

## ***USTA League Captains' Meeting - Thursday, Jan 7, 7pm via ZOOM.***

The 2021 Meeting has been changed to virtual ONLY. There will NOT be an in-person meeting this year. There are not too many Leagues changes for 2021 (see below). If you would rather participate via ZOOM:

Topic: Adult League Captain's Meeting Call

Time: Jan 7, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98003570139?pwd=RDg4TEhQcUdFUXRaQmFibS9ObUtTUT09>

Meeting ID: 980 0357 0139 Passcode: 802498

If you have suggestions or concerns you would like to discuss please email them to me

[courtney.bentwood@gmail.com](mailto:courtney.bentwood@gmail.com). The captain's packet will be available on [www.conchovalleytennis.net](http://www.conchovalleytennis.net) or I can email it.

### **2021 League Season:**

***We are going to switch the Adult 18&Over and the Adult 40&Over League Seasons . The 40&Over Qualifying tourney is Apr 24-25, 18&Over is June 26-27. In 2022, Adult 40&Over Sectionals will be in June so this new calendar will get us on the same calendar as 2022.***

***\*Days of play are subject to court availability. Which could become strict w/ facilities' covid policies.***

### **Adult 40&Over will begin the week of January 25.**

Sundays: Women 4.0 unless a holiday (then Tues 6:30), Sundays 3pm

Mondays: 3.5 Women 6:30pm

Tues: 3.5 Men 6:30pm ( 4.0 Women when Sun holiday)

Wed: 4.5 Men 6:30pm if we have two teams, 3.0 Women

Thurs: 4.0 Men , 2.5 Adult 18&Over Women

Adult 18&Over 2.5 Women begin Thurs Feb 4. (Thurs play 6:30pm)

*Adult 40&Over Sectionals: Aug 27-29 Houston, Adult 40&Over Qualifying Tourney Apr 24-25*

### **Adult Ages 18-39 League - Wednesdays, beginning Jan 27.**

No Sectionals this year but we could play a local "USTA Social league" if interested. Maybe even a 3.0 & 3.5 combined. Let me know!

### **Adult 18&Over will begin the week of March 29.**

Mondays: 3.5 Women

Tuesday: 3.5 Men

Wednesdays: 4.5 Men

Thurs: 4.0 Men & 3.0 Women

Sundays: 4.0 Women (Tues if skip a Sun)

*Adult 18&Over Qualifying Tournament - June 26-27*

*Adult 18&Over Sectionals: July 30-Aug 1 (2.5,3.5,4.5s) Aug 6-8 (Lonestar,3.0,4.0,5.0s)*

### **Save the Dates:**

March 5-7: Level 5 - San Angelo Adult Major Zone

April 29-May 2: Level 5 - Senior/Super Senior Major Zone - (Thurs April 29nd for 65&Over singles if needed)

***New Rules for 2021! Please make note when forming your teams.***

*\*\*Self rated (S) and Appealed (A) players must play 3 times with no defaults counting to be eligible for Sectionals. They must play 4 times, with no defaults counting, to be eligible for Nationals. It is up to the captains to monitor this, so S & A players, remind your captains that you need 3 matches.*

**Local Rule Change:** *\*Teams can add up to two players at any time after the first scheduled match (initial roster) and up until the last **three** scheduled matches. Remember players must have played at least two matches (3 matches if they are self-rated or appealed) locally to qualify for Sectionals, hence the deadline is before the last **three** scheduled matches.*

\*No Ratings published for 2020. There will be a new appeals process for 2021 only.

\*Tennislink Enhancements - new registration process and new Captain's Corner. A Team's registration can be designated as "Closed", "Open" to allow others to join a team who didn't originally have one, or "Closed but Seeking" and players can reach out to captains. This system allows players to seek teams or sign up for teams that are open (not requiring a team #).

Reminders from 2020 Rule changes:

\*\*18 year old players cannot sign up for a team until they actually turn 18.

\*\*40 & Over League will still be 1 singles and 3 doubles.

Please let me know if you have any questions and please communicate these changes with your teammates. I don't have everyone's email and not everyone opted in for League Communication on Tennislink (which I highly recommend in the future.)

\*If you are interested in playing but need help finding a team, please let me know.

**Adult 55&Over:** Must have 2-team league to advance.

-6.0, 7.0, 8.0 teams of combined rating doubles. 3 lines.

-Weekend tourney Feb 19-21, or Saturdays beginning Feb 20

-Sectionals - May 21-23, Dallas entry deadline 4/15/21

-Let me know if interested

**MIXED 40&Over Tournament: March 26-28:** 6.0, 7.0 & 8.0 teams - Sectionals June 4-6, Austin. Deadline 5/1/21

**Mixed 18&Over begins week of June 7:** 6.0, 7.0 8.0 teams - Sectionals Sept 17-19, Abilene

**Mixed 55+**-Oct 1-3, **Combo** -July 26, **TriLevel**-Oct 4, **Adult 65+** -Can set a weekend date if we have teams, otherwise go directly to sectionals.

