



2023 Section League Regulations

Changes/Updates for 2023 are in red

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USTA NATIONAL LEAGUE REGULATIONS shall apply to all USTA Leagues played in the USTA Southwest Section (SWS); the Friend at Court shall apply to all matches played in USTA Leagues; and in all matches played without officials, the USTA official publication, THE CODE, shall be observed. The USTA Suspension Point Penalty System shall be used at all championship levels.

The USTA Southwest Section has adopted the USTA National League Grievance Regulations including the Suspension Point System and its schedule of suspension points for all Local League, District and Sectional Championships. This includes Sectional Invitational events (e.g. Adult 65 & Over, Adult 18 & Over Tri-Level, Mixed 55 & Over) as well as any non-advancing Local League offerings in all Southwest Regions.

Major Changes 2023

The USTA Southwest Section League Programs of Southern New Mexico (SNM) and the Greater El Paso (GEPTA) Regions will be combined beginning with the 2023 40 & Over Adult League. This region will be known as the GreaterElPaso/SoNew Mexico. The five regions will advance teams to Sectionals Championships. Wildcards will be offered in the Adult 18, 40, 55 & 65 & Over Leagues when stipulated under the Southwest Sectional Regulations.

A Section option to extend the timeline for decision on an eligibility grievance has been approved:

3.03B(4)a In the event of an eligibility disqualification during the local league season **and up to a maximum of 14 days** after the end of the local league season, **but prior to any playoff**, all matches played by the disqualified player shall be considered defaults and those matches shall be considered wins for the opposing players or doubles teams and scored 6-0, 6-0 for determining standings. **Sections must determine the timeframe between 24 hours and 14 days.** The **USTA Southwest Section has chosen 14 days after the conclusion of any local league.** The ineligible player will not be allowed to continue or advance. In case of an eligibility disqualification in single elimination,

the last individual match played by the disqualified player shall be considered a win for the opposing player or doubles team and scored 6-0, 6-0 for determining standings. If a double disqualification results in a tie, the local tiebreak procedure shall be used to determine the winner of the team match. If no such local tiebreak procedure exists, Reg. 2.03H Procedures in the Event of a Tie shall be used in order to determine a winner of the team match.

Self-Rate Appeals are reviewed by the SWS Appeals Committee whose decision is final. Appeals that include false information will result in a denied appeal. Players providing false information to the Appeals Committee may be subject to a League Grievance.

Teams, (captain and all attending players) leaving the championship before the conclusion, without expressed permission from the Tournament Directors will be subject to a league grievance with a recommended penalty of suspension from USTA League Play for 364 days.

In addition to, and as allowed by USTA National League Regulations, the USTA Southwest Section has adopted the following SWS League Regulations, for all league matches played in the Southwest Section.

USTA ADULT AND MIXED LEAGUE DIVISIONS

Section regulations apply to Adult 18 & Over, Adult 40 & Over, Adult 55 & Over, Mixed 18 & Over, and Mixed 40 & Over Leagues. Except where noted under specific league type, Section regulations apply to Adult 18 & Over, 65 & Over, Tri-Level and 55 & Over Mixed.

- USTA Southwest League regulations shall apply to all matches played in the Southwest Section and shall take precedence over Local League Regulations.
- At all levels, the National League Regulations shall take precedence over the USTA Southwest League Regulations and/or Local League Regulations.
- Teams/Players participating in championships and local leagues should be familiar with USTA National League Regulations, Southwest Section League Regulations and their Local League Regulations.
- All League matches shall be the best of two tie-break sets with a match tie-break in lieu of the third set. The Coman Tie Break will be used in all tie-breaks. Use of any other match scoring method in a local league must be approved by the Section League Manager in advance of the start date of the league.
- **National Regulation (NR) 1.04B(5)** requires that each team shall appoint a team captain to handle administrative affairs and to represent the team in USTA League matters. In addition, USTA Southwest describes the Captain's

duties as: ***The Captain, or their designee should make themselves familiar with the league regulations, and must be present at all team matches to oversee team conduct and management, including, but not limited to, filling out and exchanging scorecard, recording scores at completion of matches, and entering or confirming scores in TennisLink.***

- Each Captain must declare to the Local League Coordinator in advance of the start of the season the court surface their team will play on for home team matches. All matches for that league season must be played on the surface declared for home matches, unless agreed upon by both captains at least 24 hours prior to the start of the match.

