

**Minutes of the USTA NorCal Board of Directors**  
**Wednesday, June 18, 2025**  
**Video Conference**

**Directors Present:** Leslie Airola-Murveit, Andrea Barnes (Vice President), Shaun Chaudhuri, Christine Costamagna (President), Anoosh Davoudzadeh, Cheri King, Samir Mahir, Mylene Martin, Andrea Norman (Secretary), David Panconi, Craig Pasqua (Parliamentarian), Caroline Sheu, Pam Sloan (Delegate)

**Directors Absent:** Mike Dickey (Treasurer)

**Advisory Director Present:** Jack Walker

**Legal Counsel Present:** Jonathan Madison

**USTA NorCal Staff Present:** Summer Verhoeven (Executive Director), Darren Wenger (Director of Operations), Melissa Negri (Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director)

**Guest Present:** Sarah Decker, USTA Director of Section Development

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**1. Call to Order and Introduction of New Staff**

President Costamagna called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm and roll call was conducted. Summer Verhoeven introduced the new Administrative Assistant, Melissa Negri. Following her introduction, Melissa left the meeting. Sarah Decker will also be joining the meeting at a later time. President Costamagna then asked Ms. Martin to read the NorCal Mission Statement and Vision Statement.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The Board considered approval of the agenda, a copy of which was distributed with the meeting packet. Following a request to add the Adult Committee Action Item to approve the 2026 League Calendar to, the agenda was announced approved as changed with no objection.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

The Board considered approval of the minutes of the meeting held May 21, 2025. Following discussion, the following motion was duly made by Ms. Norman, seconded by Ms. Barnes, and **approved** by a vote of 11 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting of the USTA NorCal Board of Directors held May 21, 2025, are hereby approved as corrected.

*Mr. Walker left the meeting for the duration of the Closed Session.*

*Mr. Chaudhuri joined the meeting during the Closed Session.*

**4. Closed Session**

President Costamagna announced that the Board would be going into closed session. Following the conclusion of the closed session, President Costamagna announced all discussion held during the session was to remain confidential; however, it was agreed that the following would be reported in the public minutes:

- Legal Updates. The Board heard updates on outstanding legal issues.
- Delay in Transition of Adult Leagues to TennisLink. The following resolutions were announced as approved by the Executive Committee, without objection from the Directors:

**RESOLVED:** That the transition to exclusive use of TennisLink to administer Adult Leagues, will be delayed until such time as the USTA launches a scheduling tool to be used for Adult Leagues, and the scheduling tool has been determined to meet the needs of NorCal.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Executive Director is authorized to contract with FIUYMI LLC dba Approach Tennis through the extended transition period to maintain the NorCal league system.

- Election of New Director. The Board exercised the authority in Bylaw VII.L. to elect Mariko Fritz-Krockow to the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Nancy DeSchane earlier in 2025.

*Legal Counsel Jonathan Madison left the meeting following the Closed Session.*

*Mr. Walker returned to the meeting following the Closed Session.*

*Ms. King joined the meeting following the Closed Session.*

*Ms. Decker joined the meeting following the Closed Session.*

## **5. 35x35: Bain Consulting Overview - Sarah Decker, USTA Director of Section Development**

Ms. Decker attended the meeting to present an overview of the consulting work Bain has done for the USTA to date. She noted that this information will be presented to the USTA Board of Directors at its June 2025 meeting and will give direction to the priorities and roles of the USTA and its Sectional Associations.

Ms. Decker began by describing the annual participation survey of approximately 36K individuals each year to calculate the number of tennis players in the US. A 2-year rolling average is used, and oversampling is done in some areas so that the USTA has confidence in the number. The definition of a "player" is a person that plays once in 12 months. A "core player" is one that plays 10 times in a 12-month period. All players, not only those involved with USTA programs, are surveyed - only 2% of the US playing population are currently associated with the USTA. The data includes players as young as 6 years old, based on the responses of their parents.

At FYE 2024, there were 25.7 million players in the US. Data from the latest quarterly shows that number is now closer to 26 million. This number represents 8.3% of Americans. The USTA has set a goal of 35 million players by 2035 (known as "35x35"), which equates to 10% of all Americans as tennis players. If this is achieved, the US will be most popular tennis playing nation in the world.

Below is a summary of the Bain consulting project information:

### Key Project Attributes:

- Focus on operational plans: roles and responsibilities of the USTA and the Sectional Associations
- Speaks to all of the USTA while recognizing regional differences.
- Elective vs. Directive Approach: The USTA will not be dictating to the Sections, but providing resources and support.

### Working Principles:

- Align around broad-based participation
- Section autonomy and local innovation is foundational
- There is power in force multipliers to support scale
- Invest where impact is highest - inside and/or outside USTA
- We are better together - leverage scale via collaboration

Key Priorities: In addition to the three pillars already identified by the USTA (growth and retention of players, coaching, facilities), a fourth pillar has been recommended: ensuring the USTA operates as a world-class organization and ecosystem. To that end, work has begun on drafting 3-year operating plans to put the USTA and the Sections on the path to 35 million players. Identifying what should be the responsibility of the USTA vs. the Sections, and optimizing shared services is key to creating organizational structure.

Forced Multipliers Concept: A key recommendation is for the USTA to operate using a business to business to customer (B2B2C) model that focuses on broad-based participation rather than USTA participation and membership. Key stakeholders such as coaches, providers, other sports organizations, schools, private facilities, public facilities, tech partners, and other vested partners will receive the support needed to grow participation beyond what the USTA and its Sections can do on its own by direct contact with the customer.

Ms. Verhoeven briefly shared information provided by Bain that is specific to USTA NorCal, including:

- NorCal's high participation rates with youth 6-12 year olds, as compared to other Sections
- Areas to focus growth: Data shows that there is particular room for growth among young adults in the 18-24 and 25-34 age ranges. NorCal is looking at the college space and its existing Match Pint program is designed to target these populations.
- NorCal lags in participation rates (as compared to other Sections) among the Hispanic, Black and Asian players.
- NorCal doesn't have a court shortage issue, but based on growth needed to achieve 35x35, NorCal will need 1000 to 1500 more courts.

Finally, Ms. Verhoeven noted that the NorCal Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting on Monday night to start working on revisions to NorCal's Strategic Plan to align it more closely with the key priorities.

*Ms. Decker left the meeting following her presentation.*

*Mr. Chaudhuri left the meeting during the discussion of the Consent Calendar.*

## **6. Consent Calendar**

President Costamagna directed the Board's attention to the Consent Calendar that was distributed with the meeting packet and noted that there are:

- 4 recommendations being made by the Junior Council

- 10 recommendations being made by the Adult League Committee

President Costamagna explained that any Director may unilaterally request that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar for individual consideration apart from the Consent Calendar. She also noted that simple questions, clarifications, or short amounts of dialogue relative to an item on the Consent Calendar may be discussed after the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Following a discussion about the proposal to count results from Combo Adult Leagues towards NTRP ratings, and how recent the survey of players regarding this issue was taken, and whether having the results count might impact participation, Ms. Barnes agreed to pull the item and take it back to the Adult League Committee for further discussion.

President Costamagna asked if any Director intended to pull any recommendation. There being no interest in doing so, a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar was duly made by Ms. Norman and seconded by Mr. Panconi. Following discussion, the following motion was **approved** by a vote of 12 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That items listed on the Consent Calendar attached as Exhibit A are hereby approved.

#### **7. Action Item: Reimbursements to Teams Qualifying for League National Championships**

Ms. Barnes presented the Action Item proposed by the Adult League Committee. She reminded the Board that the FAQ being proposed for amendment was last changed in March to have the funds go towards a National Team dinner upon submitting receipts as NorCal was given information at the time that this could be considered an expense that is not reported to the IRS. Since then, NorCal has been made aware that putting the funds towards a meal reimbursement still would need to be reported to the IRS as an award. Changing the rule back would allow NorCal to award the funds as NorCal had been doing without collecting receipts. A requirement of a captain submitting a W-9 to receive the funds will ensure that a captain submits a W-9 so NorCal can more accurately send them a 1099, if necessary.