Contact San Angelo USTA League Coordinator, Courtney Nagel FMI. courtney.bentwood@gmail.com 325-212-7275. [www.conchovalleytennis.net](http://www.conchovalleytennis.net) for local rules & calendar

# San Angelo USTA Adult League Rules & Procedures 2021

## I. League Members Responsibilities

### A. Captain's Responsibilities

1. Establish line-ups for matches on printed scorecards.
2. Home team provides balls
3. Captain must see that losing team captain (or a player) signs scorecard at the end of all matches.
4. Winning captain must put scores on Tennislink within 48 hours. Losing captain should confirm online. If scores are not entered within 48hrs the losing captain may enter the scores.
5. Captain should keep scorecard in the event of a future discrepancy.

### B. Player's responsibilities

6. Players register through TennisLink and must be a current USTA member prior to playing first match. Players not registered are subject to forfeiture of the match. If they have a valid computer rating in the database, it will confirm their eligibility for a team. If they have no computer rating, they must self rate on TennisLink. League fee will be charged to the person registering by credit card plus \$3 TennisLink registration fee.
7. Players may only play one level above their rating. So 3.0 players can only play up to 3.5 not 4.0. Leagues with Combined NTRP ratings, NTRP difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0.
8. Minimum age required: Players must be 18 years of age prior to participating in any USTA League program. For Adult 40&Over a player that will turn 40 during the 2020 calendar year, (same for 55, 65 & Over. A player must be that age or turn that age within the calendar year of league play. )
9. Wear proper tennis attire.
10. Know rules of tennis.
11. A team can have a maximum of 2 players from outside a 50 mile radius. If a player doesn't have the specific league in one of the USTA designated areas, they can play in another city without it counting as part of the team's two out-of-city maximum.
12. A player can play on more than one team at a Sectionals event, provided they are at different levels. However, there will be no special scheduling for them or their team.

## II. Format for League Play

- A. The USTA League program is composed of two Divisions: Adult and Mixed. The age groups for play are now called "Age Divisions", and include Adult 18 & Over, 40 & Over, 55 & Over, 65 & Over, and Adult 18-30 for the Adult Divisions and 18 & Over, 40 & Over, and 55 & Over for the Mixed Divisions. We will also offer Combo and Tri-Level.
- B. There will be several levels of Adult 18&Over, 40&Over and Adult 18-39 league play: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5. A player may have an individual rating below but not higher than the level of play i.e., a player with a 4.0 rating may be on a 4.5 team but not on a 3.5 team. *Players may only play one level above their rating.* Adult 55&Over, 65&Over and all Mixed are a combined rating 6.0,7.0,8.0,9.0. Leagues with Combined NTRP ratings, NTRP difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0.
- C. There must be a minimum of three teams in these particular levels to advance to sectionals: Adult 18&Over League-3.5 & 4.0 Levels, and Adult 40&Over 3.5 & 4.0 Levels. If there are only 1 or 2 teams, then they must qualify at a Qualifying Tournament. All other leagues must have a minimum of two teams to advance to Sectionals, except Adult 65, Tri-Level, LoneStar, Mixed 55, Combo & Adult 18-39 may send team directly if only one team.

- D. If an Adult League consists of only two teams in a level of play, each team must maintain its roster with at least 40% of its players at the designated NTRP level of play. Three team leagues don't have to follow this rule. Adult 55&Over excluded since they are combined ratings.
- E. For Adults and Mixed, the maximum number of players on a team is 14 for leagues with historically four or more teams and 13 players for leagues with three or fewer teams historically (with the exception of Adult 18+ 4.0 men & women 16). Seniors, Combo, & Tri Level with a min of 6 players they will be allowed 12 members. 2.5 Adult & Lonestar teams and Adult 18-39 league teams (with a minimum of 5) may have up to 10 on their roster.
  - 1. *Teams can add up to two players at any time after the first scheduled match (initial roster) and up until the last **three** scheduled matches. Remember players must have played at least two matches (3 matches if they are self-rated or appealed) locally to qualify for Sectionals, hence the deadline is before the last **three** scheduled matches.*
- F. Each team's final season roster (including adding players) must be complete at least 14 days prior to the start of the sectionals event. Additionally Local Leagues must complete ALL regular season matches at least 14 days prior to the sectionals they are attending.