National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) Ratings

Participation in USTA Leagues - All players registering for a USTA League team must enter with a valid NTRP Rating or by completing the Self Rate Questionnaire in compliance with USTA National League Regulations.

- The Section strongly encourages players to participate at their current NTRP level to ensure competitive match play.
- Players “playing up” are advised that by doing so, their NTRP year-end rating and those of their opponents may be inappropriately affected.

NR 2.03A(3)b - *Sections shall have the option to require, for eligibility to progress to championship level competition below National Championships, Self-Rated and Valid Computer Rated Appealed players to play up to four matches, on the same team at the same NTRP level in the same Age Group during its local league season and is otherwise eligible, with no defaults counting. The Southwest Section DOES exercise this option and requires all Self-Rated and Computer Rated Appealed players to play in 3 matches, on the same team, at the same level, to be eligible to advance to any District or Section Championships, (This does not include Local League Flight Play-offs).*

- **Player(s) with Computer (C) ratings during Local League play who are moved up in Year End Ratings (YERs) but granted an automatic NTRP Appeal (A) rating at their previous NTRP level may progress to championship level competition below National Championships based on the eligibility requirements for Computer Rated Players. All other (A) rated players are subject to the eligibility requirements of the Southwest Sectional Regulations for advancement to championship level competition below National Championships.**
- **Player(s) with Computer (C) ratings during Local League play whose (C) rating expires and do not generate a Year End Rating (YER) prior to championship level competition below National Championships are required to Self-Rate and are subject to the eligibility requirements of the Southwest Sectional Regulations for Computer (C) Rated players, as long as they do not reach the “Clearly Above Rating Level” and are disqualified.**

NTRP Self-Rate Dynamic Disqualification - Self-Rated players may be disqualified

from playing at their registered skill level if their dynamic NTRP rating exceeds the level established by the national NTRP Committee (the strike level) three times using the championship year.

NTRP Ratings (Continued)

NTRP Dynamic Disqualification During Local League Competition - Self-Rated players promoted as a result of the NTRP Dynamic Disqualification will immediately be required to participate at their new NTRP level in all USTA League Programs and NTRP Tournaments.56o9

Local League NTRP Dynamic Disqualification NR 2.04B(1) Scoring Option - The Southwest Section will **reverse the last match in which a Dynamically Disqualified Player earned the third strike. Any subsequent matches that were played after the third strike is generated, at the disqualified level will be deemed wins for the opposing player and team.** Additionally, that player becomes ineligible for future play at that level for the remainder of the championship year and the succeeding championship year. Appeals are only considered when a data entry error occurs. Computer Rated Players are not subject to Dynamic Disqualification.

- **NTRP DQ Notification:** DQ Reports are monitored by the Section League Manager daily, Monday through Friday, except holidays. Self-Rated players receiving a Dynamic Disqualification will be notified before their next scheduled match, except in the case of a Self-Rated player participating in multiple matches before scores are confirmed. Such players should be aware that they may be disqualified upon receiving a “Third Strike” at any time, and the possibility of multiple strikes exists when playing multiple matches **(e.g. Self-Rated player X participates in a league match on Saturday and receives his 3rd strike and plays again on Sunday. Both matches would be deemed wins for the opponents. Or a player participating in matches on consecutive days generates a third strike on a match played on Tuesday evening, plays another match on Wednesday evening but scores for both matches are entered on Wednesday evening, both matches would be deemed wins for the opponents.**

Championship NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Procedures NR 2.04B(2) - For all District and Sectional Championships, the Southwest Section will generate Dynamic Calculations following the conclusion of the championship and disqualify those players who meet the criteria for the NTRP Dynamic Disqualification.

- All points earned and matches played by the Dynamically Disqualified (DQ) players at Championship will stand.
- DQ player(s) ratings would be changed immediately. Those players may only compete in the higher level in any other Adult or Mixed Leagues for the remainder of the season as well as the next championship year.
- DQ player(s) on advancing teams in Leagues utilizing straight NTRP levels (e.g.

3.0, 3.5, 4.0 etc.) are not eligible to continue with that team.

- The USTA Southwest Section allows USTA League Matches to be played on courts with blended lines (e.g. Pickleball lines).

NTRP Ratings (Continued)

Early Start Leagues/Year End Rating Changes NR 2.05B(3) - Players participating in Early Start Leagues who are found to have valid computer ratings, after the appeal process, that place them above the NTRP level at which they are competing may continue their participation at the lower NTRP level through the conclusion of their Local League Season. However, these players shall not be permitted to advance to any post season play, including District and Section League Championships, at the lower NTRP level.