Following discussion, the item was pulled for further consideration by the Adult League Committee to ensure that an adverse tax consequence is not happening for NorCal captains.

#### **8. Action Item: 2025 Combo Sectionals Dates**

Ms. Barnes presented the Action Item proposed by the Adult League Committee to split the Traditional Combo Sectionals and Daytime Combo Sectional Championships into two separate date blocks for the 2025 season. Daytime leagues are typically played during the week. Traditional leagues are typically played on weeknights and weekends. Playing Traditional and Daytime Combo Sectionals at different times will give players that play in both leagues the opportunity to play both Sectionals if both of their teams advance. The Combo League is growing. Combo Sectionals already uses three sites over one weekend and are maxed out at the sites. This is also during the rainy season which makes rainout and reschedules hard with the Spring leagues occurring at the same time.

Ms. Barnes also noted that an analysis of whether there will be any fiscal impact has not been done; however, it is anticipated that with fewer matches on the first Sectionals, the cost increase won't be incrementally too large. Any budget required for separating the two leagues will be built into the 2026 budget.

Following discussion, the following motion was duly made by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Sheu, and **approved** by a vote of 12 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That effective immediately, the 2025 Combo Sectional Dates be approved as follows:

- Daytime Combo League: January 13-15, 2026, and February 17-19, 2026 (rain make-up weekend)
- Traditional Combo League: January 23-25, 2026, and February 6-8, 2026 (rain make-up weekend)

#### **9. Action Item: 2026 Adult League Calendar**

Ms. Barnes presented the Action Item proposed by the Adult League Committee to adopt the 2026 Adult League Calendar. When preparing the calendar, overlaps, facility load, national and sectional tournaments and holidays were considered. The 2026 Adult League Calendar is substantively the same as the 2025 Calendar except as follows:

- Daytime and Traditional Sectional Championships for the Adult 40 and Adult 18 Leagues has been split into two separate date blocks. The rationale for the split is the same as that for the Combo League Action Item previously approved: it allows players in both leagues to play Sectionals for each team if both of their teams advance. This change also helps make the current schedules more manageable and reduce the 6:30pm matches. With leagues increasing participation, Sectionals also have been increasing in participation and NorCal is mostly at capacity with what is currently run over two weekends.

- Due to Easter being earlier in 2026 (April 5), the first week of Adult 40 Playoffs will be over Easter weekend. It was explained that this was reviewed when building the entire calendar but ultimately not able to be moved due to overlap and how impacted the calendar is until June. Pushing Adult 40 Playoffs back one week would have the 3rd week of Adult 40 Playoffs at the same time as Mixed 18 Sectionals.

Ms. Barnes noted that an analysis of whether there will be any fiscal impact for separating daytime and traditional Adult 40 and Adult 18 Leagues has not been done; however, it is anticipated that with fewer matches on the weekend sectionals, the cost increase won't be incrementally too large. Any budget required for separating the daytime and traditional leagues will be built into the 2026 budget.

President Costamagna noted that a past request from the Board was to incorporate into the annual Calendar approval, the ability for decisions related to the changing of dates to be approved without further Board consideration and requested an additional resolution be added to this effect.

Following discussion, the following motion was duly made by Mr. Mahir, seconded by Ms. Martin, and **approved** by a vote of 12 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That the 2026 Adult League Calendar be approved as set forth on Exhibit B.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That adjustments can be made to the dates on the approved 2025 and 2026 Adult League Calendars, and all future approved Adult League Calendars by USTA NorCal staff, after consulting with the Adult League Committee, *except* when a change would affect the budget.

### 10. Delegated Authority Decision Report

Ms. Norman directed the Board's attention to the report of decisions made by Committees that were within the clearly defined scope of authority that the Board has delegated to the Committees in the applicable Committee Charters, a copy of which was distributed with the meeting packet. She noted that the report contains the following decisions:

- Consideration of 13 grievances filed with the Adult Leagues Grievance Committee
- Consideration of 2 grievances filed with the Adult Leagues Grievance Appeals Committee
- Consideration of 52 NTRP Self-Rate appeals filed with the NTRP Self-Rate Appeals Committee
- Consideration of 1 grievance filed with the Sportsmanship Committee
- Assignment of a ranking level to a Level 4 Tournament by the Adult Tournament Committee
- Approval of two Arthur Ashe Champions of Character Scholarships, one Michael Chang Champions of Character Scholarship, and one Pancho Gonzalez Champions of Character Scholarship
- Selection by Junior Council of Gus Grumet and Sonya Goldberg as NorCal's nominees for the 2025 Bill Talbert Sportsmanship Award

Ms. Norman explained that if the Board disagrees with any action, it may consider taking further action as it deems appropriate. Following the presentation of the Report, the Directors had neither questions, comments, nor objections to the actions taken by the Committees.

### 11. New & Returning Organization Members

Mr. Wenger presented the report of 6 new and 4 returning Organization Members since the last time the Board met on May 21, 2025, so that the Board may fulfill its obligation to review such report pursuant to USTA NorCal Bylaw III.D. NorCal currently has 357 Organization Members, down slightly from YTD 2024. Ms. Sloan inquired as to whether more information can be learned from those Organizations that failed to re-new, and possibly retain them with additional outreach.

### 12. Treasurer's Report

In Mr. Dickey's absence, Mr. Wenger reported that the financial statements for April 2025 are not yet available. It is anticipated that financials for April, May and June will be distributed in advance of the August Board meeting. He reported the following:

- Operationally, the accounting team is focused on completing the transition of the payroll system to Rippling, transition of the credit card system to Rippling, and transition of the accounting system to Quickbooks Online (from Quickbooks Desktop). Of these, the Rippling payroll transition is critical to complete timely, thus accounting/administration attention has been singularly focused on this task. Following the Rippling and Quickbooks transition, attention will turn back to completing and producing the financial statements.
- Upon guidance of an updated Strategic Plan, details for the 2026 budgeting process will be reported to the Board.

### 13. President's Report

- September 17 Board Meeting. This meeting has been cancelled as it conflicts with the Hall of Fame Ceremony. An additional meeting will be scheduled in early October that will focus solely on the budget and budget process.
- Volunteer Recruitment & Retention Task Force. Ms. Sloan has been tasked with forming a group to work on volunteer recruitment and retention. This is a timely project given the 35x35 initiative.

President Costamagna encouraged the Directors to review her full report in greater detail.