### III. Rules & Procedures

#### A. Exchanging line-ups

- 1. The exchange of the line-up cards must be done at least 5 minutes prior to match time. Captains must have their side of the scorecards completed before exchanging the line-up with the opponent. At match time, players go to their courts and may continue warming up for no more than 10 minutes. Default time is 15 minutes after match start time.
  - a. Defaults/Forfeitures: Should a forfeit be necessary, a team must forfeit line 2 singles or line 3 doubles first, or both singles.
- 2. Once line-ups have been exchanged, there can be no substitutions except:
  - a. One exception is during the warm-up a player becomes injured or ill. If another roster player is available, they may replace the injured or sick player.
  - b. There can be no substitutions, however if a default or no-show occurs, players must be moved to higher positions. Defaults must occur on line 2 singles, both singles, or line 3 doubles.
  - c. When 2 players on a team show up that are members of different doubles teams, the two players can play together at the higher position in order to avoid an additional forfeit. These players can't be subs, but must be on the original line-up.
  - d. If a match is postponed following exchange of line-ups, the original line-ups would stand only for those positions that had already started (first service attempt) their match. All other positions, even those that were in warm-up may be changed including defaulted courts.
- 3. Have players on their court make sure they are playing the correct opponents. If play has begun and it is discovered that the wrong players are playing each other, before the 1<sup>st</sup> set has been completed, stop and switch to correct courts & restart. If 1<sup>st</sup> set has been completed, then continue as is.
- 4. Host team provides the balls.
- 5. No breaks will be taken between the 1<sup>st</sup> game and the 2<sup>nd</sup> game. Remember: After the toss and before play begins to get water, etc. as you would in a normal changeover.
- 6. Play shall be best of 3 sets, with a 10 point match tiebreaker in lieu of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set. A 2-minute break may be taken between sets and/or before the match tiebreak begins. All tie-breaks will be the Coman Tie-break.
- 7. When a match is postponed following exchange of lineups and originally had a defaulted line, that line may be changed for the make-up match. See "Weather Conditions #4."
- 8. The team who has won a majority of the matches will be considered the winner:
  - a. Adult 18&Over - win 3 individual matches

- b. Adult 18&Over 2.5 & 5.0, Mixed 18&Over Mixed 40, Adult 55- win 2 individual matches
- c. *Adult 40 & Over (with 1 singles line and 3 doubles lines)- 3 individual matches won: if tied 2-2, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following methods:*
  - i. *Sets: Loser of the fewest number of sets.*
  - ii. *Games: Loser of the fewest number of games*
  - iii. *Game Winning Percentage: total games won divided by total games played going to the hundredths place.*
  - iv. *winner of #1 doubles.*

#### B. Forfeitures/Defaults

1. *If a team cannot field the required lines at the scheduled date/time of play, then they must default those lines. This excludes weather-related rescheduled matches.*
2. Forfeits must be from bottom up, i.e. line 2 singles or line 3 doubles, or both singles.
3. When two players on a team show up that are members of two different doubles teams the Section authorizes in this case, the two players be able to play together at the higher position in order to avoid an additional forfeit.
4. *Team Matches: In order for it to count as a team match, a majority of the matches must be played (ex: if 5 lines, then 3 must play). For Adult 40&Over (since 4 lines being played) you can only default 1 line or else it would be considered an incomplete match. (majority of the lines would be 3) In the case of invalid matches (less than the minimum number of matches played) if scores are entered in Tennislink they will count only for NTRP ratings and advancement (like one of your two required to go to sectionals). Otherwise the match will be considered Incomplete. If you have an incomplete match, all of your matches in that particular round will be taken out of the standings. Please notify Courtney when you have an incomplete match. (This stands for all League matches in all levels.)*
5. Full Team Default: If a team forfeits an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, then all matches of that team in the round robin portion, played or to be played shall be null and void. If teams in contention have played the defaulting team- those scores will stand. If there are several round robins within the local competition, this guideline concerns the round robin in question only.
6. In the spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play, the opposing team should be advised of a known default. The defaulting captain will still be able to designate at what position (2<sup>nd</sup> singles or 3<sup>rd</sup> doubles) a known default will occur.
7. Scoring of Team Defaults in Championship/Sectionals: Revised language to state that when a team defaults an entire team match at a Championship/Sectionals, that team is no longer eligible to continue to play at that championship. All matches will be null and void but will be used for ratings and advancement purposes.
8. Both Team Captains must be notified that a default is being invoked prior to playing the match as a “practice match”.
9. All USTA Sectional or National Championship matches played by League players will take precedence over the local league matches. Teams and or players who advance to USTA League Championships, representing the city for which the local match conflict exists, shall have the right to request that their lines in a local match be played at some time other than the originally scheduled date. Only players who will attend the Sectional Championships as members of their team and play or serve as an alternate (i.e. a singles player or a member of a doubles team) may request a rescheduling of a local match. Each line played at an alternate time to accommodate the championship shall be played by at least one player who was absent due to the Championship. Captains of the players advancing are to notify their opposing captain of the conflict as soon as they know of a conflict with their advancement to a Sectional or National Championship. Teams with

greater than 50% absence due to representation at a Sectional or National Championship for a city other than the one the local league is being played, will only be allowed to make up lines so their team plays a majority of the lines to constitute a valid team matches (3 lines in a 5 line league; 2 lines in a 3 line league).

