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**DATES:** February 13 - Sunday, February 15, 2026.

Matches begin on Friday, February 13, 2026

Matches and awards will conclude on Sunday by approximately 2:00 pm. Please consider that inclement weather and other foreseen circumstances may affect the schedule and ending time might vary, so players should plan accordingly (i.e. flights, etc). We present awards as teams complete their matches in order to help teams in a hurry to catch flights. We highly recommend that you do not book flights earlier than 6pm. You want to be sure to play your best and not worry about missing or changing flights while you're playing.

**SITE:** All matches will be played at:

[The Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex](#)

14469 W. Paradise Lane

Surprise, AZ 85374 - (623) 222-2400

**COURT SURFACE:** Hard

**BALL TYPE:** Penn Championship Extra Duty

**PRACTICE COURTS:** Call in up to 24 hours in advance to reserve for non-tournament days. Teams may book up to two courts per session. \$4.00 per person per 1 hour or \$5.00 per person for courts at night. Practice courts will not be provided during the competition dates. Prior to the first round of matches, teams can warm-up on a first come, first serve basis.

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**PLAYER ENTRY FEE:** Every player advancing to the USTA League National Invitational is required to register online and pay the \$70 individual player entry fee. Non-playing players that wish to receive the player amenities need to register and pay for the event. Payment will be processed on the day of the captain check-in on Thursday. If your payment is unable to be processed, you will be notified via email to resubmit payment. Your captain will also be notified at check-in. You will not be able to compete until your payment is processed.

**ALL CAPTAINS:** both playing and non-playing need to register and pay for the event. Please make sure that you have at least **6** eligible players registered by **January 23th, 2026**. Please email us at [leaguenationals@usta.com](mailto:leaguenationals@usta.com) for any questions. Captains will be notified of their current roster list before the registration deadline. The deadline to register for this event is **Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 12:00pm ET**.

**REFUND POLICY:** Players may send refund requests to [leaguenationals@usta.com](mailto:leaguenationals@usta.com), refunds will be granted until the registration deadline which is **Thursday, February 12, 2026**.

**TEAM ELIGIBILITY:** A minimum of six (6) players who were on the final local roster must be available to compete at nationals.

**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 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.

### WAIVER REQUESTS:

Individual eligibility waivers will **not be accepted** for the 2025 USTA League 65 and Over National Invitational. Any player who fails to meet the minimum match requirement will not be granted a waiver to participate.

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**VIRTUAL PRE-RECORDED PARTICIPANT WEBINAR:** To be sent via email prior to competition. The webinar will provide important information for you and your team to know about before you compete.

**CAPTAIN'S CHECK IN:** Captains must check in their team on Thursday, February 12, 2026 between the hours of 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm at the Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex. At this time the captain will get their captain's packets, captain gift and player gifts. The check in takes about 10-15 minutes.

**PLAYER LUNCHESES:** Every registered player will receive a boxed lunch on both Friday and Saturday. Lunches will be provided between the hours of 11:00 am and 2:00 pm daily.

**ATHLETIC TRAINERS:** There will be a trainer on-site to assist with athletic injuries. They will have access to ice. Athletic trainers will arrive 30 minutes prior to the first round match and stay until the completion of match play daily.

**WATER, ICE, & FOOD:** Water will be available onsite to refill water bottles as well as free bananas (while supplies last) and onsite small snack options for purchase. We are not able to provide ice for large coolers but the athletic trainer will have ice for any injury. We recommend that all players come prepared with the beverages (water, Gatorade, etc.), ice and food that they need to make it through their matches. Bottle fillers are available on the facility grounds and inside the building.

**AWARDS:** Awards will be given to teams that finish in the Champion and Finalist positions. Banners will be presented to the teams that finish 1st-4th.

**PLAYER GIFTS:** All players attending the National Invitational will receive a long-sleeve t-shirt, bag tag and lunch on Friday and Saturday.

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**OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE:** Official USTA League National Invitational merchandise will be available for purchase both online and on site.

