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Welcome!! We'll begin our Captains meeting at the conclusion of this video

Herding cats

- An idiom denoting a futile attempt to control or organize a class of entities which are **inherently uncontrollable** — as the difficulty associated with commanding individual cats into a group (herd.)



We  our Captains!

Questions: in comment section

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Relay & Forward information

Introductions



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Flex Leagues

Did you know?

Advancing Leagues

- 18 & Over 2.5-5.0
- 40 & Over 3.0 – 4.5
- 55 & Over 6.0 – 9.0
- 18 & Over Mixed 6.0-10.0
- 40 & Over Mixed 6.0 – 9.0



Invitational Leagues

- 55 & Over Mixed 6.0 – 9.0
- 65 & Over 6.0 – 9.0
- Tri Level

World Team Tennis

- October Tournament
- Spring Tournament
- Summer League
- Advancement – NQs

Non-Advancing


- Arizona Slaughter Mixed Tri-Level
- 18-39 Leagues (SITC)
- Summer Team Recreation
- Flex Leagues

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Southwest > Central Arizona

Start Playing

Have a Team Number?
If you already have a team number, you can register with it.

REGISTER WITH A TEAM #

Seeking a Team?
Click below to find leagues that fit you.

FIND & SIGN UP FOR A LEAGUE

Stats and Standings




Enter Player name, USTA Account, team # or match #

SEARCH

League Advanced Search
Championship Advanced Search

Need to enter or confirm scores?

ENTER SCORES

Find NTRP Rating Info

Enter USTA Account, team # or player name

SEARCH

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Coordinator Options

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My Teams

Teams Following

Year	Team	League	Flight	Messages
2021	4.0 day PTC Jacques	2021 FALL Adult 40 & Over	40 & Over Day 4.0 Thurs	Communication



NTRP Level: 4.0 12/31/2019
Appeal Rating Level
USTA Account: 2008552712
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Personal Information

USTA Number

First Name
Kelly

Last Name
Ferris



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NOTIFICATIONS

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book.

USTA

Association
Hello KELLY FERRIS
USTA Number: [REDACTED]

Improve

TennisLink

Membership

Due to the corona USTA has decided to suspend all USTA-sanctioned events in order to ensure the health and safety of our members. This is a responsibility not only to those who play tennis but also to their respective communities in every corner of the U.S. right now—nothing is more important than that.

We realize that this a difficult time for all, but it also must be a time when we raise our respective games in terms of utilizing common sense and protocols outlined by our public health officials. That presents new challenges for us as we make the most of this time, and ever.

Certainly, this is a challenge. But it is one that we will meet and get through together. We will get back on court, but first, we will need to be smart; we will need to be safe; and we will need to be strong. Without doubt, we can do all of those things.

WHY?

SUSPEND ALL LEAGUES

League Deadlines

**NO YEAR END RATINGS
WILL BE PUBLISHED**

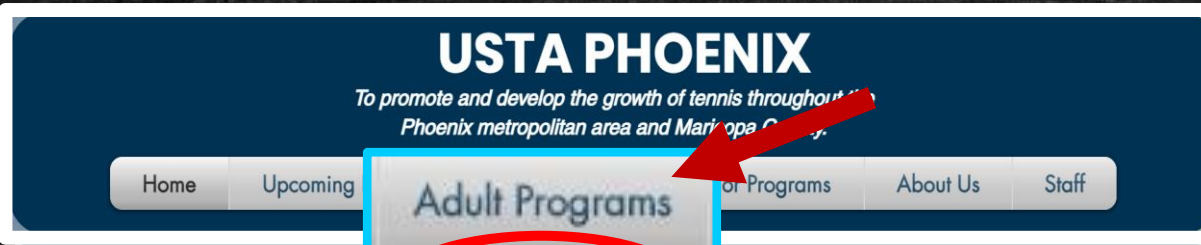


Captain's Responsibilities Highlights

- Organize team, make sure the majority of courts for each team match are played (communicate line ups, location, start times, etc.)
- Reserve and pay for courts
Captains reserve their home courts,
- Know and understand the regulations
- Confirm upcoming matches with opposing captains, designate staggered courts. HOME captain should reach out to visiting captain. But EITHER captain may initiate contact.
- Work with your opposing captain to reschedule and play make-ups and rain-outs
- Play the majority of individual courts for each team match – TTD, possible penalty/grievance
- Be familiar with hard closing times and time match rules. TWR sheet on Captains Corner.
- Enter scores and verify scores
- Contact Kelly Ferris (ferris@southwest-usta.com) if any issues or questions arise