Tournament (T) Exclusive NTRP Ratings - Any “T” rated player who wished to participate in any Southwest Section USTA Adult Leagues must complete the Self-Rate Questionnaire before registering for their adult league team. **NTRP Tournament matches are included in the calculation of Year End Ratings.**

- NTRP Tournament Matches played after the deadline for Year End Ratings Calculations will be included in the next year’s ratings calculations.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

The USTA Southwest Section has adopted the USTA National League Grievance Regulations including the Suspension Point System and its schedule of suspension points for all Local League, District and Sectional Championships. This includes Sectional Invitational events (e.g. Adult 65 & Over, Adult 18 & Over Tri-Level) as well as any non-advancing Local League offerings in all Southwest Regions.

Grievances - A filing fee of **\$50.00** will be charged for all league grievances submitted to the USTA Southwest Section League Grievance Committee. The fee will be refunded if the grievance is upheld or at the discretion of the Southwest Section League Grievance Committee. The filing fee must accompany the grievance at its time of submission. All League Grievances will be processed in compliance with the USTA National League Regulations.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS (continued)

NTRP Grievances - All NTRP Grievances and Appeals apply only to Self-rated players (S), and must be filed in compliance with USTA Regulation 3.03E & 3.04A

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/organize/program-resources/national/resources---tools.html>

- In addition to an inappropriately self-rated player, Captains or others who condone inappropriate self-rating may be subject to possible sanctions and/or penalties, including disqualification, removal from a team, or suspensions.
- Computer rated players (C) later found to have misrepresented their playing history during the self-rate process are subject to Grievances.
- **For consistency, NTRP League Grievances submitted during a Regional or Sectional Championship, will be held and submitted to the Section League Grievance Committee at the conclusion of the event for processing.**

Local Grievance Procedures - Local Grievance complaints shall be administered in compliance with USTA League Regulations 3.03. All League Grievances shall be submitted and processed by the SWS League Grievance Committee.

Reciprocity - Upon discovery, the USTA Southwest Section will uphold and honor a valid sanction imposed upon a player from another USTA Section playing in USTA Southwest Leagues and/or Tournaments.

Creating a new USTA Account - Players who create a new USTA account, while having a previous USTA account, for the express purpose of completing the NTRP Self-Rate Form in an attempt to generate a new NTRP Rating Level, different from their previous NTRP Rating level, is subject to an NTRP Grievance.

Self-Rate Appeals – Players may appeal their assigned NTRP rating level using the online form in Tennislink. **Appeals are reviewed by the SWS Appeals Committee whose decision is final. Appeals that include false information will result in a denied appeal. Players providing false information to the Appeals Committee may be subject to a League Grievance.**

Year-End ratings/Automatic Appeals - NR 2.05E (3) *All Players age 70 or over will automatically be granted an appeal (A Rating type) of their current rating to the next lower level, if they meet the criteria, subject to 2.05E (4). NTRP Dynamic Disqualification procedures as outlined in 2.04B(3) apply.*

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS (continued)

- Captains and players are responsible for checking Tennislink for final Year-End Ratings (YERs), that are published on or around December 1st.
- Except for participants in National League Championships, players whose YERs are changed may appeal by using the automated appeal process in Tennislink Leagues.

Medical Appeals - All Medical Appeals must be filed in compliance with the USTA National League Regulations. More information on Medical Appeals, use the link below:

https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/pdfs/usta_league_medical_appeals_6_22_15.pdf

LOCAL LEAGUE/PLAYER PARTICIPATION

Format - The competition format for local league play shall be round robin as required by the District/Local League in compliance with USTA National League Regulation 2.01C(1).

Adult 55 & Over and Mixed 18 and 40 & Over Leagues - Sections may utilize either "straight" (e.g. 3.0, 3.5, etc.) or "combined" (e.g. 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, etc.) NTRP levels in local league play and Sectional Championships. The **Southwest Section** elects to utilize combined NTRP Levels for both League types.

Multiple Team Participation in the same NTRP Level - NR. 1.04G9(2) - A player is prohibited from playing on more than one team in a NTRP level within a division in the same local league during the same season.

Multiple Team Participation in different NTRP Levels - NR 1.04G(3) USTA National League Regulations authorize sections to deny or accept participation in more than one NTRP Level within a division in the **same** local league during the **same** season. Southwest Section exercises the **option to allow players** to register on multiple teams within a League type (e.g. Mixed or Adult) provided they are in **DIFFERENT NTRP** levels. Players may play up one NTRP Level only, but not down.

