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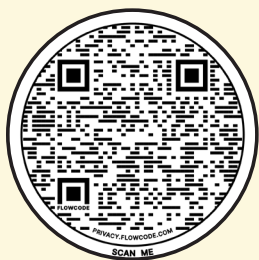
REGIONAL QUALIFIER

PROVIDER GUIDE



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THE USTA FLORIDA “QUEST FOR THE GOLDEN TICKET”

QUALIFIER FOLLOWS THE BELOW ROAD MAP:



WHAT ARE THE NTRP NATIONALS?

The NTRP National Championships are adult national tournaments that leverage the NTRP rating system as a way to create level-based competition.

Each year, NTRP National Champions are crowned in women's and men's singles and doubles in three age divisions.

USTA Florida will be offering Adult 18 & Over and Adult 40 & Over divisions.

ABOUT THE NTRP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- ▶ 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0 divisions (2.5 & 5.0 available in 18 & Over singles and doubles only)
- ▶ Singles, doubles, and mixed doubles
- ▶ Best of three sets to four games, no-ad scoring
- ▶ Eight four-player round robins that play into four eight-player single elimination draws
- ▶ The tournament format aims to give every player four to six matches

Qualification into the NTRP National Championships is handled by the USTA



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q What are the “Regional Qualifiers”?

A The Regional Qualifiers are events in all 8 regions of Florida in which the eligible, qualified winners are guaranteed a spot in the Sectional Championship (date TBD). The winners and finalists of the Sectional Championship will receive an entry to the National Championship (date TBD.)

Q What do you mean by “eligible” players?

A Self rated players must receive a USTA computer rating by the end of the year. Only players with a T, A, or C, letter after their NTRP rating will be allowed to enter into the Sectional Championship. Players will receive this rating by playing against other USTA computer rated players. Self rated players may participate in your tournament, but it is recommended they reach out to their Local Play Coordinator to strategize how to achieve a computer rating by November.

Q How many players

should I expect to enter these tournaments?

A You should plan on each division (12 divisions in singles and 12 divisions in doubles) having at least 4 players. If there are other NTRP tournaments in your area, you will be able to estimate the amount of people you might be able to attract. Divisions of less than three players should not be run.

Q How long are these events? What is the format?

A The Regional Qualifiers are intended to be One-Day events, if possible. However, players are restricted to 4 matches per day, no more than 3 of which should be singles. If a player enters more than one division, these guidelines apply separately to each division. Consider this when structuring your tournament. Players will be playing a lot of tennis in a short amount of time. The format is short sets to 4, no-ad scoring. Tiebreaker at 3-3. We recommend scheduling 90 minutes in between player matches so players receive a 15 minute break before their next match. The average match time for this format is 75 minutes.

Q What kind of support do I receive?

A As soon as USTA Florida approves your tournament and we review the settings, we will begin providing support. The event will be entered into the USTA Florida calendar. The Local Play Coordinator will also include the links to the tournaments in a communication post to all the league players.

Q What am I responsible for financially?

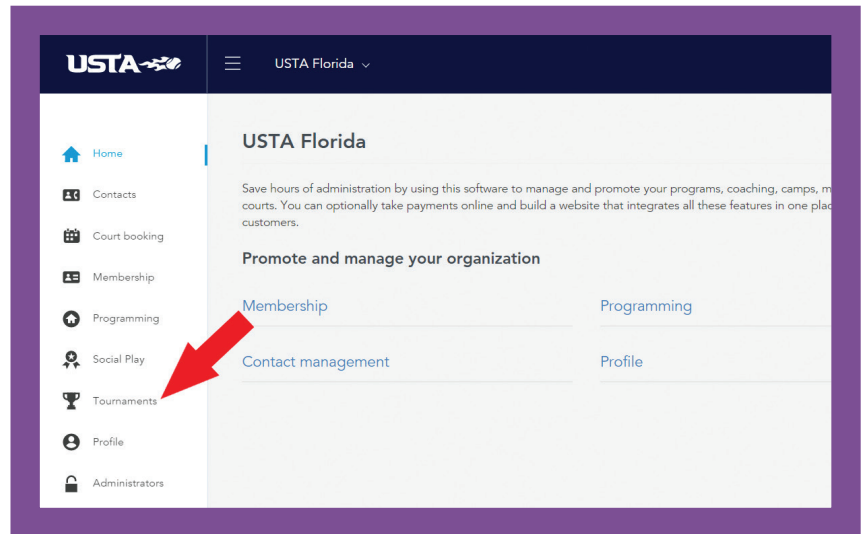
A Your facility will be responsible for court fees, balls and officials. Your revenue will include the registration fee minus the processing fees and a \$5 head tax per player. EXAMPLE: If you charge \$30, there will be approximately a \$3 sign up fee with a \$2 head tax, you will net \$22 per player. USTA Florida will provide a gift for the winners of each division.

