



**2011 USTA LEAGUE
3.0 SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HANDBOOK**

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SITES AND DATES

3.0 Senior

October 27-30

Match Play begins on Friday, October 28

YOUR SECTION WILL SUBMIT YOUR TEAM ROSTER

TEAM ENTRY FEE: \$400.00 (plus \$40.88 processing fee)

Teams advancing to the USTA League National Championships are required to pay an entry fee.

The team entry fee must be paid 30 days prior to the first day of championship play. Any team not registering by that time will be contacted by the national office to determine if they have withdrawn from the event. In that case, an alternate from their section will be asked to replace the team in the draw.

Tennis Facilities: Hard Courts

Indian Wells Tennis Garden
(Home of the BNP Paribas Open)
78-200 Miles Ave
Indian Wells, CA 92210
760-200-8200
www.iwtg.net

Practice Courts:

Reserve courts up to 2 wks in advance
\$10 per court/per hour

Host Hotel:

Miramonte Resort & Spa **SOLD OUT**
tax)
45000 Indian Wells Lane
Indian Wells, CA 92210
760-341-2200

Room Rate:

Starting at \$119 per night (plus
Free Wireless internet

Please contact the following hotels in the area:

Renaissance Esmeralda 800-266-9432

Rooms available for the dates of October 12-17, 2011 and October 19-24, 2011. Guests will call into 800-266-9432 and ask for the USTA National Championship. Rate is \$119.00.

Homewood Suites 760-391-4600

Guests will be responsible for making their own reservations, they may do so by calling 760-391-4600 and identifying themselves with USTA. Individuals will be responsible for own room, tax and incidental charges. Reservations must be received 7 days prior to each arrival date of each room block or the rooms may be released for general sale. Individual reservations must be canceled 48 hours prior to arrival to avoid penalty to the individual credit card. Rate is \$99.00

Embassy Suites La Quinta – 760-771-1711

The rate for your attendees will be 15% off our Best Available Rate. The room rate includes full cook-to-order breakfast and two hour Manager's Reception daily, plus complimentary self parking and no resort fee.

This rate is based on our availability. Each block of rooms will have a two week cutoff; however, the hotel reserves the right to adjust or cutoff the block based on our availability.

ELIGIBILITY

Team Eligibility

- A minimum of six (6) players who were on the final local roster must be available to compete at nationals. Waivers will not be granted to teams who are not able to field a full team.

Player Eligibility

- A player is eligible to advance to a national championship competition if that player has played on that same team in at least three (3) matches through section championships. No defaults received by the player during all league competition shall count for advancing. 2.03A(4)
- All individual team members must be from the appropriate level of play in accordance with the NTRP system.
- Year-end ratings will be posted on TennisLink in early December.

RULES, REGULATIONS, SCORING, AND COACHING

Rules and Regulations

- USTA Rules and League Regulations will be enforced during championships.
- All match lineups must be submitted to the tournament desk by the team captain at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the match. Penalties will be enforced at the tournament director's discretion.

Move Up/Split Up

National Championship rostered team members, and teams that qualify to advance to national Championships but do not participate, may move up one level as a team or disperse to form new teams. The new teams may have no more than three (3) players who were on the final roster at the conclusion of local league play of any team or combination of teams that advanced to the national championships. If a Section has a regulation that limits the number of players on a roster that are at a specific level, the Section must suspend that regulation for one year for any team that participated at the National Championships the previous year and chooses to move up one level. 2.06A

Scoring

- Best of two tiebreak sets with a Match Tiebreak if required.
- The Coman Tiebreak Procedure will be used for the Set and Match Tiebreak.
- Coman Tiebreak Procedure is the same as the present procedure except that ends are changed after the first point, then after every four points until the conclusion of the tiebreak.

- Two minute rest between the 1st and 2nd set and between the 2nd set and 3rd set match tiebreak.

Championship Flight Setup

- Flighted Round Robin.
- Teams will participate in a non-elimination round-robin format.
- The winner of each flight/division will be determined by team matches won.
- The winner of each flight will then go into a semi final followed by finals and 3rd & 4th playoff.
- In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken by the first of the following procedures:
 - Winner of the most individual matches
 - Winner of the fewest number of sets lost
 - Winner of the fewest number of games lost
 - Winner of head to head match
 - A method to be determined by the championships committee

Grievance and Appeal Procedures

The following guidelines and procedures will be used during this championship. Please review them carefully. Any staff member on site will be glad to assist you with the forms and answer any questions on procedures.

3.03C(1) All complaints alleging a violation during championships competition shall be in writing and delivered to the duly appointed site director within thirty minutes of completion of the team match, or prior to the commencement of the next team match involving the individual or team, whichever comes first.

3.03E(5) NTRP Grievances will not be accepted at National Championships.

