



IMPACT TEAM TENNIS GUIDE

Make an Impact On The Court and In Your Community!



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JOIN THE WINNING TEAM

IMPACT TEAM TENNIS

ITT showcases an exciting team format. We empower local operators to run team leagues and events, providing grassroots programming throughout the year where their winning teams can advance.

ITT is played at tennis clubs, public parks, colleges, high schools, corporations, military bases, tennis camps and other facilities all across America. It is a team effort with men and women competing together. It is administered through a nationwide structure including Team Captains, League Directors and the National Headquarters in Lancaster, PA.

IMPACT TEAM TENNIS SPONSORS



The USTA is the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the U.S. and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level -- from local communities to the highest level of the professional game. A not-for-profit organization with more than 715,000 members, it invests 100% of its proceeds in growing the game. It owns and operates the US Open, the highest-attended annual sporting event in the world, and launched the Emirates Airline US Open Series, linking seven summer tournaments to the US Open. In addition, it owns approximately 90 Pro Circuit events throughout the U.S. and selects the teams for the Davis Cup, Fed Cup, Olympic and Paralympic Games. The USTA's philanthropic entity, the USTA Foundation, provides grants and scholarships and helps under-resourced youth and individuals with disabilities, and supports wounded, ill and injured service members, veterans and their families. For more information on the USTA, log on to usta.com, "like" the official Facebook page, facebook.com/usta, or follow @usta on Twitter.



Chicago-based Wilson Sporting Goods Co., a subsidiary of Amer Sports, is one of the world's leading manufacturer of high performance sports equipment, apparel and accessories. WILSON is the global leader in performance tennis and uses player insights to develop products that push tennis equipment innovation into new territories. Through its dedication to creating products that enable athletes at every level to perform at their best, Wilson has earned its place as a leader in sporting goods for over a century.

ADDITIONAL IMPACT TEAM TENNIS PROGRAMS

X TEAM TENNIS HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

IMPACT Team Tennis has added another quick and exciting twist. The X Team Tennis format features coed teams competing in three sets - boys and girls singles and mixed doubles. The unique ITT format includes no-ad scoring, substitution and coaching. The winning team is the team that wins the most total games! Participants MUST have played high school tennis during the school year.



JUNIOR NATIONALS PRESENTED BY IMPACT TEAM TENNIS

This premier national junior team championship invites 16 coed teams from throughout the United States to play in a non-elimination, round-robin format. Participating teams are selected by sectional representatives and community organizations based on district, sectional and national rankings of individual team members. The targeted junior players are 14-18 years of age. The four-day event includes sport science training, college scholarship seminars, and team building activities.

IMPACT TEAM TENNIS

WHAT IS IT?

Local Impact Team Tennis Leagues/Events consist of at least four teams. A team has a minimum of four players — two men and two women. The format consists of six no-ad sets: men's and women's doubles, men's and women's singles and two sets of mixed doubles.

A match is won by the team with the most total games won at the end of the final set, unless the trailing team wins the final set. Should this occur, there is an Overtime rule that breathes life back into the trailing team. The final set continues in overtime until the leading team wins one game or the trailing team ties the match score. If the score becomes tied, the match is decided by a Super Tiebreak.

WHO PLAYS?

League participation requires that all players be registered online at Impactteamtennis.com and a minimum of 18 years of age. All skill levels can participate. The playing levels of the league will be determined by the League Director. (National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) ratings are required for Regional Championship competition.

WHEN CAN YOUR LEAGUE START?

Leagues can start any time of the year that is convenient for you and the players that you service.

HOW DOES IMPACT TEAM TENNIS MAKE AN IMPACT FOR YOUR TENNIS CLUB OR PUBLIC FACILITY?

ITT presents an exciting team concept to generate new business and interest at the club or public facility. ITT matches, league nights, parties and team practices will help to fill court time, generate lesson revenue and promote interest in other programs. ITT directs new players to your facility through its Program Coordinators, national promotions and web site.

WHAT IS NEEDED?