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

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2022 Fall Early Start Advancing League Registration

Captains Save the Date! **6 PM Sept 21st**
Virtual Captains Meeting

FIRST REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

NOON AUG 9th, 2021
Registration is now Closed for:

- 18 & Over Men's & Women's Nighttime
 - All Women's Daytime Leagues
 - 40 & Over Men's & Women's
 - 18 & Over Mixed Doubles
 - 40 & Over Mixed Doubles

- Teams in the above listed leagues MUST HAVE SIX (6) or more players
- Teams that drop from the league after this date & time forfeit player league fees paid.
- Teams without at least 6 players on roster by **NOON AUG 9th** and do not notify league coordinator by end of day **NOON AUG 9th** forfeit player league fees
- First matches begin not before week of Aug 30, but could begin later.
- Un-flighted (or partial rounds) scheduling may be used depending on the number of teams in a flight.



ADVANCIN

SECOND REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

NOON SEPT 14th, 2021

- 55 & Over Men's & Women's, Mixed
 - 65 & Over Men's & Women's
- Teams in the above listed leagues MUST HAVE SIX (6) or more players registered on team roster by **NOON SEPT 14, 2021***
- Teams that drop from the league after this date & time forfeit player league fees paid.
- Teams without at least 6 players on roster by **NOON SEPT 14th** and do not notify league coordinator by **NOON SEPT 14th** forfeit player league fees
- First matches begin not before SEPT 25th, but could begin later.
- Un-flighted (or partial rounds) scheduling may be used depending on the number of teams in a flight.

Captains click below for

TEAM ID REQUEST FORM

2022 Spring Session Advancing League Registration

TEAM Registration Opens **NOVEMBER 1st**

PLAYER Registration Opens **DECEMBER 1st**
after year end ratings are published

- 18 & Over Men's & Women's Nighttime
 - All Women's Daytime Leagues
 - 40 & Over Men's & Women's
 - 18 & Over Mixed Doubles
 - 40 & Over Mixed Doubles
 - 55 & Over Mixed Doubles
- Team registration deadline (above leagues) closes **NOON DEC 8, 2021***
- Teams in the above listed leagues MUST HAVE SIX (6) or more players registered on team roster by **NOON DEC 8, 2021***

LEAGUE REGISTRATION

USTA PHOENIX ADVANCING LEAGUES

League season follows the typical school year

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
Monrning/Daytime	18+ Women's 3.5	40+ Women's 3.5	18+ Women's 4.5	18+ Women's 3.0	18+ Women's 4.0	55+ Women's 6.0	55+ Men's 9.0
	40+ Women's 4.5		65+ Women's 8.0	40+ Women's 4.0	65+ Men's 8.0	55+ Men's 7.0	55+ Men's 6.0
	65+ Men's 6.0		65+ Men's 7.0		55+ Women's 7.0	40+ Mixed 7.0	
			65+ Women's 6.0		55+ Men's 8.0	40+ Mixed 8.0	
					55+ Women's 8.0	40+ Mixed 9.0	
					55+ Women's 9.0	18+ Mens 5.0	
				40+ Mixed 6.0	55+ Mixed 7.0		
Evenings	18+ Women's 3.0	18+ Women's 4.0	18+ Women's 2.5	18+ Women's 3.5	18+ Mixed 6.0		
	18+ Women's 4.5	40+ Women's 3.0	18+ Men's 4.0	18+ Men's 3.5	18+ Mixed 7.0		
	18+ Men's 4.5	40+ Women's 4.5	40+ Women's 3.5	18+ Mixed 9.0	18+ Mixed 8.0		
	40+ Men's 3.5	40+ Men's 4.5	40+ Women's 4.0				
	40+ Men's 4.0	18+ Men's 3.0	40+ Men's 3.0				
			18+ Women's 5.0+				

1st semester – “fall session” (early start)

2nd semester – “spring session”



Need more players?

#1 Go to ustaphoenix.com

#2 Scroll down to:

#3 Enter Password (email me)



Find Players

This page is for team captains that are looking for players to add to their team. It is password protected so please email Kelly at ferris@southwest.usta.com to gain access.

