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Overview of NorCal's Junior Ranking Tournaments

These descriptions give an overview of the key requirements for the various tournament Levels and tournament formats. For a complete description, please refer to the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Regulations.

Open Level 7 Tournaments. Open Level 7 Tournaments are for intermediate players and require that players only compete on one day. Open Level 7 Tournaments may be offered with singles, doubles, and/or mixed doubles events.

Open Level 6 Tournaments. Open Level 6 Tournaments are two-day tournaments for intermediate players. Open Level 6 Tournaments may be offered with singles, doubles, and/or mixed doubles events. Open Level 6 Tournaments are also offered using the Ratings Round Robin format.

Open and Closed Level 5 Tournaments. Open and Closed Level 5 Tournaments are for intermediate to advanced players - see detailed descriptions for Open and Closed designations:

- Level 5 Championship Singles-Only Tournaments
- Level 5 Championship Singles & Doubles Tournaments
- Level 5 Championship Doubles-Only and Mixed Doubles-Only Tournaments
- Level 5 Dominant Duo Team Tournaments
- Level 5 Super Series

Open & Closed Level 4 Tournaments. Open Level 4 Tournaments are for advanced players:

- Open Level 4 Super Series
- Open Level 4 Excellence Doubles-Only Tournaments
- Closed Level 4 Excellence Singles & Doubles Tournaments
- Closed Level 4 Excellence Doubles-Only Tournaments
- Closed Level 4 Mixed Dominant Duo Team Tournaments

Closed Level 3 Tournaments. Closed Level 3 Tournaments are also known as Sectional Championships and are for advanced players. They include the June Sectional Championships (Singles and Doubles), the Fall Singles Sectional Championships, the Doubles-Only Sectional Championships, and a new Mixed-Doubles Only Championship.

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Standardized Deadlines. For consistency and transparency to participants the following standardized deadlines have been adopted for NorCal Tournaments.

Level	Entry Deadlines	Doubles Partner Notification Deadlines[3]	Player & Team Selection Deadlines[4]	Publication of Draws with Start Times[5]
Level 7	2:59 pm Pacific Time, five (5) days before the date of the tournament.	No later than the end of the day four (4) days before the start date of the tournament.	Three (3) days before start of the tournament.	10:00 am Pacific Time two (2) days before the start of the tournament
Level 6	2:59 pm Pacific Time, six (6) days before the date of the tournament.	No later than the end of the day five (5) days before the start date the tournament.	Four (4) days before start of the tournament.	10:00 am Pacific Time three (3) days before the start of the tournament
Doubles Only Level 3, Level 4, Level 5[2]	2:59 pm Pacific Time, two (2) Wednesdays before the start date of the tournament.	No later than the end of the day on Thursday following the entry deadline.	The Friday following the Wednesday entry deadline for the tournament.	10:00 am Pacific Time three (3) days before the start of the tournament.
Level 5[2] **Level 4** **Level 3**	2:59 pm Pacific Time, two (2) Wednesdays before the start date of the tournament.	No later than the end of the day on Thursday following the entry deadline in order for eligible teams to be selected the next day. The Final Deadline is Monday at 5:00 pm Pacific Time following the entry deadline. See Regulation 12 for team selection procedures.	The Friday following the Wednesday entry deadline for the tournament.* *For Level 3 Sectional Championships and Level 4 Excellence Tournaments, only, selection may not be done or finalized until authorized by USTA NorCal.	10:00 am Pacific Time three (3) days before the start of the tournament

No adjustment to these deadlines may be made without the written consent of USTA NorCal.

1 If a Level 5 is held concurrently with the first weekend of a Level 3 or Level 4, the Level 5 deadlines will be adjusted to the deadlines for a Level 6. If a Level 5 is held concurrently with the second weekend a Level 3 or Level 4, the Level 5 deadlines will be adjusted to the deadlines for a Level 7.

2 If a Level 6 is held concurrently with the second weekend a Level 3 or Level 4, the Level 6 deadlines will be adjusted to the deadlines for a Level 7.

3 Doubles players that have not previously entered as a team must notify the Tournament Committee of the partnership by this deadline. This does not apply to tournaments that use the Dominant Duo format, which require entering with a partner by the entry deadline.

4 If a tournament has wild cards and the entries have exceeded the draw limit, the number of players or teams selected will be reduced by the number of wild cards. For example, if the draw limit is 32 and there are 2 wild cards, 30 players will be selected.