- Each participant must be registered online at Impactteamtennis.com.
- Four team minimum for a league (maximum of 10 players per team).
- Team consists of a minimum of two men and two women.
- Two cans of Wilson tennis balls per match (one can per team).
- Two courts for two hours once a week per match.
- First time League Directors are encouraged to run a mixer party/tournament prior to the season to promote interest and give people a chance to play this unique, fun format.

CAN TEAMS ADVANCE PAST THE LOCAL LEVEL?

Local league winners advance to a Regional Championship of their choice within one year of winning their local league. Regional Championships will be available throughout the country.

The following divisions will be offered at all Regional Championships: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, Senior 3.5, Senior 4.0, Senior 4.5, Super Senior 3.5 and Super Senior 4.0 Divisions.

Winning teams at the Regional Championships will advance to the Impact Team Tennis Nationals.

CAN SENIORS PARTICIPATE?

Three Senior Divisions (50 + years of age) will be offered at the Regional Championships and at the Nationals: Senior 3.5, Senior 4.0 and Senior 4.5. NTRP ratings are required for this division. Participants in the Senior Divisions qualify to attend a Regional Championship by either winning their local league or tournament (if one is available), or by assembling a team if there is not a local league or tournament available. Two Super Senior Divisions (60+ years of age) will be offered at the National Qualifiers and at the Nationals: Super Senior 3.5 and Super Senior 4.0.

CAN OPEN PLAYERS PARTICIPATE?

YES! Winning teams from local ITT leagues/events are invited to participate along with players forming a team if they do not have a local league in which to play. Please see Impactteamtennis.com for dates and locations of Regional Championships and Nationals.

SCORING

GAME SCORING

The scoring is no-ad. This means a game is won by the first team to win four points (1,2,3, game). When the game score is deuce (3-3) (game point), the receiving team chooses which side is to receive the serve. In the mixed doubles set the serve must be gender to gender at game point.

SET SCORING

A match consists of six no-ad sets and includes one set of men's and women's singles and doubles, and two sets of mixed doubles. The six set format is the standard format used at all Regional Championships and the Nationals.

ON TWO COURTS, ORDER OF SETS WILL BE

Women's and men's doubles

Women's and men's singles

Two sets of mixed doubles

Each no-ad set is won by the first team to reach six games. A nine-point tiebreaker will be played at five games all in any set (see Explanation of Tiebreakers).

It is imperative that you adhere to the format. The only deviations possible will be extending the sets to an eight or ten game pro set provided ALL sets are extended and the nine-point tiebreaker, the thirteen-point Super Tiebreak and the Overtime rules are enforced. All local league rules will be superseded by existing ITT rules printed in this handbook at the Regional Championships and Nationals.

MATCH SCORING AND EXTENDED PLAY

Six Set Format (two mixed doubles sets)

Home team captain must submit starting lineup to opposing team captain before the start of each set. Each team captain has until the end of the five minute break between sets to submit starting lineup for the next set. The winner of the match will be determined by the total number of games won. However, for purposes of determining whether a match will go into Overtime, set number six, the MONEY COURT, will be the deciding factor. Note: Players cannot play in both mixed doubles sets.

After both mixed doubles sets are finished and scores are recorded and totaled, the procedure is as follows:

- If the leading team won set number six, the match is over.
- If the trailing team won set number six, the match continues into Overtime until the leading team wins one game or until the score is tied. If a tie occurs, a Super tiebreak will be played to determine the winner.
- If the overall score ends tied, a Super Tiebreak will be played to determine the winner.

Overtime is a continuation of the sixth set. Teams listed in set number six should be the strongest mixed doubles team. The sixth set will be referred to as the "Money Court". Once you have come out of the mixed doubles set, you cannot return in Overtime. The first person to serve in Overtime is the person who was next to serve at the end of the sixth set. If the sixth set ends in a tie-breaker (won by the trailing team), the player/team whose turn it was to serve first in the tie-break game shall be the receiver in the first game of Overtime (continuing the service order). This Overtime rule gives the trailing team a chance to make a comeback. It also emphasizes the importance of the mixed doubles set.

