

Table 9

- Changes have been made and the updated table below replaces the one found in the 2016 Friend at Court on page 88.

TABLE 9 Scheduling Guidelines for Adult, Senior, Family, and Wheelchair Divisions: Maximum Number of Matches per Day							
Divisions	Any Format	All matches best of 3 Tiebreak sets	All matches best of 3 Tiebreak sets when Tiebreak played in lieu of 3rd set	All matches short sets	All matches short sets when Tiebreak played in lieu of 3rd set and pro sets played to 7, 8, 9, or 10 games	All matches pro sets played to 6 or fewer games	Red, Orange, and Green Ball Tennis; When more than one format is used; All other formats
25 Adult Open; Adult/Senior Divisions through 60; Family Divisions Group A; NTRP 4.5 Division and higher;	3 matches, no more than two of which should be singles	3 matches, no more than 2 of which should be singles	4 matches, no more than 3 of which should be singles	4 matches, no more than 3 of which should be singles	4 matches, no more than 3 of which should be singles	6 matches, not more than 4 of which should be singles	108 games, no more than 81 of which should be singles
Senior Divisions 65 through 80 Family Divisions Group B	2 matches	2 matches	3 matches, no more than 2 of which should be singles	3 matches, no more than 2 of which should be singles	3 matches	4 matches	81 games, no more than 54 of which should be singles
Senior Divisions 85 and older	2 matches, only one of which should be singles	2 matches, only 1 of which should be singles	2 matches, only 1 of which should be singles	2 matches, only 1 of which should be singles	2 matches	3 matches	78 games, no more than 39 of which should be singles
Wheelchair Division		3 matches, no more than 2 of which should be singles	4 matches, no more than 3 of which should be singles				
NTRP 4.0 Division and lower All other divisions		No more than 2 singles; no guideline for doubles	No more than 3 singles; no guideline for doubles	No more than 3 singles; no guideline for doubles	4 matches, no more than 3 of which should be singles	6 matches, not more than 4 of which should be singles	85 games, no more than 63 of which should be singles

Family Divisions Group A: Father-Son, Father (60 & Over)-Son, Father-Daughter, Father (60 & Over)-Daughter, Mother-Son, Mother (60 & Over)-Son, Mother-Daughter, Mother (60 & Over)-Daughter, Husband-Wife, Husband-Wife (Combined Ages 100 Years), Husband-Wife (Combined Ages 120 Years), Grandfather-Grandson, Same Gender Male Couples Doubles, Same Gender Male Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 80 Years), Same Gender Male Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 100 Years), Same Gender Male Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 120 Years), Same Gender Female Couples Doubles, Same Gender Female Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 80 Years), Same Gender Female Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 100 Years), Same Gender Female Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 120 Years).

Family Divisions Group B: Father (70 & Over)-Son, Father (80 & Over)-Son, Father (70 & Over)-Daughter, Father (80 & Over)-Daughter, Mother (70 & Over)-Son, Mother (70 & Over)-Daughter, Husband-Wife (Combined Ages 140 Years), Same Gender Male Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 140 Years), Same Gender Female Couples Doubles (Combined Ages 140 Years)

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If a player enters more than one division, these guidelines apply separately to each division.

Completion of suspended matches. When a match is carried over from a preceding day, it is counted as a match for these scheduling guidelines if the player so elects and if 16 or more games of singles or 20 or more games of doubles are required to finish the match.

Acceptance of Entries

- New verbiage for Late Entries - The Tournament Committee may accept late entries, provided that:
 - Late entries are accepted into the draw or placed on the alternate list in the order received after entries received by the deadline; and Late entries received at the same time are ordered randomly.
 - New Option for *Optional Entry Method for Adult, Senior, and Family Divisions*.
 - The Tournament Committee accepts players into Adult, Senior, or Family Divisions based on the order in which the entries are received, unless prohibited by the USTA, a Sectional Association, or a District Association. Entries received at the same time are ordered randomly. Time stamp entry can be used for Adult tournaments other than Category I National Championships. TennisLink and TDM are being updated to provide this functionality.

Red Orange and Green Ball Tennis

- Family divisions are now allowed to utilize Red, Orange and Green Ball Tennis formats.

Tournament Specific Changes

- Category I USTA National Championships can offer qualifying draws.
- For Category I Nationals, formats, each player must be offered at least two matches in each event, unless waived by the Adult Competition Committee. Draw formats that may be offered include, but are not limited to:
 - First Match Consolation;
 - Feed-In Championship;
 - Compass draw;
 - Round robin, including a format with multiple round robins that have the winners of each round robin advance to a playoff; and
 - Voluntary consolation.
- Tournament Committees are permitted to use a block-seeded draw, but the draw format must offer a second match in the event to a block seeded player who loses in the first match.