

USTA League 2020 National Championships Cancellation FAQ

2020 USTA League National Championships

1. Why were the USTA League National Championships canceled this year?

- Not holding USTA League National Championships this year may provide more local play opportunities, and it has become increasingly apparent that we need to support the local facilities that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and prioritize local play.
- National Championships require a number of date deadlines for play at the Section level and below, and it became increasingly apparent that meeting those deadlines would present an overwhelming burden in many areas.
- Due to the COVID-19 virus, the USTA has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 League National Championships. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but the health and safety of all of those who play our sport is of the utmost importance.

2. Who decided to cancel Nationals?

- Based on the recommendations and feedback from USTA Staff & Volunteers, USTA Sections, the USTA Medical Advisory Panel, and the USTA Board of Directors, a collaborative decision was made to cancel the 2020 USTA League Nationals Championships.
- 3. My team already qualified for the 2020 USTA League National Championships. Can my team play in the 2021 USTA League National Championships or do we need to re-qualify?
 - In order to play in the 2021 USTA League National Championships, your team must play in the 2021 USTA League Championship season and meet the qualifications stated in USTA League Regulations in order to be eligible.
- 4. Does this cancellation apply to the USTA League National Invitationals that take place in 2021 (Adult 65 & Over, Mixed 55 & Over)?
 - No, this cancellation only applies to the 2020 USTA League National Championships that take place in the fall. Please visit the <u>USTA League National Invitational webpage</u> for the most up to date information.
- 5. Since the 2020 USTA League Nationals will not take place will our color be the same in 2021?
 - o Yes, the 2020 Color Wars color assignments will be the same for the 2021 season.
- 6. Did you consider holding the 2020 USTA League National Championships in early 2021?
 - Yes. This was explored and it was determined that holding the events in 2021 was not feasible.

NTRP Ratings

7. What will happen to my rating?

- USTA League match results will continue to be calculated in the NTRP rating system.
- Discussions are ongoing as to how the cancellation of USTA League Championships may impact ratings.

USTA League Section, District, & Local Championships

8. Will my Section host Championships even though there is no National Championship?

 Each section will determine which leagues and championships they will be able to offer once play resumes. Please contact your local, district, or section coordinators for more information. USTA Section Websites.

USTA Local Leagues

9. Will my local leagues take place after the play suspension is lifted?

 Check your local, district and section websites for updated information. Once tennis resumes, your local league coordinators will be in touch with your captain with next steps regarding play. <u>USTA Section Websites</u>.

USTA League Regulations

10. Will the regulations for League tennis be retained in 2020? If not, what regulations will be changed?

 The National USTA League Committee has amended some national regulations to allow sections the greatest flexibility possible for the remainder of this season. Check with your local, district or section for updated information.

11. Our team played in League Nationals in 2019 and were then subject to the move-up/split up regulation. Will my team be able to reassemble in its original form in 2021?

Yes. Your team will be able to play together again in 2021.

12. If my team has won a 2020 Section Championship, with the National Championships being cancelled, will we still have to move up or split up?

 No. Since National Championships are cancelled you will not be required to move up or split up.

Membership & Fees

13. Will the USTA refund my membership fees?

- The USTA has received inquiries from members about the suspension or extension of their membership status. At this time, given the uncertainty of the next few months, the USTA does not have immediate plans to suspend or extend individual or organizational memberships.
- Members will continue to receive TENNIS Magazine and also enjoy other benefits of membership during this period, including access to discounts for merchandise and programs.
- The USTA will continue to evaluate this policy and will keep our members apprised of any and all updates to it.

14. Will the USTA refund my League registration fees?

 Decisions regarding refunds and other reimbursement options are at the discretion of your section, district, or local area.