Home team captain must submit starting lineup to opposing team captain before the start of each set. Each team captain has until the end of the five minute break between sets to submit starting lineup for the next set. The winner of the match will be the team that wins the most games. After all games are totaled, if the trailing team won the mixed doubles set, the match is not over. Mixed doubles play continues until the leading team wins another game or the trailing team ties the score. If a tie occurs, a Super Tiebreak will be used to determine the winner of the match.

SUBSTITUTIONS

A team can, upon completion of any point (including the Super Tiebreak), substitute a player (same gender) into a set for any reason. Once a player is replaced, he/she cannot return in that set and players cannot play in both mixed doubles sets. If a substitution occurs in doubles, the remaining player cannot change the side on which he/she receives or the service order. Substitutions are allowed in Overtime if a player has not already played in mixed doubles. The Super Tiebreaker should be treated as a new set, and all substitutions are allowed.

WARM-UP TIME

In Impact Team Tennis you warm-up with your teammates. All players are allowed a five minute warm-up. All team members are encouraged to warm up during this time. Once play has begun, a five minute warm-up is allowed between sets. This must be adhered to so that all sets will be completed in the time allotted.

SERVICE ORDER

The home team serves first in men's and women's doubles sets. The away team serves first in the fifth set and the home team serves first in the sixth set. The away team serves first in the singles sets. Note: Since the serving order is predetermined, the receiving team selects from which end of the court they want to receive.

CHANGING ENDS

After every four games players change ends. In the nine-point tiebreaker, change ends only after the first four points. In the Super Tiebreak, change ends only after the first six points.

SERVICE LETS

At the Regional Championships and the Nationals, lets will be played. When a serve hits the net and bounces within the service court, the ball is considered in play. In doubles, either player on the receiving side may return the ball after it bounces. If any player on the court calls let, their team loses the point. If players on both teams call let, then the point will be replayed.

COACHING/LINE CALLS

Coaching is allowed throughout the match as long as it does not interfere with continuous play. We encourage team members to stand along the court and support their team. Only the two players (singles) or four players (doubles and mixed doubles) can make the line calls. Team members along or near the court cannot make the line calls. Coaching is not allowed while the ball is in play.

DEFAULT RULE

If the home or away team player does not show up on time for his/her match, there will be a 15-minute default time should a substitute player not be available. If a set is defaulted, the score should be recorded as 6-0 in favor of the players present. The default rule will not apply when the missing player is on court playing a previous set in the same match. If the player is playing on the court in a different match, then the default rule will apply. If the home or away team does not show up on time for the match, there will be a 15-minute default time. If a match is defaulted, the match score should be recorded as 36-0 in favor of the team present. A default will be recorded as a win but will not be calculated in a win-loss % if needed to break a tie in the standings.

If a player retires during a set and cannot be substituted, the score will be recorded with the games played standing with the opposing team receiving six games.

EXPLANATION OF TIEBREAKERS

Nine-Point Tiebreaker

A nine-point tiebreaker will be played at five games all in any set. The person who is to serve next begins the tiebreaker. Each player serves two points in succession starting from the deuce court. Players change sides after the first four points. The first team (or person) to score five points wins the tiebreaker. If the tiebreaker reaches 4-4, the person who served the eighth point serves the ninth (final) point. The receiver, however, has the choice of sides (except in mixed doubles, where the service must be gender-to-gender). The winner of the ninth point is the winner of the set. **Note: The Tiebreaker can be won by one point.** The Tiebreaker counts as one game in the overall match scoring.

Super Tiebreak

If the match enters into a Super Tiebreak, a coin toss will decide which team serves first/receives or chooses side or defers or require the opponent(s) to make one of the previous choices in the Super Tiebreak. The Super Tiebreak should be treated as a new set and substitutions are allowed. Either player on the serving team may serve first. In addition, court positions may be changed (i.e. the person who played forehand position may switch with his/her partner to play the backhand position). Each player serves two points in succession starting from the deuce court. Players change sides only after the first six points. The first team to score seven points wins the Super Tiebreak. If the Super Tiebreak reaches 6-6, the person who served the 12th point will serve the 13th (final) point. Since this set is mixed doubles, the final serve will be gender-to-gender. The winner of the 13th point wins the Super Tiebreak

and the match. Note: The Super Tiebreak can be won by one point. The Super Tiebreak counts as one game in overall match scoring.

