



# 2023 Idaho District Championship Rules and Regulations

## 1) DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

### a) **Notice of Intent to Play**

(1) No later than two days after completion of local league, each team qualifying to compete in the District Championship must fill out the online acceptance form located at [District Event Resources | Idaho Tennis \(idtennis.com\)](https://www.idtennis.com) indicating if they will or will not participate in the championship.

### b) **Failure to Attend**

(1) If a team gives notice that it will participate in a District Championship but then fails to do so, penalties may be administered with the maximum penalty being disqualification of all of its members who had agreed to participate from all league play for the following year. The Championship Committee shall decide upon the penalty.

c) At the District Championships, a minimum number of team members who were on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play, must be available and eligible to compete. The required minimum of team members may be reduced with an approved waiver, but to not less than the minimum as noted in Graph 2B.

d) The Adult Recreation and Competition Committee (ARCC) may grant such a waiver, but may include stipulations to affect the lines allowed to play at a District Championship.

e) If a team knows in advance they will not be able to fill all lines during every match at District Championships the district coordinator must be contacted and a waiver must be submitted. If a team defaults a line at any match during a District Championship and fails to notify the district coordinator then a grievance may be filed against the captain and/or team.

f) As per USTA National Rule (N.R.203K.1): The Championship Committee has the authority to file a grievance and recommend the actions to take when line default(s) given by one team result in a situation that may materially impact the championship standings. Team penalties may include but are not limited to, non-advancement, disqualification or suspension (Regulation 3.03A(7))

g) Players may participate in more than one level at a District Championship. The section may impose restrictions on players playing on more than one team at Section Championship. No special consideration for match scheduling will be given. **Match start times will not be adjusted to accommodate players on multiple teams.** It is recommended that any player playing on two teams at any one championship choose a “primary” team. Players rostered on more than one team at National Championships will be subject to national regulations.

**Graph 2B: MINIMUM NUMBER OF TEAM MEMBERS REQUIRED AT DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

| DIVISION | AGE GROUP | MINIMUM NUMBER AT DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS | MINIMUM NUMBER WITH APPROVED WAIVER AT ALL |
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|              |                                 |                  | <b>CHAMPIONSHIPS</b> |
|--------------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| <b>ADULT</b> | 18 & Over<br>2.5 Women & 5.0    | 5                | 3                    |
|              | 18 & Over<br>3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 | 8                | 4                    |
|              | 40 & Over                       | 7                | 5                    |
|              | 55 & Over                       | 6                | 4                    |
| <b>MIXED</b> | 18 & Over<br>40 & Over<br>ITA   | 3 Women<br>3 Men | 2 Women<br>2 Men     |

## 2) DISTRICT QUALIFIERS

- a) Any team that wins an area flight advances to districts.
- b) If an area league flight berth(s) cannot advance to districts, the team next-in-line in that area's flight receives the bid. **If that team cannot attend, then, as long as the team's winning record percentage is 50% or above, the third, then the fourth, etc., are offered the bid until a team from that area accepts the bid. If no team in an area's flight wishes to advance to districts or meets the winning record percentage requirement,** that then becomes a wild card spot (detailed below under Wildcard Selection Process).
- c) If a single flight has between six and ten teams (in USTA Adult 55+ and 65+, between five and eight teams), the top two teams advance to districts. (See Graph 3A)
- d) If a single flight has between 11 and 15 teams (in USTA Adult 55+ and 65+, between nine and 12 teams), the top three teams advance. (See Graph 3A)
- e) If this scenario has two sub flights, the third team to advance would use these criteria:
  - (1) If the flights in this scenario have the same number of teams, the second-place team with the better won loss record will advance. If the two records of those teams are the same and second-place teams played in a crossover match, the head-to-head winner advances. Sets lost and games lost will break a remaining tie.
  - (2) If the numbers of teams in each flight are NOT equal, and they played in a crossover match, the head-to-head winner advances. If the two second place teams in each sub flight did not play in a cross over match, but they played the same number of matches, the team's match record will be used to decide which team advances. If the teams within each sub flight did not play the same number of matches, each team's games won divided by games played will be used.
  - (3) Rationale: Games won divided by games played offers a definitive distinction of all teams being considered, regardless of flight size and number of head-to-head matches played. A coin toss breaks a remaining tie.
- f) If flights have a total of 16 or more teams (in USTA Adult 55+ and 65+, 13 or more teams), four teams advance. If two sub flights exist, the sub flight winners advance as well as the two teams with the best records, even if they fall within the same flight. If both flights have the same number of teams, the win/loss records will determine the qualifying teams. If the sub flights are uneven and they play an unequal number of matches, the second-place team in each flight will advance. If both sub flights play the same number of matches (even if the sub flights have a different number of teams), then the team matches won versus team matches lost will be the tiebreaker. If those team records are the same, then the standard tie

breaking procedures used to determine sub flight standings will be used (individual matches won, head-to-head, sets lost, games lost.)

