



MIDDLE STATES

USTA Middle States Senior League Section Championships

Mercer County Park

September 16-18, 2011

Participating Districts and Divisions

	WOMEN'S				MEN'S		
Allegheny Mountain District		3.5	4.0	4.5		4.0	
Central Pennsylvania District	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	3.5	4.0	4.5
Delaware District	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	3.5	4.0	4.5
Eastern Pennsylvania District	3.0	3.5	4.0		3.5	4.0	
New Jersey District	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5		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: Sue-Anne Stuntz
Meghan Goodwin
Referee: Marvin Hill

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Surface: Hard
Ball: Penn Heavy Duty
Players' Reception: **PLAYERS' PARTY**

Sign up is required at time of team registration
Each team will be provided with six (6) complimentary tickets
Additional Players and/or Guests \$48.00
Important: Extra tickets will only be available at captains' meeting

Hotel: Hyatt Regency
Rt.1 at Carnegie Center
Princeton, NJ

Rate: \$129.00 plus tax per night

FOR RESERVATIONS: Room block will open on August 18. Go to link below on August or later.

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/USTASeniorChamp>

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

call 1-888-421-1442 and ask for USTA

As a convenience to tournament participants and their guests a limited block of rooms is being held. **All Hyatt reservations will be taken on August 18, beginning at 9:00 am. You will not receive a discounted rate if you make reservations prior to August 18.** 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 15, 2011
Registration 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Meeting starts promptly at 8:00 p.m.
Hyatt Regency 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 September 30, 2011. If not please renew via the internet or the telephone.

TEAM REGISTRATION

Send all correspondence to: USTA MS
Senior Section Championships
1288 Valley Forge Road
P. O. Box 987, Suite 74
Valley Forge, PA 19482

The following must be received by September 6, 2011

- 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

2011 USTA National Championships

September 23-25, 2011

5.0 Adult - Indian Wells, Calif.

2.5 Adult Rancho Mirage, Calif.

4.0 Adult - Tucson, Ariz.

October 14-16, 2011

4.0 Senior - Indian Wells, Calif.

4.5 Senior - Rancho Mirage, Calif.

3.5 Adult - Tucson, Ariz.

October 21-23, 2011

3.5 Senior – Indian Wells, Calif.

3.0 Adult – Tucson, Ariz.

October 28-30, 2011

4.5 Adult – Tucson, Ariz.

3.0 Senior – Indian Wells, Calif.

***Senior League Section Championships
Players' Party***

Friday, September 16, 2011

7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

***Hyatt Regency
Princeton, NJ***

Dinner and Dancing

⌘⌘⌘ 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

- ❖ 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) Least number of sets lost
 - 4) Least number of games lost
 - 5) 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 one hour 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: Hyatt 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

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

Friday, September 16, 2011

10:00 am	DD	vs	EPD
11:30 am	NJD	vs	CPD
3:00 pm	CPD	vs	DD
3:00 pm	PATD	vs	EPD

Saturday, September 17, 2011

8:30 am	DD	vs	PATD
8:30 am	EPD	vs	NJD
1:00 pm	CPD	vs	PATD
1:00 pm	NJD	vs	DD

Sunday, September 18, 2011

11:30 am	CPD	vs	EPD
11:30 am	PATD	vs	NJD

WOMEN 3.5

AMD CPD DD EPD NJD PATD

Friday, September 16, 2011

10:00 am	NJD	vs	DD
10:00 am	EPD	vs	AMD
10:00 am	PATD	vs	CPD
1:30 pm	NJD	vs	PATD
3:00 pm	AMD	vs	DD
3:00 pm	CPD	vs	EPD

Saturday, September 17, 2011

11:30 am	CPD	vs	AMD
11:30 am	NJD	vs	EPD
11:30 am	PATD	vs	DD
2:30 pm	PATD	vs	AMD
4:00 pm	EPD	vs	DD
4:00 pm	CPD	vs	NJD