3.04B(1) The Grievance Appeal Committee shall not be required to hold any hearing except as provided in 3.04B(2). Its decision may be based entirely on the findings of fact by the Grievance Committee whose decision is being appealed and on the facts and arguments submitted in writing by the parties to the appeal.

Coaching

No coaching allowed. No cell phones or electronic devices allowed on court.

Balls

Penn hard court balls will be provided.

Umpires

There may be certified roving umpires present at all championship sites. Roving umpires may be positioned inside the fenced areas and will interfere with play as little as possible. Players should be encouraged to play tennis without the need for umpires to be present for matches. In the case of disputed calls and upon the request of the player, a roving umpire may be supplied to oversee the match.

Inclement Weather

Please note that the tournament format, number of matches and match length may change due to a team not showing up or circumstances beyond our control such as weather. Indian Wells generally has mild weather during the month of October; however rain could cause delays, modifications to the format, and possible cancellation of the tournament. There are NO back-up

courts; the Indian Wells area does not have indoor courts where we can move the event in case of rain.

In the event of rain, please remain at the tournament site until the tournament staff informs you of the play schedule. In the event of a long rain delay, it will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee to use an alternative-playing format.

Cancellation of the Tournament

If the championship, or part of the championships is cancelled due to rain or unforeseen circumstances, the championship will not be rescheduled.

Player and Tournament Details

Mandatory Team Captain's Registration

WHERE; Miramonte Resort & Spa

WHEN: Thursday, October 27, from 4:30-5:30 PM

NOTE: Completing the team on line registration does not exclude the captain from attending the team registration. You will receive your team packet with line up cards, performance shirts (be prepared to know your teammate's sizes) and captain gifts during this time.

Mandatory Captain's Meeting (Captains and Co-Captains Only)

WHERE; Miramonte Resort & Spa

WHEN: Thursday, October 27
5:45-6:30 PM

USTA hosted Complimentary Welcome Dinner for Players and Guests

Wear HALLOWEEN costumes and compete for the most creative!!!!

Buffet dinner, two (2) free drinks per player, dj and dancing, prizes and giveaways

WHERE: Miramonte Resort & Spa

WHEN: Thursday, October 27
7:00-9:00 PM

Trainers

There will be a trainer on-site to assist with athletic injuries. They will have access to ice. For a medical emergency:
Eisenhower Medical Center
39000 Bob Hope Drive
Ranch Mirage, CA
760-340-3911

Awards

Awards and banners will be presented to the teams that finish first through fourth.

Player Gift

All players attending the National Championships will receive a performance shirt and a championship cap.

Official Merchandise

Official USTA League National Championship merchandise will be available for purchase on site and after the championship on our website at www.usta.com/leaguechampionships.

Team Photos

Team photos will be taken throughout the weekend as well as candid shots. To schedule an appointment, team captains should make an appointment during the team registration. Photos are available for purchase at www.usta.com/championshipphotos

Website

The USTA League National Championship home page will be updated with stories, photos and scores daily. Be sure your local newspaper sports editor, friends and family have the address so they can check the results at www.usta.com/leaguechampionships

Player Gift Exchange

Over the years, teams have started presenting their opponents with “little” gifts. While this is completely optional, but if your team elects to participate, the gifts should be inexpensive small tokens. Often the gifts represent their region or state. Examples are – state pins, magnets, key rings, candy, macadamia nuts and leis (Hawaii). If you want to participate contact your local or state tourist/convention bureau. They may be able to provide you with small, promotional items. Typically, teams bring approximately 8-10 gifts to present to each team in their flight. **This practice is not required.**

Additional Information

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Transportation Details

To & From Courts

Shuttle service will not be provided to or from the Indian Wells Tennis Garden.

From the Miramonte Resort to the Indian Wells Tennis Garden

Exit the resort driveway and go right onto Hwy. 111.
Take a right onto Hwy. 111 to the traffic light at Miles Road.
Make a left onto Miles Road.
You will see the Indian Wells Tennis Garden approx. ¼ mile down on your left – just past the light for Warner Trail.
There is no obvious entrance sign – enter up the drive on your left and you will see the big stadium in front of you.

Airport

Recommend flying into Palms Springs Regional Airport and renting a vehicle.
Ontario Airport is approximately a one hour drive to Palms Springs.

From the Palm Springs Regional Airport to the Miramonte Resort & Spa (approx 35 minutes drive time)

Exit the airport and go left onto El Cielo.
Take El Cielo to Ramon Road – left on Ramon Rd.
Follow Ramon – 3 - 4 miles until you see the entrance to the Interstate 10 East on your right
Take the I10 to the Cook Street exit - go right off the ramp
Take Cook Street approx. 3 miles to Hwy. 111 - make a left on Hwy 111 for approx. 1.5 miles.
Hotel is on the right at the corner of Indian Wells Lane.