5 When a tournament is held over two weekends, the start times for the second weekend will be published the of days in this column before the start of the second weekend of the tournament.

Level 7 Tournaments

Open Level 7 Tournaments

- **Sanction Period:** 1 or 2 days; however, players may not compete in the tournament for a period longer than one day.
- **Tournament Dates:** Applicant may apply for 1 or 2-day date-block that are within the date blocks designated by USTA NorCal (see 2026 Sanction Date Blocks).
- **Entry Fee:** All fees are per event fees. Head Taxes and the Serve Tennis Fee are added to these fees; the net income per player for a tournament is the fee shown below.
  - **Singles-Only Tournaments:** $67
  - **Doubles and Mixed Doubles Entry Fee When Singles Offered as Part of Tournament:** $7 per player
  - **Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles-Only Tournaments:** $27 per player
- **Draw Size:** Draw size may be limited but it must be posted on the Tournament website by the time the entries open.
- **Events:** Singles-only tournaments, doubles-only tournaments, mixed doubles-only tournaments and tournaments with a combination of singles, doubles and mixed doubles are all permitted.
- **Draw Regulations:**
  - Singles players will play a maximum of 4 rounds and a minimum of 3.
  - When doubles/mixed offered with singles, players will be guaranteed 1 doubles match.
  - In doubles/mixed doubles-only tournaments teams will play a maximum of 4 rounds and a minimum of 3.
  - Events may be waterfalled into multiple draws so that more than 16 players can be accepted per event.
- **Draw Formats Permitted:**
  - Round robin of 4-5 players whereby every player plays every other player
  - Round robin of 6 or more players whereby all players get the same number of matches, but not all players play every other player.
  - Team format.

Additionally, the single elimination format may be used for doubles and mixed doubles events when singles events are offered as part of the same tournament.

- **Balls.**
  - Singles-Only and Doubles-Only Tournaments: One can used on each court for duration of the tournament.
  - Singles & Doubles Tournaments: One can used on each court for singles matches; one can used on each court for doubles matches.
- **Match Formats:**
  - *Singles.* One 6-game set with a 7-point Set Tiebreak at 6 games all.
  - *Doubles and Mixed Doubles When Singles Offered as Part of Tournament:* One Short Set with a 7-point Set Tiebreak at 4 games all.
  - *Doubles and Mixed Doubles When Singles Not Offered as Part of Tournament:* One 6-game set with a 7-point Set Tiebreak at 6 games all.

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- **Court Requirement:** Applicant's must have courts to hold the events for which they are applying. An analysis of the courts required should be done prior to applying. See Standardized Schedule of Play and Minimum Court Requirements for an example of how to construct a court requirement analysis.

Level 6 Tournaments

Open Level 6 Open Tournaments - Traditional Draw Formats

- **Sanction Period:** 1 or 2 Days
- **Tournament Dates:** Applicant may apply for 1 or 2-day date-block that are within the date blocks designated by USTA NorCal (see 2026 Sanction Date Blocks).
- **Entry Fee:** All fees are per event fees. Head Taxes and the Serve Tennis Fee are added to these fees; the net income per player for a tournament is the fee shown below.
  - ***Singles-Only Tournaments:*** $77
  - ***Doubles and Mixed Doubles Entry Fee When Singles Offered as Part of Tournament:*** $8 per player
  - ***Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles-Only Tournaments:*** $36 per player
- **Draw Size:** Draw size may be limited but it must be posted to the tournament website by the time the entries open.
- **Events:** Singles-only tournaments, doubles-only tournaments, mixed doubles-only tournaments and tournaments with a combination of singles, doubles and mixed doubles are all permitted.
- **Draw Regulations:**
  - Singles players will play a maximum of 4 rounds and a minimum of 2.
  - When doubles/mixed offered with singles, players will be guaranteed 1 doubles match.
  - In doubles/mixed doubles-only tournaments teams will play a maximum of 4 rounds and a minimum of 2.
  - Events may be waterfalled into multiple draws so that more than 16 players can be accepted per event.
- **Draw Formats Permitted:**
  - Round robin of 3-4 players
  - Feed-In through Quarterfinals with playoff for 3rd place for draws with 9-16 players
  - Modified Feed-In Championship and a playoff for 3rd place for draws with 5-8 players; or
  - Team format.