**STRINGING:** Will be provided on-site.

**TEAM PHOTOS:** Team photos will be taken throughout the weekend as well as candid shots. Team captains will make an appointment prior to their first match. Photos are FREE at [USTA League 65 & Over National Invitational Homepage](#)

**TOURNAMENT WEBSITE:** The USTA League National Invitational home page will be updated with stories, photos and scores daily. Be sure your local newspaper sports editor, friends and family have the address so they can check the results at [USTA League 65 & Over National Invitational Homepage](#)

### **RULES & REGULATIONS:**

- USTA Rules and League Regulations and Friend at Court will be enforced.
- USTA League Suspension Points will be enforced.
- Match lineups must be submitted to the tournament desk by the team captain, or a representative of the team, 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled match. Failure to may result in penalties at the Tournament Director and Referee's discretion.
- Any doubles team on the lineup cannot exceed the level of the event. Doubles teams that are lower than the level of the event, must be placed on the third line of the team lineup card. For example, in an 8.0 Team Match, if a doubles team's total NTRP rating is 7.5 between those two players, that teams must be placed on the third line of the lineup card beneath all other teams that total 8.0.
- Tournament staff have the authority to put matches on our of order as shown on the lineup if circumstances dictate. Known defaults are still implemented.
- All matches will be on a "followed by" basis meaning matches may start prior to the scheduled match time if courts are available.

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- If a player elects to play on multiple teams (within the same or a different division) during League play, the player automatically waives the minimum rest period under USTA Regulation III.C.1. and as specified in Table 11 (see Friend at Court). Regardless, if a player elects to play on multiple teams, the Recovery Rule will remain in effect (Reg. 203A(2)a).
- Tentative schedules are posted on the homepage by early January. The final match schedule will be posted at the start of the Captain's Registration.

**PLAYER ID:** Tournament staff may conduct random checks of player ID at time of check-in for matches. If a player is without ID when asked for it, he/she will be asked to provide it before they can be sent on court.

**COACHING:** No coaching is allowed by captains, teammates, or spectators. Cell phones or electronic devices are not allowed on court. Please work out problems on court as best as you can. If players are not able to work out a dispute, one of them may come to the Tournament desk to request the Referee. (Please note that captains and/or players should not be involved with decision making or requesting an official without a player's consent.)

### 2.03J SCORING OF INDIVIDUAL DEFAULTS:

For the purpose of determining standings, individual defaults will be scored as a 6-0, 6-0 win for the player or doubles team receiving the default and a 0-6, 0-6 loss for the player or doubles team that defaulted the match. In the event of a default by both players or doubles teams, both sides will be given a 0-6, 0-6 loss and neither receives credit for a win. If a double default results in a tie, the tiebreak procedure shall be the same as in Reg. 2.03H Procedures In the Event of a Tie in order to determine a winner of that team match.

### 2.03M RETIREMENTS:

A retirement occurs when an individual match has started and a player/doubles team is unable to continue due to injury, loss of condition, emergency or refusal to play. If a full team retirement or combination of defaults and retirements occurs, the Championship Committee has the authority to file a grievance and to follow 2.03O if authorized. If such penalties include a suspension from League play, they must follow the League Suspension System.

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**ELECTRONICS ON-COURT:** Phones are not allowed to be used at any point during the matches. Phones must be turned on silent. Smart watches must turn notifications off. If you require an electronic device during your match, please notify the head official and opponent that it is needed.

**OFFICIALS:** There will be certified referees and roving officials at all host sites. Players are encouraged to play tennis without the need for umpires to be present for matches. Please click [here](#) to view the officials' roles & responsibilities at League Championships.

### SCORING:

Best of two tiebreak sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set.

Match Tiebreak (10 Points, Win by 2): When the score in an individual match is one set all, a Match Tiebreak shall be played in lieu of a 3rd set. This tiebreak game replaces the deciding final set. The player/team who first wins ten points (win by two) shall win this match tiebreak and the match. If the score goes to 9-9 and beyond, players continue to play until there is a winning margin of 2 points (i.e. 11-9, 12-10, 15-13, etc).

Two minute rest between the 1st & 2nd set and between the 2nd & 3rd set Match Tiebreak.

Coman Tiebreak procedures apply to all tiebreak sets including the Match Tiebreaker. First team serves one point, followed by two serves for each team thereafter. Change sides after the point and then after every four subsequent points thereafter.

### INVITATIONAL FORMAT:

Teams will compete in 4 unflighted matches against randomly selected opponents. Teams can expect to play 2 matches on Friday and 2 matches on Saturday. On Sunday, the top 4 teams, based on TennisLink standings, will advance to the semi-finals, followed by the finals and the 3rd/4th match.

