



MIDDLE STATES

USTA Middle States Adult 40 & Over Section Championships

Mercer County Park
Veterans' Park
Community Park

September 5-7, 2014

_____ Participating Districts and Divisions _____

	WOMEN'S				MEN'S			
Allegheny Mountain District		3.5	4.0	4.5		3.5		4.5
Central Pennsylvania District	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5
Delaware District	3.0	3.5	4.0		3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5
Eastern Pennsylvania District	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5			4.0	4.5
New Jersey District	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5		3.5	4.0	4.5
Philadelphia Area Tennis District	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5		3.5	4.0	4.5

TOURNAMENT PERSONNEL

Director: Sally Baird

Staff: Patti Donato
Sharon Narsiff
Michael Yocum

Jay Witmer
Mary Wurtz

Referee: Marvin Hill

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Surface: Hard
Ball: Penn Heavy Duty
Players' Reception: **PLAYERS' Reception – Friday, September 5, 2014**

Sign up is required at time of team registration
Each team will be provided with eight complimentary tickets
Additional Players and/or Guests \$55.00
Important: Extra tickets will only be available at captains' meeting
Make checks payable to USTA Middle States

Hotel: Princeton Marriott at Forrestal
100 College Road East
Princeton, NJ
609-452-7800
Rate: \$115.00 plus tax per night

FOR RESERVATIONS: .

[Book Standard at Princeton Marriott at Forrestal for \\$115.00 per night](#)

Code is case sensitive – use lower case only.
System will allow you to make as many reservations as your want -only one reservation at a time
or

As a convenience to tournament participants and their guests a limited block of rooms are being held. All reservations are held until 6:00 p.m. unless guaranteed by an accepted credit card or one night's advance room deposit. A limited number of cots will be available at no charge. Please request the cots when making reservation.

Check-in 3:00 pm Check-out 12:00 noon

CAPTAINS' MEETING

Mandatory closed meeting for captains and/or co-captains

**Thursday, September 4, 2014
Registration 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Meeting starts promptly at 8:00 p.m. Marriott Forrestal Hotel

TEAM MEMBER ELIGIBILITY

Each team participant must have played at least two (2) matches during the LOCAL league play – one may be a default received. To be eligible for national championships, every player must play three matches, no defaults counting.

Membership

USTA Membership must be valid through August 31, 2013. If not please renew via the internet or the telephone.

TEAM REGISTRATION

Send all correspondence to: USTA MS

Adult 40 & Over Section Championships

1288 Valley Forge Road

P. O. Box 987, Suite 74

Valley Forge, PA 19482

**PLEASE HIGHLIGHT 40 & OVER WHEN YOU MAIL YOUR
REGISTRATION MATERIALS**

The following must be received by August 21, 2014

- 1) Registration form - *completed* **including** Player Party request
- 2) Match cards will be due thirty minutes prior to start of each match. You will be given your match cards at the captains' meeting.
- 3) T-shirt order (including check for extra t-shirts) (checks payable to USTA MS)
- 4) Media information questionnaire
- 5) Consent and Waiver form

2013 USTA National Championships

October 10-12, 2014

5.0 Adult 18 & Over– Indian Wells, Calif.

3.0 Adult 18 & Over – Tucson, Ariz..

October 17-19, 2014

2.5 Adult 18 & Over– Indian Wells,, Calif.

4.0 Adult 18 & Over – Tucson Ariz.

October 24-26, 2014

3.5 Adult 18 & Over – Tucson, Ariz...

4.5 Adult 18 & Over – Indian Wells, Calif..

3.0 Adult 40 & Over – Rancho Mirage, Calif..

October 31-Nov. 2, 2014

4.5 Adult 40 & Over – Indian Wells, Calif.

3.5 Adult 40 & Over – Tucson, Ariz.

6.0 & 8.0 Adult 55 & Over – Surprise, Ariz.

November 7-9, 2014

4.0 Adult 40 & Over – Rancho Mirage, Calif

7.0 & 9.0 Adult 55 & Over - Surprise, Ariz.