Recommendation for Breaking Ties for League Winner

Final standings will be determined as follows: teams with the best overall win/loss match record will be placed higher in order of finish. If there is a tie in the final standings between two teams, the following tiebreaking procedures will apply:

1. The tie will be broken in favor of the team with the most direct wins over the tying team.
2. If a tie still exists, it will be broken in favor of the team with the best overall winning percentage (total games won divided by total games played).
3. If a tie still exists, the team which has won the most total games overall will be given precedence.
4. If a tie still exists, it will be broken by the team who has lost the least amount of total games overall.
5. If a tie still exists, a Super Tiebreak will be played.

If there is a tie in the final standings between three or more teams AND none of the tying teams has won all matches against all tying opponents, the same tiebreaking procedures above will apply beginning with step 2. If a team has won all matches against all tying opponents then they will be placed higher in order of finish.

It is assumed all teams will play all their scheduled matches. If a team defaults an entire match during round robin play, then all matches of that team played or to be played, will not count. If all teams in contention for the championship have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches stand as played.

Court Assignment for Sets

Sets 1, 3 and 5 on the Scorecard will be played on the same court while sets 2, 4 and 6 will be played on the same court. If a mixed doubles team plays on the wrong court, the games that have been played will stand and the error will be rectified immediately, and play continues. If the sets have been completed, the scores will stand, and games won will be recorded in the appropriate location based on the rule stated above.

ADMINISTRATION OF LEAGUES

Impact Team Tennis is organized nationally by way of a network of teams designated into leagues by a League Director. Following is a brief description of the responsibilities of a Team Captain and League Director:

TEAM CAPTAIN

- Organize and select a team (two men and two women plus alternates) up to a maximum of ten players. Provide a full team (at least two men and two women) per scheduled match.
- Choose a team name.
- Distribute all pertinent league materials to team members.
- Make sure all players register on Impactteamtennis.com prior to first match.
- At each match, determine the lineup, make substitutions, and ensure proper sequence of sets.
- Report results online or to the League Director.

LEAGUE DIRECTOR

The League Director is responsible for planning local league play at one or more locations for one or more seasons per year. The local League Director has final discretion for local league rules, including whether to require NTRP ratings. Impact Team Tennis official rules apply at all Regional Championships and the Nationals.

Responsibilities in Forming a League

- Notify the Impact Team Tennis approximately two months prior to your expected starting date. At this time, you may request scorecards, and activation of your website.
- Register your league and purchase your "Sanction" online at Impactteamtennis.com.
- Set a league mixer date and notify the Director. The league mixer helps to do the following:
 - Introduce the format

- Preview the league schedule
- Collect your league fees
- Enroll new members
- Find responsible people to captain each team
- Inform your players they must register for your league at impactteamtennis.com
- Make the league schedule, post and distribute.
- Designate which teams are home and away, or flip for home and away prior to the match.
- Confirm the dates and schedule of league play with the captain of each team before play begins each season.

Responsibilities Once League is in Progress

- Make sure all players have registered for your league through impactteamtennis.com.
- Send local publicity to the National Headquarters (i.e. club newsletter, newspaper clips, etc.)
- Post and distribute results as they occur. This can be done on impactteamtennis.com
- Organize league play-off or awards night.
- Inform winning teams about upcoming Regional Championships.
- Start promoting your next Event/ League season.

League Directors Receive (in addition to the same benefits as your players - page 6)

- Online league administrative and promotional services.
- OPTIONAL: For a transaction fee, accept credit cards online for payment of your league fee.
- League Director Rewards Program. (FREE GIFTS based on the number of players in your league(s) throughout the year.)
- Support materials.
- National and regional advertising.

SANCTIONING YOUR LEAGUE OR TOURNAMENT

Impact Team Tennis will sanction your league or tournament when you pay the appropriate sanction fee. The payment will be done through impactteamtennis.com. For a transaction fee, payment can be made using a credit card. Please contact our team if this is your first league.

