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May 1, 2021

Dear Sectional Women's Directors and Team Captains:

RE: 2021 USTA National Women's Intersectional Team Event – Hard Court Championships

Enclosed is your invitation and packet of information for the 2021 USTA National Women's Intersectional Team Event. This prestigious event will be held at the Phoenix Tennis Center in Phoenix, Arizona. All information for this year's event can be found on our website at <https://www.ustaphoenix.com/womens-intersectionals>.

Please Note: Our hope it so be able to offer all social events and the Annual Gala Dinner but due to continuing USTA/ITF protocols, we cannot guarantee at this time that we will be able to. We have reduced the entry fee as it does not include the Gala Dinner. Once we can determine if we will be able to host the dinner, tickets will be sold at a later date for \$20 per player, \$40 per guest.

The date for this year's event is November 8-14, 2021, each team plays a max of four consecutive days beginning on the following dates: play will begin for the 55s, 65s and on Monday the 8th, for the 75s, 80s and 85s on Tuesday the 9th, and for the 35s and 45s on Thursday the 11th.

Sponsors of the event are The United States Tennis Association, The National Women's Tennis Organization and USTA Southwest.

Play this year will be on hard courts. Remember that play in this Team Championship will count as a tournament played for USTA National ranking purposes. As in recent years, players will receive points for their wins for national ranking purposes as outlined in the point chart for Intersectionals. This chart can be found towards the back of this packet in the Procedures section. If you have questions about rankings, please contact Rob Gorden at robert.gorden@usta.com.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please submit your initial Team Roster online at <https://www.ustaphoenix.com/womens-intersectionals>. *We anticipate utilizing the new Serve Tennis Team Registration system which is expected to be available in July. Ideally all players and payments will be able to be collected online. For now, please submit the above form to help us keep track of registrations.* **ENTRY DEADLINE: October 1, 2021 – Entry fee of \$130 per player or non-playing captain which includes tournament and lunch package (4 lunches).** **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: Entries received by September 1, 2021 with a per team player or non-player captain entry fee of \$110 each.** Entry fees will be collected at a later date. Please submit roster form only at <https://www.ustaphoenix.com/womens-intersectionals>.

Final rosters are due at the initial Captain's meeting. For the 55s, 65s and 85s; Sunday, November 7, 2021, for 75s and 80s; Monday, November 8, 2021, and for 35s and 45s; Wednesday, November 10, 2021. All Captain's meetings are tentatively scheduled to be held at 6:00 p.m. on those dates and will be held in one of the conference rooms at the Embassy Suites.

All of us at USTA Southwest are looking forward to meeting all of the players from your section and all of the other participating sections for a week of great competition and camaraderie.

Sincerely,

Matt Gleason
Tournament Director



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2021 Tournament Fact Sheet

<https://www.ustaphoenix.com/womens-intersectionals>

Tournament Director: Matt Gleason – gleason@southwest.usta.com - 602-412-3611

Main Site: Phoenix Tennis Center - 6300 N. 21st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85015 – 602-249-3712

Second Site: Scottsdale Ranch Park – 10400 E. Via Linda, Scottsdale, AZ 85258, 480-312-7774

Divisions: Age divisions 35, 45, 55, 65, 75, 80 and 85

Entry Deadline: October 1, 2021

***Entry Fee:** \$130 per player or non-playing captain. Includes tournament and lunch during tournament play. **Early Bird Registration special of \$110 per player if team entry received no later than September 1, 2020.** *Entry fees have been reduced due to uncertainty on hosting social events and Gala Dinner. Gala Dinner tickets will be available at a later date for \$20 per player.

Team Registration Form: please submit online at <https://www.ustaphoenix.com/womens-intersectionals>

Tournament Schedule: (Each team plays a max of four consecutive days beginning on the day listed below.)