#### C. Weather Conditions

1. Should weather be questionable, the captains will look on [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) one hour prior to match time. If temp is 40 or below or if wind chill is 30 or below then the match is called. Also if wind is blowing 25 mph or above the match *can* be called.
2. If rain occurs after a match has begun, the players need to wait 30 minutes to see if it will pass. The home captain makes the final decision regarding court playability.
3. Weather-cancelled matches will be added to the end of the season at the same day/time, unless otherwise decided by both captains. Coordinate make-ups with the league coordinator to verify court reservations.
4. If a match is postponed following exchange of line-ups, the original line-ups would stand only for those positions that had already started (first service attempt) their match. All other positions, even those that were in warm-up may be changed including defaulted courts.

#### D. Cell Phones and Beepers

1. Cell phones and beepers must be silenced during play. *Should a phone audibly ring during play, opponent may stop play and claim the point as a deliberate hindrance.* If the phone vibrates, no penalty. Please no texting on the court. During the 90 second changeover a player may check phone for urgent calls they may have received. Electronic device usage of any kind is not allowed in USTA sanctioned events and we are allowing you this courtesy.

#### E. NTRP

1. Year-end Computer rated (C) and Benchmark (B) are not subject to NTRP Dynamic Disqualification. All others are including Self-Rated (S) and Appealed (A). Year-end Mixed Exclusive and Tournament Exclusive rated players are required to self-rate for the Adult Division League play and are therefore self-rated (S) and subject to dynamic disqualification.
2. Dynamic Disqualification comes after a player receives **3 strikes** during the season and they will then get rated to the next level. Strikes occur when a player's dynamic rating exceeds the maximum tolerance for that level. At the local level, the third match flagged shall be considered a loss and that individual match shall be considered a win for the opposing player or doubles team.
3. Self Rating form online: If a player was a Super Champ in 16s or 18s in the past five years, he/she must self-rate at or above a 4.5 level. Former HS players can't play below 3.0. *For Adult 18&Over, each player shall have reached 18 yrs of age prior to playing their first league match. For Adult 40&Over reach 40 during the calendar yr, etc.* If you have a player that needs to self-rate, they need to do it themselves, not the captain.
4. Self-rating are valid for 2 years from the date issued or until replaced by a dynamic or computer rating. If there is a change in their playing experience the player may appeal their rating up at that time or they may be promoted by the Section coordinator.
5. Ratings are valid for 3 years for players 59yrs and under, and 2 years for those 60 and older. You must have played at least 3 matches against players with a dynamic rating in order to produce a dynamic rating for yourself.
6. A "Benchmark" player means a player whose rating has been determined by the computer using a combination of the DNTRP for a player and their performance at a championship

and to whose record other records are compared. Generally, players who compete in area championships, sectionals, and nationals are benchmarks.

7. If a team member is moved up during the local season, he/she can be added to a team at the higher level but still must play at least two matches to be eligible to advance sectionals. If a team loses a player due to DNTRP during season, a team can add a player. Remember, he/she must play at least two matches on that team to advance to sectionals.
8. In the event of a disqualification locally from a particular level of play, a self-rated player will have to immediately move up a level as well as a computer-rated player with an A. However no matches will be taken away from their teams. At the Sectional level, the Section chooses to calculate dynamic ratings and disqualify those players that meet the criteria for NTRP disqualification following the conclusion of the championship, all points earned by disqualified players at the championship will stand. Captains who have 2 or more disqualifications within 12 months may be subject to grievance being filed against them.

#### **IV. Determining Sectional Participation**

- A. The team with the best record at the end of league season will determine the local champion to advance to sectionals providing that team has met all league qualifications. Teams advancing to Sectionals will be responsible for their entry fee. If the first place team can't attend, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team can represent and so forth.
- B. Ties shall be broken by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the following:
  1. Individual matches- winner of most individual matches (or lines) during the season.
  2. Head to head- winner of head to head matches
  3. Sets- loser of fewest number of sets
  4. Games- loser of fewest number of games
  5. In event of a games tie, San Angelo will go back to the last head to head match winner.
- C. To qualify for sectional play, Computer rated players must have played a minimum of 2 matches with only one default counting for leagues that have a National program (Adult 18&Over, 40&Over, 55&Over; Mixed 18+, Mixed 40+). Self-Rated and Appealed Players must play three times (with no defaults counting) in order to attend Sectionals and four times to qualify for Nationals. To qualify for sectional play for Combo, Adult 65+, Mixed 55+, & Tri-Level players must play at least once locally.
- D. In order to advance to Nationals in Adult or Mixed leagues Computer- rated players must have played at least 3 matches with one default counting and for Self-Rated & Appealed players they must play 4 matches w/ no defaults. A retired match shall count.
- E. Each team's final season roster (including adding players) must be complete at least 14 days prior to the start of the sectionals event. Additionally Local Leagues must complete ALL regular season matches at least 14 days prior to the sectionals they are attending.
- F. Players on teams that withdraw from a Sectionals within 14 days of the tourney or cause a full team forfeit before completing all scheduled matches are not allowed to attend any sectional event for a period of 12months.