Additionally, the single elimination format may be used for doubles and mixed doubles events when singles events are offered as part of the same tournament.

- **Match Formats:**
  - ***Singles Main Draw and Round Robin.*** Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd set
  - ***Singles Consolation.*** Best of 3 Short Sets with a 7-point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd set
  - ***Doubles and Mixed Doubles When Singles Offered as Part of Tournament.*** Best of 3 Short sets with a 7-point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd set
  - ***Doubles Main Draw and Round Robin in Doubles/Mixed-Only Tournaments.*** Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd set
  - ***Doubles Consolation in Doubles/Mixed-Only Tournaments.*** Best of 3 Short Sets with a 7-point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd Set

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- **Balls:** Each match will use one can of three new balls.
- **Court Requirement:** Applicant's must have courts to hold the events for which they are applying. An analysis of the courts required should be done prior to applying. See Standardized Schedule of Play and Minimum Court Requirements for an example of how to construct a court requirement analysis.

Open Level 6 Ratings Round Robins - Level-Based Tournaments

- **Sanction Period:** 2 Days
- **Divisions:** All tournaments will have only two divisions: Boys' 18 and Girls' 18 Divisions because this is an age-blind, level-based tournament.
- **2026 Sanction Dates:**
  - February 8-9
  - March 8-9
  - May 3-4
  - July 5-6
- **Entry Fee:** $85 net income per player. Head Taxes and the Serve Tennis Fee are added to these fees.
- **Draw Size:** The maximum draw size will be determined by the Tournament Committee. The total number of accepted players per division must be divisible by 4.
- **Draw Formats:**
  - *Singles:* 4-player round robins. Players are flighted based on ratings. USTA NorCal will provide the ratings for flighting until such time as a rating is built into Serve Tennis.
  - *Doubles:* Players in each round robin are randomly paired into two doubles teams and play one match. Doubles is required to be offered and to be played.
- **Match Formats:**
  - *Singles:* Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets with a 10-Point Match Tiebreak in lieu of 3rd set
  - *Doubles:* Best of 3 Short Sets with a 7-point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd set

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- **Balls:** Each match will use one can of three new balls.
- **Court Requirements:** When draws are full, the following numbers of courts are needed to run the tournament on the longest day of play:

96 total players (24 round robin draws of 4 players): 13 courts
128 total players (32 round robin draws of 4 players): 17 courts
192 total players (48 round robin draws or 4 players): 26 courts
256 total players (64 round robin draws of 4 players): 34 courts
See Standardized Schedule of Play and Minimum Court Requirements for more information.

Level 5 Tournaments

Level 5 Championship Singles and Doubles Tournaments

- **Sanction Period:** 3 days
- **2026 Tournament Dates:** President's Weekend - February 15-17; July 19-21 (ends on a Monday during summer)
- **Entry Fee:** All fees are per event fees. Head Taxes and the Serve Tennis Fee are added to these fees; the net income per player for a tournament is the fee shown below.
  - *Singles-Only Tournaments:* $86
  - *Doubles and Mixed Doubles Entry Fee When Singles Offered as Part of Tournament:* $8 per player
- **Singles Draw Size and Format:** 16-player Feed In Championship to the Quarterfinals (FIC-QF) with 3rd place playoff*

*The Junior Regulations provide for alternative mandatory draw formats if fewer than 16 entries are received.

- **Doubles Draw Size and Format:** 8-team Single Elimination with 3rd place playoff
- **Match Formats:**
  - *Singles Main Draw:* Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set
  - *Consolation and Doubles Draws:* Best of 3 Short Sets with a 7-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set

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- **Balls:** Each match will use one can of three new balls.
- **Court Requirement:** When draws are full:
  - 6 courts are needed to run 2 divisions on the first day of play
  - 11 courts are needed to run 4 divisions on the first day of play
  - 22 courts are needed to run all 8 divisions on the first day of play

  See Standardized Schedule of Play and Minimum Court Requirements for more information.

Level 5 Championship Singles Tournaments
2 or 3 Concurrent Tournaments will be Sanctioned in each Date Block

- **Sanction Period:** 2 Days
- **2026 Tournament Dates:** February 1-2; May 17-18; August 9-10; August 23-24; September 13-14; October 11-12; November 15-16
- **Entry Fee:** $86 net income per player. Head Taxes and the Serve Tennis Fee are added to these fees.
- **Singles Draw Size and Format:** 16-player Feed In Championship to the Quarterfinals (FIC-QF) with 3rd place playoff*

*The Junior Regulations provide for alternative mandatory draw formats if fewer than 16 entries are received.