Sunday, September 18, 2011

11:30 am	AMD	vs	NJD
11:30 am	DD	vs	CPD
11:30 am	EPD	vs	PATD

WOMEN 4.0

AMD CPD DD EPD NJD PATD

Friday, September 16, 2011

8:30 am	AMD	vs	NJD
8:30 am	PATD	vs	EPD
8:30 am	DD	vs	CPD
1:30 pm	PATD	vs	AMD
1:30 pm	CPD	vs	NJD
1:30 pm	DD	vs	EPD

Saturday, September 17, 2011

10:00 am	AMD	vs	DD
10:00 am	PATD	vs	NJD
10:00 am	EPD	vs	CPD
1:00 pm	AMD	vs	CPD
1:30 pm	PATD	vs	DD
2:30 pm	EPD	vs	NJD

Sunday, September 18, 2011

10:00 am	AMD	vs	EPD
10:00 am	DD	vs	NJD
10:00 am	PATD	vs	CPD

WOMEN 4.5

AMD CPD DD NJD PATD

Friday, September 16, 2011

10:00 am	CPD	vs	NJD
10:00 am	DD	vs	PATD
1:30 pm	PATD	vs	AMD
1:30 pm	CPD	vs	DD

Saturday, September 17, 2011

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

Sunday, September 12, 2010

8:30 am	DD	vs	AMD
8:30 am	PATD	vs	NJD

MEN 3.5

CPD DD EPD PATD

Saturday, September 17, 2011

8:30 am	EPD	vs	CPD
8:30 am	PATD	vs	DD
1:00 pm	EPD	vs	PATD
1:00 pm	DD	vs	CPD

Sunday, September 18, 2011

8:30 am	PATD	vs	CPD
8:30 am	DD	vs	EPD

MEN 4.0

AMD CPD DD EPD NJD PATD

Friday, September 16, 2011

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

Saturday, September 17, 2011

10:00 am	AMD	vs	PATD
10:00 am	CPD	vs	EPD
10:00 am	NJD	vs	DD
2:30 am	NJD	vs	AMD
2:30 am	EPD	vs	DD
2:30 am	CPD	vs	PATD

4.0 Men Continued

Sunday, September 18, 2011

10:00 am	EPD	vs	AMD
10:00 am	CPD	vs	DD
10:00 am	NJD	vs	PATD

MEN 4.5

CPD DD NJD PATD

Saturday, September 17, 2011

11:30 am	CPD	vs	NJD
11:30 am	PATD	vs	DD
4:00 pm	CPD	vs	PATD
4:00 pm	NJD	vs	DD

Sunday, September 18, 2011

8:30 am	CPD	vs	DD
8:3 am	PATD	vs	NJD

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 HYATT REGENCY, 102 Carnegie Center, 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) to Princeton. Hyatt Regency is located on right side at junction of U.S. Rt. 1 and Alexander Rd. (approximately three (3) miles north of I-295).

From north Jersey/Eastern Pennsylvania:

New Jersey TnPk. south to EXIT #9 (New Brunswick) and take U.S. Rt. 1 south to Princeton. Jughandle left at Alexander Rd. (just after going under RR bridge). Hyatt Regency is immediately on right.

DIRECTIONS to CHAMPIONSHIP SITE

Mercer County Park - South Post Road, Princeton Junction, NJ

From Hyatt Regency to Mercer County Park (most direct):

Left on Alexander Rd. (stay in right lane) and go onto U.S. Rt. 1 south. Take Quakerbridge Road (Rt. 533 south). Follow for approximately two (2) miles and turn left onto Hughes Road (no light at this intersection but Quakerbridge Gardens Nursery is on the far left corner). 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.

(alternate to Mercer)

Right out of Hyatt parking lot onto Alexander Rd. Go to end--approximately one (1) mile, crossing over a small black railroad bridge. Turn right on Post Road and continue to end. Turn left onto Conover Road and follow to right turn onto Edinburg Rd. (U.S. Rt. 526). Continue to light (you will pass an entrance to Mercer County Park--do not enter here--it is only a small picnic area). At light, turn right onto Old Trenton Rd. Entrance to park is on the right approximately 4/10 of a mile from the light. Follow tennis signs (approximately two miles).

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.