



2021 Adult 65 & Over National Invitational to be held in 2022 Fact Sheet:

Tournament Director:

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USTA National Staff representative:

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Location: Surprise, AZ

Dates:

7.0- January 28-30th

6.0/9.0- February 4-6th

8.0 February 11-13th

Tennislink:

All teams must be set up in the 2021 Championship year, we are not able to move teams in from previous years or pull teams in from the 2022 Championship year. If you are hosting a sectional in early 2022 please make sure that you set it up in the 2021 Championship year.

Website:

Information for this event will be posted up on our [website](#) as it becomes available.

Registration: More information coming soon.

Format:

Each team will play 4 unflighted matches, the top 4 teams based on Tennislink Standings will move on to the semifinals on Sunday.

Team Eligibility:

A minimum of six (6) players who were on the final local roster must be available to compete at nationals. Teams are expected to come with enough qualified players to field all three courts for every Invitational match.

Minimum Match Requirement/Player Eligibility:

A player is eligible to advance to the USTA League 65 and Over National Invitational if that player has played on that same team in at least two (2) matches through section championships with one default received that may count for advancing. A retired match shall count for all players involved. All individual team members must be from the appropriate level of play in accordance with the NTRP system, players will play at the NTRP level that they were assigned/ played the 2021 Championship year at. Captains will receive a roster email for their team prior to their event with the NTRP ratings that each of the players are eligible to play at. Players who are granted a waiver of the 2 match eligibility will also be allowed to play at this Invitational

Waivers:

Individual Eligibility Waiver Requests:

Individual Eligibility Waivers may be submitted for review by the Tournament Committee for players who do not meet the minimum match requirement. Players wanting to submit a waiver request must do so through their Section League Coordinator. Players should not make any travel plans until they have received the waiver decision back from the committee as there is no guarantee that a waiver request will be approved. The decision that is made by the tournament committee is final and may not be appealed. Waivers will not be accepted past the posted deadline, deadline will be sent out to SLCS with appropriate forms by October 1st, 2021.

Teams applying for multiple individual waivers:

The tournament committee will allow for multiple individual waiver requests but will only allow teams to build up to a total of 8 players on a roster. For example, if a team has 7 qualified players and applies for waivers for the additional 3 players that did not meet the requirement, we will likely grant one spot that the team and the team will have to decide on who will receive it. The waiver process we have developed over the years is an effort to allow teams to have some additional players but we do not want teams to build entire squads of players and add them via the waiver.

9.0 Team Waivers:

For sections that are unable to produce at least 2 teams in local league play for the 9.0 Men or Women's division, the Tournament Committee will allow those sections to form and send one team each of the 9.0 Men and 9.0 Women divisions as a representative of that section. Waivers must be submitted by the SLC by the deadline. Deadline will be sent out to SLCS with appropriate forms by October 1st, 2021.

- Players or teams interested in participating in the 9.0 Team Waiver Program need to contact their SLC, visit usta.com/65andOver to find your SLCs contact information.
- SLCs will submit the team captain's name and contact information to Bill Lucero (Tournament Director) and Liz Murrieta by deadline. Only teams submitted by a section's SLC will be considered for the 9.0 Team Waiver Program.
- Sections that have more than 2 teams are strongly encouraged to continue to hold and support local play in order to determine a winner for advancement from their section. Local and sectional play is determined by each section's SLCs.

For any team that will be advancing directly to the National League Invitational via team waiver with no local or sectional play, those teams may only have up to two (2) players from outside the section that they are representing at the National Invitational listed on their roster. A player's Section residency association will be based on the player's listed section on their USTA account and the National Invitational tournament committee will verify those player's section residencies.

Ratings

The USTA National Staff Representative will verify all player ratings and eligibility prior to the start of the Invitational once rosters have been received from the respective Section offices.

Accepted Rating Types:

Computer “C”, “S” Self Rate and “A” Appealed are all accepted at this invitational.

The rating the player played at during the 2021 Championship Year/local season is the rating they must play at in this event.

Examples:

A player played during the 2021 Championship year as a 3.5 rated player. When YER were released they were moved up to a 4.0. The player will play at the Adult 65 & Over National Invitational held in 2022 as a 3.5 rated player.

A player played during the 2021 Championship year as a 4.0 rated player. When YER were released they were moved down to a 3.5. The player will play at the Adult 65 & Over National Invitational held in 2022 as a 4.0 rated player.