#### **V. Grievances**

- A. Any grievance that comes up should be filed in writing and delivered to Courtney Nagel within 48 hours of the disputed match. Include a \$50 grievance fee (non-refundable). A duplicate copy of the grievance will be sent to the opposing captain. The three person grievance committee on the CVTA board will review and decide the issue in question

# USTA Texas Section

## 2021 Section League Regulations

USTA NATIONAL LEAGUE REGULATIONS shall apply to all USTA Leagues played in the USTA Texas Section; the Friend at Court shall apply to all matches played in USTA Leagues; and in all matches played without officials, the USTA official publication, THE CODE, shall be observed. The USTA Point Penalty System shall be used at all championship levels. District and Local Rules and Regulations may be developed to supplement the USTA National and Sectional Rules and Regulations. However, the Local Rules and Regulations must not contradict the National or Sectional established rules and regulations. If the Section or Local League does not have a regulation in place to address an issue and there is a National Championship Regulation on that issue, the Section or Local League must follow the National Championship Regulation.

In addition to, and as allowed by USTA National League Regulations, the USTA Texas Section has adopted the following League Regulations for all league matches played in the Texas Section. Teams/Players participating in championships and local leagues should be familiar with USTA National League Regulations, Texas Section Regulations and their Local League Regulations.

### **Minimum Number of Players on a Roster:**

- Adult 18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 = 8 players per team
- Adult 18 & Over 2.5, 5.0, 5.5 and Open division = 5 players per team
- Adult 40 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 = 7 players per team
- Adult 40 & Over Open = 6 players per team
- Adult 55 & Over (all levels) = 6 players per team
- Adult 65 & Over (all levels) = 6 players per team
- 18 & Over Mixed (all levels) = 6 players per team
- 40 & Over Mixed (all levels) = 6 players per team
- 55 & Over Mixed (all levels) = 6 players per team
- Tri-Level = 6 players per team
- Combo = 6 players per team
- Adult 18-39 (all levels) = 5 players per team
- Lone Star = 6 players per team

**Registration for Minimum Team Rosters.** All USTA Texas Leagues shall register through TennisLink. Minimum team rosters must be registered on TennisLink by the following dates:

- 04/01/2021 - Adult 40 & Over Qualifying Tournament
- 04/15/2021 - Adult 55 & Over League
- 05/01/2021 - Mixed 40 & Over League
- 06/01/2021 - Adult 18 & Over Qualifying Tournament
- 07/01/2021 - Adult 18 & Over League
- 07/01/2021 - Lone Star League
- 07/20/2021 - Adult 40 & Over League
- 08/01/2021 - Mixed 18 & Over League
- 09/15/2021 - Combo League
- 09/15/2021 - Adult 65 & Over League
- 09/15/2021 - Mixed 55 & Over League
- 11/15/2021 - Tri-Level League

**Maximum Number of Players on a Roster.** Each local league determines the final number of players per roster.

**Final Team Rosters.** Each team's final season roster, (including adding players), must be complete at least 14 days prior to the start of the sectionals event. Additionally, Local Leagues must complete All regular season matches at least 14 days prior to the start of the sectionals event they are attending.

**Match Requirements To Qualify for Local League Playoffs, City Championships and Sectionals.** All Leagues Advancing to the National Championships, (Adult 18 & Over, Adult 40 & Over, Adult 55 & Over, Mixed 18 & Over,



Mixed 40 & Over): Computer Rated Players (C) must play 2 matches on the same team at the same level in the same age group (one default received shall count) to be eligible for Local League Playoffs, City Championships and Sectionals. Self-Rated Players (S) and Computer Appealed Rated Players (A) must play 3 matches on the same team at the same level in the same age group with no defaults counting to be eligible for Local League Playoffs, City Championships and Sectionals. If, during the league season, a player is moved to a higher level, he/she must meet the match eligibility requirement at the higher level to advance to Sectionals with the higher level team. [\(2.03A\(1-5\), 2020 USTA League Regulations\)](#)

**Match Requirements To Qualify for National Championships.** Computer Rated Players (C) must play 3 matches on the same team at the same level in the same age group (one default received shall count) to be eligible to play in the National Championships. Self-Rated Players (S) and Computer Appealed Rated Players (A) must play 4 matches on the same team at the same level in the same age group with no defaults counting to be eligible to play in the National Championships. [\(2.03A\(1-5\), 2020 USTA League Regulations\)](#)