**GRAPH 3A**

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| <p align="center"><b>USTA Adult 18 &amp; Over, Adult 40 &amp; Over, Mixed 18 and Over and ITA Mixed</b></p> | <p align="center"><b>Between 2 - 5 teams: 1 berth<br/>Between 6 - 10 teams: 2 berths<br/>Between 11 - 15 teams: 3 berths<br/>16 or more teams: 4 berths</b></p> |
| <p align="center"><b>USTA Adult 55 and Over, Adult 65 and Over and Mixed 40 and Over</b></p>                | <p align="center"><b>Between 2 - 4 teams: 1 berth<br/>Between 5 - 8 teams: 2 berths<br/>Between 9 - 12 teams: 3 berths<br/>13 or more teams: 4 berths</b></p>   |

3) **WILDCARD SELECTION PROCEDURES**

- a) A wildcard team will be chosen if an area hosts a league flight but is unable to advance a team within that flight to districts. Wildcards are given at the discretion of the district league coordinator and the ARCC after consideration of the circumstances presented.
- b) **Not including teams that have already qualified**, the district teams with the best record in their area’s flight, regardless of the number of teams in that flight, are considered for a wildcard.
- c) If all area flights have the same number of teams, matches won versus matches lost will be used. If the area flights do not have the same number of teams, each team’s games won divided by games played will be used. Rationale: Games won divided by games played offers a definitive distinction of all teams being considered, regardless of flight size and number of head-to-head matches played. If a tie remains, the overall won/loss winning percentage of a team will be used.
- d) If a tie remains, the larger flight advances. Still a tie, then a coin toss will decide.
- e) When deemed appropriate, the ARCC reserves the right to offer a wildcard(s)

**A. GRIEVANCES, APPEALS, COMPLAINTS & PROCEDURES**

- 1) Each Sectional Association shall appoint a Sectional Association League Grievance Committee and each District/Area shall appoint a District/Area League Grievance Committee. [N.R. 3.01A(2), I.R. 11.B(1), (2)]. District event grievances will be directed to the District League Coordinator and Section events to the Section League Coordinator. Grievances filed against Districts will be directed to the Section League Coordinator. Area league scoring disputes are handled by the appropriate area league coordinator.
- 2) In the event that an NTRP grievance is filed after 48 hours has passed from the completion of the local league against a player who is on a team advancing to the next level of Championship playoff progression (District and/or Section Championships), the NTRP grievance shall be considered a Championship NTRP Grievance and will be adjudicated after the championship Event.

**B. SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 1) Matches Required To Advance To Sectional Championships
  - a)The Section shall follow National requirements for advancement to Sectional Championships as per USTA Matches Required to Advance Championships Table. USTA Regulation 2.03A(3)bAny player other than a Self- Rated and Valid Computer Rated Appealed Down player is eligible to advance to an Intermountain Section Championship competition if that player has played on the advancing team in at least two (2)

matches from local play through District Championships. A maximum of one (1) default received by the player during local league competition shall count for advancing. A retired match shall count for all players involved.

Any Self- Rated and Valid Computer Rated Appealed Down

player is eligible to advance to an Intermountain Section Championship competition if that player has played on the advancing team in at least three (3) matches from local play through District Championships. A maximum of one (1) default received by the player during local league competition shall count for advancing. A retired match shall count for all players involved.

b) USTA League Tennis Adult Division – 18 & over, 40 & over, 55 & Over Age Groups All Age Groups within the USTA League Tennis Adult Division competition will comply with all USTA and ITA League Regulations. NTRP approved levels of play for all age groups shall correspond with USTA league regulation 1.04A. The 55 & over age group shall utilize combined NTRP levels. See chart; “USTA League Program Organization At The National Level”. 1. PLAY AT TWO NTRP LEVELS AT SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (a) Participation (i) Same NTRP level At any District or Sectional Championship, if a player qualifies for two or more teams at the same NTRP level for an event, the individual must declare which team he or she will represent. In the absence of a declaration, the first match played will determine which team he or she will represent. (ii) Different NTRP levels A player who qualifies to advance to any Sectional Championship for two or more teams at different NTRP levels must declare which team he or she will represent at the Sectional Championship. In the absence of a declaration, the first match played will determine which team he or she will represent. If a player plays on both teams, the player’s matches played for the second team will be deemed ineligible. The scoring will be handled in the following way per the official 2022 USTA National Q and A. The ineligible player will be marked “DQ and Ineligible” by the Section League Coordinator. In TennisLink, the Section League Coordinator will select (1) the DQ box, which will reverse the match results, and (2) the Ineligible box, which will remove the match played for the ineligible player and their partner but will leave it as a match played for their opponents. Players rostered on more than one team advancing to National Championships will be subject to national regulations.

c) USTA League Tennis Mixed Doubles Division – 18 & Over Age Group and 40 & Over Age Group All Age Groups with the USTA League Tennis Mixed Doubles Division will comply with all USTA and ITA League regulations. NTRP approved levels of play for these age groups shall correspond with USTA league regulation 1.04A. See chart; “USTA League Program Organization At The National Level”. 1) Participation. At any District or Sectional Championship, if a player qualifies for two or more teams at the same NTRP level for an event, the individual must declare which team he or she will represent. In the absence of a declaration, the first match played will determine which team he or she will represent. Players who qualify to advance to any Sectional Championship for two or more teams at different NTRP levels may do so but should be aware that no special consideration for match scheduling will be given. It is recommended that the player choose a “primary” team. Players rostered on more than one team advancing to National Championships will be subject to national regulations. G. ITA Mixed Doubles League Tennis: ITA Mixed Doubles League Tennis will comply with all USTA and ITA general regulations as well as those outlined in 2.00 in the USTA League Regulations. 1) Levels of play for the ITA Mixed Doubles League will be 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, and 9.5. 2) Minimum NTRP level for 5.5 is 2.5; 6.5 is 2.5; 7.5 is 3.0; 8.5 is 3.5; 9.5 is 4.0. 3) Teams will consist of a minimum of six players. Each player must play at least two local league matches during the local league season in order to qualify to compete with the team in the District League Championships, if held, and Section League Championships. 4) At any District or Sectional Championship, if a player qualifies for two or more teams at the same NTRP level for an event, the individual must declare which team he or she will represent. In the absence of a declaration, the first match played will determine which team he or she will represent. Players who qualify to advance to any Sectional Championship for two or more teams at different NTRP levels may do so but should be aware that

no special consideration for match scheduling will be given. It is recommended that the player choose a “primary” team.