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Subject: Big changes for USTA National & SW Regs!

Hi Captains and Co-Captains!

Please read this in its entirety.

USTA National and the SW Section have updated and changed some regulations of which you all need to be aware.

The "nutshell" version is below in red. You can read the longer explanations farther below (same order.) I will put the updated regulation documents on our [USTA Phoenix website](#) as soon as they're available.

Quick shout out.....

World Team Tennis Tournament @ PTC October 26-27, [Click here](#) for more details! Register your team by Oct 13!

IMPORTANT LEAGUE ITEMS

- Fall player registration deadline: November 27th.
- Spring team registration opens November 4th. Closes December 9th. (may be extended by League Coordinator)
- Score corrections: email me match #, details of correction, copy opposing captain.
- [CLICK HERE](#) for:
 - o Last date to complete all rain outs and reschedules,
 - o Fall Play-off schedule, and
 - o first tentative spring matches

Nutshell on all regulation changes:

- Nat'l - 40+ men's & women's leagues are going to 1 singles 3 doubles this coming spring (40+ men's and women's 3.0 stays 1S & 2D for Phx) Tiebreak criteria explained below. Format for District Playoffs, Sectionals and Nationals for ALL 40+ leagues will be 1S & 3D.
- Nat'l - Players must be 18yrs old before first match.
- Nat'l - Self rates with a change in playing experience can bump themselves up – or the SLC may do it for them.
- Nat'l - Plus Leagues (40 & Over 4.5+ and 18 & Over 5.0+ **ONLY**) - no lower level players in top positions (see below for details)
- Nat'l - Self rated players and appeal rated players (formerly Computer rated, but granted auto-appeal online) must play in at least 4 matches to qualify for Nationals.
- Nat'l - Game winning % has been added to Match win criteria as 5th tie break. This will be used for local, SW and National matches.
- SW - Players on fall winning teams who are bumped up (not clearly above level) are NOT eligible to play at Sectionals. *This does NOT apply to 2.5 as long as the bumped up player is not CAL (Clearly Above Level.)
- SW - Wild Card rotation is changing for better. Details below. 🔄

- Phx - Don't play defaulted courts, not even for fun. If a court default is declared after lineups have been exchanged (other matches have not started) a new lineup may be exchanged.
- Phx – Players who receive defaults may NOT be changed after the 48 hour score confirmation period.
- Phx - If a team drops from the schedule after the team registration deadline, all players forfeit entry fees.

NATIONAL changes detailed

- 1.04(A) This coming spring all USTA Phoenix 40+ leagues will be 1 singles & 3 doubles format. (40+ men's and women's 3.0 will remain 1 singles & 2 doubles. This follows the national regulation changes 1.04F(4); 2.01A(1)b, c, e, f; 2.03A(5); 2.03D; 2.03E; 2.03H(2)e; 2.03K; 3.03B(3)a.
- 1.04E(3) All players must reach 18 years of age prior to participating in a USTA league.
- 1.04F1(e) If there is a change in the playing experience of a self-rated player, the player may appeal his/her rating up at that time, or he/she may be promoted by the Section League Coordinator
- 2.01A(1) Plus (+) NTRP levels: **This is for 40 & Over 4.5+ and 18 & Over 5.0+ ONLY**
 - 2.01A(1)a In Plus (+) NTRP levels utilizing four or less individual matches within a team match, no more than one Plus (+) level player shall be allowed to play in a team match and shall be required to play in a #1 position, either singles or doubles.
 - 2.01A(1)b In the 5.0+ level a player who is rated 4.5 is not eligible to play in the #1 singles position.
 - 2.01A(1)c In the 4.5+ level a player who is rated 4.0 is not eligible to play in the #1 singles position.
 - 2.01A(1) In Plus (+) NTRP levels utilizing five individual matches constituting a team match:
 - 2.01A(1)d Two (2) Plus (+) level players may play in a team match and shall be required to play in either
 - (i) both in the #1 doubles position or
 - (ii) one player in the #1 singles position and one player in the #1 doubles position.
 - 2.01A(1)e In the 5.0+ level a player who is rated 4.5 is not eligible to play in either #1 position.
 - 2.01A(1)f In the 4.5+ level a player who is rated 4.0 is not eligible to play in either #1 position.
- 2.03A(3) & (4) Self rated and computer rate appealed players must play at least FOUR matches on the same team at the same level in the same age group to be eligible to advance to Nationals.
- 2.03H(2) For National Championships, in the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures:
 - (a) Individual Matches. Winner of the most individual matches (courts) in the entire competition.

- (b) Head-to-head. Winner of head-to-head match (es) only if all tied teams have played each other and one team defeated all the teams that are tied.
- (c) Sets. The team that lost fewer sets.
- (d) Games The team that lost fewer games.
- (e) Game Winning Percentage: total games won divided by total games played.
- (f) A Method to be Determined by the Championship Committee. Procedure to be announced prior to commencement of championship competition.

SW SECTION changes detailed

I don't have all of them but the biggest one is:

- Players on fall winning teams who are "bumped up" at year end (not clearly above level) will NOT be permitted to participate at the SW Section Championships.
- The wildcard rotation will be updated to rotate separately for each league, level, age and gender. This will increase the rate of rotation for many leagues and increase the chance of wildcards at various levels for various districts/areas. Details forthcoming in SW Section regulations.

USTA Phoenix changes detailed

- 2.04 If a team withdraws from a league after the Team Registration Deadline, all players forfeit their entry fees. Further penalties may apply.
- 3.02 Individual recipients of default individual matches may not be changed after 48 hours of the initial entry of the scores.
- 4.08 If an individual default is declared, then the defaulted match shall not be played; matches played shall stand regardless of start time. If an individual default is declared after lineups have been exchanged and no other individual matches have begun play, a new lineup may be exchanged.
- New!! Players on fall winning teams who are "bumped up" at year end (not clearly above level) will NOT be permitted to participate in USTA Phoenix District Championships.

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