FEE STRUCTURE FOR AN IMPACT TEAM TENNIS LEAGUE OR TOURNAMENT SANCTION

One Event Sanction - \$350

This one (1) event sanction is designed for the group or individual who is planning on running one league or tournament. This is great for the local Community Tennis Association, Park and Recreation Department, condo association, single season or beginning league. Within your league, you may run multiple divisions based on ability levels (i.e. 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, Senior, etc.). Winning teams in each division are allowed to attend any Regional Championship within one year from the time your league is completed.

What is included in this package:

- Rights to host one Impact Team Tennis sanctioned event which can include multiple divisions.
- The ability to send teams to a Regional Championship.
- Use of the ITT online registration system.
- Database management system.
- Individual and group email capability.
- Email notification of new sign-ups.
- A General Information page and bulletin board.
- Enrollment in the Impact Team Tennis League Director Rewards program.
- Scorecards.
- Ability to upgrade to a two event sanction within 6 months of purchase.
- Posting of online scoring, scheduling, results and photo capabilities.

Two Event Sanction - \$500

This two (2) event sanction is designed for the group or individual who is planning on running two ITT leagues or tournaments with a year. This is great for the local Community Tennis Association, Park and Recreation Department, private or public tennis club, multiple season or established league. Within each of your leagues, you may run multiple divisions based on ability levels (i.e. 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, Senior, etc.). Winning teams in each division are allowed to attend any Regional Championship within one calendar year from the time your leagues are completed.

What is included in this package:

- Rights to host two sanctioned events which can include multiple divisions.
- The ability to send teams to a Regional Championship.
- Use of the online registration system.
- Database management system.
- Individual and group email capability.
- Email notification of new sign-ups.
- A General Information web page and bulletin board for each season or event.
- Enrollment in the League Director Rewards program.
- Scorecards.
- Ability to upgrade to an unlimited sanction within 6 months of purchase.
- Posting of online scoring, scheduling, results and photo capabilities.

Unlimited Sanction - \$600

This unlimited event sanction is designed for the group or individual who is planning on running three (3) or more leagues or tournaments within a 12 month period. This is great for the local Community Tennis Association, Park and Recreation Department, YMCA, private, public tennis club, colleges, who wish to run multiple seasons, leagues and/or tournaments .

Within each of your leagues, you may run multiple divisions based on ability levels (i.e. 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, Senior, etc.). Winning teams in each division are allowed to attend any Regional Championships within one year from the time your leagues are completed.

What is included in this package:

- Rights to host unlimited sanctioned events which can include multiple divisions.
- The ability to send teams to Regional Championships.
- Use of the online registration system.
- Database management system.
- Individual and group email capability.
- Email notification of new sign-ups.
- A General Information web page for each season or event.
- Enrollment in the League Director Rewards program.
- Scorecards.
- Posting of online scoring, scheduling, results and photo capabilities.

HANDLING THE COST OF THE LEAGUE

Charges to individuals who play in the league may include court time, awards, tennis balls, registration fee, Regional Championship entry fee and administrative costs (e.g. advertising, printing, mailing, coordinator time and refreshments). Impact Team Tennis offers the League Director the option to collect fees online from participants using credit cards through PayPal. A PayPal transaction fee will be charged to those using this option.

TENNIS BALLS

Wilson tennis balls are the official ball of ITT. Please use Wilson tennis balls in your leagues. (One can of balls per team - two cans per match.) The can of balls should remain on the court and will be used for all three sets on that court.

PUBLICITY

Publicity is an important tool in making your league a success. As a League Director, we encourage you to contact your local media (newspapers, radio, TV) with information on your leagues, start dates, participants and results.

Please remember that we count on you to keep us informed of special stories that we can place on our web site and social media.

HOW TO GET PUBLICITY

Tips for the local League Director on how to get publicity:

Know Your Media Market

Identify all the newspapers, community magazines, online media outlets, radio and television stations and cable systems that reach a community audience. Then, develop and maintain a list of sports editors/writers and sports directors with addresses, telephone and fax numbers, email addresses and useful information such as deadlines.

Also, be aware of tennis publications in the area, news and public affairs programs, wire services, and such event calendars and community bulletin board listings. Check the local Chamber of Commerce, a local college Sports Information Director, media directories, etc. to get additional lists of media outlets.

