



Procedures for 2023 USTA Men's Intersectional Team Championships

Competing for the Keith Donoff Cup

Roger and Judy Pearce Tennis Center

Cooper Creek Park, Columbus, GA

November 7-12, 2023

The Roger and Judy Tennis Center at Cooper Creek Park is the largest soft-court public tennis facility in the United States, is made up of 55 clay tennis courts (includes 39 clay, 12 hard, 4 hard junior courts) with lights, a championship court with seating.

All USTA Sections are eligible to field a team in each age division as follows: 35s, 45s, 55s, 60s, 65s, 70s, 75, 80s and 85s.

These events will count for USTA **LEVEL 2** national ranking purposes. Players shall earn ranking points in national ranking tournaments based on a points per round ranking system. This information is published on the USTA website.

Team Tournaments points per win for LEVEL 2 National Tournament are as follows:

Description	Level 2
Position #1: points per win	294
Position #2: points per win	245
Position #3: points per win	196
Position #4: points per win	147

Position #5: points per win 98

Position #6: points per win 49

Maximum points for winning all matches: 1470

Level 2 is used for the National Men's Intersectional Team Event, which has 3 or 4 matches per position. A player who plays at more than one position can end up with points in between the lowest and highest position he plays.

TEAM SELECTION

Each USTA Section shall have the sole responsibility for selecting team members by whatever criteria it deems appropriate. **Players must be members of the USTA through the Section for which they play.** Sections are strongly encouraged to have written selection procedures.

TEAM FORMATS

35s, 45s, 55s, 60s, 65s, 70s, 75s: 3 singles & 2 doubles

80s and 85s: 1 singles & 2 Doubles

Minimum number of Players is 4 and the Maximum is 7

Players may compete in both singles and doubles. A player may play in two different age divisions if eligible but may play in only one age division per day. Furthermore, a player may compete in two different age divisions if eligible, under the following team listing conditions:

- For the 35s, 45s, 55s, 60s, 65s, 70s, 75s age divisions, the top 3 singles players cannot be double rostered
- For the 80s and 85s age divisions, the top singles player cannot be double rostered

TEAM CAPTAINS

The Sections must designate Captains before the competition begins. Captains must attend the on-site Captains' Meetings. The Captain may be a playing Captain or a non-playing Captain. An individual may captain more than one age group.

COMPETITION FORMAT

The competition in each age category may be a compass draw, modified compass draw, or a round robin. The Tournament Committee will determine which format to use so that each team will play a minimum of three team matches.

A team member will not be required to play more than the number of matches per day allowed for his age division according to the regulations for USTA Adult and Senior National Championships. In general, this means a team will play only one (1) team match per day. The referee can alter this if he/she determines that the event cannot be completed on time because of weather delays or other unforeseen circumstances.

2023 PLAYING SURFACE BY AGE CATEGORY

35s and 45s will be played on hard courts.

All other age categories (55-85) will be played on clay courts.

SCORING

One point for each court win. The team with the majority of the points shall be the winner of the team match. All matches will be played even if a team winner has been established (time, weather, and courts permitting). A winner or "champion" team will be determined in each age category. If inclement weather prohibits a final or 3rd place playoff match from completing (i.e., a team winning the majority of the points), then the teams will be named "Co-Champions or "Co-3rd Place".

The USTA Section which compiles the most overall team points will be awarded the Keith Donoff Cup. In addition, medals will be awarded to team members for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishes in each age category.

LINE-UP AND DRAW

A roster shall be submitted by the Section for each team in each age category represented. **Players must be listed in order of strength as singles players.** All team members shall be listed on the singles roster even if they plan to play only doubles (a doubles roster is not required). Final changes to team rosters and

resolution of order of strength questions shall be made at the Captains' meeting prior to the making of the draw.

Seeding: A seeding committee will determine preliminary seeding prior to the Captains' meeting. All current player information (significant wins, losses, rankings) must be submitted to the tournament committee with the player information sheets in order to formulate preliminary seeding. Any questions concerning seeding will be resolved prior to making of the draw. One team in four will be seeded, however, in an age category where there are 12 teams or more teams, four seeds will be allowed.

Substitutions: A substitution in the daily singles line-up may be made at the discretion of the Captain. A substitute must be placed in accordance with the team roster's order of strength.

Doubles Teams: Formation of doubles teams will at the discretion of the team captain. This will be discussed in more detail at the initial Captains' Meeting.

Daily Line-ups: The time frame for turning in the daily singles line-ups shall be determined by the referee and announced at the Captains' Meeting. Doubles line-ups do not have to be turned in until 15 minutes after the last singles match has been completed for that particular team match.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE AND REFEREES MAY ISSUE APPROPRIATE PROCEDURAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR EACH SPECIFIC EVENT.