

2025 Regulations

Eligibility

The four areas of North Carolina (West, Piedmont, Triangle, and East) are eligible to field a team for each Age Division, Men and Women, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70.

List of Counties:

West- Cherokee, Graham, Clay, Swain, Macon, Jackson, Haywood, Transylvania, Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, Yancey, Mitchell, McDowell, Rutherford, Polk, Avery, Burke, Cleveland, Watauga, Caldwell, Catawba, Lincoln, Gaston, Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes, Alexander, Iredell, Mecklenburg, **Union**

Piedmont- Surry, Yadkin, Davie, Rowan, Cabarrus, Stokes, Forsyth, Davidson, Stanly, Anson, Rockingham, Guilford, Randolph, Montgomery, **Alamance**

Triangle- Caswell, Chatham, Person, Orange, Durham, Wake, Granville, Vance, Warren, Franklin

East- Richmond, Moore, Lee, Scotland, Hoke, Harnett, Cumberland, Roberson, Cumberland, Bladen, Columbus, Brunswick, New Hanover, Sampson, Wayne, Duplin, Pender, Wilson, Greene, Lenoir, Jones, Onslow, Nash, Edgecombe, Pitt, Craven, Carteret, Halifax, Martin, Beaufort, Northhampton, Bertie, Hertford, Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde, Dare, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck

**Please note the changes of Union County moving from the Piedmont region to the West region. Also please note the change of Alamance County moving from the Triangle region to the Piedmont region.*

Team Captain

A team captain must be designated before competition begins, may be a playing or non-playing captain and may serve as captain of men's and/or women's teams. There will be a mandatory captains' meeting, where any additional information may be brought to the attention of the Director and the referee and the rosters and draw will be finalized.

Size of Team

The minimum number of players in each Men's and Women's division shall be four.

Selection Process

Each area shall have the sole responsibility for selecting team members using whatever criteria it deems appropriate. Teams are limited to players without current ATP or WTA rankings. Players must be current USTA members within the area for which they play. If a player has relocated to a different area for at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the tournament, with the intent to reside there permanently, he or she may play for the new area's team.

Format

The competition shall be round robin team matches. Each TEAM MATCH shall consist of 1 singles and 2 doubles for men and women. Each individual match shall count one point. The team with two or more points will be the winner of the TEAM MATCH.

1. All individual matches will be played until completion even if a team winner for the match has been established.
2. All matches will be 2 out of 3 sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set.
3. A coman tiebreak will be used.
4. In the event of inclement weather, the referee has the discretion to alter the format for play.

****USTA Rules & Regulations will be followed.****

Limitation of Play

1. A player may play down in an age division only once per round.
2. No player from another division may play in a "full" age division unless that court would have to be defaulted due to injury or illness for the duration of the event.
3. Players must meet USTA age guidelines for each division.
4. A player may not play singles in 2 age divisions or doubles in 2 age divisions.
5. A player may not play more than 2 events per round.

Daily Procedures

SCORE CARDS for all matches to be played in THAT DAY'S ROUND must be submitted to the tournament director 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the match.

Changes in the line-up for a match may be made until 30 minutes prior to the beginning of that match. LINE-UPS should be placed in order of strength based on the Captain's best judgment at the time. USTA rules will govern play. The players in the line-up must check in 30 minutes before their match time.

Lineup Strength- Teams should submit their lineup in terms of strength

- **If players have current, valid NTRP ratings, your #2 doubles team should not exceed the combined ratings of your #1 team. Any exceptions can be made by the tournament committee.**

Scoring

One point for each individual match win in an *AGE division* will be awarded.

If two teams are tied, the winner of the head-to-head match is the winner. If three or more teams are tied, the winner is determined by using the first of the following methods that successfully breaks the tie:

1. The team that lost the fewest sets;
 2. The team that lost the fewest games;
 3. A random drawing.
- (Friend at Court – USTA Regulations)

Carolina Cup Award

The total of individual matches won, men and women, will determine the winner of the Carolina Cup Award.