- **Match Formats:**
  - *Main Draw:* Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set
  - *Consolation:* Best of 3 Short Sets with a 7-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set

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- **Balls:** Each match will use one can of three new balls.
- **Court Requirement:** When draws are full:
  - 4 courts are needed to run 2 divisions on the first day of play
  - 8 courts are needed to run 4 divisions to on the first day of play
  - 12 courts are needed to run 4 divisions to on the first day of play

- 16 courts are needed to run all 8 divisions on the first day of play

See Standardized Schedule of Play and Minimum Court Requirements for more information.

Level 5 Championship Doubles-Only Tournaments

- **Sanction Period:** 2 Days
- **2026 Weekend Tournament Dates:** March 22-23; October 18-19; December 13-14
- **Entry Fee:** $41 net income per player. Head Taxes and the Serve Tennis Fee are added to these fees.
- **Draw Size:**
  - Weekend Draw Sizes: 32 teams
  - Weekday Draw Sizes: 16 teams
- **Doubles Draw Format:** Compass Draw with a playoff for 3rd place that guarantees each team 3 matches.
- **Doubles Match Formats:** Best of 3 Short Sets (4 game sets) with a 7-point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd Set. If the score in a Short Set reaches 4-games all, a 7-point Set Tiebreak will be played.

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- **Balls:** Each match will use one can of three new balls.
- **Weekend Court Requirements** (32-Team Tournament):
  - 8 courts are needed to run 2 divisions on the first day of play.
  - 14 courts are needed to run 4 divisions on the first day of play.

  See Standardized Schedule of Play and Minimum Court Requirements for more information.
- **Weekday Court Requirements** (16-Team Tournament):
  - 4 courts are needed to run 2 to 6 divisions on each day of play.
  - 6 courts are needed to run 8 divisions on each day of play.

  See Standardized Schedule of Play and Minimum Court Requirements for more information.

Level 5 Super Series (Singles Only) - Level-Based Tournaments

- **Sanction Period:** 2 Days
- **2026 Tournament Dates:** February 8-9; Mach 8-9∗; April 5-6; May 3-4∗, July 5-6; September 6-7, and December6-7

∗Asterisked dates are Closed Tournaments

- **Entry Fee:** $86 net income per player. All fees are per event fees. Head Taxes and the Serve Tennis Fee are added to these fees.
- **Draw Size:** 32 total players per division
- **Draw Format:** Four 8-player compass draws per division. Players are flighted based on ratings. USTA NorCal will provide the ratings for flighting until such time as a rating is built into Serve Tennis.
- **Match Format:** Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets

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- **Balls:** Each match will start with one can of three new balls. If the players split sets, a new can will be provided for the third set.
- **Entry Deadline:** Two Wednesdays prior to the start date of the tournament.
- **Court Requirement:**
  - 8 courts are needed on the first day of play to run 2 divisions
  - 15 courts are needed to the first day of play to run 4 divisions
  - 24 courts are needed on the first day of play to run 6 divisions
  - 30 courts are needed to on the first day of play to run 8 divisions.

See Standardized Schedule of Play and Minimum Court Requirements for more information.

Level 5 Dominant Duo

- **Sanction Period:** 2 Days
- **2026 Tournament Dates:**
  - *BG 18 and 16 Divisions Same Gender*: April 26-27
  - *BG 14 and 12 Divisions Same Gender*: May 31-June 1
- **Entry Fee:** $103 net income per player. Head Taxes and the Serve Tennis Fee are added to these fees.
- **Draw Size:** 32 2-Player Teams (64 Players per division); Team Entry is required.
- **Team Match:** Teams Each Team Match consists of 1 doubles match followed by 2 singles matches. The team that wins 2 out of the 3 matches wins the Team Match and advances in the draw.
- **Draw Format:** Compass Draw
- **Match Formats:** Best of 3 Short Sets with a 7-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set

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- **Balls:** Each match will use one can of three new balls.
- **Court Requirement:** 16 courts are needed for both days for 2 divisions (for example BG16). 12 courts may be used (although it is not an optimum schedule) if courts are lighted. Ideally the scheduling will put teammates on adjacent courts when they are playing singles. See Standardized Schedule of Play and Minimum Court Requirements for more information.