Click Here

- Sort (orig.)
- Date submitted
- Who receives?
- Delete?
- Audit/Update

Currently over 845 players on the list - updated daily

NAME	NTRP	Type	GENDER	Date Entered/Updated	Birth Year	EMAIL	PHONE	USTA #	PLAY UP?	INTEREST
Amy Colwell	3.5	Self	F		1967	acolwell@me.com	734-777-4687	922432561	No	18+, 40+
Anh Jung	3.5	Comp.	F	6/25/2021	1983	anhjung@gmail.com		2010299602		18+ Wor
Anita Sirianni	3.5	Self	F	7/4/2021	1960	anita5069@gmail.com	480-323-6909	921393540	Yes	55+ Wor
Ann Schlicht	3.5	Self	F	2/27/2021	1951	anniereichardt@gmail.com	608-513-0521	922431318	Yes	40+, 55+
Anne Price	3.5	Comp.	F		1966	southtoaz@gmail.com	602-330-6495	2005510153	Yes	40+, wor
Anne-Marie Yates	3.5	Comp.	F		1962	avates@newriverbuilding.com	828-265-6092	2010625471	No	40+ 55+

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Thinking of Captaining a Team?

Thinking of Playing Leagues?

Flex Leagues - PHX

Tri-Level League

AZ Slaughter Mixed Tri Level

World Team Tennis

USTA Tournaments

2021 Women's Intersectionals

Social Leagues & Events

Tennis with a Cause

Meet our Winning Teams!



USTA Southwest Slam Series
Clay Court Championships

September 15-19
Desert Mountain Club
[REGISTER HERE](#)

NEW TOURNAMENT SEARCH

Tennislink is no longer the place to
and register for tournaments!
Bookmark our new link:

Score Correction

Email me at ferris@southwest.usta.com

- Copy your opposing captain
 - Include match #
 - Details of the correction
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After each match -
Recommended that captain A
text opposing captain B all
complete match scores before
leaving facility. Captain B
replies with confirmation.
Same principles as championship



FYI...

Since year end ratings were not published at year end 2020, many NTRP level changes are over-due and will happen this year.

Winning team captains enter scores from the point of view of the winner within 24 hours following team match completion.

- Opposing captain logs in and confirms scores. Scores not confirmed by captain will auto-confirm 48 hours following initial entry.
- Timed match or retirement scores – only enter the games that were actually played.
- A SET tie break counts as one game.
A MATCH tie break counts as one set AND one game.
- Score disputes – recommended that captain text opposing captain scores. Reply confirmation.



Staggered Start times: visiting captain designates which earlier courts will play earlier start times.
Notify home captain 48 hours or more in advance.

After line up exchanged, can it be changed?

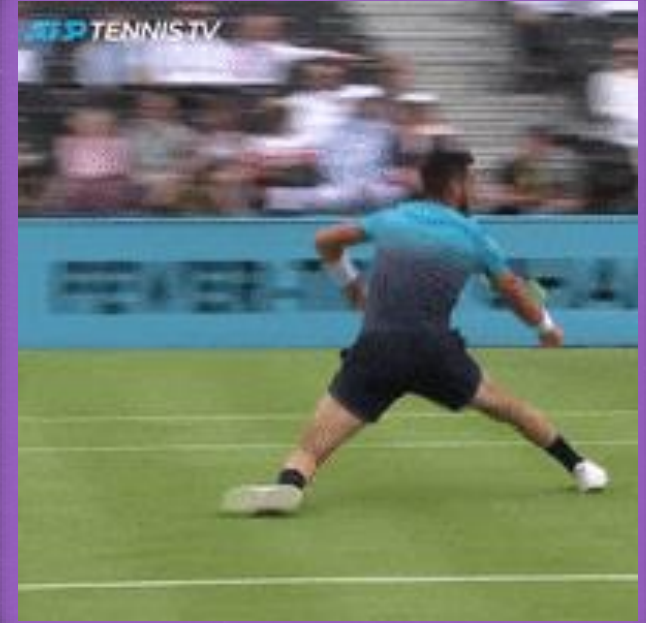
- If a player is injured in warm up & another registered teammate is there to play.
- If an unknown default occurs and other courts have not started, both teams may re-do line up.

FYI...