#### **14. Executive Director's Report**

In addition to the NorCal program statistics and written report included in the meeting packet, Ms. Verhoeven's in-meeting presentation included the following:

- USTA Micro-Grant Program. The USTA has launched a new micro-grant program to support and strengthen grassroots tennis across the country. With participation growing for the fifth straight year, this initiative reinforces our commitment to investing where tennis is growing most - at the local level. The program adds \$5 million in new funding, supplementing the \$10 million already pledged earlier this year for facility grants. Grants range from \$2,500 to \$10,000 and can be used for a wide range of local projects that help grow tennis and support the 35x35 vision. Applications opened May 31 and are being reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis, and applications representing nearly half the funds have already been approved.
- Resignation of USTA CEO. Lew Sherr will be stepping down as CEO on June 30 to pursue a new career opportunity outside of tennis. Under his leadership, tennis participation reached record highs, putting us ahead of schedule on our 35x35 goal. He led our shift toward health and wellness and helped define our new mission: growing tennis to inspire healthier people and communities. Lew also prioritized rebuilding strong partnerships between the National office and the Sections, laying the groundwork for greater collaboration and local growth. USTA President Brian Vahaly and COO and Chief Legal Officer Andrea Hirsch are currently co-Interim CEOs until such time as the position can be filled.
- New Senior USTA Staff. To support our goal of reaching 35 million tennis players in the U.S. by 2035, the USTA has introduced new strategic roles across both grassroots and professional tennis. On the grassroots side, it has added key leaders to drive growth and access: Patrick Briaud will lead Tennis Advocacy efforts, Lydia Colaresi will oversee Digital Strategy, and Christian Gabriel will focus on Infrastructure and Venue Strategy to improve court availability. On the professional side, Angus Mugford joins as Managing Director of Athlete Performance and Operations, where he will focus on developing players who can inspire the next generation. In addition, Chief Growth Officer Mike McGoohan will lead national efforts to expand participation and engagement by advancing grassroots initiatives, growing membership, and enhancing digital outreach.
- USTA Stance on Pickleball. The USTA Board has decided that the USTA will take a "tennis first" approach when it comes to pickleball and other racquet sports. This means any related activities will only be supported if they help grow tennis. The full statement is included in the Board materials.
- NorCal Staffing Updates.
  - ≈ Melissa Negri has been hired to fulfill the role of Administrative Assistant, replacing Laurie Young.
  - ≈ NorCal is in the process of hiring an IT Manager, with more information to be shared once the position is filled.
  - ≈ Interviews are underway for the Director of Operations & Strategy and Senior Manager of Communications roles.
- Volunteer Tennis Advocates. NorCal is seeking passionate and community-minded individuals to serve as Volunteer Tennis Advocates, the positions created by the Board at the May meeting. These Advocates will play a critical role in protecting and expanding access to public tennis in their local communities. Working alongside city officials, parks departments, and community leaders, Tennis Advocates will champion efforts to ensure the growth and sustainability of tennis in public spaces. See attached flyer for more details.

Ms. Verhoeven asked the Directors to review her written report for other important information, including important events happening during the next several months.

#### **15. Delegate's Report**

The Delegate's meeting scheduled for June 16 was cancelled and Ms. Sloan had no new information to report.

**16. Adjournment**

President Costamagna recognized Darren Wenger, and his wife Becca Bauer, who are moving out of state to live closer to family. Mr. Wenger has been with the Section for 14 years. Both made significant contributions to USTA NorCal during their tenure. Directors shared their memories and their thanks for his and Becca's contributions.

Following the announcement that the next meeting will be by video conference on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, with no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrea Norman, Secretary

This document contains all committee recommendations made (or not included) since the previous board meeting on May 21, 2025.

**Junior Council**

- 1. Certified Officials Requirement.** Approved at a meeting held June 4, 2025, by a vote of 4 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That effective immediately, Regulation 30 of the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Regulations is amended to add clarity to the minimum officials requirements. (Underlined language is proposed to be added; stricken-through language is proposed to be deleted.)

**30. Certified Officials at Tournaments.**

- A. Level 6, 5, 4, and 3 Tournaments.** ~~The Each Level 6, 5, 4 and 3 Tournament must have a USTA-certified Referee must be a referee certified by the USTA.~~ A Site Referee is required at each satellite site. The Site Referee must be a USTA Certified Official, but certification as a referee is not required. ~~A minimum of two officials are required for each eight (8) courts in play, one of whom must be a USTA Certified Official; the remaining officials may be a USTA Certified Official or a USTA NorCal Approved Court Monitor—see Table 4. The total number of officials required at each site are based on the number of tournament courts in use, and are as set forth in Table 4.~~ Any waiver to these rules is subject to the prior written approval of the USTA NorCal Junior Staff.

<b>Number of Courts</b>	<b>Minimum Requirement</b>
1 to 4	1 Total: 1 Certified Official*
5 to 8	2 Total: 1 Certified Official* + 1 Additional Certified Official or Approved Court Monitor
9 to 12	3 Total: 2 Certified Officials* + 1 Additional Certified Official or Approved Court Monitor
13 to 16	4 Total: 2 Certified Officials* + 2 Additional Certified Officials or Approved Court Monitors
17 to 20	5 Total: 3 Certified Officials* + 2 Additional Certified Officials or Approved Court Monitors
21 to 24	6 Total: 3 Certified Officials* + 3 Additional Certified Officials or Approved Court Monitors
25 to 28	7 Total: 4 Certified Officials* + 3 Additional Certified Officials or Approved Court Monitors
29 to 32	8 Total: 4 Certified Officials* + 4 Additional Certified Officials or Approved Court Monitors
* <u>At the primary site, one of the Certified Officials is the USTA-certified Referee; at a satellite site, one of the Certified Officials is the Site Referee.</u>	

**B. Level 7 Tournaments.**

- USTA Certified Officials are not required at Level 7 Tournaments, however, a person acting in the role of Referee is required.
- The Tournament Director may also serve as Referee, *provided that* the training required by the USTA Officiating Department to serve the dual role of Tournament Director/Referee, has been completed, and *provided that* the Tournament Director/Referee must be present during play. When a person serves as both Tournament Director and Referee, that person will assume all of the responsibilities of Referee, *except* that the person must not be a member of the Tournament Appeals Committee.
- Tournament Director is required to be on site at all hours of tournament play.
- When a person other than the Tournament Director is serving as Referee, the person must have fulfilled the training required by the USTA Officiating Department.
- When a satellite site is used, a person must serve in the role of Deputy Site Referee at the satellite site, and that person must have fulfilled the training required by the USTA Officiating Department.
- Level 7 Tournaments must have met the minimum number of officials required in Table 4, with the Referee fulfilling one of the Certified Official requirements, and all other persons may be Approved Court Monitors.

**Regulation 30.B. Comment.** A person who is a USTA-Certified Referee has met the training required by the USTA Officiating Department. A person who has completed the training to serve in the dual role of Tournament Director/Referee, regardless of whether that person is serving as Tournament Director or not, has met the training required by the USTA Officiating Department.

**Rationale:** Junior Council believes that clarity is needed with respect to Junior Tournament Regulation 30 that sets the requirements for the numbers of the Officials at Tournaments. The regulation is ambiguous as to whether every tournament must have a Referee, and the table of required officials doesn't give an explanation as to whether the Referee is fulfilling one of the "Certified Officials" requirements. Additionally, the USTA Regulations do not require a Tournament Director to be on site, but given that at Level 7 the Tournament Director can serve in the Dual Role as Referee, it was decided Regulation 30 should clarify this so there is no room for a misinterpretation regarding the requirement to be on-site.

- 2. Doubles-Only Tournament Draw Formats, Selection Procedures and Match Formats.** Approved at a meeting held June 4, 2025, by a vote of 4 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That, effective July 1, 2025, USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Regulations 8.C.ii.c. and d., 8.D.ii.b. and f., and 8.E.iii.b. are hereby amended as set forth below to change the draw format for Level 3, Level 4, and Level 5 Doubles-Only Tournaments, remove match guarantees, and change match formats (underlined language is proposed to be added; stricken-through language is proposed to be deleted):

**8. USTA NorCal Junior Ranking Tournament Descriptions.**

**C. Level 5 Tournaments.**

**ii. Level 5 Championship Doubles-Only and Mixed Doubles-Only Tournaments.**

**c. Draw Size and Format.**

- (1) Weekend Tournaments.** When a tournament is sanctioned over a weekend, each doubles draw size will be limited to 32 teams. The draw format will be based on the number of entries as follows:

- 3 to 5 teams: Round Robin
- 6 or more teams: First Match Consolation

~~When 27 or fewer entries are received, teams will be selected and placed on an alternate list as set forth in Regulation 36. A compass draw format with a playoff for 3rd place will be played and will guarantee each team three matches (except when 7 or fewer entries are received, as described in Regulation 36):~~

- ~~• Non-main draw compass draw brackets with teams that have won their third match will be played out to completion.~~
- ~~• Except that, if there are byes in the draw, teams that have lost their third round will play a one or more additional rounds if playing that additional round guarantees either that team or its opponent a third match.~~

- (2) Mid-Week Tournaments.** When a tournament is sanctioned mid-week (not on a Saturday to Sunday date block), each doubles draw size will be limited to 16 teams. The draw format will be based on the number of entries as follows:

- 3 to 5 teams: Round Robin
- 5 or more teams: First Match Consolation

~~When 13 or fewer entries are received, teams will be selected and placed on an alternate list as set forth in Regulation 36. A compass draw format with a playoff for 3rd place will be played (except when 7 or fewer entries are received, as described in Regulation 36):~~

- d. Match Format.** Ad scoring will be used. All matches will be the Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets with a 10-Point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd set. If the score in a set reaches 6-games all, a 7-point Set Tiebreak will be played. ~~Short Sets (4 game-sets) with a 7-point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd Set. If the score in a Short Set reaches 4 games all, a 7-point Set Tiebreak will be played.~~ See Regulation 21 for information on shortening match formats in the event of inclement weather, health concerns, or safety concerns.

