

## **TENNIS Age 40+**

**Wed – Thursday and Friday, October 17 and 18 (Rain date if needed)**

**Entry Deadline: October 3**

### **EVENTS**

Singles

Doubles

Mixed Doubles

RH91

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Tulsa, OK 74137

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### **Check in ½ hour before your event begins**

**Thurs.**, Oct 17: If draw is large, matches will begin.

**Fri.**, Oct 18: If possible, all matches played this day. 9 am start for both singles and doubles.

Mr. Ward will phone with EXACT match times with consideration for out of area travel times.

### **ENTRY REGULATIONS**

1. Athletes may compete with only one partner per event. An event is defined as Singles, Doubles or Mixed Doubles.
2. The age division of competition for Doubles will be determined by the lower age of the two partners.
3. Athletes must provide their own racquets.

### **FORMAT**

1. Tournament format will be single elimination with first round consolation.
2. The Event Director reserves the right to modify tournament format.

### **SPORT RULES**

**1. All matches will be conducted in accordance with United States Tennis Association (USTA)**

**rules, except as modified herein. For a copy of these rules, visit or contact:**

**United States Tennis Association**

**Publications Department**

**70 West Red Oak Lane**

**White Plains, NY 10604**

**(914) 696-7000**

**[www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com)**

2. If an athlete is entered in more than one tennis event, a situation may arise wherein they will have to play more than the USTA recommended number of matches in any given day. Attempts will be made to schedule in such a manner to avoid conflicts between events. However, it is the responsibility of the athlete to make conflicts known to the Event Director with sufficient time in order to reschedule or withdraw.

3. As a principle, play should be continuous, from the time the match starts (when the first service of the match is put in play) until the match finishes.

a. Between points, a maximum of twenty 20 seconds are allowed. This rule does not apply while a player chases stray balls.

b. When players change ends at the end of a game, a maximum of 90 seconds are allowed. Between the first and second set, a maximum of 120 seconds are allowed.

c. However, after the first game of each set and during a tie-break game, play shall be continuous and players shall change ends without a rest.

d. A five-minute break between the second set and the match tie-break set, if required, is permissible.

4. Matches shall be the best of three sets using regular scoring. The first two sets are tie-break

sets, first to win six games wins that set, provided there is a margin of two games won. If the score reaches six games all, a tie-break game will be played (first to win seven points with a two point margin wins the set). In the event a third set is required, it will be a USTA Match Tie Break Set, first to win 10 points by a margin of two points. All tie-breaks will use the Coman method of rotation. Ends are changed after the first point, then every four points (i.e. rotate after 1st, 5th, 9th, 13th, points etc.), and also rotate ends at the conclusion of a set tie break.

**2019 is NOT a year in which to qualify for NSGA competition.**

**STATE DIRECTOR**

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Mr. Ward will phone all players with the time of their first match.