

2017-18 Masters National Tournaments

Not held due to lack of teams

Women's 135's - Summit, NJ

Men's 70's - Franklin Lakes, NJ (to be rescheduled in October or November 2018)

Held and thank you to the host clubs

Women's 50's - Scarsdale, NY

Women's 45's + 60's - Wilmington, DE

Men's 45's, 55's, + 65's - Wilmington, DE

Mixed 50's + 60's, HW 50+ - Englewood, NJ

Men's 145's - Scarsdale, NY

Men's 50's + 60's - Franklin Lakes, NJ

Masters Committee Suggestions

Both men's and women's older age events have had trouble reaching the necessary 8 team requirement.

It is recommended that the following suggestions be implemented.

1 - Remove the 8 team requirement. (the USTA will hold a round robin tournament with less than 8 teams and still award the national gold, silver, and bronze balls.)

Quote from a tournament director -

"In addition, change the present rule that there has to be 8 players to qualify a draw for senior nationals. We have managed to pull it off 3 of the last 4 years but the players should not be penalized not to play a draw if they are available and only 6 teams can make it. It also poses a huge problem ordering favors and the cost of the event considering those decisions are made 3-4 weeks ahead on a draw that may not occur a week before the date it was planned on. I ate over \$1000 a few years ago due

to a cancelled event. Not so much worried about that but more about the fact that willing participants were not able to play.”

2 - Consider combining the 60 and up National Events with both A and B Championships. All participants would start in the same draw. First round winners continue to compete for the National A Championship and the First Round Losers would then compete for the National B Championship. To hold the National B Championship there would need to be a minimum of 8 teams signing up.

3 - Schedule the oldest National Championships in the fall as many potential participants are in Florida or other southern climates in February and March.

4 - Utilize the APTA Data Base to target all players who qualify for age group categories to try to increase participation.

5 - When Sr National Events are held, do not require that more than 3 matches are played in one day. Finals should be played the next day.

6 - The Committee is interested in trying to start a ranking system for men's 45 and 55 throughout all Regions.

Respectfully submitted,
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