**Leagues that have to have a minimum of 3 teams in a league to advance to Sectionals: (Exception: Qualifying Tournament)**

- Adult 18 & Over - 3.5 & 4.0 levels
- Adult 40 & Over - 3.5 & 4.0 levels

**Leagues that have to have a minimum of 2 teams in a league to advance to Sectionals:**

- Adult 18 & Over League - 2.5, 3.0, 4.5 & 5.0 levels
- Adult 40 & Over League 3.0 & 4.5 levels
- Adult 55 & Over League- all levels
- Mixed 18 & Over League – all levels
- Mixed 40 & Over League – all levels
- Qualifying Tournament - all levels

**Leagues that may send a team to Sectionals without having a local league:**

- Adult 18 & Over League - 5.5 & Open
- Adult 40 & Over League - Open
- Adult 65 & Over League – all levels
- Ladies Lone Star League
- Tri-Level League – all levels
- Mixed 55 & Over League – all levels
- Combo League –all levels
- Adult 18-39 League – all levels

**If You Have a Local League For:**

- **Tri-Level, Mixed 55 & Over, Combo, or Adult 18-39.** All players must play at least one match locally on the same team at the same level in the same age group to be eligible to play in the Sectional Championships. One default received shall count.
- **Adult 65 & Over.** All players must play at least two matches locally on the same team at the same level in the same age group to be eligible to play in the Sectional Championships. One default received shall count.
- **Adult Qualifying Tournament.** All players must play at least two matches locally on the same team at the same level in the same age group to be eligible to play in the Adult Qualifying Tournament. One default received shall count.

**Scoring of Full Team Defaults.** If a local league does not have a specific rule in place to cover a full team default, it must follow the National/Sectional Championship Regulation 2.03L, which states: *“If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, that team is ineligible to continue play at that championship. All matches of the defaulting team already played shall be null and void when determining standings but will be used for ratings and advancement purposes. If all teams with a mathematical chance to advance have played the defaulting team in good faith, those matches shall stand as played when determining standings. The Sectional Association may impose further penalties on the defaulting team.”* If there are several round robins within the local competition, this guideline concerns the round robin in question only. [\(Regulation 2.03L, 2020 USTA League Regulations\)](#)

**Dynamic Disqualification.** No dynamic disqualification of year-end computer rated players. Who can be dynamically disqualified? NTRP published level followed by A (appeal-all), S (self-rated), and D (disqualified) or E (early start) in the adult divisions through the Section Championships. [\(Page 3, 2020 USTA League Regulations\)](#)

**Local League Dynamic Disqualifications.** In the event of a local dynamic disqualification from a particular level of play, a self-rated player and/or an appealed computer rated player (A) will have to immediately move up to the appropriate level. However, no matches will be taken away from their teams. All points earned by a disqualified player will stand. Captains who have 2 or more disqualifications within 12 months may be subject to a grievance being filed against them. [\(2.04B\(2\)b, 2020 USTA League Regulations\)](#)

**Sectional and Local League Championship Dynamic Disqualifications.** At the Sectional level and local championship/playoff level, the Texas Section chooses to calculate dynamic ratings and disqualify those players who meet the criteria for NTRP disqualification following the conclusion of the championship. All points earned by the disqualified player at the championship will stand. From that point forward, the disqualified player will have to play at their new level which could possibly prevent them from advancing with their team to the Sectional or National Championships. [\(2.04B\(2\)b / 2.04E\(2\)c, 2020 USTA League Regulations\)](#)

**Team Penalty for Pulling Out of the Sectional Championships.** When a team, which is scheduled to play in a Sectional Championship, pulls out within 14 days of the Championship or leaves a Sectional Championship, causing a full team forfeit before completing all scheduled matches, all players on the forfeiting team can play in their local league the following year but cannot advance to any Texas Sectional Championships for a period of 12 months, including the Sectional Championship they dropped out of for the following year. The local league coordinator for the city or area in whose league the team played will be notified of the year suspension for all players on the team. The players through their local league coordinator may appeal their suspension within 14 days of notification to the Section Appeals Committee who may grant relief under extenuating circumstances.

**Out of Area Players.** A team may have only one player from outside the 50 mile radius of the center of a large city, Fort Worth, Dallas, San Antonio, Austin and Houston. Teams from all other cities can have a maximum of two players from outside the 50 mile radius of the center of the city. If a player does not have the specific league in one of our designated areas, (i.e. Abilene, Amarillo, Austin), he/she can play in another city without it counting as part of the out of area maximum.