Local league Regulations - Provided they do not conflict with National and Sectional League Regulations, additional Local League regulations may be adopted that are specific to each Region.

Refund Policy - Each Local League shall determine their Local League refund policy.

SOUTHWEST SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Progression - The method of Progression to Section Championships shall be determined in compliance with **NR 2.02B (1) and 2.02B (2)**.

- Regional Championships to determine qualifying teams are at the discretion of the Local League in compliance with the SWS League Regulations.
- The Section authorizes Flight or Area Championships when determined necessary.
- If a Local League team who qualifies to advance to Section Championships is unable or unwilling to participate, the second-place team in that same division, in the same local league will be invited to participate. The team would be the Regional advancing team and not a Wildcard team.
- **Local League Deadlines to Advance Teams to Sectional Championships** - Each Local League shall determine dates for their local league seasons in compliance with the Sectional and National League Calendars.
- Deadlines for completion of play in all Local League types (including any local or District Championships) except for Adult18 & Over Tri-Level is 4 weeks prior to Sectional Championship or Invitational. No teams will advance if they are not in compliance with these dates of completion.
- Deadline for completion of Local League play in Adult 18 & Over Tri-Level is three weeks prior to the Sectional Invitational.

Minimum Roster Requirements - Teams qualifying to advance and any Wildcard teams invited to Sectional Championships must field a complete roster for all Championship matches scheduled:

- The Section shall invite the 2nd place teams from the same Division and District of any advancing team unable to field a complete roster for all Championship matches. **No waivers to this rule will be accepted by the Section League Manager for consideration.**
- Any additional teams invited to attend Section championships as Wildcard teams invited to Sectional Championships, must also be able to field an entire team for all matches scheduled in that championship. If they cannot do so, they will not be invited to attend. The Wildcard invitation will then be offered to the next team in line or to the next Region of any Wildcard team unable to field a complete roster for all Championship matches.

Sectional Registration – a completed **Entry Form** must be submitted by all individual players prior to the established registration deadline, for the team to be eligible to participate in the Southwest Sectional League Championships. No players will be allowed to register after the deadline.

SOUTHWEST SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (continued)

Team Withdrawal from Sectional Championships - Teams that withdraw (14) days or more in advance of the start of the tournament will be reimbursed their entry fees. Teams that withdraw within thirteen (13) days of the start of the tournament and/or posting of the draw will forfeit their entry fees and are subject to a grievance filed by the Section League Manager.

Player participating on more than one team at Sectional Championships -

Schedule exceptions will not be considered for players rostered on multiple teams that qualify for championship level play.

- Once the Sectional Schedule is approved by the Tournament Director, Championship Referee and the Section League Committee Chair, the schedule will not be changed for any reason other than weather issues or last-minute team withdrawals from the Sectional Championships.
- Players who qualify to advance to Section Championships on more than one team may participate on both teams, provided the teams are in different divisions or NTRP levels.
- **No special consideration will be given to scheduling.**
- **It is recommended that Captains with players participating on more than one team at Sectional Championships determine the viability of fielding complete rosters for all matches before registering the team for Sectional Championships.**
- Teams defaulting courts during a Sectional Championship may be subject to grievances filed by the Section League Manager.
- Players eligible to compete at a Section level championship from teams advancing out of two different Areas or Regions, must declare one team for which they will compete. **Players may not compete on more than one team in the same division and NTRP level.**

Format - Sectional Championships will be run over a three day period utilizing a Round Robin format.

- Divisions with four, five or six teams will play a single Round Robin. The total number of matches is dependent on the number of participating teams.
- Divisions with three teams will play a double Round Robin and a total of four matches.
- Divisions with two teams will play a triple Round Robin and a total of 3 matches.
- Under normal conditions, Sectional Championships matches will be scheduled to begin play at 7:00am the first morning of the Championship with the last matches scheduled no later than 12:30pm the final day of the Championship. **Teams and players should be prepared to play from the scheduled start and conclusion of the Championship.**

SOUTHWEST SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (continued)

Match Scoring - Sectional Championship matches shall be best of two Tie-break sets with a Match Tie-break in lieu of the third set.

- The Coman Tie-break method will be used in all Set and Match Tiebreaks.

Event of a Team Match Tie - NR 2.03H tiebreak procedures will be used to determine a winner. In order the tiebreaks are:

Individual Matches - Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.

