn Express and Marriott Residence Inn are within walking distance to the courts.

Other hotels located within 15 minutes driving time to the courts and offering our players a special rate are: Quality Inn, Days Inn, Hampton Inn, Windmill Inn, Comfort Inn all located in Surprise.

ELIGIBILITY

Team Eligibility

- A minimum of 6 players who were on the final local roster must be available to compete at nationals. There are no exceptions or waivers granted for this requirement.

Player Eligibility

- A player is eligible to advance to National Championships competition if that player has played on that same team in at least **three (3)** matches through section championships. No defaults received by the player during all league competition shall count for advancing. A retired match shall count for all players involved. 2.03A(4).
- All individual team members must be from the appropriate level of play in accordance with the NTRP system.

Photo Waiver Form REQUIRED

- The Photo Waiver Form must be completed by each player and brought to the team registration. Each player must provide a copy of his/her driver's license or passport accompanying the photo waiver form. The captain must submit these at the time of the Team Registration on Thursday.

See website link to download form.

RULES, REGULATIONS, SCORING, AND COACHING

Rules and Regulations

- USTA Rules and League Regulations will be enforced during championships.
- All match lineups must be submitted to the tournament desk by the team captain at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the match. Penalties may be enforced at the tournament director's discretion.

Move Up/Split Up Reg 2.06A for 2015

Please see USTA League Regulation 2.06A on usta.com for complete details or contact your Sectional League Coordinator to be sure you are in compliance before forming your teams for 2015.

Scoring

- Best of two tiebreak sets with a Match Tiebreak if required.
- The Coman Tiebreak Procedure will be used for the Set and Match Tiebreak.
- Coman Tiebreak Procedure is the same as the present procedure except that ends are changed after the first point, then after every four points until the conclusion of the tiebreak.

- Two minute rest between the 1st and 2nd set and between the 2nd set and 3rd set match tiebreak.

Championship Flight Setup

- Flighted Round Robin.
- Teams will participate in a non-elimination round-robin format.
- The winner of each flight/division will be determined by team matches won.
- The winner of each flight will then go into a semi final followed by finals and 3rd & 4th playoff.
- In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken by the first of the following procedures:
 - Winner of the most individual matches in the competition
 - Winner of head to head match
 - Loser of the fewest number of sets
 - Loser of the fewest number of games
 - A method to be determined by the championships committee

Grievance and Appeal Procedures

The following guidelines and procedures will be used during this championship. Please review them carefully. Any staff member on site will be glad to assist you with the forms and answer any questions on procedures.

3.03C(1) Any grievance alleging a violation during championships 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 Administrative Grievances (See Reg. 3.03A(2), Eligibility Grievances (See Reg. 3.03B(3) and NTRP Grievances (See Reg. 3.03E(3).)

3.03E(3) NTRP Grievances will not be accepted at National Championships.

3.04B(1) The Grievance Appeal Committee shall not be required to hold any hearing except as provided in 3.04B(2). Its decision may be based entirely on the findings of fact by the Grievance Committee whose decision is being appealed and on the facts and arguments submitted in writing by the parties to the appeal.

Coaching

No coaching allowed. No cell phones or electronic devices allowed on court.

Balls

Penn hard court balls will be provided.

Umpires

There will be a certified roving umpire present at all championship sites. Roving umpires may be positioned inside the fenced areas and will interfere with play as little as possible.

Players should be encouraged to play tennis without the need for umpires to be present for matches. In the case of disputed calls and upon the request of the player, a roving umpire may be supplied to oversee the match.

Hydration Tips for playing in Warmer Weather

Drink cool water or sport drinks during play. Sport drinks are especially helpful during long matches, in hot weather and for recovery after play. Use a similar hydration routine before, during and after practice.

Before Play

- Drink 12-16 ounces about 1 hour before play begins.
- Drink fluids throughout the day.
- Prepare at least 2 quarts (64 ounces) to drink during play. Sports drinks are preferable for long matches or during play in hot weather.

During Play

- Drink 4 to 8 ounces (4 to 8 normal swallows) after the warm-up and during every changeover.
- Many players like to drink a sport drink or water, with an emphasis (e.g., 2:1) on the sport drink.
- For some players the fluid requirements may even be higher in very hot or humid environments.

After Play

- Weigh yourself before and after play and drink about 20-24 ounces of fluid for every pound of post-play body weight deficit.
- Immediately begin to replace fluid, electrolytes and carbohydrates with water, other fluids (e.g., juice, sport drinks, etc.) and food. Sport drinks are very effective if you are going to play again soon.
- Consider adding salt to your food and/or drinks if sweat losses were extensive.