In the event of a team match tie, the tie will be broken by the first of the following procedures:

- Winner of the most individual matches in the competition

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- Winner of head to head match (winner of head-to-head match only if all tied teams have played each other and one team defeated all the teams that are tied)
- Loser of the fewest number of sets
- Loser of the fewest number of games
- Game Winning Percentage: Total games won divided by total games played  
\*Calculation of game-winning percentage does not include defaulted matches.
- A Method to be determined by the Invitational Committee. Procedure to be announced prior to commencement of championship competition.

\*Format and schedule are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER AND COMMUNICATION PLAN:** In the event of an impending major weather situation that could impact the USTA League Invitational Event, the USTA has committed to using best efforts to keep the players, captains, volunteers and staff updated prior to the event. USTA League national staff will post emergency updates to [USTA League 65 & Over National Invitational Homepage](#).

In the event of rain or suspension of play caused by extreme heat during the tournament, please remain at the tournament site until the tournament staff informs you of the play schedule. In the event of a long rain delay or heat suspension, it will be at the discretion of the Championship Committee to use an alternative-playing format.

During the tournament, players will be notified of delays via:

- An email notification to the email you registered with.
- A text message if you opted in to receive messages at registration.

Should any situation occur, which could potentially result in invalid matches or the postponement, rescheduling, or cancellation of a National Championship, a committee composed of the Tournament Director, National staff and National League Committee member(s) will determine the best course of action. This may include, but not limited to, changes in the format, number of matches, and scoring. In certain extreme situations, National Co-Champions may be awarded (Reg. 2.03M).

If the championship, or part of the championships is canceled due to rain or unforeseen circumstances, the champion-ship will not be rescheduled.

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### STANDINGS & RESULTS:

The official standings and results can be found in [Tennislink](#). Guests and spectators can access the standings page by using the Championship Advanced Search function.

### GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL PROCEDURE:

The following guidelines and procedures will be used during this championship. Please review them carefully. Any staff member on site will be glad to assist you with the forms and answer any questions on procedures.

3.03C(1) Any grievance alleging a violation during championships competition shall be in writing and delivered to the duly appointed site director or designee prior to whichever occurs first: (a) within 30 minutes of the completion of the involved team's match or (b) the commencement of the involved team's next match, whether or not the involved player participates except for

Administrative Grievances (See Reg. 3.03A(2), Eligibility Grievances (See Reg. 3.03B(3) and NTRP Grievances (See Reg. 3.03E(3).)

3.03E(3) NTRP Grievances will not be accepted.

3.04B(1) The Grievance Appeal Committee shall not be required to hold any hearing except as provided in 3.04B(2). Its decision may be based entirely on the findings of fact by the Grievance Committee whose decision is being appealed and on the facts and arguments submitted in writing by the parties to the appeal.

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The Championship Committee has the authority to file a grievance and recommend the actions to take when multiple match default(s) given by one team result in a situation that may materially impact the championship's standings. Team penalties may include but are not limited to, non-advancement, disqualification or suspension. (Reg. 3.03A(7)).



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### **MEDICAL EMERGENCIES:**

Banner Del E Web Medical Center - 14800 W. Mountain View Blvd. Ste 190  
Surprise, AZ 85374 - (602) 530-6189

Banner Urgent Care Mountain Vista Plaza - 15521 W Bell Rd  
Surprise, AZ 85374 - (623) 465-6390

### **TRANSPORTATION DETAILS:**

Airport information: Fly into Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport – approximately 45 minutes from Surprise.

**SHUTTLE SERVICE:** To any tournament hotels call “To My Surprise” Shuttle at (623) 218 6035 or toll free (877) 495-6035 to schedule your pickup. Uber or Lyft are also available options.

### **HOTEL INFORMATION:**

Once available hotel rooms are sold, we are not able to add additional rooms.

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites Surprise:** (623) 975-5540

16540 North Bullard Avenue Surprise, Arizona 85374.

Please use this [link](#) to book your room.

**Residence Inn Phoenix NW/Surprise:** (623) 249-6333

16418 North Bullard Avenue Surprise, Arizona 85374.

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**Hilton Garden Inn Surprise Phoenix:** (623) 404-2300

16601 N Stadium Way Surprise, Arizona 85374.

Please use this [link](#) to book your room.

**The Windmill Suites Surprise-Phoenix Ascend Hotel Collection:**(623) 583-0133

12545 W. Bell Road Surprise Arizona 85378

Please use this [link](#) to book your room.