Open and Closed Level 4 Tournaments

Closed Level 4 Excellence Singles & Doubles Tournaments

- **Sanction Period:** 3 to 4 days depending on date block
- **2026 Tournament Dates:**
  - *3-Day Tournament:* Memorial Day Weekend - May 24-26
  - 4-*Day Tournaments*: November1-2 and 8-9
- **Entry Fee:** All fees are per event fees. Head Taxes and the Serve Tennis Fee are added to these fees; the net income per player for a tournament is the fee shown below.
- *Singles-Only Tournaments:* $97
- *Doubles and Mixed Doubles Entry Fee When Singles Offered as Part of Tournament*: $9 per player
- **SAT & ACT Scheduling Avoidance Policy:** There is no conflict in 2026 according to the projected SAT and ACT test dates.
- **Singles Draw Size and Format:** 32 players
- **Doubles Draw Size:** 16 teams
- **Singles Draw Format:** FIC16 with playoff for 3rd place, and a playoff of Quarterfinal losers for 5th place
- **Doubles Draw Format:** Single Elimination with playoff for 3rd place
- Match Formats:
- *12 Div. Singles:* Best of 3 tiebreak sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd set
- *18, 16 and 14 Div. Main Draw Singles and 3rd Place Playoff:* Best of 3 Tiebreak sets
- *18, 16 and 14 Div. Consolation Singles (including playoff matches for 5th place)*: Best of 3 Tiebreak sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd set
  - *All Divisions Doubles Through Quarterfinals:* The Best of 3 Short Sets with a 7-point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd set
  - *All Divisions Doubles Semifinals, Finals, and 3rd Place Playoff:* Best of 3 Tiebreak sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd set

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- **Balls:**
- *Best of 3 Set Matches:* Each match will start with one can of three new balls. If the players split sets, a new can will be provided for the third set.
- *All Other Matches:* Each match will use one can of three new balls.
- **Player Gift Required:** Each participant in must receive a player gift. The gift must be customized to display the tournament name and level, and must include the USTA NorCal logo.
- **Doubles Partner Notification Deadline:** End of day on the Monday prior to the start date of the tournament.
- **Court Requirements:**
  - *3-Day Tournament:*

  13 courts are needed to run 2 divisions on the first day of play
  25 courts are needed to run 4 divisions on the first day of play
  38 courts are needed to run 6 divisions on the first day of play
  50 courts are needed to run 8 divisions on the first day of play
  - *4-Day Tournaments:*

  11 courts are needed to run 2 divisions on the first day of play
  22 courts are needed to run 4 divisions on the first day of play
  32 courts are needed to run 6 divisions on the first day of play.
  44 courts are needed to run 8 divisions on the first day of play.
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Closed Level 4 Excellence Singles Tournament

- **Sanction Period:** 4 days
- **2026 Tournament Dates:** January 11-12 and 18-19
- **Entry Fee:** $97 net income per player. All fees are per event fees. Head Taxes and the Serve Tennis Fee are added to these fees.
- **SAT & ACT Scheduling Avoidance Policy:** There is no conflict in 2026 according to the projected SAT and ACT test dates.
- **Singles Draw Size:** 32 players
- **Singles Draw Format:** FIC16 with playoff for 3rd place, and a playoff of Quarterfinal losers for 5th place
- **Match Formats.**

- *12 Div. Singles:* Best of 3 tiebreak sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd set
- *18, 16 and 14 Div. Main Draw Singles and 3rd Place Playoff*: Best of 3 Tiebreak sets.
- *18, 16 and 14 Div. Consolation Singles (including playoff matches for 5th place)*: Best of 3 Tiebreak sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a 3rd set

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- **Balls:**

- *Best of 3 Set Matches:* Each match will start with one can of three new balls. If the players split sets, a new can will be provided for the third set.
- *All Other Matches:* Each match will use one can of three new balls.

- **Player Gift Required:** Each participant in must receive a player gift. The gift must be customized to display the tournament name and level, and must include the USTA NorCal logo.
- **Court Requirement:**
  - 10 courts are needed on the first day of play to run 2 divisions
  - 19 courts are needed to the first day of play to run 4 divisions
  - 28 courts are needed on the first day of play to run 6 divisions
  - 37 courts are needed to on the first day of play to run 8 divisions.