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**D. Open Level 4 Tournaments.**

**ii. Open and Closed Level 4 Excellence Doubles-Only Tournaments.**

- b. Draw Size and Format.** The doubles draw size is limited to 32 teams. The draw format will be based on the number of entries as follows:

- 3 to 5 teams: Round Robin
- 6 or more teams: First Match Consolation

~~When 27 or fewer entries are received, teams will be selected and placed on an alternate list as set forth in Regulation 36. A compass draw format with a playoff for 3rd place will be~~

~~played and will guarantee each team three matches (except when 7 or fewer entries are received, as described in Regulation 36):~~

- ~~• Non-main draw compass draw brackets with teams that have won their third match will be played out to completion.~~
- ~~• Except that, if there are byes in the draw, teams that have lost their third round will play a one or more additional rounds if playing that additional round guarantees either that team or its opponent a third match.~~

**f. Match Formats.** Ad scoring will be used. All matches will be the Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets with a 10-Point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd set. If the score in a set reaches 6-games all, a 7-point Set Tiebreak will be played.

~~(1) Main Draw (East) Matches Through Quarterfinals.~~ All main draw (East Draw) matches through the quarterfinals will be the Best of 3 Short Sets (4 game sets) with a 7-point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd Set. If the score in the Short Set reaches 4-games, a 7-point Set Tiebreak will be played.

~~(2) Main Draw Semifinals and Finals, and 3rd Place Playoff.~~ The semifinals, finals and playoff for 3rd place will use the Best of 3 Tiebreak sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd set.

~~(3) All Consolation (Non-East) Matches.~~ All consolation (Non-East Draw) matches will be the Best of 3 Short Sets (4 game sets) with a 7-point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd Set. If the score in the Short Set reaches 4-games, a 7-point Set Tiebreak will be played.

**8. USTA NorCal Junior Ranking Tournament Descriptions.**

**E. Closed Level 3 Sectional Championships.**

**iii. Closed Level 3 Doubles-Only and Mixed Doubles-Only Sectional Championships.**

**b. Draw Size, and Draw Format, and Match Format.** The doubles draw size is limited to 32 teams. The draw and match formats will be based on the number of entries as follows:

- When 3-5 teams are in the draw, a Round Robin draw format will be played. The match format will be Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets with a 10-Point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd set. If the score in a set reaches 6-games all, a 7-point Set Tiebreak will be played.
- When 6 or more teams are in the draw, a First Match Consolation will be played with a playoff for 3rd place. The main draw matches and playoff for 3rd place will be the Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets with a 10-Point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd set. If the score in a set reaches 6-games all, a 7-point Set Tiebreak will be played. The consolation matches will be the Best of 3 Short Sets (4 game sets) with a 7-point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd Set. If the score in the Short Set reaches 4-games, a 7-point Set Tiebreak will be played.

~~When 27 or fewer entries are received, teams will be selected and placed on an alternate list as set forth in Regulation 36. A compass draw format with a playoff for 3rd place will be played and will guarantee each team three matches (except when 7 or fewer entries are received, as described in Regulation 36):~~

- ~~• Non-main draw compass draw brackets with teams that have won their third match will be played out to completion.~~
- ~~• Except that, if there are byes in the draw, teams that have lost their third round will play a one or more additional rounds if playing that additional round guarantees either that team or its opponent a third match.~~

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That, effective July 1, 2025, NorCal Junior Tournament Regulation 36 is amended to remove reference to Level 3, Level 4 and Level 5 Doubles-Only Non-Dominant Duo Tournaments, and to change the number of teams selected for Level 4 and Level 5 Dominant Duos when the draw is not full (underlined language is proposed to be added; stricken-through language is proposed to be deleted):

**36. Level 4 and Level 5 Dominant Duo and ~~Level 3, Level 4 and Level 5 Doubles-Only Tournaments:~~ Selection of Players When Draw Not Full.** When fewer than the maximum numbers of teams are entered, the number of teams selected will be as set forth in the table below.

<b>*Number of Entries</b>	<b>**Total Players Selected</b>	<b>Alternates</b>	<b>Special Draw Instructions</b>
32 or more	32	Any over 32	<u>Compass Draw of 32 with no byes.</u>
31	31	0	<u>Compass Draw of 32 with 1 byes.</u>

<b>TABLE 6: Selection of Teams when Draw Not Full</b>			
<b>*Number of Entries</b>	<b>**Total Players Selected</b>	<b>Alternates</b>	<b>Special Draw Instructions</b>
30	30	0	<u>Compass Draw of 32 with 2 byes.</u>
29	29	0	<u>Compass Draw of 32 with 3 byes.</u>
28	28	0	<u>Compass Draw of 32 with 4 byes.</u>
24-27	24	0-3	<u>Compass Draw of 32 with 8 byes.</u>
<del>23</del>	<del>23</del>	0	
<del>22</del>	<del>22</del>	0	
<del>21</del>	<del>21</del>	0	
<del>16-20</del> <u>16-23</u>	16	<del>0-4</del> <u>0-7</u>	<u>Compass Draw of 16 with no byes.</u>
15	15	0	<u>Compass Draw of 16 with 1 bye.</u>
14	14	0	<u>Compass Draw of 16 with 2 byes.</u>
12-13	12	1	<u>Compass Draw of 16 with 4 byes.</u>
8-11	8	0-3	<u>Compass Draw of 8 with no byes.</u>
5-7	5	0-2	One Round Robin of 5 Teams Played (Consists of 5 rounds; each team gets 4 matches)
4	4	0	One Round Robin of 4 Teams Played (Consists of 3 rounds; each team gets 3 matches)
1-3	0	1-3	Event Cancelled. If feasible, give these players the option to play the next-older age division.
<p>* When this number of entries received at deadline, select the number of players in the Total Players Selected column.  ** If late entries are added after the deadline and before the draw is made, flight players into draws based on the new total entries according to this column. Examples: If 24 players are accepted, but 8 late entries are added before the draws are made, flight based on the numbers in the row for 32 Total Selected Players; If 22 players are accepted, but 3 late entries are added before the draws are made, flight based on the numbers in the row for 24 Total Selected Players, with the last entry being the #1 alternate.</p>			

**Rationale:** This proposal addresses the issue of how Doubles-Only Tournaments are to be run when fewer than the maximum numbers of entries are received. The required draw formats can give less than the 3-match guarantee required by the Regulations. The Council considered three options for consideration:

- Leave formats as is, but remove the match guarantees;
- Place limits on the acceptance of entries when fewer than the draw limit enter; and
- Change the draw format to a First Match Loser Consolation, which typically gives teams 2 matches and allows for all teams entered to be selected (up to the draw limit).