Most importantly, make sure your list of media contacts are kept up-to-date.

Go Beyond The Sports Pages

Send out a color photo and a copy of your schedule/event information to the calendar editor of the local newspapers. Don't focus only on the sports pages – send the information to the metro/local section as well.

Build Relationships With Your Media

Next, arrange to meet with the sports editors/writers and sports directors, along with any additional news media that have an interest in the team. Learn how the news media function and what kinds of stories and features will create the most interest. Don't view your position as one to get something from the news media; rather you can actually assist the news media in doing its job more effectively.

Call for an appointment and keep the get-acquainted session brief. Don't attempt to push stories during this visit, instead, find out:

- How does the news media want information provided to them?
- Do they want phone calls and news releases prior/after matches or events? If so, when?
- Do they want photographs?
- Will they send a photographer/cameraperson to matches?

Understand How The Media Works

A large metropolitan daily newspaper may have limited space for scores or team stories. However, a suburban daily or weekly newspaper may be able to promote and cover the events more extensively. The same idea holds true for radio and television.

RESPECTING MEDIA DEADLINES

Even though most media outlets now work on a 24-hour news cycle, the entire news media industry is still structured around deadlines. At certain times news gathering must stop and printing or broadcasting must begin.

When sports editors/writers are on deadline, they simply cannot stop what they are doing to talk by telephone or in person. Identify deadlines as times not to talk with the news media. Make contacts as far from deadlines as possible unless reporting results from a match.

When providing information to the news media, observe the cardinal rules of honesty, accuracy, and promptness. Don't exaggerate a story. Check all facts, names, spellings, numbers, etc. Don't deliver a story or results five minutes before a deadline when it could have been done earlier. Return all calls immediately and provide additional information as soon as it is requested. These inquiries indicate media interest -- capitalize on the opportunity. Respond quickly and cooperatively.

Telephone Calls

When contacting the news media by telephone, deliver the information or results concisely. Organize and write down pertinent information (who, what, where, when) as if preparing a news release in outline form, checking all names, scores, and facts before calling.

LEVERAGE THE POWER OF SOCIAL NETWORKING

- Set up a Facebook and Twitter page for your league.
- Add registration deadlines, match stats, photos, and videos to engage your league members and also attract new members.
- Promote these pages in your promotional materials and share the addresses regularly with your league members. Encourage your league members to share their own photos /videos on your pages.
- Link your news stories, photos, and other content from your social networking pages so they are promoted on Impact Team Tennis Facebook & Twitter pages.

TIPS FOR RECRUITING CORPORATE TEAMS

Companies are a great place to look for new teams/players. A grassroots approach is often the best way to recruit a corporate team. Locate ONE tennis player who works for the company, and they will recruit their co-workers and friends to play on a team.

CONTACT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

In the business world when you are looking for a job they always tell you to start with the people you know to get the word out. The same applies to getting corporate teams.

- Call or e-mail the players you know and ask if any of them work for companies large enough to field a team.
- If they don't work for a large company, perhaps they know someone who does and can tell them about the league and play as one of the non-employees on their friend's team.

Research the corporate market

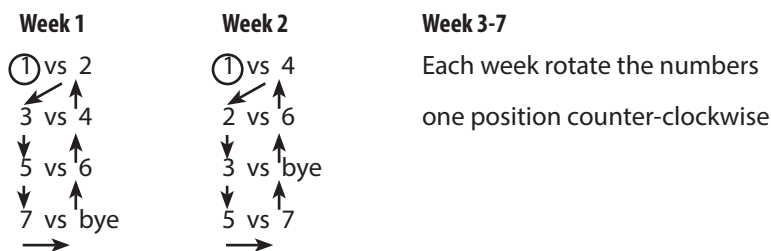
- Find out if any of the large corporations in your area have a Health or Fitness Director and contact that person with your league information.
- The Human Resource person in a company may be a good contact, but it really helps if they are a tennis player and know others in the company that like the sport!
- Work with a local newspaper to write an article about your corporate league. Even if the article comes out after your league has started, you will get contacts for your next season.

