



May 16, 2023

**Dear Intersectional Directors and Team Captains:**

RE: 2023 USTA National Women's Intersectional Team Event – Hard Court Championships

Enclosed is your invitation and packet of information for the 2023 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 tournament webpage at [playtennis.usta.com/tournaments](http://playtennis.usta.com/tournaments).

The date for this year's event is November 6-12, 2023, each team plays a max of four consecutive days beginning on the following dates: play will begin for the 55s, 65s on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>, for the 75s, 80s and 85s on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup>, and for the 35s and 45s on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

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](mailto:robert.gorden@usta.com).

#### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Please submit your initial Team Roster online at <https://www.ustaphoenix.com/womens-intersectionals>.

**ENTRY DEADLINE: October 1, 2023 – Entry fee of \$165 per player or non-playing captain which includes tournament and lunch package (4 lunches) the Gala Dinner and a happy hour sponsored by NWTO. Lunches are available ONLY on the days your age division is scheduled to play. **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: Entries received by September 1, 2023, with a per team player or non-player captain entry fee of \$145 each.****

Final rosters and seedings are done at the captain's meeting. For the 55s and 65s; Sunday, November 5, for 75s, 80s and 85s; Monday, November 6, and for 35s and 45s; Wednesday, November 8. 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 host hotel.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Gleason".

Matt Gleason  
Tournament Director



## 2023 USTA National Women's Intersection Team Championship Tournament Fact Sheet

**Tournament Director:** Matt Gleason – [gleason@southwest.usta.com](mailto:gleason@southwest.usta.com)

**Main Site:** Phoenix Tennis Center – 6330 N. 21<sup>st</sup> Ave – Phoenix, AZ 85015 – 602-249-3712

**Tournament Webpage:** [CLICK HERE FOR TEAM REGISTRATION FORM](#)

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

**Entry Deadline:** October 1, 2023

**\*Entry Fee:** \$165 per player or non-playing captain. Includes tournament and lunch during tournament play as well as Gala Dinner. **Early Bird Registration special of \$145 per player if team entry received no later than September 1, 2023.**

### **Submit Team Captain/Roster Form:**

**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 9 \*Format: 3 singles/2 doubles (7 players max)

**55s and 65s:** 8:30 a.m. on Monday, November 6 \*Format: 3 singles/2 doubles (7 players max)

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

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

**85s:** 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 7 \*Format: 1 singles/1 doubles (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.*

**Lunch Provided:** All players receive lunch each of the four days their age group is scheduled to play.

**Player Banquet Dinner:** Thursday, November 9 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the host hotel.

***The National Women's Tennis Organization will host a complimentary player social on Tuesday, November 7 and Saturday, November 11 at the tennis courts at the conclusion of play.***

**Practice Courts:** Will be available beginning Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Phoenix Tennis Center directly to make your court reservations. 602-249-3712

**Playing Surface:** Hard Courts

**Official Ball:** Wilson U.S. Open

### **Hotel Information**

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

**Reservation Deadline:** October 6

**Group Rate:** \$169 per night. **Group Code:** WIT

**Room Reservation Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Amenities:** Complimentary breakfast buffet, free parking and free Wi-Fi. Close to large mall with a variety of shopping and dining options.

**ADDITIONAL HOTELS LISTED ON OUR WEBPAGE - [CLICK HERE](#)**

**Airport/Transportation:** Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX). Approximately 20 minutes to host hotel.



## Procedures for 2023 Women’s Intersectional Team Championships

(changes for 2023 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.

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.

<b>Team Tournaments</b>							
Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7
Position #1: points per win	600	420	300	180	120	90	36
Position #2: points per win	500	350	250	150	100	75	30
Position #3: points per win	334	234	167	100	67	50	20
Position #4: points per win	167	117	84	50	34	25	10
Position #5: points per win	56	39	28	17	12	9	4
Position #6: points per win	10	7	5	3	2	2	1
Participation Points	30	21	15	11	8	5	2

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 division per 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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-3<sup>rd</sup> 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 winner is determined by least sets lost, if still tied, then least games lost, if still tied, the games won percentage. If still tied then the winner of #1 singles in the 75s will determine team match winner and in the 85s, the winner of #1 doubles will determine the team match winner.

### **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 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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