Council also took into consideration data on the numbers of entries from the last 12 months of Level 3, 4 and 5 Doubles-Only Tournaments. The proposal is to change the draw format to a First Match Consolation, with some adjustments to match formats. It is effectively the easiest option and will allow all teams that enter to play, up to the draw limit sets, and will guarantee all teams two matches.

- 3. 2026 Junior Tournament Calendar.** Approved at a meeting held June 4, 2025, by a vote of 4 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That the 2026 Junior Tournament Calendar be approved as set forth in **Exhibit A-1**.

**Rationale:** Annually, one of the key responsibilities of Junior Council is to propose a calendar of tournaments to be sanctioned for the following year. The calendar must be put in place in advance of the opening of sanctioning which is projected to start on or about July 1. Level 7s and 6s can be held any time of year, *except* the L6 Ratings Round Robins that have historically only been held on designated Level-Based Tournament weekends. The numbers of other tournaments (Level 3s, 4s, and 5s, and one L2 with other Sections) have been limited by the USTA and need to be placed on the calendar to ensure an organized schedule, and one that meets the needs of the players. Historically, such considerations as:

- Traditional school year;
- Weather;
- Dates of the USTA National Junior Tournaments;
- Requirement that Open tournaments must be on consecutive days (no 2-weekend tournaments);
- Decision that tournaments will not be played on school days;
- Court requirements of the various tournaments;

- Periodization; and
  - Distribution of tournaments by Level throughout calendar year
- have all been considerations when planning the calendar.

The proposed calendar is substantively the same as 2025, with adjustments being made based on the national calendar of Level 1-3 tournaments. Additionally, the proposed calendar shifts the October tournaments so they don't conflict with Section Connection, so that if there's a session that is of interest to this level of player (similar to the College Recruiting Session last year), they can attend. This adjustment also reduces the conflict with girls CIF.

- 4. Entry Fee Increases.** Approved at a meeting held June 4, 2025, by a vote of 4 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That, effective immediately, the entry fees for junior tournaments which are set forth in USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Regulation 6.E. shall be increased as set forth below (underlined language is proposed to be added; stricken-through language is proposed to be deleted).

**6. Player Entry.**  
**E. Entry Fees.**

<b>Table 1: Maximum Entry Fees</b>			
The fees in parentheses are the actual fees that will appear on the Serve Tennis Tournament Home Page when the maximum fee is charged. These fees include the administration fee charged by Serve Tennis for processing the entry.			
<b>Level</b>	<b>Singles Entry Fee</b>	<b>Doubles Entry Fee Per Player (When Held with Singles)</b>	<b>Doubles-Only Tournament Entry Fee Per Player</b>
<b>Level 7</b>	<u>\$72.00</u> ( <del>\$75.13</del> ) <u>\$68.00</u> ( <del>\$72.02</del> )	\$7.00 (\$7.77)	<u>\$31.00</u> ( <del>\$32.64</del> ) <u>\$30.00</u> ( <del>\$31.61</del> )
<b>Level 6 Ratings Round Robins</b>	<u>\$95.00</u> ( <del>\$98.85</del> ) <u>\$88.00</u> ( <del>\$91.71</del> )	n/a	n/a
<b>All Other Level 6</b>	<u>\$84.00</u> ( <del>\$87.56</del> ) <u>\$80.00</u> ( <del>\$83.42</del> )	\$8.00 (\$8.81)	<u>\$41.00</u> ( <del>\$43.01</del> ) <u>\$39.00</u> ( <del>\$40.93</del> )
<b>Level 5 Super Series</b>	<u>\$101.00</u> ( <del>\$105.18</del> ) <u>\$94.00</u> ( <del>\$97.83</del> )	n/a	n/a
<b>Level 5 Dominant Duo</b>	<u>\$114.00</u> ( <del>\$118.65</del> ) <u>\$106.00</u> ( <del>\$110.36</del> )	n/a	n/a
<b>All Other Level 5</b>	<u>\$95.00</u> ( <del>\$98.89</del> ) <u>\$89.00</u> ( <del>\$92.75</del> )	<u>\$9.00</u> ( <del>\$9.84</del> ) <u>\$8.00</u> ( <del>\$8.81</del> )	<u>\$47.00</u> ( <del>\$49.22</del> ) <u>\$44.00</u> ( <del>\$46.11</del> )
<b>Level 4 Super Series</b>	<u>\$113.00</u> ( <del>\$117.62</del> ) <u>\$105.00</u> ( <del>\$109.33</del> )	n/a	n/a
<b>Level 4 Dominant Duo</b>	<u>\$128.00</u> ( <del>\$133.16</del> ) <u>\$119.00</u> ( <del>\$123.83</del> )	n/a	n/a
<b>All Other Level 4</b>	<u>\$107.00</u> ( <del>\$111.40</del> ) <u>\$100.00</u> ( <del>\$104.15</del> )	<u>\$10.00</u> ( <del>\$10.88</del> ) <u>\$9.00</u> ( <del>\$9.84</del> )	<u>\$52.00</u> ( <del>\$54.40</del> ) <u>\$49.00</u> ( <del>\$51.30</del> )
<b>Level 3</b>	<u>\$120.00</u> ( <del>\$124.87</del> ) <u>\$109.00</u> ( <del>\$116.58</del> )	<u>\$10.00</u> ( <del>\$10.88</del> ) <u>\$9.00</u> ( <del>\$9.84</del> )	<u>\$59.00</u> ( <del>\$61.66</del> ) <u>\$55.00</u> ( <del>\$57.51</del> )
<b>Level 4, 5 and 6 Team Tournaments</b>	Entry Fee to be determined at the time of sanctioning.		

**Rationale:** NorCal last approved an entry fee increase in June 2024 that took effect with the 2025 tournaments. At that time a 10% increase was approved for all Levels. Staff continues to receive feedback regarding the increasing cost of running tournaments. This includes costs associated with court rentals and other facility fees, officials, balls, awards, and insurance. At Level 3 and 4, tournaments are also required to provided player gifts, which costs are also increasing. This proposal increases fees for Level 6-7 tournaments by 5%, and Level 3-5 tournaments by 7.5%. Council made note that Tournament Assistance Grants continue to be available to families that struggle to pay the cost of entry fees, which is currently underutilized.

## Adult League Committee

- 1. Certified Officials Requirement.** Approved at a meeting held June 2, 2025, by a vote of 4 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That effective immediately, the (NorCal LLAR) Wildcards regulation be amended as follows (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underline language is proposed addition):

(NorCal LLAR) Wildcards. Wildcards may be used to round out the number of teams that advance to Sectionals. Wildcards are chosen during the regular season from areas with the greatest number of teams. If there are two or more areas that have the same greatest number of teams, the wildcards will be selected randomly from those areas. For areas with wildcards, the specific placement of the two advancing teams will be randomly drawn and published on the Sectional Championship schedule after playoffs have been completed.

**Rationale:** The last match of playoffs with a wildcard determines who goes to Sectionals as the area winner and wildcard. When a team defaults their match in this occasion, they get to lock in the spot as the wildcard for Sectionals which is sometimes seen as the easier flight or better match times. To prevent this, it is being proposed to determine the specific placement of the wildcard and winner after the playoffs for the flights with wildcards so that it fair for both teams and no one is trying to lose to get what they think is the "better draw"

- 2. Wildcard Selection for the Playoff Progression of Championships.** Approved at a meeting held June 2, 2025, by a vote of 4 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That effective immediately, a procedure be added to the NorCal League Rules FAQ to explain how wildcards are selected at League Sectionals as follows (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underline language is proposed addition):

Q. How are wildcards selected for the playoff rounds at a Sectional Championship?

A. A. In a division consisting of three (3) flights, where each flight produces one winner and one wild card team is selected to complete a four-team playoff draw, the wild card shall be awarded to the second-place team with the best overall record following the National Championship tiebreak procedure. In the event that there is a total team default that results in a team being removed from standings, creating flights with different numbers of teams, then the process to determine the best second-place team will use "Games Won %" displayed in TennisLink.