- If a player is "bumped up" at year end (Dec 1) to a level higher than the level of the advancing team, s/he is NOT eligible to participate in:

- District Championships
- Section Championships
- National Championships

For combined ratings leagues (all mixed leagues, 55 & Over) a player may participate in above championships IF paired with a player that keeps combined NTRP at level (or below.)



- A ringing cell phone is a deliberate hindrance. If an opponent's cell phone rings during a point, the player MAY immediately stop and claim the point. A player MAY NOT hear a ringing phone, return the ball, lose the point, and then claim a hindrance. Whose?
- On-court issues & disagreements: ONLY ON-COURT PLAYERS resolve disagreements. Correct issues discovered and continue forward. Score disagreement, go back to where you agreed and continue forward.
- Total Team Default: majority of individual courts not played. Penalties may apply

Rain-outs and Re-Schedules:

- **GET IT RE-SCHEDULED** and "on the books" within 30 days of the original match date. All reschedules/rainouts must be completed by the "last re-schedule date" on playoff schedule. Deadline will be "not before" last match of flight schedule.
- **EMAIL** me new date/time & copy opposing captain. I will update tennislink.
- **HOLD** all individual court scores until all lines are played. "Incomplete match"
- **AUTO REMINDERS** will be sent to captians if new date is **NOT** assigned in tennislink regarding over-due matches scores.
- **RESCHEDULE** date will be set by LLC IF both captains cannot agree on new date(s.)
- **KEEP** written records of rescheduling efforts and offers to reschedule. It may come in handy.

Am I required to reschedule a match if an opposing captain requests?

No.

But "**what goes around comes around.**" In covid times, please be reasonable and understanding. League Coordinator may mandate a reschedule for public safety reasons.



KNOW YOUR PLAYERS' RATING TYPES – Beginning 2022 Championship Year
To advance to District and Section Championships rostered players must play on each team in each session of play in each championship year the following number of times.

- Computer rated “C” players: **TWO (2) MATCHES**
and ONE DEFAULT MAY COUNT (Nationals = 3 matches 1 default)
- Mixed Exclusive “M” players: **TWO (2) MATCHES**
and ONE DEFAULT MAY COUNT (Nationals=3 matches 1 default)
- Self “S” and Appeal “A” rated players: **THREE (3) MATCHES**, and **NO** DEFAULTS COUNT
Nationals = 4 matches **NO** DEFAULTS



Do 18 & Over matches count towards getting players on 40 & Over leagues qualified to advance? (or vice versa)

No. Nein. Nei. Nope. A'ole. Non. Nee. Negative. Nie. Nao.

Only matches played on the advancing team number count-per session. Players must play on the same team the required number of matches based on his/her rating type.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Hard Closing Times:

Home Captain's Responsibility to know & inform prior to match

Either Captain may declare Timed Match Rules (TMR.) If neither team elects to utilize TMR, the visiting players of any incomplete courts **must travel to original facility** for reschedule and match completion (or may decide to retire.) If home Captain fails to inform visiting captain of hard closing time and "Timed Match Rules" options, the **visiting team will choose** the facility location for reschedule and match completion.

Warm Up: USTA does not require facilities to provide courts for league matches prior to the match start time. Warm up is NOT practice. Warm up is 10 minutes ONLY including serves.

Defaults: Defaults must be recorded on the lowest line first. D3 before D2, S2 before S1, etc. **DO NOT** PLAY a match if a default has already been declared. All matches played regardless of start time shall stand.

Facility Protocols: Captains and players are responsible for understanding & adhering to facility policies and restrictions.

Playoffs for Fall Session: Last date to complete all matches and Fall Playoff schedule will be posted by early/mid October. Playoffs explained in 6.00 of our USTA Phoenix regulations. "Determination of Session Winners."



Have you ever heard? Tennis is a game that requires cooperation and courtesy. Courtesy is expected.

Did you Know? It is the players responsibility to accept the calls from the other side of the court. Asking “are you sure” is fine, but the call shall be accepted after that.

Benefit of the Doubt – ANY doubt **whatsoever** regarding line-calls goes to opponent. A player should always give the opponent the benefit of the doubt. When a match is played without officials, the players are responsible for making decisions, particularly line calls. There is a subtle difference between player decisions and those of an on-court official. An official impartially resolves the problem involving a call, whereas a player is guided by the principle that any doubt must be resolved in favor of the opponent.

