

Mixed 40 and Over League Playoffs

This is just a friendly reminder that local league season ends December 1, 2013. First round of playoffs occur on December 6-8. Second round of playoffs occur on December 13-15.

Hosting captains must post their first round playoff schedule by Monday, December 2nd, at 9 PM. We encourage captains to be respectful of each other during this process and try to work together. The visiting captain may take home court advantage if the initial home captain fails to post prior to the deadline. The visiting captain has until Wednesday, December 4th, at 9 PM, to post the match date and time. If the visiting captain misses the deadline, the home court advantage reverts back to the home team and remains there.

Given that playoffs are scheduled during the holiday season, captains are encouraged to work together when possible. If team standings have been established, both teams can agree to play earlier. Reply to this message if you plan to play earlier so that a scorecard can be posted on your team page.

Please check your team standings page and review the "Message From The Office" regarding information about your team's playoff rounds. Remember that all matches that are not completed by the end of the local league season will count as losses for both teams.

With so many leagues and scheduling conflicts, sometimes a player may be forced to make some choices on which events he is going to participate in. No one can do it all!

Mixed 40 & Over Sectionals are scheduled for January 24-26 at Clubsport Valley Vista (Walnut Creek) and Diamond Hills Sports Club & Spa (Oakley). The match schedule can be viewed [here](#). Winning teams at Sectionals will advance to the National Invitational, which will be held in Maui, Hawaii!

Players need two matches to be eligible for playoffs and beyond. A default may count as one match. Also USTA membership must extend through the playing season. Once players pick a team at a given level, that is their one and only team win or lose from playoffs onward.

Now take a deep breath and exhale. Remind yourself that at the end of the day, it's all about hitting a tiny, fuzzy, yellow ball. 2013 Year End Ratings are set to be published in early December. While many players will move up or down, all shall play with the rating listed on their team roster. For example, Joe registered on his Combo team as a 4.0 in

October, but was promoted to 4.5 for his year end rating. Joe can still play as a 4.0 for that same Combo team in January.

Any other questions, please let us know.