See Standardized Schedule of Play and Minimum Court Requirements for more information.

Open and Closed Level 4 Excellence Doubles/Mixed Doubles-Only Tournaments

- **Sanction Period:** 2 days
- **2026 Tournament Dates:**
  - *Closed Level 4 Doubles Tournaments*: February 24-25
  - *Open Level 4 Doubles Tournaments:* May 11-12; June 22-23; August 17-18
- **Entry Fee:** $46 net income per player. Head Taxes and the Serve Tennis Fee are added to these fees.
- **SAT & ACT Scheduling Avoidance Policy:** There is no conflict in 2026 with the Closed L4 according to the projected SAT and ACT test dates.
- **Draw Size:** 32 teams
- **Doubles Draw Format:** Compass Draw with a playoff for 3rd place that guarantees each team 3 matches.
- **Doubles Match Formats:**
  - *Main Draw Through Quarterfinals and All Consolation Matches*: Best of 3 Short Sets with a 7-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set through the Quarterfinals
  - *Main Draw Semifinals Finals and 3rd Place Playoff*: Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set

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- **Balls:** Each match will use one can of three new balls.

- **Player Gift Required:** Each participant in must receive a player gift. The gift must be customized to display the tournament name and level, and must include the USTA NorCal logo.
- **Court Requirements:**
  - 8 courts are needed to run 2 divisions on the longest day of play.
  - 14 courts are needed to run 4 divisions on the longest day of play.

  See Standardized Schedule of Play and Minimum Court Requirements for more information.

Open Level 4 Super Series (Singles Only) - Level-Based Tournaments

- **Sanction Period:** 2 Days
- **2026 Tournament Dates:** April 5-6, September 6-7, and December 6-7
- **Entry Fee:** $102 net income per player. Head Taxes and the Serve Tennis Fee are added to these fees.
- **Draw Size:** 32 total players per division
- **Draw Format:** Four 8-player compass draws per division. Players are flighted based on ratings. USTA NorCal will provide the ratings for flighting until such time as a rating is built into Serve Tennis.
- **Match Format:** Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets

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- **Balls:** Each match will start with one can of three new balls. If the players split sets, a new can will be provided for the third set.
- Player Gift Required: Each participant in must receive a player gift. The gift must be customized to display the tournament name and level, and must include the USTA NorCal logo.
- **Court Requirement:**
  - 8 courts are needed on the first day of play to run 2 divisions
  - 15 courts are needed to the first day of play to run 4 divisions
  - 24 courts are needed on the first day of play to run 6 divisions
  - 30 courts are needed to on the first day of play to run 8 divisions.

See Standardized Schedule of Play and Minimum Court Requirements for more information.

Closed Level 4 Mixed Dominant Duo

- **Sanction Period:** 3 Days
- **2026 Tournament Dates:** Labor Day Weekend - August 30-September 1
- **Entry Fee:** $116 net income per player. Head Taxes and the Serve Tennis Fee are added to these fees
- **SAT & ACT Scheduling Avoidance Policy:** There is no conflict in 2026 with the Closed L4 according to the projected SAT and ACT test dates.
- **Draw Size:** 32 2-player teams (32 boys and 32 girls per division); Team Entry is required.
- **Team Match:** Teams Each Team Match consists of 1 doubles match followed by 2 singles matches. The team that wins 2 out of the 3 matches wins the Team Match and advances in the draw.
- **Draw Format:** Compass Draw
- **Match Formats:** Best of 3 Short Sets with a 7-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set.

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- **Balls:** Each match will use one can of three new balls.
- **Player Gift Required:** Each participant in must receive a player gift. The gift must be customized to display the tournament name and level, and must include the USTA NorCal logo.
- **Court Requirement:** 16 courts are needed for both days per division (for example the 16 division tournament). 12 courts may be used (although it is not an optimum schedule) if courts are lighted. Ideally the scheduling will put teammates on adjacent courts when they are playing singles. See Standardized Schedule of Play and Minimum Court Requirements for more information.