Inclement Weather

Please note that the tournament format, number of matches and match length may change due to a team not showing up or circumstances beyond our control such as weather. However, rain or extreme heat could cause delays, modifications to the format, and possible cancellation of the tournament. There are NO indoor back-up courts where the championships can be played in the event of rain.

In the event of rain or suspension of play caused by extreme heat, please remain at the tournament site until the tournament staff informs you of the play schedule. In the event of a long rain delay or heat suspension, it will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee to use an alternative-playing format.

We will provide you a Hot Line 800 number on-site to check for schedule changes if any.

Cancellation

If the championship, or part of the championships is cancelled due to rain or unforeseen circumstances, the championship will not be rescheduled.

Player and Tournament Details

Mandatory Team Captain's Registration

NOTE: Completing the team on line registration does not exclude the captain from attending the team registration.

Where: Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex

WHEN: Thursday, November 6 4:00- 5:30

Mandatory Captain's Meeting (Captains and Co-Captains Only)

WHERE: Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex

When: Thursday November 6 at 5:45-6:30 PM (following team registration)

SATURDAY EVENING PLAYER PARTY

WHERE: Surprise T & RC

WHEN: Saturday November 8 at 7:30 PM

Free tickets for players includes buffet dinner, two (2) free drinks....beer, wine or soft drinks.

Guests must pay \$20.00 per person - tickets for guests will be sold only at the Team Captain's Registration on Thursday. Guest tickets will not be sold after Thursday! CASH ONLY – NO CREDIT CARDS

There will be a DJ and dancing – lots of raffle prizes!

Trainer

There will be a trainer on-site to assist with athletic injuries.

Awards

Awards and banners will be presented to the teams that finish 1st – 4th place.

Player Gift

All players attending the National Championships will receive a shirt and a hat.

Official Merchandise

Official USTA League National Championship merchandise will be available for purchase on site and after the championship on our website at www.usta.com/nationalchampionships

Team Photos

Team photos will be taken throughout the weekend as well as candid shots. To schedule an appointment, team captains should make an appointment during the team registration. Photos are available for purchase at www.usta.com/nationalchampionships

Website

The USTA League National Championship home page will be updated with stories, photos and scores daily. Be sure your local newspaper sports editor, friends and family have the address so they can check the results. Go to www.usta.com/nationalchampionships

Medical Emergency

Banner Del E Web Medical Center
14502 W.Meeker Blvd.
Sun City West, AZ 85375
623-214-4000

Advantage Urgent Care
14800 W. Mountain View Blvd. Ste 190
Surprise, AZ 85374
602-530-6189
Emergency medical and surgical service
Open 7 days a week

Tips for Players and Spectators

We recommend that spectators bring an umbrella for protection from the sun and a portable chair – not all courts have adequate seating.

Players and spectators should bring their own water vessel to be sure to continuously hydrate.

Don't forget sunscreen and a visor or hat!!

Lunch options are not available on-site at the Surprise T & RC. But if you prefer to cool off and leave the facility there are many options in close proximity.

If your matches are closely scheduled, you might consider designating a spectator or spouse to pick up lunch for the team. You don't want to risk leaving the facility and being late for your next team match.

Transportation Details

Airport information:

Fly into Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport – approximately 45 minutes from Surprise

SHUTTLE SERVICE: to the Holiday Inn Express, the Marriott Residence or any Surprise hotels call "To My Surprise" Shuttle at 623-218-6035 or toll free 877-495-6035 to schedule your pickup. This should be done at least 24 hours in advance.

Mention that you are with the USTA groups and the additional \$10.00 pickup fee will be waived.

One way trip to Surprise hotels is \$39.95 for one person, \$59.95 for two, \$69.95 for three. Round trip for one person \$69.95 and \$98.95 for two and \$108.95 for three people. . This service makes NO stops en route to Surprise.

Directions from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport to Holiday Inn Express and Marriott Residence Inn:

- Take I-10 west, exit 133B to 101 AZ loop.
- Take exit for Grand Avenue. Turn Left
- Take left on Bell Road
- Take left on Bullard Avenue.
- Both hotels are located on the right.

From Holiday Inn Express and Marriott Residence Inn – to Surprise T & RC

Hotels are walking distance to the Surprise Tennis Center – whether driving or walking the hotel front desk staff can point you in the right direction.

Shuttle service will NOT be provided from any of the hotels to or from the Surprise Tennis Center.

