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**USTA LEAGUE  
ADULT 65 AND OVER  
TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**6.0 AND 8.0 APRIL 1-3, 2016  
SURPRISE ARIZONA**



**2015 USTA LEAGUE**  
**Adult 65 & Over 6.0 & 8.0 LEAGUE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP HANDBOOK**  
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# IMPORTANT DATES

## Adult 65 & Over 6.0 and 8.0

**April 1, 2016**

Match Play begins on **Friday, April 1, 2016**

**Matches and awards will conclude on Sunday by approximately 1 pm – make flight arrangements accordingly.**

**Match schedules will be posted at [www.surpriseaz.gov/tennis](http://www.surpriseaz.gov/tennis)-Please check frequently as they are subject to change.**

**YOUR SECTION WILL FORWARD YOUR TEAM ROSTER INFORMATION.**

**TEAM ENTRY FEE: \$400.00 per team – ALL ENTRY FEES MUST BE PAID VIA CREDIT CARD.** Please contact the Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex at 623.222.2400 to process your payment.

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS MARCH 11, 2016**

**Failure to register by the deadline may risk your team's participation at this event.**

# TENNIS FACILITY

## Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex

This facility is located 32 miles northwest of the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport – about 45 – 50 minutes driving time with traffic.

14469 W. Paradise Lane  
Surprise AZ 85374  
623-222-2400

## Practice courts available

Call in up to 24 hours in advance to reserve for non-tournament days. Teams may book up to two courts per session. \$4.00 per person per 1 hour or \$5.00 per person for courts at night.

# HOTEL INFORMATION

There are four hotel options that are offering special rates for during the tournament. Please contact the following hotels to book your stay. Please advise them that you are with the USTA 65 and Over Tennis Championships.



### **Holiday Inn Express-Surprise**

16540 N. Bullard Ave.  
623.975.5540

**Rates start at \$134 for King Room**



### **Hampton Inn and Suites**

14783 W. Grand Avenue  
**623.537.9122**

**Rates start at \$104 for Standard Rooms**



### **Residence Inn by Marriott**

16418 N. Bullard Ave.  
623.249.6333

**Rates start at \$145 for King room**



### **Windmill Suites in Surprise**

12545 W. Bell Road  
623.583.8366

**Rates start at \$79 for Standard Suite**

# ELIGIBILITY

- A minimum of 6 players who were on the final local roster must be available to compete at nationals. There are no exceptions or waivers granted for this requirement.

## Player Eligibility

- A player is eligible to advance to The USTA League 65 and Over Tennis Championships if that player has played on that same team in at least **two (2)** matches through section championships with one default that may count for advancing. A retired match shall count for all players involved.
- All individual team members must be from the appropriate level of play in accordance with the NTRP system.

# RULES, REGULATIONS, SCORING, AND COACHING

## Rules and Regulations

- USTA League Rules and League Regulations will be enforced during championships.
- All match lineups must be submitted to the tournament desk by the team captain at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the match. Penalties may be enforced at the tournament director's discretion.

## Scoring

- Best of two sets with a Match Tiebreak in lieu of the third set when applicable.
- The Coman Rotation Tiebreak Procedure will be used for all Set and Match Tiebreaks.
- Coman Tiebreak Procedure is the same as the present procedure except that ends are changed after the first point, then after every four points until the conclusion of the tiebreak
- Two minute rest between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> set and between the 2<sup>nd</sup> set and 3<sup>rd</sup> set match tiebreak.

## Coaching

No coaching allowed. No cell phones or electronic devices allowed on court.

# CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT SETUP

- Flighted Round Robin.
- Teams will participate in a non-elimination round-robin format.
- The winner of each flight/division will be determined by team matches won.
- The winner of each flight will then go into a semi final followed by finals and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> playoff.
- In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken by the first of the following procedures:
- Winner of the most individual matches in the competition
- Winner of head to head match
- Loser of the fewest number of sets
- Loser of the fewest number of games
- A method to be determined by the championships committee

# GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

The following guidelines and procedures will be used during this championship. Please review them carefully. Any staff member on site will be glad to assist you with the forms and answer any questions on procedures.

**3.03C(1)** Any grievance alleging a violation during championships competition shall be in writing and delivered to the Tournament Director or designee prior to whichever occurs first: (a) within 30 minutes of the completion of the involved team's match or (b) the commencement of the involved team's next match, whether or not the involved player participates except for

Administrative Grievances (See Reg. 3.03A(2), Eligibility Grievances (See Reg. 3.03B(3) and NTRP Grievances (See Reg. 3.03E(3).)