**TownePlace Suites by Marriott Surprise Prasada:** (480) 757-7200

13430 N 163rd Dr Surprise, Arizona, USA, 85388

Please use this [link](#) to book your room.

**Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites Surprise Prasada:** (480) 757-7200

13430 N 163rd Dr Surprise, Arizona, USA, 85388

Please use this [link](#) to book your room.

### TIPS FOR PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS:

We recommend that spectators bring an umbrella for protection from the sun and a portable chair. While there is covered seating at the facility for many of the courts, not all courts have covered seating.

Players and spectators should bring their own water vessel to be sure to continuously hydrate. Water is available on court during match play and a water and ice station will be positioned near the tournament desk along with bananas for the players.

Don't forget sunscreen and a visor or hat!!

Start hydrating early, even though this event is held in January, Arizona has a very dry climate and proper hydration is important, see below for more information on hydration.

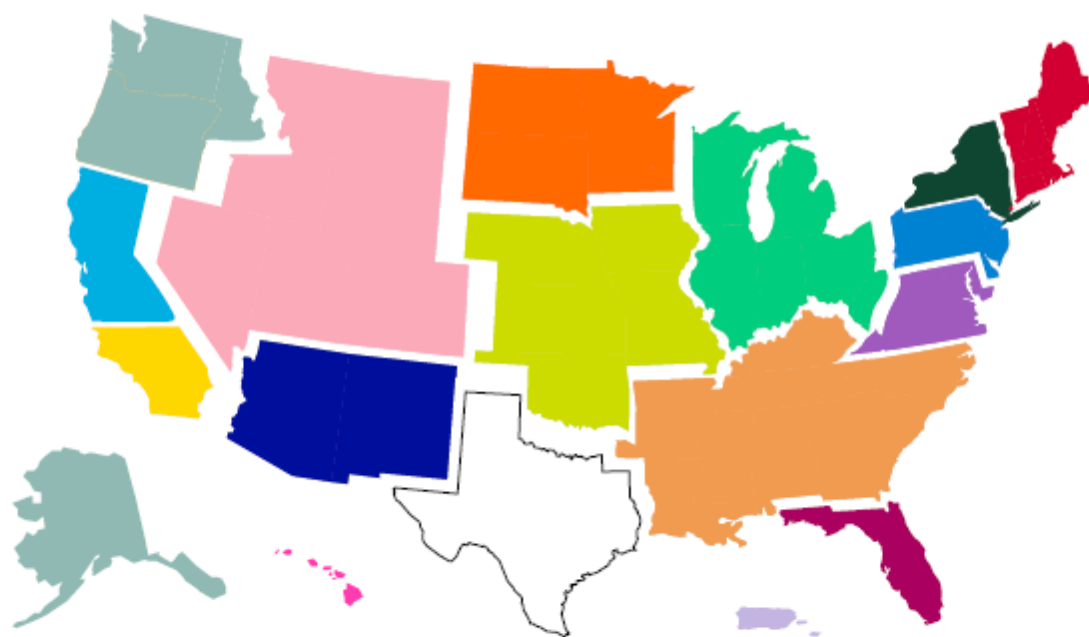
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## 2025 COLOR WARS AT USTA LEAGUE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Show your section pride by representing  
your section's designated color!



Caribbean  
Eastern  
Florida  
Hawaii Pacific  
Intermountain  
Mid-Atlantic

Middle States  
Midwest  
Missouri Valley  
New England  
Northern  
Northern California

Pacific Northwest  
Southern  
Southern California  
Southwest  
Texas

Light Blue  
Orange  
Yellow  
Dark Blue  
White

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## 2025 COLOR WARS



Caribbean	Pantone 361	Lavender
Eastern	Pantone 3435	Dark Green
Florida	Pantone 227	Fushia
Hawaii	Pantone 806	Neon Pink
Intermountain	Pantone 0331	Light Pink
Mid Atlantic	Pantone 1505	Purple
Middle States	Pantone 2173	Azure Blue
Midwest	Pantone 7479	Bright Green
Missouri Valley	Pantone 389	Chartreuse
New England	Pantone 206	Red
Northern	Pantone 1505	Blaze Orange
Northern California	Pantone 306	Sky Blue
Pacific Northwest	Pantone 2455	Teal Blue
Southern	Pantone 157	Orange
Southern California	Pantone 012	Yellow
Southwest	Pantone 072	Sapphire Blue
Texas	Pantone 000	White