Once you find a tennis player in the company, how do you help them find other players in the company?

- Have the company send out an e-mail to all employees announcing the company is looking to form a team.
- Company newsletter announcement.
- Offer an incentive gift to a captain that recruits a team for your league!

HOW TO SET UP A ROUND ROBIN SCHEDULE

Ideally you will want to have an even number of teams in your league. The example shows how to set up your match schedule with seven teams. The formula will work for any number of teams.



1. Circle the Team #1.
2. Fill in the number of teams playing every week.
3. Once you have set up the matches for the first week, you have the framework for setting up the remaining week's matches.
4. Note that Team #1 will always remain in the same spot.
5. Rotate each team one position. #2 diagonally down to the #3 position. #3 moves down one position. #5 down one position. #7 moves across one position. Bye moves up one position. #6 moves up one position. #4 moves up to the #2 position.
6. In this example, the league would run for seven weeks.

QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT/EVENT FOR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ADVANCEMENT

A local one or two day tournament may be used instead of a local league to qualify for a Regional Championship.

- Tournament may be a city-wide, state or multi-state event.
- Teams must play a minimum of three matches in this tournament.
- All events must follow the same rules and guidelines as ITT local league play.
- Participants must also register before the event begins on impactteamtennis.com.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. Winning teams of any sanctioned Impact Team Tennis local league division are eligible to attend one (1) Regional Championship within 12 months from the date their local league ends. Teams may also compete in the Regional immediately following the 12 months. If the first place team is unable to compete in any Regional Championship within the 12 months plus the immediate regional, they may be replaced by the second place team. For every four (4) teams in any sanctioned local league division, one (1) team will qualify to attend.
2. All players must have an NTRP rating. Ratings from the start of the local league will be used.
 - If at the start of the local league a player has a computer generated rating, that player will be allowed to compete at the Regional Championship with that rating.
 - If at the start of the local league a player does not have a computer generated rating:
 - And does not have a rating at the time of the Regional Championship, ITT will accept a self-rating. This self-rating is subject to the approval of the local league director and the WTT National Office upon completion of the USTA player profile.
 - But has an accepted rating (either a self-rating or computer rating) for USTA league play at the time of the Regional Championship, that player will compete at the Regional Championship with that rating. However, if the accepted self-rating was adjusted with the year-end ratings, that player will be able to compete in the Regional Championship with their initial self-rating.
 - For teams that enter a Regional Championship and have players on the team who have had their rating adjusted more than ½ a point, they must compete in the Regional Championship at their adjusted rating. The team may choose to either play at the level based on the current average of the top two men and top two women with the adjusted players or they can stay at their previous level and remove those players from their roster.
 - If a player has been disqualified at their current rating prior to the Regional Championship, that player must compete in the Regional Championship using their adjusted rating.
 - If a player has had their rating adjusted after the National Qualifier and that player is attending the WTT Nationals, the player will be allowed to play the WTT Nationals with their National Qualifier rating.
 - Ratings will only be accepted on a .5 basis (i.e., 3.5, not 3.4).
 - The average NTRP rating of the TOP two men and TOP two women is used to determine a team's level of competition.
 - No team may carry a player more than one NTRP point above the division entered.
3. Each participant must be registered at impactteamtennis.com. All participants must be at least 18 years of age prior to the start of the Regional Championship. Participants in the Senior divisions must be at least 50 years of age (60 if playing in the Super Senior division) or turn 50 or 60 within the calendar year.
4. Teams entering the Senior and Super Senior divisions qualify to attend a Regional Championship by either winning their local league or tournament (if one is available), or by assembling a team if a local league or tournament is not available
5. Only those players registered on the original local league roster* are eligible to play at a Regional Championship. All players from the original roster must have played at least two (2) local ITT matches for their qualifying team. All teams must have played at least three (3) matches. There is a maximum of 10 rostered players, including the alternate, per Regional Championship team.
 - * Each team will be allowed to add one (1) alternate player to their Regional Championship roster as long as he/she is registered and played in at least two (2) matches in any official ITT league/event within 14 months of the Regional Championship. If the alternate is coming from the league/season in which the team qualified, then the alternate player is able to use their rating from the start of the local league (unless their rating has been adjusted more than ½ a point). If the alternate is coming from a league/season that is different than the league/season that the team qualified, then they must use the most current rating on file.
6. Teams are guaranteed a minimum of two (2) matches (weather permitting).
7. With the exception of the Super Senior division, the Impact Team Tennis format will be used (six sets; two courts; six games per set; no-ad scoring; nine-point tiebreaker at five games all; play service lets). Super Seniors will not play singles and will play eight game pro sets with a nine-point tiebreaker at seven games all.
8. If a team drops from competition after the entry deadline, the entry fee will not be refunded.
9. If an additional team is needed to fill a division, a WILD CARD ENTRY may be accepted. The Impact Team Tennis Director of Tournaments retains the right to make a decision on the WILD CARD ENTRY.
10. Photo I.D. cards will be checked prior to the participant playing in their first match of the tournament and may also be checked periodically during the tournament. Waiver forms will also be signed and collected prior to the participant playing in their first match of the tournament.