Head-to-head - Winner of Head-to-head match-up

Sets lost – Team with fewest number of sets lost.

Games lost – Team with fewest number of games lost

Percentage of Games Won – Team with highest percentage of games won.

Dueling Pistols at fifty feet – Captains will face off and shoot until submission by or death of one of the captains. (Let's see who really reads these Regulations. Be the first captain or player to send Lori Therrien a note about this tie break step and she will send you a gift).

Failure to Sign a Scorecard - If a team Captain or their designee fails to sign a completed scorecard and cannot be located within one hour of match completion, the scorecard is considered automatically confirmed.

Weather Delays - In the event of any weather-related delay at Sectional Championships, the Tournament Director may authorize tournament start times to be extended to 12:30pm on the final day of play. If by 12:30pm, the Tournament Director determines that matches cannot be completed, all matches and results previously played will stand and final championship results will be determined by those standings.

Conduct - Players, teammates, spectators or coaches who interfere and/or are disruptive at matches or the tournament desk are considered to have violated the standards of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship required by "THE CODE".

- This includes conduct before, during and after the completion of a match.
- Teammates, spectators, or coaches may not comment on line calls, scoring, the conduct of the match, or the running of a tournament (at desk).
- It is the responsibility of the teams to control their spectators' and/or players at all matches.
- Violators are subject to Grievances from the Championship Tournament Grievance Committee as well as penalties imposed by a Sectional Championship Referee or Official.

SOUTHWEST SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (continued)

Total Team Defaults during Sectional Championships – NR 2.03L If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, then all matches of that team played, or to be played, shall be null and void when determining standings. If all teams in contention for the championships have already played the defaulting team in good faith, those matches stand as played. The Section may impose further penalties on said team.

Leaving Before Completion of Championship (Total Team Default) - Teams leaving before completion of the Section Championship MUST obtain permission from the tournament director.

Teams, (captain and all attending players) leaving the championship before the conclusion, without expressed permission from the Tournament Directors will be subject to a League Grievance with a recommended penalty of a suspension from USTA League Play for 364 days.

Photo ID Requirement - All participants at Sectional Championships are required to provide a photo identification when called for their individual court.

- Players who fail to provide id prior to their first match, must show their identification before their next match or will be prohibited from participating in the rest of the championship.

Sectional Championship Wildcard Selection Procedure - The Wildcard Procedures will be followed, with discretion, by the Local League Coordinators in partnership with the Section Adult League Manager.

Section Championships Sites – Sectional Championship dates and locations shall be determined by the Section League Leadership.

First Aid - The Section League Manager will try to obtain the services of professional Trainers for each facility used during Sectional Championships and Invitationals. If trainers are not available for any Sectional Championship, an unmanned First Aid Station will be available to players.

- Players should monitor their own general health during matches and alert the tournament staff in case of an injury or a serious health issue requiring EMS.

Officials - At least one certified USTA Referee or Official will be present at Sectional Championships. At the discretion of the USTA Section League Manager, additional officials may be at the Sectional Championships.

NON-TRADITIONAL LEAGUE TYPES: TRI-LEVEL, , 65 & OVER, AND 55 & OVER MIXED DOUBLES

Note: Regulations changes may occur at any time for these league types, the regulations coming down from the National Invitational Championship Committees may be revised as they plan the Invitationals. Because we try to follow the same Player Eligibility and Match Requirements, eligible players are confirmed with each advancing captain before the sectional event by the Section League Manager or designee.

TRI-LEVEL

The Tri-Level Format is approved by the Southwest Section and is subject to Section regulations governing all league play except as or as well as those regulations listed below.

Note: The National Tri-Level Invitational will offer 3 divisions for the Tri-Level Event in March of 2024 : 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and the traditional 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and also 4.0, 4.5, 5.0.

Players competing in the Southwest Section Invitational may only participate in one division.

Early Start Leagues - Early Start Leagues are not an option for Tri-Level. Local League Seasons scheduled in the fall shall be part of the current championship year and may not be scheduled as Early Start Leagues (rationale: Sectional and The National Invitationals are played in the following calendar year).

Players Ratings - Players with any rating type may participate in Local Leagues. However only Computer (C) rated players and Computer Rated Appealed Players are eligible to participate in the Sectional and National Invitationals. A- Rated Players may play at the Sectional and National Invitational at the level in which they competed in the local league season. For Example: if a player played the 2023 season with a 3.5 "C" rating and earned a 4.0 "C" 2023-year end rating and they appeal their rating down to a 3.5 "A," they may play at the Tri-Level invitational as a 3.5-rated player.