**Adult 40 & Over League Section Championships
Players' Reception**

Friday, September 5, 2014

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

**Marriott at Forrestal Village
Princeton, NJ**

**Food Stations and Cash Bar
Come and stay or drop in**

☐☐☐☐☐ RULES OF PLAY☐☐☐☐☐

All play is governed by the *USTA Rules of Tennis* and "The Code" and the USTA League Tennis Regulations. **The USTA Point Penalty System will be in effect.** USTA certified umpires will be roving the courts.

FORMAT

- ❖ Two singles, Three doubles
- ❖ A minimum of four (4) team members who are listed on the final roster must be available and eligible to compete.
- ❖ Two sets using regular scoring; set tiebreak (first to 7 by 2) at six-all. Match Tiebreak (first to 10 by 2) in lieu of third set. **The Coman Tiebreak Procedure will be used. Change ends after the first point and then every four points thereafter.**
- ❖ Five (5) minute warm-up including serves
- ❖ You are allowed 20 seconds between points and 90 seconds at the changeover. However, after the first game of each set and during a tiebreak, play shall be continuous and the players shall change ends without a rest period. At the conclusion of each set (regardless of score), there shall be a set break of 120 seconds.
- ❖ The tournament committee may designate alternative scoring and change of surface in case of rain or other delay. Players may be charged a small fee for indoor backup.
- ❖ In the event of a tie the standing in each division will be determined by applying the following criteria in the order listed until the tie is broken:
 - 1) Most points won
 - 2) Most individual matches won
 - 3) Winner of head to head match

MATCH TIMES

Match times are estimates based on court availability. Matches may be officially called (and will be if courts are available) up to 30 minutes early; lateness penalties will be applied accordingly.

CHECK-IN TIME

All players **MUST** report 30 minutes before scheduled to play. The *captain* only should inform the tournament desk that all players are present. Lineups are due thirty minutes prior to start of match.

KNOWN DEFAULTS

A minimum of four team members who were on the final roster of their local league must be available and eligible to compete at area championships and above. In the event a position is to be defaulted, the opposing captain(s) will be notified and may adjust his/her line-up.

REPORTING SCORES

When a match is completed, ONE REPRESENTATIVE from EACH DOUBLES team must report back to the tournament desk to fill out the scorecard. Winner returns used balls. Scores will not count until all appropriate players have signed the scorecard and balls are returned. At the conclusion of each round, *both captains* must report and sign match card.

LEVEL OF PLAY DISQUALIFICATION

Computer-rated players are not subject to dynamic disqualification (C or B rating types). Players with rating types: A, S, M, D, T are subject to disqualification. A player will be disqualified if he/she receives three ratings at the disqualification level using the dynamic NTRP system. Matches will be entered into the computer when completed and calculations will take place. If a player is disqualified, all matches played by that player will become losses for the disqualified player and wins for his opponent. NTRP grievances may be filed but the grievance will not be heard until the championships are over. The results will stand as played.

TOURNAMENT BULLETIN BOARDS

Two locations: Marriott Regency Mercer County Park
A bulletin board will be set at these locations. Please check these boards for important information, messages, rain instructions, etc.

AWARDS

Winner and **Finalist** awards will be presented at the completion of play to each player who participated in the Sectional Championships. If desired, additional awards may be purchased by the captains for players who did not play a match at the Championships.

IN THE EVENT OF RAIN

Rain invariably causes delays. Matches are not shifted from outdoor to indoor sites until the referee concludes that outdoor play cannot be resumed within a reasonable period of time. Just packing up gear and moving to another site starts a loss of time. There will always be a loss of available courts as it is impossible to have an equal number of indoor courts. Therefore, you should be prepared for the following:

- 1) Matches being delayed
- 2) Having to wait on-site for further instructions
- 3) Matches being postponed until the following day
- 4) Possible shift to no-ad scoring or pro-sets
- 5) Possible shift to a different court surface
- 6) Divisions and teams being split between sites
- 7) Committing themselves to the championships for the entire weekend, including being ready for evening play
- 8) Players may be charged a small fee

HOT WEATHER

All athletes should drink water before, during and after events. *If you wait until you are thirsty to drink, you have waited too long.*

Drink 2 or three cups of fluid PRIOR to play. Drinking up to 20 ounces of water or sport drink 30 minutes before a match can help in avoiding heat disorders.