**Sectional or National Championship Matches Will Take Precedence Over Local League Matches.** All USTA Sectional or National Championship matches played by League players will take precedence over the local league matches. Teams, Players and Captains who advance to USTA League Championships, representing the city for which the local match conflict exists, shall have the right to request that their lines in a local match be played at some time other than the originally scheduled date. Only players who will attend the Sectional Championships as members of their team and play or serve as an alternate (i.e. a singles player or a member of a doubles team) may request a rescheduling of a local match. Each line played at an alternate time to accommodate the Championship shall be played by at least one player who was absent due to the Championship. Captains of the players advancing are to notify their opposing captain of the conflict as soon as they know of a conflict with their advancement to a Sectional or National Championship. Teams with greater than 50% absence due to representation at a Sectional or National Championship for a city other than the one the local league is being played, will only be allowed to make up lines so their team plays a majority of the lines to constitute a valid team match (3 lines in a 5 line league; 2 lines in a 3 line league).

**Early Start Leagues.** Early Start League players must follow the procedures set forth below when they receive a year-end computer rating that places them above the NTRP level at which they are competing:

- Players who are found to have valid computer ratings, after the appeal process, that place them at the clearly above level mark (disqualification level) must immediately adjust to their new NTRP level. Prior team matches played are valid. They will not be allowed to continue to play with their team at the lower level. [\(2.05B\(3\) / 2.05B3\(a\), 2020 USTA League Regulations\)](#)
- Players who are found to have valid computer ratings, after the appeal process, that place them above the NTRP level at which they are competing may continue their participation at the lower NTRP level through the conclusion of any Early Start League in progress or until such other date or championship level as determined by the Section. They shall not be permitted to advance to any National Championship at the lower NTRP level. The Texas Section does not allow these players to advance to sectionals at the lower NTRP level. [\(2.05B\(3\) / 2.05B3\(b\), 2020 USTA League Regulations\)](#)
- Players on a 2.5 team who are found to have valid computer ratings, after the appeal

process, that place them above the 2.5 NTRP level may continue their participation through all championships at the 2.5 level UNLESS their year-end rating reached the clearly above level mark (disqualification level). If it did, they must immediately adjust to their new NTRP level. Prior team matches played are valid. They will not be allowed to continue to play with their team at the lower level. [\(2.05B\(3\) / 2.05B3\(c\), 2020 USTA League Regulations\)](#)

**Rating Differential Between Players.** The spread between players of an individual doubles pair may not exceed 1.0 in the Mixed Doubles, Adult 55 & Over, Adult 65 & Over, and Combo League. [\(2.01A\(3\), 2020 USTA League Regulations\)](#)

**When Two Players on a Team Show Up That Are Members of Two Different Doubles Teams.** The Section authorizes, in this case, that the two players may play together at the higher position in order to avoid an additional forfeit. Example: Only one doubles player on line 2 shows up and only one doubles player on line 3 shows up, then those two players can play on line 2 to avoid an additional forfeit. Defaults are from the bottom up.

**Self-Rating General & Experienced Player Guideline Chart.** New players must self-rate in order to participate in USTA Leagues. A self-rating is based on the player's tennis history. A self-rated player remains a self-rated player until the player produces a year-end computer rating. The following link shows a player's self-rating as it relates to their tennis history:  
[https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/pdfs/10013\\_experience\\_player\\_ntrp\\_guidelines.pdf](https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/pdfs/10013_experience_player_ntrp_guidelines.pdf)

**Super Champ Self-Rating.** If a Junior player was a Super Champ in the 16's or 18's in the past five years, he/she must self-rate at or above a 4.5 level.

**Tri-Level League Rules.** The upper-level Tri-Level Teams, (3.5-4.0-4.5), cannot have any self-rated players, appealed rated players, or mixed and tournament exclusive players on their roster. Each player must be computer rated. If a computer rated player, after registering for a Tri-Level Team is double bumped at the end of the year, they must play at the higher level.

**Players on Multiple Teams at the Local Level.** Local Leagues can determine if players are allowed to play on multiple teams in the same league at the same level.

**Players on Multiple Teams at the Sectional Championships.** A player can play on more than one team at a Sectional Championship, provided they are at different levels. However, there will be no special scheduling for that player or team. Captains cannot captain more than one team at a Sectional Championship at the same level and gender.

**Resources for Your Event.** The following link is the link to the "Resources for Your Event" page. Included on this page, is the "Resources & Tools" section. The USTA Resources page has everything you need to get in the game and stay in the game from forms and information to tools and related links. <http://www.usta.com/Adult-Tennis/USTA-League/resources/>

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2021 TENNIS (Local start dates subject to change)