**35s and 45s: 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 11 *Format: 3 singles/2 doubles (7 players max)

55s and 65s: 8:30 a.m. on Monday, November 8 *Format: 3 singles/2 doubles (7 players max)

75s: 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 9 *Format: 2 singles/2 doubles (7 players max)

80s: 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 9 *Format: 1 singles/2 doubles (7 players max)

85s: 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 9 *Format: 1 singles/1doubles (5 players max)

****NOTE: Our goal is to have all matches on Sunday, November 15 completed no later than 3:00 p.m. Please arrange your travel accordingly.**

Practice Courts: Will be available beginning Saturday, November 6th. Please contact Phoenix Tennis Center directly to make your court reservations. 602-249-3712

Playing Surface: Hard Courts

Official Ball: Wilson US Open Extra Duty

Hotel Information

Embassy Suites by Hilton Phoenix-Scottsdale
4415 E. Paradise Village Parkway S. Phoenix, AZ 85032
602-765-5800

Reservation Deadline: October 8

Group Rate: \$139 per night. **Group Code:** WIT

Room Reservation Link: available at <https://www.ustaphoenix.com/womens-intersectionals>

Amenities: Complimentary cooked to order breakfast

Complimentary evening reception serving drinks and light snacks

Hotel is located within walking distance of several restaurants and shopping. Also, just a short drive to many popular areas such as Kierland Commons, Scottsdale Quarter, Old Town Scottsdale, etc.

Airport/Transportation: Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) is located just 20 minutes from host hotel.

The National Women's Tennis Organization hopes to host a member party on Tuesday, November 9 and Saturday, November 13. No charge for members! Non-member players are welcome to attend for a nominal fee.



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Procedures for 2021 Women's Intersectional Team Championships

(changes for 2021 marked in red)

All USTA Sections are eligible to field a team in each age division as follows: 35s, 45s, 55s, 65s, 75s, 80s and 85s. The 85s division is new for 2021!

These events will count for USTA 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

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7
Percent - Level to Level	100%	70.0%	60.0%	50.0%	35.00%	15.00%	5.00%
Position #1: points per win	420	294	252	210	147	63	21
Position #2: points per win	350	245	210	175	123	53	18
Position #3: points per win	280	196	168	140	98	42	14
Position #4: points per win	210	147	126	105	74	32	11
Position #5: points per win	140	98	84	70	49	21	7
Position #6: points per win	70	49	42	35	25	11	4
Minimum Points for Winning All Matches	2100	1470	1260	1050	735	315	105

Level 2 is used for the National Women'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 she 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, 65s: 3 singles and 2 doubles – the minimum number of players is 4 and the maximum is 7.
75s: 2 singles and 2 doubles – the minimum number of players is 4 and the maximum is 7.
80s: 1 singles and 2 doubles – the minimum number of players is 4 and the maximum is 7.
85s: 1 singles and 1 doubles – the minimum number of players is 2 and the maximum is 5.

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 divisions in singles and only one age division in doubles on the same day.



Furthermore, a player may compete in two different age divisions if eligible, under the following team listing restraints:

- For the 35s, 45s, 55s, 65s age divisions, the top 3 singles players cannot be double rostered.
- For the 75s age division, the top 2 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 her 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.

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".**

75s and 85s Age Division Tiebreak:

In the event of a 2-2 tie in the 75s or a 1-1 tie in the 85s, the tiebreak order will be as such:

- Least number of sets lost
- Least number of games lost
- If still tied, the captains will vote on one of two tiebreak methods during the captain meeting.
 1. The #1 doubles court will be worth two points giving the winning team a 3-2 win for the 75s or a 2-1 win for the 85s. OR
 2. Each team will select any two players to play a doubles, "Super Match Tiebreaker". First to 10 points, win by 2.

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.



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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 the making of the draw. One team in four will be seeded, however, in an age category where there are 12 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 be at the discretion of the team captain. This will be discussed in more detail at the initial Captains' Meetings.

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.

*Adopted by the USTA Intersectional Subcommittee in accordance with USTA Tournament Regulations May, 1997, V.C.
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