Take water with you on the court and drink frequently (i.e. at every changeover.)

After your match, drink large quantities of fluids. Fresh fruit and fruit juices are an excellent source of electrolytes, with bananas and melons a particularly good source of potassium.

MATCH ASSIGNMENTS

Note: Schedule is tentative and subject to change. All court times are estimates based on court availability. Line-ups must be presented 30 minutes before scheduled match. Matches may be officially called up to 30 minutes early (and will be if courts are available) and lateness penalties will be applied accordingly.

WOMEN 3.0					
CPD	DD	EPD	NJD	PATD	
<u>Friday, September 5, 2014</u>					
COMMUNITY PARK					
8:15 am	NJD		vs		DD
9:45 am	CPD		vs		EPD
11:45 am	PATD		vs		NJD
1:30 pm	DD		vs		EPD
<u>Saturday, September 6, 2014</u>					
COMMUNITY PARK					
8:15 am	CPD		vs		PATD
9:45 am	EPD		vs		NJD
11:45 am	CPD		vs		DD
1:30 pm	PATD		vs		EPD
VETERANS' PARK					
<u>Sunday, September 7, 2014</u>					
11:15 am	CPD		vs		NJD
11:15 am	PATD		vs		DD
WOMEN 3.5					
MERCER COUNTY PARK					
AMD	CPD	DD	EPD	NJD	PATD
<u>Friday, September 5, 2014</u>					
9:45 am	AMD		vs		DD
9:45 am	NJD		vs		PATD
9:45 am	CPD		vs		EPD
1:00 pm	PATD		vs		DD
1:00 pm	NJD		vs		EPD
1:30 pm	CPD		vs		AMD
<u>Saturday, September 6, 2014</u>					
9:45 am	PATD		vs		AMD
11:15 am	EPD		vs		DD
11:15 am	CPD		vs		NJD
2:30 pm	NJD		vs		DD
2:30 pm	EPD		vs		AMD
2:30 pm	PATD		vs		CPD
<u>Sunday, September 7, 2014</u>					
9:45 am	AMD		vs		NJD
11:15 am	DD		vs		CPD
11:15 am	EPD		vs		PATD

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VETERANS' PARK					
<u>Friday, September 5, 2014</u>					
8:15 am	NJD		vs		CPD
8:15 am	AMD		vs		DD
8:15 am	EPD		vs		PATD
11:30 am	EPD		vs		AMD
11:30 am	CPD		vs		DD
1:00 pm	NJD		vs		PATD
<u>Saturday, September 6, 2014</u>					
9:45 am	AMD		vs		PATD
9:45 am	NJD		vs		DD
11:15 am	CPD		vs		EPD
1:00 pm	NJD		vs		AMD
2:30 pm	EPD		vs		DD
2:30 pm	CPD		vs		PATD
<u>Sunday, September 7, 2014</u>					
8:15 am	CPD		vs		AMD
8:15 am	DD		vs		PATD
8:15 am	NJD		vs		EPD
WOMEN 4.5					
MERCER COUNTY PARK					
AMD	CPD	EPD	NJD	PATD	
<u>Friday, September 5, 2014</u>					
11:15 am	NJD		vs		AMD
11:15 am	EPD		vs		CPD
2:30 pm	AMD		vs		PATD
2:30 pm	NJD		vs		EPD
<u>Saturday, September 6, 2014</u>					
8:15 am	CPD		vs		NJD
8:15 am	EPD		vs		PATD
12:00 pm	PATD		vs		CPD
1:00 pm	EPD		vs		AMD
<u>Sunday, September 7, 2014</u>					
9:45 am	CPD		vs		AMD
9:45 am	NJD		vs		PATD