Date (or the week of...)	Event	Sectionals	Info	Sectional Entry Deadline
Jan 5	USTA League Captains packet available online at <a href="http://www.conchovalleytennis.net">www.conchovalleytennis.net</a>			
Jan 29-31	USTA Tri Level Sectionals		Austin	Dec 20
Jan 25 week	San Angelo Adult 40 & Over League begins	Aug 27-29	Houston	25-Jul
Feb 21-23 ?	SACC Pre-Season Tournament			
Feb 19-21	Adult 55&Over Local Tournament / league	May 21-23	Dallas	Apr 20
Mar. 5-7	USTA Adult Major Zone-San Angelo		San Angelo, No league Sun	Feb 15
March 13-20	Spring Break			
March 26-28	San Angelo 40+ Mixed Tourney: 6.0, 7.0, 8.0	June 4-6	Austin	1-May
Mar 29 week	San Angelo Adult 18 & Over League begins	Aug2/Lonestar, 3.0,4.0 Aug7-9)	Dallas/Richardson	25-Jun
April 4	Easter		No League	
April 24-25	Adult 40&Over Qualifying Tourney		Austin	Apr 1
April 29-May 2	USTA Senior/Super-Senior Major Zone-San Angelo	There will be league Sun May 2	San Angelo	Apr 19
May 7-9	SACC Smash		No League	
May 21-23	Adult 55 &Over Sectionals		Dallas	15-Apr
May 9	Mother's Day		No League	
May 29-31	Memorial Day weekend		No League	
June 4-6	USTA 40+ Mixed Doubles Sectionals		Austin	1-May
Jun 7 week	San Angelo Adult 18+ Mixed League begins	Sept 17-19	6.0, 7.0 & 8.0 Abilene	1-Aug
June 12	Bentwood Fantastic Finale			
June 26-27	USTA Adult 18 & up Qualifying Tourney		Austin	1-Jun

<b>Date (or the week of...)</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Sectionals</b>	<b>Info</b>	<b>Sectional Entry Deadline</b>
Jul. 4	<i>Independence Day (Saturday)</i>		<i>No League</i>	
<b>July 10 weekend?</b>	<b>San Angelo 65 &amp; Over Tourney/League</b>	<b>Nov 12-14/ New Braunsfels</b>	<b>6.0,7.0,8.0, 9.0 /TBD</b>	<b>15-Sep</b>
July ?	SACC Texas Two-Step			
<b>Jul 26</b>	<b>San Angelo Combo begins</b>	<b>Oct 16-18 / Corpus Christ</b>	<b>MW 5.5,6.5,7.5,8.5</b>	<b>15-Sep</b>
Jul 30-Aug 1	USTA Sectionals for Adult 18+, 2.5, 3.5, 4.5		Dallas	1-Jul
Aug 6-8	USTA Sectionals for Adult 18+, Lonestar, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0		Richardson	1-Jul
Aug 6-8	Men's & Women's 18+ LITTLE STATE	2nd place teams, but any team can ask for wild	Corpus Christi	17-Jul
Aug 27-29	USTA Adult 40 & Over Sectionals		Houston	20-Jul
Aug 27-20	Adult 40&Over Little State	women & men	Corpus Christi	20-Jul
Sept 4-6	<i>Labor Day Weekend</i>		<i>No League</i>	
Sept. 17-19	USTA 18+ Mixed Doubles Sectionals		Abilene	1-Aug
Sept. TBD	<i>Bentwood's Slamfest</i>			
<b>Oct 1-3</b>	<b>San Angelo Mixed 55&amp;Up Tourney</b>	<b>Nov 5-7 in Tyler</b>	<b>Let me know if any interest</b>	<b>15-Sep</b>
<b>Oct. 4 week</b>	<b>San Angelo Tri-Level begins</b>	<b>Feb 2022 TBD</b>	<b>MW 3.0,3.5,4.0 &amp; 3.5,4.0,4.5</b>	<b>Nov.15 roster</b>
Oct. 17-19	USTA Combo Sectionals		Corpus Christi	15-Sep
Nov 5-6	USTA Mixed 55 & Over Sectionals		Tyer	15-Sep
Nov. 12-14	USTA 65&Over Sectionals		New Braunsfels	15-Sep
Nov 25	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>		<i>No Leagues</i>	

# 2021 USTA Texas Sectional League TENTATIVE Schedule

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Jan 29-31	Tri-Level Sectionals	Austin
April 24-25	Adult 40 & Over Qualifying Event	Austin
May 21-23	Adult 55 & Over Sectionals	Dallas
June 4-6	Mixed 40 & Over Sectionals	Austin
June 26-27	Adult 18 & Over Qualifying Event	Austin
July 30-Aug 1	Adult 18 & Over Sectionals (2.5, 3.5, 4.5)	Dallas
August 6-8	Adult 18 & Over Sectionals (Lone Star, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0)	Richardson
August 6-8	Men's & Women's 18 & Over Little State	Corpus Christi
August 27-29	Adult 40 & Over Sectionals	Houston
August 27-29	Men's & Women's 40 & Over Little State	Corpus Christi
September 17-19	Mixed 18 & Over Sectionals	Abilene
October 15-17	Combo	Corpus Christi
November 5-7	Mixed 55 & Over Sectionals	Tyler
November 12-14	Adult 65 & Over Sectionals	New Braunfels