Overview. Each year USTA NorCal uses its best efforts to sanction its Closed Level 3 Sectional Championships and Closed Level 4 Excellence Tournaments on dates that do not conflict with the SAT and the ACT. However, it is not possible to avoid all of these test dates and some of the test dates are only estimated at the time the tournament schedule is approved for the year.

2025 SAT Dates (*Projected Dates)
March 8: No Closed Level 3 or Level 4
May 3: No Closed Level 3 or Level 4
June 7: June Sectionals (1st Saturday)
August 23: No Closed Level 3 or Level 4
October 4: Fall Singles Sectionals (2nd Saturday)
November 8: Closed Level 4 (2nd Saturday)
December 6: No Closed Level 3 or Level 4

2025 ACT Dates (*Projected Dates)
February 8: No Closed Level 3 or Level 4
April 5: No Closed Level 3 or Level 4
June 14: June Sectionals (2nd Saturday)
July 12: No Closed Level 3 or Level 4
***September 13:** No Closed Level 3 or Level 4
***October 25:** No Closed Level 3 or Level 4
***December 13:** No Closed Level 3 or Level 4

**The projected dates.*

SAT/ACT Avoidance Policy for USTA NorCal Closed Level 3 Sectional Championships and Closed Level 4 Excellence Tournaments. A player who submits a timely SAT/ACT Avoidance Request in the format described below will be guaranteed a singles start time of 3:30 pm or such earlier time as is requested by the player. A request for a start time after 3:30 pm is not required to be honored. A request for a doubles start time is never required to be honored.

Submission of SAT/ACT Avoidance Request. No later than the time entries close, a player may submit an SAT/ACT Avoidance Request when a test date overlaps with a USTA NorCal Closed Level 3 Sectional Championship or a Closed Level 4 Excellence Tournament. The request must be in writing to the Tournament Director and must include:
- the test date,
- the city in which the test is being taken,
- the requested match start time, which must be 3:30 pm or earlier; and
- if required by the Tournament Committee, proof of registration for the SAT and/or ACT.

Publication of Instructions by Tournament for Submitting SAT/ACT Avoidance Requests. Each Tournament Committee is encouraged to publish to its tournament website, by the time entries open, the instructions set forth above on submitting an SAT/ACT Avoidance Request. Failure to publish this information will not invalidate the SAT/ACT Avoidance Request deadline.

Late and Improper Scheduling Requests. The following SAT/ACT Avoidance Requests ARE NOT guaranteed, but may be accommodated at the discretion of the Tournament Committee:
- Late requests;
- Timely requests for after 3:30 pm;
- Timely requests for doubles, unless the specific scheduling policy for the tournament that is published by USTA NorCal each year specifies how the Tournament Committee is to accommodate such a request;
- Timely requests for consolation singles, unless the specific scheduling policy for the tournament that is published by USTA NorCal each year specifies how the Tournament Committee is to accommodate such a request.

Inclement Weather and Other Circumstances Affecting Tournament Schedule. When inclement weather or other circumstances affect a tournament schedule, the Tournament Committee will use its best efforts

to adjust the match times in a way that accommodates an SAT/ACT Avoidance Request. In the event an SAT/ACT Avoidance Request cannot be honored due such factors, the player will be permitted to withdraw from the tournament without penalty.

Standardized Schedule for Closed Level 3 Sectional Championships and Closed Level 4 Excellence Tournaments. Each year, USTA NorCal establishes specific scheduling policies for the tournaments that overlap with SAT & ACT test dates and will provide these instructions to the Tournament Committees. These policies are based on full draws, the standardized schedule recommended for the tournament, and play not being affected by inclement weather. When draws are not full or the tournament is affected by inclement weather, the Tournament Committee will consult with USTA NorCal staff on how to accommodate SAT/ACT Avoidance Requests.