**Rationale:** This is the first time this whole process is being added to the NorCal League Rules FAQ. This rule ensures equitable and transparent selection of a wild card entry based on overall performance metrics, consistent with USTA principles of fair play and competitive integrity. Utilizing a clear, hierarchical tiebreaking process promotes consistency in championship advancement and rewards teams that demonstrate superior performance across multiple statistical categories.

- 3. (NorCal LLAR) Initial Scheduling.** Approved at a meeting held June 2, 2025 meeting by a vote of 3 in favor, none opposed, and 1 abstention.

**RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2026, the (NorCal LLAR) Initial Scheduling regulation be amended as follows (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underline language is proposed addition):

(NorCal LLAR) Initial Scheduling. The home team shall set the date and time of the match during the designated week and according to the chart above or for daytime, see page 27. The visiting team must accept that date and time. The home team may not post a variance to the date and/or time without the visiting team's agreement. Changes to the schedule can be made prior to the deadlines USTA NorCal has posted without the agreement of both captains. Once the deadline has passed, the schedule is considered final and may not be changed without both teams' agreement. Once posted, the schedule may not be changed without both teams' agreement.

**Rationale:** This has been proposed to permit captains who enter matches in error ample time to correct these mistakes.

- 4. 2.06A (1) Move-Up - Adult 65.** Approved at a meeting held June 2, 2025, by a vote of 4 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That effective with the 2026 Championship year, the (NorCal LLAR) Initial Scheduling regulation be amended as follows (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underlined language is proposed addition):

**2.06B(1) All Championships Below Nationals.** Sections shall have the right to decide whether a team who competes at any championship level below the National Championships must move-up or disperse to form new teams for the next championship year and under what conditions.

**(NorCal LLAR) USTA NorCal Options.** USTA NorCal additionally applies the Move-Up/Split-Up Rule in the following leagues that end at sectionals: Combo Doubles, Mixed 55 & Over, Adult 18 & Over (2.5 men only), Mixed 18 & Over (combined 5.0 only).

**(NorCal LLAR) USTA NorCal Options – Exempt Teams.** Teams in the following divisions are exempt from the Move Up/Split Up rule:

Adult DAYTIME Leagues  
Adult 18 & Over 5.5+  
Adult 40 & Over Men's 2.5+  
Adult 40 & Over 5.0+  
Adult 65 & Over  
NorCal Adult 70 & Over  
NorCal Combo 10.0+  
NorCal Mixed 55 9.0

**Adult 65 & over League.** Any team that attends the National Invitational two years in a row in the same division and returns to League play following the second year of attending Nationals with more than three (3) players who were on both rosters may play together in the same Division and at the same NTRP team level, if their NTRP rating allows, but they will not be eligible to compete at National Championships for that season; the #2 team in their flight will advance to National Championships.

**Rationale:** The Adult 65 league population has grown and will continue to grow with all levels being represented at Nationals. While this League does not progress to "Nationals", a National Invitational is well respected and desired. Applying a Move-up/Split-up rule may allow opportunity for more players to have a chance in experiencing a National Invitational. This rule is proposed to go into effect for the 2026 Championship year. The first year that will be counted towards move-up split up will be 2026. The 2025 Adult 65 League will not be affected.

**5. (NorCal LLAR) Total Team Default Procedures.** Approved at a meeting held June 2, 2025, by a vote of 4 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That effective January 1, 2026, the (NorCal LLAR) Total Team Default Procedures be amended as follows (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underline language is proposed addition):

**(NorCal LLAR) Total Team Default Procedures.** If the minimum number of individual matches required to win the match is are not played, the team match will be entered as a total team default. A total team default will not count as a win for either team in the standings. Depending on the circumstances, a grievance may be filed against the defaulting team. Grievance sanctions may include the team being pulled from team standings, suspensions and other penalties.

If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, that team is ineligible to advance beyond the local league, regardless of its final standings position. The match will count in standings as a win for the available team and the record of the defaulting team will be adjusted as follows:

If the total team default occurs in a flight with a single round (i.e., all teams play each other once): the scores of the defaulting team's matches will be adjusted to 6-0 6-0 wins for each opposing team.

If the total team default occurs in a flight with multiple rounds: (i.e. all teams play each other the same number of times) only the scores from the segment in which the default occurred will be adjusted.

If the total team default occurs in a partial round:

Scores will be adjusted to 6-0 6-0 wins for each opposing team in that partial round and Scores will be adjusted for all other opponents in the prior completed round.

If the flight's schedule is randomized without clear segments: scores will be adjusted for each other opposing team's earliest match against the defaulting team.

Depending on the circumstances a grievance may be filed against the defaulting team. Grievance sanctions may include suspension points for all team members.

**Rationale:** With the current rule, total team defaults not counting in standings and teams that are ready to play are being penalized. With the proposed rule change, a team would now be getting a win if their

opponents total team defaults. To make it more balanced/fair in standings, all other teams in the flight would get 1 match reversed/win against the offending team.

- 6. Retirement at Sectionals.** Approved at a meeting held June 2, 2025, by a vote of 4 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That effective with the 2026 Championship year, language be added to the NorCal League Rules FAQ to clarify retirements as follows (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underline language is proposed addition):

**Q: What happens if a player retires from a match at a Sectional Championship?**

**A. If a player retires during any portion of a Sectional Championship, they are ineligible to participate in any additional matches scheduled for the same day.**

**Rationale:** Matches should be played to completion as a matter of sportsmanship and respect for the integrity of competition. Retiring a match after a team victory is clinched, especially to conserve energy for potential future matches, is considered unsportsmanlike. All players deserve the opportunity to complete their matches, regardless of the overall team outcome.

- 7. Move-up Split-up 2.5 Exemption.** Approved at a meeting held June 2, 2025, by a vote of 4 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That effective with the 2026 Championship year, language be added to the NorCal League Rules FAQ to clarify retirements as follows (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underline language is proposed addition):

**2.06B Section Options for Move-Up/Split-Up 2.06B(1) All Championships Below Nationals.** Sections shall have the right to decide whether a team who competes at any championship level below the National Championships must move-up or disperse to form new teams for the next championship year and under what conditions.

**(NorCal LLAR) USTA NorCal Options.** USTA NorCal additionally applies the Move-Up/Split-Up Rule in the following leagues that end at sectionals: Combo Doubles, Mixed 55 & Over, ~~Adult 18 & Over (2.5 men only)~~, Mixed 18 & Over (combined 5.0 only).

**(NorCal LLAR) USTA NorCal Options - Exempt Teams.** Teams in the following divisions are exempt from the Move Up/Split Up rule:

Adult DAYTIME Leagues

Adult 18 & Over 5.5+

Adult 40 & Over ~~Men's 2.5+~~

Adult 40 & Over 5.0+

Adult 65 & Over

NorCal Adult 70 & Over

NorCal Combo 10.0+

NorCal Mixed 55 9.0

**Rationale:** For Adult 40 & Over, NorCal is not currently offering a 2.5+ League. From 2023-2025, NorCal has not had an Adult 40 and over Men's 2.5 League. For the Adult 40 & over Women's 2.5 League, in 2023 there were 17 teams, in 2024, there were 11 teams, in 2025, there were 15 teams. Adult 40 & Over 2.5 are NorCal specific leagues and do not advance to a National Championship. For Adult 18 & Over, NorCal has not hosted a Men's 2.5 division at least from 2023-2025. Removing the move-up split up rule for these divisions would allow players to continue playing if they do not move up the following year and if there are not enough 2.5 players in their area to split up and form another team. The Adult 18 & over Women's 2.5 League will continue to be included in the Move-up Split-up rule because that division advances to League Nationals.