11. Teams must have a minimum of four (4) players to begin competition. If however, a player is injured or ill during tournament play, the team will be allowed to compete with a minimum of three (3) players.
12. A participant may compete on two (2) teams at the same Regional Championship as long as the teams are in different divisions. No special scheduling will be done to accommodate these players.
13. No alcohol consumption is allowed on the courts during tournament play.
14. If there are any problems during the match (i.e. format question, scoring problem, etc.) stop play immediately and locate the official and/or Tournament Director.
15. Sets 1, 3 & 5 will be played on the same court while sets 2, 4 & 6 will be played on the same court. If a mixed doubles team plays on the wrong court, the games that have been played will stand and the error will be rectified immediately and play will continue. If the sets have been completed, the scores will stand and games won will be recorded in the appropriate location based on the rule stated above.
16. Only rostered players, including a registered non-playing captain, may be on court during tournament play. Spectators are not allowed on the court at any time while tournament play is in progress. The non-playing captain and non-participating players must remain in a designated "player's bench" area until the completion of each point. Tournament Director will determine the "player's bench" area.
17. Coaching is allowed throughout the match if it does not interfere with continuous play. Coaching is not allowed between first and second serves as the second serve must be struck without delay. Only one member of the team is permitted to go out on the court to coach and the coaching must be completed within the twenty (20) second time limit allotted between points. Spectators cannot coach players while they are on the court.
18. Scorecard completion: men's and women's doubles must be filled out first; both singles sets must be filled out by the end of the five (5) minute break following the men's and women's doubles (if not before) and the two (2) mixed doubles sets must be filled out by the end of the five (5) minute break following the two (2) singles sets (if not before).
19. Once a scorecard is signed and submitted to the Tournament Director, no scores will be reversed. It is the responsibility of both captains to check the scorecards very carefully.
20. The USTA Code of Conduct will be followed. The USTA Point Penalty system will be assessed by an official and will be cumulative throughout the match.
21. All matches are governed by The International Tennis Federation's Rules of Tennis and USTA interpretations which are located in the USTA Friend at Court except for any specific Impact Team Tennis rules.
22. Actual games played will be used to determine a team's winning percentage.
23. Awards will be presented to Champion and Finalist team members present at the Regional Championship.
24. Once a player has participated on a team that has won a Regional Championship, they are not able to compete in another Regional Championship in the same division within the calendar year. They may participate in another Regional Championship in a different division within the calendar year.
25. The Tournament Director has the final decision.

NATIONALS RULES

All Regional Championship rules apply to the Nationals in addition to the following:

- Top team in each division from each Regional Championship will qualify for the Nationals. (If for some reason the first place team is unable to attend, then the second place team becomes eligible, at the discretion of the Tournament Director).
- Regional Championships held between the months of March-September will qualify for the Nationals held that same year.
- Teams participating in the Nationals must compete in the same playing level in which they qualified (i.e. 3.5, 4.0, etc.) from at the Regional Championships, except for the Open Division.
- Only those players listed on Regional Championship entries are eligible to play in the Nationals.

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