Q How do I get started?

A Reach out to your Local Play Coordinator to begin the process. Visit playtennis.usta.com and set up a Serve Tennis account (if you do not have one) and continue reading in this document for the remaining setups.

SETTING UP AN NTRP REGIONAL QUALIFIER

Once you have secured a date and location for a NTRP regional qualifier, please follow the below steps for successfully setting up the tournament in Serve Tennis.



1. Log into the Facilities Serve Tennis Account.
2. Click on the “Trophy” Icon to bring you to the Tournament section of Serve Tennis.
3. Click on the “Add Tournament” button on the page.
4. Select “Adult Tournament”.
5. On the next screen select “Level 7”.
6. Tournament Name - “USTA Florida 18+ Regional NTRP — Golden Ticket Qualifier”
▶ **EXAMPLE:** USTA Florida 18+ Regional NTRP — Golden Ticket Qualifier
7. Enter the facility location.
8. Enter the start and end dates.
9. Registration Window: Please close the registration the Monday before the event.
10. Enter a Tournament Director.
11. Add required 2.5 - 5.0 NTRP divisions and complete tournament checklist.
12. Submit tournament for review by USTA Florida. The sanction fee will be \$0.

TOURNAMENT HOMEPAGE INFORMATION

1.

Click on Web Info

2.

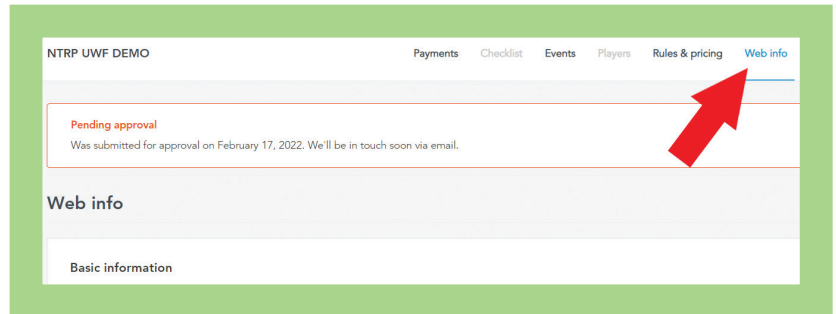
Please enter the below information into the web page section of the tournament details:

WHAT IS THE QUEST FOR THE GOLDEN TICKET?

Eligible winners from this tournament will be invited to compete in the NTRP Sectional Championships tournament (date TBD).

The number of endorsed players, endorsement criteria and tournament location for the NTRP National Championships tournament is determined by the USTA and is subject to change.

[CLICK HERE](#) to review the current criteria.



FORMAT

This tournament will use a short-set format. For more details, please [CLICK HERE](#).

- ▶ Round robin play will be used in all divisions.
- ▶ All divisions need at least 3 players for singles and 3 teams for doubles to be played.
- ▶ Multiple flights will lead to a semifinal or final which may be played the following day.

If you are a self-rated player, please work with your USTA Florida Local Play Coordinator to determine a strategy for achieving a C, T or A rating by year-end to be eligible for the NTRP Sectional Championships.

[FIND YOUR LOCAL PLAY COORDINATOR](#)

DETERMINING ORDER OF FINISH

(PER FRIEND AT COURT REGULATION 2.B.6.C.)

The player who wins the **most matches** is the winner.

If two players are tied, then the winner of their **head-to-head match** is the winner.

If three or more players are tied, the referee shall **use the following steps** in the order listed to break all ties. The referee shall break as **many ties as possible** using a given step before using the next step.

THESE STEPS ARE:

- ▶ The head-to-head win-loss record in matches involving just the tied players;
- ▶ The player with the highest percentage of sets won of all sets completed;
- ▶ The head-to-head win-loss record in matches involving the players who remain tied;
- ▶ The player with the highest percentage of games won of all games completed;
- ▶ The head-to-head win-loss record in matches involving the players who remain tied;
- ▶ The player with the highest percentage of sets won of sets completed among players in the group under consideration;
- ▶ The head-to-head win-loss record in matches involving the players who remain tied;
- ▶ The player with the highest percentage of games won of games completed among the players under consideration; and
- ▶ The head-to-head win-loss record in matches involving the players who remain tied.

If the referee has applied all the steps and a tie still cannot be broken, the referee shall use a random drawing among the remaining tied players to determine their order of finish.