- 8. Dynamic Ratings for Adult 65 & Over League and Mixed 55 & Over League: Proposal to Amend USTA Adult League Regulations.** Approved at a meeting held June 2, 2025, by a vote of 4 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That USTA NorCal will submit a 2027 USTA Adult League Regulation Proposal to have dynamic ratings calculated for the Adult 65 & Over and Mixed 55 & Over leagues, beginning with the 2027 Championship year.

**Rationale:** By having the process of generating dynamic ratings for the Adult 65 and Mixed 55 Leagues, this will encourage positive growth because players will know that their work to improve means something, and improves their confidence at being at their level because they will know that they are playing with players at

the same level and that if self-rated and appealed players generate three ratings at the clearly above level, they will be required to move up to the next rating. If USTA allows the "appeal down" process, then appealed Adult 65 and Mixed 55 players should also be subject to the 3 strikes disqualification and/or grievance. While the Adult 65 League does not progress to a League Nationals, it does progress to a League National Invitational, and it is still the coveted National competition.

- 9. 1.04E(2) Membership: Proposal to Amend USTA Adult League Regulations.** Approved at a meeting held June 2, 2025, by a vote of 4 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

**RESOLVED:** That USTA NorCal will submit a USTA Adult League Regulation Proposal to be effective immediately after approval to amend the National League Regulations as follows to require that captains be USTA members (stricken through language is proposed deletion and underline language is proposed addition):

**1.04E(2) Membership.** All individuals who captain and/or compete in the USTA League must be current USTA members in good standing through the local league season. Any individual who progresses to a championship level in the USTA League must be a current USTA member through each championship progression. Individuals shall only have one USTA membership account/USTA number. Individuals who obtain more than one USTA membership account/USTA number may be subject to a grievance and such suspension penalties as outlined under the League Suspension Point System

**Rationale:** Team captains need to be responsible for the team(s) they are captaining. All SLCs were notified on the week of May 5 at the SLC workshop, that in order to file a grievance, an individual must be 1) a paid USTA member at the time the grievance is filed and 2) must be registered for a current league in progress. Team captains should be held accountable to the rules as they are the individuals that put the teams together. They are also the individuals that can file a grievance against an individual or team.

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	National (Deadlines)	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Special Events	High School
WK	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
51	Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19
52	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25 Christmas	Dec 26
1	Dec 27 USTA Winter Nationals	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31	Jan 1 New Years	Jan 2
2	Jan 3	Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6	Jan 7	Jan 8	Jan 9
3	Jan 10 L4 Closed Excellence SG	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 13	Jan 14	Jan 15 February L2 DL	Jan 16
4	Jan 17 L4 Closed Excellence SG	Jan 18	Jan 19 MLK Holiday	Jan 20	Jan 21	Jan 22	Jan 23
5	Jan 24 NorCal Jr Player Party (Date TBD)	Jan 25	Jan 26	Jan 27	Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30
6	Jan 31 3 L5 Open Championship SG x 3	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4	Feb 5 Brewer Cup DL	Feb 6
7	Feb 7 USTA National L2 Tournament 1 L5 Open Super Series L6 Ratings Round Robin	Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10	Feb 11	Feb 12	Feb 13
8	Feb 14 1 L5 Open Cham SG/DB (32 Draw) ACT	Feb 15	Feb 16 President's Day	Feb 17	Feb 18	Feb 19 March L3 DL	Feb 20
9	Feb 21 L3 Closed Mixed DB Sectionals	Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26 Ntl Spring DL	Feb 27
10	Feb 28 USTA Brewer Team Cup	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4	Mar 5	Mar 6 Boys HS Classic Est
11	Mar 7 Boys HS Classic Est 1 L5 Closed Super Series L6 Ratings Round Robin	Mar 8	Mar 9	Mar 10	Mar 11	Mar 12	Mar 13
12	Mar 14 L4 Closed Excellence DB USTA National L3 Tournament SAT	Mar 15	Mar 16	Mar 17	Mar 18	Mar 19 April L3 DL	Mar 20
13	Mar 21 DB L5 Open Championship - Doubles USTA National Spring Championships - Easter Bowl	Mar 22	Mar 23	Mar 24	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27

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14	Mar 28 USTA Ntl Spring - Easter Bowl Team NorCal 14U (Date TBD)	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3
15	Apr 4 L4 Open Super Series 1 L5 Open Super Series	Apr 5	Apr 6	Apr 7	Apr 8	Apr 9 May L3 DL	Apr 10
16	Apr 11 USTA National L3 Tournament ACT	Apr 12	Apr 13	Apr 14	Apr 15	Apr 16	Apr 17 Maze Cup Opt #1
17	Apr 18 Maze Cup Option #1 L3 Closed Mixed DB Sectionals	Apr 19	Apr 20	Apr 21	Apr 22	Apr 23 May L2 DL	Apr 24
18	Apr 25 1/2 L5 Open Dominant Duo 18/16 USTA Section Camp 11-12 Yr Olds	Apr 26	Apr 27	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 1
19	May 2 USTA National L3 Tournament 1 L5 Closed Super Series L6 Ratings Round Robin SAT	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8 Maze Cup Opt #2
20	May 9 Maze Cup Option #2 L4 Open Excellence Doubles Mother's Day	May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15
21	May 16 USTA National L2 Tournament 2 L5 Open Champ - SG Only x 2	May 17	May 18	May 19 Boys' CIF Team NorCal Champ	May 20	May 21	May 22 Boys' CIF Team NorCal Champ
22	May 23 B CIF NorCal Champ L4 Closed Excellence SG & DB	May 24	May 25 Memorial Day	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29 Maze Cup Opt #3
23	May 30 B CIF State Champ Maze Cup Option #3 1/2 L5 Open Dominant Duo 14/12	May 31	Jun 1	Jun 2	Jun 3	Jun 4	Jun 5
24	Jun 6 L3 Closed Sectionals - SG & DB SAT	Jun 7	Jun 8	Jun 9	Jun 10	Jun 11 National Clays DL	Jun 12
<b>From Week 25-31, Up to 2 L5 Doubles Tournaments May be Sanctioned Mid-Week</b>							
25	Jun 13 L3 Closed Sectionals - SG & DB ACT	Jun 14	Jun 15	Jun 16	Jun 17	Jun 18	Jun 19 Juneteenth
26	Jun 20 L4 Open Excellence Doubles Father's Day	Jun 21	Jun 22	Jun 23	Jun 24 Team NorCal	Jun 25	Jun 26

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27	Jun 27	Jun 28	Jun 29	Jun 30	Jul 1	Jul 2	Jul 3
*	L5 Open Team: West Quest USTA National L2 Tournament				Clay Workout (TBD)		
28	Jul 4	Jul 5	Jul 6	Jul 7	Jul 8	Jul 9	Jul 10
	USTA National Clay Court Championships						
1	L5 Open Super Series L6 Ratings Round Robin Independence Day					Battle DL	
29	Jul 11	Jul 12	Jul 13	Jul 14	Jul 15	Jul 16	Jul 17
	ACT					National Hards DL	
30	Jul 18	Jul 19	Jul 20	Jul 21	Jul 22	Jul 23	Jul 24
1	L5 Open Cham SG/DB (32 Draw)						
31	Jul 25	Jul 26	Jul 27	Jul 28	Jul 29	Jul 30	Jul 31
	Gen Gap Tournament - Tentative						
From Week 25-31, Up to 2 L5 Doubles Tournaments May be Sanctioned Mid-Week							
32	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 7
	USTA Battle of the Sections						B18/16 Hard Begins
*	L5 Open Team Tournament					National DBs DL	L4 Team
<b>MOST SCHOOLS BEGIN THIS WEEK</b>							
33	Aug 8	Aug 9	Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14
	USTA National Hard Court Championships						
	Level 4 Intersectional Team						
3	L5 Open Champ - SG Only x 3						
34	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20	Aug 21
	USTA Ntl Hard Courts L4 Open Excellence Doubles					September L3 DL	
35	Aug 22	Aug 23	Aug 24	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27	Aug 28
2	L5 Open Champ - SG Only x 2 SAT (Estim.)						USTA Ntl DB
36	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31	Sep 1	Sep 2	Sep 3	Sep 4
	USTA National Doubles L4 Closed Mixed Dominant Duo						Girls HS Classic EST
37	Sep 5	Sep 6	Sep 7	Sep 8	Sep 9	Sep 10	Sep 11
	Girls HS Classic Est						
	L4 Open Super Series						Pacific Cup (2)
1	L5 Open Super Series ACT (Estim.)		Labor Day				
38	Sep 12	Sep 13	Sep 14	Sep 15	Sep 16	Sep 17	Sep 18
	USTA National L3 Tournament					October L2 DL	
3	L5 Open Champ - SG Only x 3 Pacific Cup (L2) SAT (Estim.)						

