

# 2023 Adult 65 & Over National Invitational

## FACT SHEET

### **Tournament Director:**

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### **USTA National Staff representative:**

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**Location:** Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex. Surprise, AZ

### **Dates:**

7.0- January 26-28, 2024

6.0/9.0- February 2-4, 2024

8.0 February 16-18, 2024

### **Tennislink:**

All teams must be set up in the 2023 Championship year, we are not able to move teams in from previous years or pull teams in from the 2024 Championship year. If you are hosting a sectional in early 2023 please make sure that you set it up in the 2023 Championship year.

### **Website:**

Information for this event will be posted up on our [website](#) as it becomes available.

[www.usta.com/65andOver](http://www.usta.com/65andOver)

**Registration:** More information coming soon.

### **Format:**

Each team will play 4 unflighted matches, the top 4 teams based on Tennislink Standings will move on to the semifinals on Sunday.

### **Team Eligibility:**

A minimum of six (6) players who were on the final local roster must be available to compete at nationals. Teams are expected to come with enough qualified players to field all three courts for every Invitational match.

### **Minimum Match Requirement/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 received that may count for advancing. A retired match shall count for all players involved. All individual team members must be from the appropriate level

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of play in accordance with the NTRP system, players will play at the NTRP level that they were assigned/ played the 2023 Championship year at. Captains will receive a roster email for their team prior to their event with the NTRP ratings that each of the players are eligible to play at.

### **Individual Eligibility Waiver Requests:**

Individual Eligibility Waivers will not be accepted for the 2023 65 and Over National Invitational. Players that do not meet the match requirements will not be eligible to participate in the National Invitational.

### **9.0 Team Waivers:**

For sections that are unable to produce at least 2 teams in local league play for the 9.0 Men or Women's division, the Tournament Committee will allow those sections to complete this [form](#) and send one team each of the 9.0 Men and 9.0 Women divisions as a representative of that section. Waivers must be submitted by the SLC by the deadline of December 4th, 2023.

Players or teams interested in participating in the 9.0 Team Waiver Program need to contact their SLC, visit [usta.com/65andOver](https://usta.com/65andOver) to find your SLCs contact information. SLCs will submit the team captain's name and contact information to Bill Lucero (Tournament Director) and Brandon Buksbaum by deadline. Only teams submitted by a section's SLC will be considered for the 9.0 Team Waiver Program. Sections that have more than 2 teams are strongly encouraged to continue to hold and support local play in order to determine a winner for advancement from their section. Local and sectional play is determined by each section's SLCs.

Any 9.0 teams coming via waiver must be comprised of at least 60% of at level players. A team made up primarily of 4.0 players is not an at level 9.0 team. Teams that are receiving a waiver are limited to a maximum of 10 players.

When waivers are submitted, all players that will participate on that team must be included in the initial submission. Teams receiving a waiver may not continue to add additional players after the waiver has been approved. Substitutions for injured or unavailable players must be requested in writing by the Section League Coordinator and approved by the Tournament Committee prior to being added/changed.

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For any team that will be advancing directly to the National League Invitational via team waiver with no local or sectional play, those teams may only have up to two (2) players from outside the section that they are representing at the National Invitational listed on their roster. A player's Section residency association will be based on the player's listed section on their USTA account and the National Invitational tournament committee will verify those player's section residencies.

### **Ratings**

The USTA National Staff Representative will verify all player ratings and eligibility prior to the start of the Invitational once rosters have been received from the respective Section offices.

### **Accepted Rating Types:**

**Computer "C", "S" Self Rate and "A" Appealed are all accepted at this invitational.**

The rating the player played at during the 2023 Championship Year/local season is the rating they must play at in this event.

Examples:

A player played during the 2023 Championship year as a 3.5 rated player. When YER were released they were moved up to a 4.0. The player will play at the Adult 65 & Over National Invitational held in 2023 as a 3.5 rated player.

A player played during the 2023 Championship year as a 4.0 rated player. When YER were released, they were moved down to a 3.5. The player will play at the Adult 65 & Over National Invitational held in 2023 as a 4.0 rated player.