



2011 USTA LEAGUE 6.0, 8.0 & 10.0 MIXED DOUBLES NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HANDBOOK

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SITES AND DATES

6.0, 8.0 & 10.0 Mixed Doubles

November 17-20

Match Play begins on Friday, November 18

YOUR SECTION OFFICE WILL FORWARD 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 Any team not registering by that time will be contacted by the national office to determine if they have withdrawn from the event.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

Reffkin Tennis Center
advance

50 S. Alvernon Way
Tucson, AZ 85711
520-791-4896

Practice Courts:

Reserve courts up to 2 wks in

\$10 per court/per 1 ½ hr (evening)
\$2.50 per person/per 1 ½ hr (day)

Host Hotel:

Doubletree Hotel Tucson at Reid Park

night

445 S. Alvernon Way
Tucson, AZ 85711
520-881-4200
520-323-5225 (fax)
www.doubletree.com

Room Rate:

Starting at \$99.95 per

Cut off date: October 18

There are three (3) ways you can book rooms at the Doubletree Hotel:

Call the Doubletree directly at 520-881-4200

Call central reservations at 800-222-8733

Or go to the ***Hotel Reservation*** link on the webpage where you located this handbook.

Failure to cancel a guaranteed reservation seven (7) days prior to day of arrival will result in a charge of one (1) night's room and tax applied to your credit card

ELIGIBILITY

Team Eligibility

- A minimum of six (6) players (3 men and 3 women) 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.
- The Photo Waiver Form must be completed by each player and brought to the team registration. **See website link to download form.** Each player must provide a copy of his/her driver's license or passport accompanying the photo waiver form. The captain must submit these at the time of the Team Registration on Thursday.

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 scheduled match time. Penalties will be enforced at the tournament director's discretion.
- The match schedule can change frequently - please check our website often for updates.

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. Tucson 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 Tucson 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.

Hydration Tips for playing in Warmer Weather

Drink cool water or sport drinks during play. Sport drinks are especially helpful during long matches, in hot weather and for recovery after play. Use a similar hydration routine before, during and after practice.

Before Play

- Drink 12-16 ounces about 1 hour before play begins.
- Drink fluids throughout the day.
- Prepare at least 2 quarts (64 ounces) to drink during play. Sports drinks are preferable for long matches or during play in hot weather.

During Play

- Drink 4 to 8 ounces (4 to 8 normal swallows) after the warm-up and during every changeover.
- Many players like to drink a sport drink or water, with an emphasis (e.g.,2:1) on the sport drink.
- For some players the fluid requirements may even be higher in very hot or humid environments.

After Play

- Weigh yourself before and after play and drink about 20-24 ounces of fluid for every pound of post-play body weight deficit.
- Immediately begin to replace fluid, electrolytes and carbohydrates with water, other fluids (e.g., juice, sport drinks, etc.) and food. Sport drinks are very effective if you are going to play again soon.
- Consider adding salt to your food and/or drinks if sweat losses were extensive.

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: Doubletree Hotel Tucson at Reid Park

WHEN: Thursday, November 17 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm

NOTE: Completing the team on line registration does not exclude the captain from attending the team registration. You will receive your 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: Doubletree Hotel Tucson at Reid Park

WHEN: Thursday, November 17, at 5:45-6:30 PM

USTA hosted Complimentary Welcome Dinner for Players and Guests

Free buffet dinner for players and guests, two (2) free drinks per player, dj and dancing, prizes and giveaways

WHERE: Doubletree Hotel Tucson at Reid Park

WHEN: Thursday, November 17, from 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:
Tucson Medical Center
5301 E. Grant Road
Tucson, AZ 85712
520-327-5461

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 hat.

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. 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.

NOTE: This practice is not required.

For additional Information

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Transportation Details

To & From Courts

Shuttle service will not be provided to or from Reffkin Tennis Center

From the Doubletree Hotel to Reffkin Tennis Center

Reffkin TC is located on Alvernon Rd. just south of Broadway and is approximately 1 block from the Doubletree.

Airport

Doubletree Hotel offers shuttle pick up at the airport
Call the hotel bell desk from the airport for shuttle service (520-881-4200)

More frequent flights are available into Phoenix Airport (approx 1 ½ hr drive.)

From the Tucson Airport to the Doubletree Hotel

Exit the airport through the Tucson Boulevard exit
At 1st light take a right onto Valencia

Take a left onto Palo Verde (the name changes to Alvernon Road before 22nd Street)
The Doubletree is located on the right between 22nd and Broadway

From Sky Harbor Phoenix Airport to the Doubletree Hotel

Take I-10 East towards Tucson for approx. 110 miles
Driving south from Phoenix, take the Broadway/Congress St. exit
Turn left (heading east) and drive along Congress (which will turn into Broadway) for approximately 5 miles
Turn right (heading south) on Alvernon
Drive approximately ¼ mile
The Doubletree Hotel is on the left side of Alvernon.