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39	Sep 19 L3 Closed Doubles Sectionals	Sep 20	Sep 21	Sep 22	Sep 23	Sep 24	Sep 25
40	Sep 26 L3 Closed Singles Sectionals	Sep 27	Sep 28	Sep 29	Sep 30	Oct 1	Oct 2
41	Oct 3 L3 Closed Singles Sectionals SAT (Estim.)	Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8	Oct 9
42	Oct 10 USTA National L2 Tourn. 3 L5 Open Champ - SG Only x 3	Oct 11	Oct 12 Columbus Day	Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16
43	Oct 17 Team NorCal	Oct 18 Herb Cup	Oct 19	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23
44	Oct 24 L4 Closed Excellence SG & DB ACT (Estim.)	Oct 25	Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29 Ntl Indoors DL	Oct 30
45	Oct 31 L4 Closed Excellence SG & DB	Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3	Nov 4	Nov 5	Nov 6
46	Nov 7 DB L5 Open Championship - DB Only USTA NorCal Section Connection SAT (Estim.)	Nov 8	Nov 9	Nov 10	Nov 11 Veterans Day	Nov 12	Nov 13
47	Nov 14 2 L5 Open Champ - SG Only x2	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17 Girls' CIF NorCal Championships	Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20 Girls' CIF NorCal Championships
48	Nov 21 Girls' CIF NorCal Championships	Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26 Thanksgiving	Nov 27 UST Ntl Indoors
49	Nov 28 Girls' CIF State Championships	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3 Ntl Winters DL	Dec 4
50	Dec 5 L4 Open Super Series 1 L5 Open Super Series SAT/ACT (Estim.)	Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11
51	Dec 12 DB L5 Closed Championship - DB Only	Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18
52	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25
53	Dec 26	Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31 New Years	Jan 1 (ends Jan 3)
			USTA Ntl Winter Championships				

## 2026 USTA NorCal League Calendar

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### **Early Start 2026 Adult 40 & Over Reno/Tahoe (must be completed by September 14, 2026)**

**Team Registration:** July 7, 2025

**Closes:** July 28, 2025

**Season Opens:** August 18, 2025

**Season Closes:** November 16, 2025

**Playoffs:** December 4-7, 2025; December 11-14, 2025

**Sectionals:** May 8-10; 15-17, 2026

### **Early Start 2026 Mixed 18 & Over Reno/Tahoe (must be completed by September 28, 2026)**

**Team Registration:** July 7, 2025

**Closes:** July 29, 2025

**Season Opens:** August 18, 2025

**Season Closes:** November 16, 2025

**Playoffs:** December 4-7, 2025; December 11-14, 2025

**Sectionals:** April 24-26, 2026

### **2026 Adult 40 & Over League (must be completed by September 14, 2026)**

**Team Registration:** November 3, 2025

**Closes:** December 1, 2025

**Season Opens:** January 5, 2026

**Season Closes:** March 15, 2026

**Playoffs:** April 2-5; April 9-12, April 16-19, 2026

**Sectionals:** May 8-10; 15-17, 2026

### **2026 NorCal Adult 40 & Over Daytime League**

**Team Registration:** November 3, 2025

**Closes:** December 1, 2025

**Season Opens:** January 5, 2026

**Season Closes:** March 13, 2026

**Playoffs:** March 23-27; March 30-April 3; April 6-10, 2026

**Sectionals:** 1<sup>st</sup> choice: June 9-11 (Tues-Thurs)

### **2026 Mixed 18 & Over League (must be completed by September 28, 2026)**

**Team Registration:** November 3, 2025

**Closes:** December 1, 2025

**Season Opens:** January 5, 2026

**Season Closes:** March 15, 2026

**Playoffs:** March 26-29; April 2-5; April 9-12, 2026

**Sectionals:** April 24-26, 2026

### **2026 NorCal Adult 65 & Over Daytime League**

**Team Registration:** December 1, 2025

**Closes:** January 5, 2026

**Season Opens:** February 2, 2026

**Season Closes:** April 10, 2026

**Playoffs:** April 20-24; April 27-May 1, 2026

**Sectionals:** May 19-21, 2026

### **2026 Adult 55 & Over League (must be completed by September 28, 2026)**

**Team Registration:** January 19, 2026

**Closes:** February 17, 2026

**Season Opens:** March 16, 2026

**Season Closes:** May 24, 2026

**Playoffs:** June 11-14; June 18-21, June 25-28, 2026

**Sectionals:** July 10-12, 2026

### **2026 Adult 18 & Over League (must be completed by September 7, 2026)**

**Team Registration:** January 19, 2026

**Closes:** February 17, 2026

**Season Opens:** April 6, 2026

**Season Closes:** June 14, 2026

**Playoffs:** June 25-28, July 9-12; July 16-19, 2026

**Sectionals:** August 7-9; 14-16, 2026. (July 28-30)

### **2026 NorCal Adult 18 & Over Daytime League**

**Team Registration:** January 19, 2026

**Closes:** February 17, 2026

**Season Opens:** April 6, 2026

**Season Closes:** June 12, 2026

**Playoffs:** June 22-26, July 6-10; July 13-17, 2026

**Sectionals:** July 28-30 (Tues-Thurs)

### **2026 Mixed 40 & Over League must be (completed by September 28, 2026)**

**Team Registration:** April 20, 2026

**Closes:** May 18, 2026

**Season Opens:** June 8, 2026

**Season Closes:** August 16, 2026

**Playoffs:** August 20-23; September 3-6; September 10-13, 2026

**Sectionals:** September 25-27, 2026

**2026 NorCal Adult 70 & Over Daytime League**

**Team Registration:** June 22, 2026

**Season Opens:** August 24, 2026

**Playoffs:** November 9-13; November 16- 20, 2026

**Sectionals:** December 8-10, 2026

**Closes:** July 27, 2026

**Season Closes:** October 30, 2026

**2026 NorCal Combo League**

**Team Registration:** June 22, 2026

**Season Opens:** August 24, 2026

**Playoffs:** November 12-15; November 19- 22; December 3-6, 2026

**Sectionals:** Early 2027

**Closes:** July 27, 2026

**Season Closes:** November 1, 2026

**2026 NorCal Combo Daytime League**

**Team Registration:** June 22, 2026

**Season Opens:** August 24, 2026

**Playoffs:** November 9-13; November 16-20; November 30-December 4, 2026

**Sectionals:** Early 2027

**Closes:** July 27, 2026

**Season Closes:** October 30, 2026

**2026 NorCal Mixed 55 & Over League**

**Team Registration:** June 22, 2026

**Season Opens:** August 24, 2026

**Playoffs:** November 5-8; November 12-15; November 19-21, 2026

**Sectionals:** December 4-6, 2026

**Closes:** July 27, 2026

**Season Closes:** November 1, 2026