Advancement to the Tri-Level Sectional Invitational - Local League winners in the men's and women's divisions (3.0, 3.5, 4.0) (3.5, 4.0, 4.5) (4.0, 4.5, 5.0) will advance to the SWS Tri-Level Invitational. Players are required to play a minimum of two matches during the local league season with their team and may have 1 default awarded to count as an eligible match. **Teams must have at least 1 doubles team in each of the NTRP designated levels able to attend the Section Tri-Level Championship in order to be invited to participate. Players competing in the Southwest Section Invitational may only participate in one division.**

TRI-LEVEL SECTIONAL INVITATIONAL

NTRP Computer Rating Requirements: Year End NTRP Computer (C) Rated Players and Computer Rated Appealed players may advance to the Section Tri-Level Invitational. Players may use their current Computer Rating or the Computer Rating earned at year end provided the rating is not “Clearly Above Level”. Computer Rated Appealed (A) Players may play at the Sectional and National Invitational at the level in which they competed in the local league season.

TRI-LEVEL SECTIONAL INVITATIONAL (continued)

Level of play requirements at Sectional Invitational - Players whose Year End Ratings (YER) is different than during Tri-Level Local League play may participate at the Sectional Invitational. Based on the change their rating for the Sectional Invitational may be different than what it was during Local League play. See below:

- A 2022 Computer Rated player who is promoted up in the 2023 YERs may play at their 2022 rating level as long as they have not reached the Clearly Above Level.(e.g. 2022 3.5 (C) promoted to 4.0 (C) in 2023 YERs may play at the 3.5 level at the Sectional Invitational.)
- A 2022 computer rated player who is moved down in the 2023 YERs may play at their 2023 rating level. (e.g. 2022 4.0 (C) is moved down to 3.5 (C) in the 2023 YERs may play at the 3.5 level at the Sectional Invitational.)
- Self-Rated Player (S), Mixed (M), who earn a 2023 YER Computer Rating must play at the NTRP level of their new 2023 Year End Rating.
- NO S, T, M, will be eligible to advance to the SW Section Tri-Level Invitational. All players must have a Computer (C) Rating or an (A) Rating.

Date and Location - The Tri-Level Sectional Invitational shall be held in January of the following year in which the local leagues were played. Location is determined by the Section League Manager. The event will be run over a maximum of three (3) days.

Wildcards - Only be offered if a division has 3 or fewer teams advancing and a winning team withdraws within 14 days of the invitational.

Move-up/Split-up Rules NR 2.06 - Move-up/Split-up do not apply to Tri-Level Championship Teams.

ADULT 65 & OVER SECTIONAL INVITATIONAL

- **Only teams advancing from a regional local league may attend the Sectional Invitational. No team waivers will be accepted in 2023.**
- Teams advancing from Regions with Local League play must field all lines of play with players whose combined ratings are within .5 of the playing level. (e.g. For a 7.0 match, the combined ratings of the players on each line must be at least 6.5)
- As this event is immediately after the Year End Ratings are published, all rating type players who get moved up at year end are eligible to compete at the level they played in the local league season, as long as the player has not been dynamically DQ'd.
- Players are required to play a minimum of two matches during the local league season with their team and may have 1 default awarded count as an eligible match.

Wildcard Teams – Wildcards will be offered under the 65 & Over Wildcard Rotation Schedule.

- Wildcards will be offered to teams unless the maximum number of teams (six) are already participating in any Division.

Move Up/Split Up NR 2.06 - The Southwest Section exercises its option that Sectional Invitational winners in the Adult 65 & Over League are NOT subject to this regulation.

55 & OVER MIXED DOUBLES SECTION INVITATIONAL

- **Only teams advancing from a regional local league may attend the Sectional Invitational. No team waivers will be accepted in 2023.**
- **Teams advancing from Regions with Local League play must field all lines of play with players whose combined ratings are within .5 of the playing level. (e.g. For a 7.0 match, the combined ratings of the players on each line must be at least 6.5)**
- **all rating type players who get moved up at year end are eligible to compete at the level they played in the local league season, as long as the player has not been dynamically DQ'd.**
- **Players are required to play a minimum of two matches during the local league season with their team and may have 1 default awarded count as an eligible match.**

Move Up/Split Up NR 2.06 - The Southwest Section exercises its option that Sectional Invitational winners in the Mixed 55 & Over League are NOT subject to this regulation.