Closed Level 3 Tournaments

Closed Level 3 June Sectional Championships (Singles & Doubles)

- **Sanction Period:** 5 days
- **2026 Tournament Dates:** June 7-8, 14-16
- **Entry Fee:** All fees are per event fees. Head Taxes and the Serve Tennis Fee are added to these fees; the net income per player for a tournament is the fee shown below.
  - ***Singles-Only Tournaments:*** $106
  - ***Doubles and Mixed Doubles Entry Fee When Singles Offered as Part of Tournament:*** $9 per player
- **SAT & ACT Scheduling Avoidance Policy:** June 8 is a 2026 ACT Test Date
- **Singles Draw Size:** 64 players
- **Doubles Draw Size:** 32 doubles teams
- **Singles Draw Format:** FIC16 with a playoff for 3rd place, and a playoff of Quarterfinal losers for 5th place
- **Doubles Draw Format:** Single Elimination with a playoff for 3rd place
- **Match Formats:**
  - ***Main Draw Singles Matches and 3rd/4th Place Playoff*:** Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets
  - ***Quarterfinal Playoff Matches, FIC Singles Matches*:** Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets with a 10-Point Match Tiebreak in lieu of 3rd set
  - ***Doubles Through Quarterfinals*:** Best of 3 Short Sets with a 7-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set through the Quarterfinals
  - ***Doubles Semifinals, Finals and 3rd Place Playoff*:** Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set

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- **Balls:**
  - ***Best of 3 Set Matches:*** Each match will start with one can of three new balls. If the players split sets, a new can will be provided for the third set.
  - ***All Other Matches:*** Each match will use one can of three new balls.
- **T-Shirts Required:** Each participant must receive a t-shirt as the player gift. The t-shirt must be customized to display the tournament name and level, and must include the USTA NorCal logo.
- **Court Requirements:** 16 courts are needed to run 2 divisions (for example, BG14) on the longest day of play. See Standardized Schedule of Play and Minimum Court Requirements for more information.

Closed Level 3 Fall Singles Sectional Championships

- **Sanction Period:** 4 days
- **2026 Tournament Dates:** September 27-28 and October 4-5
- **Entry Fee:** $106 net income per player. Head Taxes and the Serve Tennis Fee are added to these fees.
- **SAT & ACT Scheduling Avoidance Policy:** October 5 is a projected ACT Test Date according to the projected SAT and ACT test dates.
- **Singles Draw Size:** 64 singles players
- **Singles Draw Format:** FIC16 with playoff for 3rd place, and a playoff of Quarterfinal losers for 5th place
- **Singles Match Formats:**
  - ***Main Draw Singles Matches and 3rd Place Playoff*:** Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets
  - ***Quarterfinal Playoff Matches, FIC Singles Matches*:** Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set

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- **Balls:**
  - ***Best of 3 Set Matches:*** Each match will start with one can of three new balls. If the players split sets, a new can will be provided for the third set.
  - ***All Other Matches:*** Each match will use one can of three new balls.
- **T-Shirts Required:** Each participant must receive a t-shirt as the player gift. The t-shirt must be customized to display the tournament name and level, and must include the USTA NorCal logo.
- **Court Requirements:** 17 courts are needed to run 2 divisions (for example, BG14) on the longest day of play. See Standardized Schedule of Play and Minimum Court Requirements for more information.

Level 3 Closed Sectional Doubles-Only and Mixed-Only Championships

- **Sanction Period:** 2 days
- **2026 Tournament Dates:**
  - ***Mixed Doubles*:** February 22-3; April 19-20
  - ***Doubles*:** September 20-21
- **Entry Fee:** $52 net income per player. Head Taxes and the Serve Tennis Fee are added to these fees.
- **SAT & ACT Scheduling Avoidance Policy:** There is no conflict in 2026 according to the projected SAT and ACT test dates.
- **Draw Size:** 32 teams
- **Doubles Draw Format:** Compass Draw with a playoff for 3rd place that guarantees each team 3 matches.
- **Doubles Match Formats:**
  - *Main Draw Through Quarterfinals and All Consolation Matches*: Best of 3 Short Sets with a 7-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set through the Quarterfinals
  - *Main Draw Semifinals Finals and 3rd Place Playoff*: Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set

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- **Balls:** Each match will use one can of three new balls.
- **T-Shirts Required:** Each participant must receive a t-shirt as the player gift. The t-shirt must be customized to display the tournament name and level, and must include the USTA NorCal logo.
- **Court Requirements:**
  - 8 courts are needed to run 2 divisions on the longest day of play.
  - 14 courts are needed to run 4 divisions on the longest day of play.

  See Standardized Schedule of Play and Minimum Court Requirements for more information.