**3.0 Men
MERCER COUNTY PARK
CPD DD**

Saturday, September 6, 2014

11:30 am CPD vs DD
3:00 pm CPD vs DD

Sunday, September 7, 2014

11:30 am DD vs CPD*
If needed

**MEN 3.5
VETERANS' PARK**

AMD CPD DD NJD PATD

Friday, September 5, 2014

9:45 am CPD vs DD
11:15 am AMD vs NJD
2:30 pm CPD vs AMD
2:30 pm DD vs PATD

Saturday, September 6, 2014

8:15 am PATD vs AMD
9:45 am NJD vs CPD
1:00 pm AMD vs DD
1:00 pm PATD vs NJD

Sunday, September 7, 2014

9:45 am CPD vs PATD
11:15 am NJD vs DD

**MEN 4.0
VETERANS' PARK**

CPD DD EPD NJD PATD

Friday, September 5, 2014

9:45 am DD vs NJD
9:45 am PATD vs CPD
1:00 pm CPD vs NJD
1:00 pm DD vs EPD

Saturday, September 6, 2014

8:15 am PATD vs EPD
8:15 am DD vs CPD
11:15 am PATD vs DD
11:15 am EPD vs NJD

Sunday, September 7, 2014

9:45 am PATD vs NJD
9:45 am EPD vs CPD

MEN 4.5 +

**MERCER COUNTY PARK
AMD CPD DD EPD NJD PATD**

Friday, September 5, 2014

8:15 am DD vs PATD
8:15 am AMD vs NJD
8:15 am EPD vs CPD
11:30 am DD vs AMD
12:00 pm NJD vs CPD
1:00 pm EPD vs PATD

Saturday, September 6, 2014

8:15 am CPD vs AMD
9:45 am PATD vs NJD
9:45 am EPD vs DD
1:00 pm CPD vs DD
1:00 pm PATD vs AMD
1:30 pm EPD vs NJD

Sunday, September 7, 2014

8:15 am CPD vs PATD
8:15 am NJD vs DD
8:15 am EPD vs AMD

NTRP Grievances

NTRP grievances will be accepted during section championships. Because of time constraints, they will not be handled until the tournament is over. All matches will stand as played.

If a player is disqualified by the NTRP Grievance Committee and that player is on a team going to nationals, that player will be ineligible to advance but the team will be eligible to advance. NO matches will be reversed

DIRECTIONS to MARRIOTT, 100 College Road East, Princeton, NJ

From Philadelphia area:

Pennsylvania Tnpk. to U.S. Rt. 1 to I-95 north toward Trenton, NJ to U.S. Rt.1 north (Exit 67). Continue on Route 1 North about 7 miles. Take ramp right for College Road toward Forrestal Center East to Princeton. Marriott

DIRECTIONS to CHAMPIONSHIP SITE

Mercer County Park – 334 South Post Road, Princeton Junction, NJ

From Marriott Regency to Mercer County Park (most direct): GPS address for Mercer is: 334 South Post Road, Princeton Junction. NJ

U.S. Rt. 1 south. Take Quakerbridge Road (Rt. 533 south). Follow for approximately two (2) miles and turn left onto Hughes Road traffic light. Turn left. Continue and turn left into Mercer County Park. Tennis courts are approximately two miles on the left (just past the baseball fields on the right). Turn left into the tennis parking area.

From the Shore to Mercer County Park: Route 195W to Exit 5B (North 130). Rte. 130 N two lights. Left turn on Robbinsville Road to light (sign says Mercer Count Community College and Rte 33). At 1st light make right onto Robbinsville-Edinburgh Road. Follow to end approximately 2 1/2 miles. Make left turn to Mercer County Park on right. Turn right into the park.

Directions to Community Park from the Marriott - 372 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, NJ
Take Route 1 South to Washington Road. Turn right. Take first right to stay on Washington Road. Turn left on Nassau Street (rte 27). Go about a half mile and turn right on Witherspoon Street. The park is on the left.

Veterans' Park (most direct): 2206 Kuser Road, Hamilton, NJ

U.S. Rt. 1 south to Quaker Bridge Road. Stay on Quaker Bridge Road for approximately 6 3/4 miles . Turn left onto Kuser Road and pass one traffic light (Whitehorse Rd.). Continue to entrance of Veterans' Park on left. You will not see park sign until you are on top of it. Turn left into park and courts are just ahead on right. Continue to second parking area. **Do not park on the grass--you will be ticketed and/or towed.)**