**3.03E(3)** NTRP Grievances will not be accepted.

3.04B(1) The Grievance Appeal Committee shall not be required to hold any hearing except as provided in 3.04B(2). Its decision may be based entirely on the findings of fact by the Grievance Committee whose decision is being appealed and on the facts and arguments submitted in writing by the parties to the appeal.

## BALLS

Penn Marathon Extra Duty hard court balls will be provided.

## UMPIRES

There will be one Certified Tournament Referee onsite at all times. Players are encouraged to play tennis without the need for umpires to be present for matches. In the case of disputed calls and upon the request of the player, the Tournament Referee may be requested to assist players as needed

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please note that the tournament format, number of matches and match length may change due to a team not showing up or circumstances beyond our control such as weather. However, rain or extreme heat could cause delays, modifications to the format, and possible cancellation of the tournament. There are NO indoor back-up courts where the championships can be played in the event of rain.

In the event of rain or suspension of play caused by extreme heat, please remain at the tournament site until the tournament staff informs you of the play schedule. In the event of a long rain delay or heat suspension, it will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee to use an alternative-playing format.

## CANCELLATION

If the championship, or part of the championships is cancelled due to rain or unforeseen circumstances, the championship will not be rescheduled.

# PLAYER AND TOURNAMENT DETAILS

## **Mandatory Team Captain's Registration**

**WHERE:** Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 31, from 4:30-5:30 PM

**NOTE: Paying Team Registration fee does not exclude the captain from attending the team registration.** You will receive your team packet with line up cards, tournament shirts (be prepared to know your teammate's sizes) and captain gifts during this time.

## **Trainer**

There will be a trainer on-site to assist with athletic injuries.

## **Awards**

Awards will be given to teams that finish in Champion and Finalist positions. Banners will be presented to the teams that finish 1st – 4th place.

## **Player Gift**

All players attending the National Championships will receive a tournament shirt.

## **Merchandise**

The USTA League 65 and Over Tennis Championship merchandise will be available for purchase on site and after the championship at the official merchandise booth located at the Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex

## **Team Photos**

Team photos will be taken throughout the weekend as well as candid shots. To schedule an appointment, team captains should make an appointment during the team registration.

## **Website**

Information along with photos of the event will be located online at [www.surpriseaz.gov/tennis](http://www.surpriseaz.gov/tennis)

# MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

## **Banner Del E Webb Medical Center**

14502 W. Meeker Blvd.  
Sun City West, AZ 85375  
623-214-4000



## **NextCare Urgent Care**

14800 W. Mountain View Blvd. Ste 190  
Surprise, AZ 85374  
602-530-6189



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# TIPS FOR PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS

We recommend that spectators bring an umbrella for protection from the sun and a portable chair

Players and spectators should bring their own water vessel to be sure to continuously hydrate. Water is available on court during Championship play and a water and ice station will be positioned near the tournament desk.

Don't forget sunscreen and a visor or hat!!

Lunch will be provided on Friday and Saturday of Championship play for all players. Guests may purchase a boxed lunch at the tournament desk.

## TRANSPORTATION DETAILS

### Airport information:

Fly into Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport – approximately 45 minutes from Surprise

**SHUTTLE SERVICE: to any tournament hotels call “To My Surprise” Shuttle at 623-218-6035 or toll free 877-495-6035 to schedule your pickup. This should be done at least 24 hours in advance.**

**This service makes NO stops en route to Surprise.**

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS

<p><b>Holiday Inn Express and Residence Inn</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Take I-10 west, exit 133B to AZ Loop 101 North</li><li>-Take exit for Grand Avenue. Turn Left</li><li>-Remain on Grand to Bell Road. Turn Left</li><li>-Take Bell Road to Bullard Ave. Turn Left</li><li>-Hotels are located on Right side of Bullard Ave.</li></ul>	<p><b>Hampton Inn and Suites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Take I-10 west, exit 133B to AZ Loop 101 North</li><li>-Take exit for Grand Avenue. Turn Left</li><li>-Remain on Grand Avenue passing Bell Road</li><li>-Hotel is on the left side of Grand Avenue.</li></ul>
<p><b>Windmill Suites in Surprise</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Take I-10 west, exit 133B to AZ Loop 101 North</li><li>-Take exit for Bell Road. Turn left</li><li>-Remain on Bell Road to N. Village Dr. Turn Left</li><li>-Turn right on W. Smokey Dr. to Windmill Suites on the Left</li></ul>	

Be advised: Shuttle service will NOT be provided from any of the hotels to or from the Surprise Tennis Center.