A player in attempting to be **scrupulously** honest regarding line calls frequently will keep a ball in play that might have been out or that the player discovers too late was out. Even so, the game is much better played this way. Un-officiated matches

Scrupulously:

1: having high moral integrity:

acting in strict regard for what is considered right or proper.

2 : punctiliously exact:

painstaking working with scrupulous care.

Punctilious:

showing great attention to detail or correct behavior.

Pedantic: of or relating to a pendant. Annoyingly correcting small errors for no or little gain.

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Team match win criteria:

- team match wins
- Individual courts won
- Head to head (if tied in standings)
- Fewest sets lost
- Fewest games lost
- Game winning percentage
- 4 court format: winner of D1

Players on Roster:

Players must be registered and listed on roster prior to playing in first match.

Possible DQ for match if not.
Don't learn the hard way.

- Membership
- NTRP
- Eligibility
- "At Level" regulation

Team Set up:

TEAM ID REQUEST FORM

Captains, submit ONE FORM per team

*"Team Designations" [explained here](#)
(required below)*

www.ustaphoenix.com

"Adult Leagues" tab

- One Per Team
- No Cost to set up team

Captain Access:

**USTA NUMBERS ARE
REQUIRED FOR CAPTAIN ACCESS**

SUBMIT ONE FORM PER TEAM

* Captain's Name

* Captain's USTA Number

* Captain's Email Address

Co-Captain's Name (if any)

Co-Captain's USTA # (if any)

Co-Captain's Email Address (if any)

* Team Age Category (submit one form per team)

☐ 18 & Over (Men's, Women's or Mixed)

☐ 40 & Over (Men's, Women's or Mixed)

2021 National Regs Changes - RECAP

➤ Plus Level Leagues are now gone

- 18 & Over 5.0 = 1S & 2D, no 5.5 or higher
- 40 & Over 4.5 = 1S & 3D, no 5.0 or higher

➤ Leagues NOW available:

- 18 & Over OPEN = 2S & 1D
- 40 & Over 5.0 = 1S & 1D

➤ Players age 70 or over will be granted auto appeal down (A,) subject to Dynamic DQ procedures

➤ Players must be 18 years old prior to participating in USTA League matches



2022 National Regulation Changes

➤ Scheduling:

A single partial round robin, wherein every team plays the same number of matches against randomly selected opponents may be used. If used, top two teams (min) progress to playoff.

➤ Grievance Procedures:

The decision of a Grievance Committee in ANY Section will apply IN ALL SECTIONS. League grievance committee decisions shall conform to the USTA League Suspension Point System

Spring Session

TEAM Registration Opens Nov 1st PLAYER Registration Opens Dec 1st

RUSH WEEK Dec 1st - 6th
GET SIX (6) or more players
on roster by NOON Dec 6th.

Exception: only 1 team registered
Team Drop after Dec 6th?

18 and 40 & Over Men's, Women's, Mixed

- Matches begin not before Jan 3rd



55 and 65 & Over Men's - Women's - Mixed

- SIX (6) or more players rostered by NOON Jan 4th
- Matches begin not before Jan 22 & 29

NEW FOR 2022 CHAMPIONSHIP YEAR

USTA Phoenix “District Championship Event”

If two different teams win fall and spring, we will have a scheduled District Championship.

Location and Dates TBD

April-May at public facilities most likely

Dates will be set after all **SPRING**
scheduling is complete
(most likely in February)



ARIZONA SLAUGHTER MIXED TRI-LEVEL Tour.

- Player gift
 - Music
 - Best costume award
 - Best team costume awards
 - More!!
- Phoenix Tennis Center
October 29-31
6.5 - 7.5 - 8.5



WORLD TEAM TENNIS TOUR.

Phoenix Tennis Center

February 11-13
3.5 - 4.0 - 4.5

- Superbowl Weekend
- Tailgate party
- Football themed
- Music

2021 Captain Gifts

not 2022 captains – current fall session

Let me know **in advance** when you will pick up your 2021 captain gift.

ferris@southwest.usta.com

Pick up options:

Sept 24, 25, 26 morning/daytime
STRC

Mixed Sectional Championships

Oct 15, 16, 17 morning/daytime
ISP or SRP (email me)

National Championships for 40+ 4.5

Oct 29, 30, 31 morning daytime @
PTC

AZ Slaughter Mixed Tri-Level Tournament



Thank You!



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