

**2024 APTA BOARD MEETING
PTI TOURNAMENT AND TEAM NATIONALS COMMITTEE**

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a way for players to compete within their own ability level per their Platform Tennis Index (PTI). To organize and promote PTI tournaments (particularly PTI Nationals and Team Nationals), driving tournament play for league players across the country and across the skill spectrum. To provide leveled tournaments around the country that will inspire all players to participate in a competitive and collegial atmosphere.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2024 Team Nationals Recap

Team Nationals continues to be one of the crown jewels of the APTA. The APTA is very fortunate to have such hard-working and dedicated tournament directors as Mike Rahaley, Greg Morgan, and Patty Hogan.

The Women’s Team Nationals, played in Chicago, was again run by Mike Rahaley and had the highest participation ever. The 507 participants were placed into 11 divisions, ranging from PTI 20-25 to PTI 70+, and came from 14 different states. The size of the tournament did not allow for all divisions to have lunch and the Saturday night party at the same location. Consequently, divisions were assigned to either Valley Lo or Exmoor for lunch and the Saturday night party.

The Men’s Team Nationals was held in New Jersey and was again run by Greg Morgan and Patty Hogan. The 351 men were divided into 8 divisions ranging from PTI 0-5 to PTI 50-55. The Men’s Team Nationals decided to start the group with the lowest PTIs later so that their final matches would serve as entertainment on Saturday afternoon/evening.

Number of Teams Per Division 2024

<u>Women</u>	<u>#</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>#</u>
PTI 20-30	6		PTI 0-5	5
PTI 30-35	6		PTI 10-15	8
PTI 35-40	6		PTI 15-20	8
PTI 40-45	4		PTI 20-25	8
PTI 45-50	16		PTI 25-30	4
PTI 50-55	8		PTI 30-35	8
PTI 55-60	12		PTI 35-40	8
PTI 60-65	8		PTI 50-55	4
PTI 65-70	4			
PTI 70+	4			

Numbers of Team Nationals Participants by Year

Women	Location	# of Players	Men	Location	# of Players
2022	Chicago	280	2022	New Jersey	200+
2023	New Jersey	409	2023	Chicago	347
2024	Chicago	507	2024	New Jersey	351

Team Nationals Changes for 2024

- This year all players were required to have at least 8 rated matches over the past 12 months. Players who did not meet that requirement could request an exemption. This caused some disappointment in players from non-APTA leagues or from APTA leagues that don't use PTI, but it was felt that it was important to ensure that matches be competitive and not lopsided.
- Thanks to Isabel Cabanne, entering scores this year was extremely easy and was greatly appreciated by the tournament directors and volunteers alike.
- Support for each Team Nationals was increased from \$10,000 to \$12,500.

Team Nationals 2025:

- Both New Jersey and Chicago are willing to hold a Team Nationals again in 2025. NJ will host the women and Chicago the men.
- The approximate maximum number of players for New Jersey is 400, unless northern clubs, like Indian Trail are added.
- The \$12,500 support from the APTA for 2024 was good for New Jersey but Chicago was about \$2,600 over budget due to extra pro expenses (hut commanders), and some F&B ordered at some sites due to missed lunch/meals. For 2025, we may need to increase Chicago's support, or maybe New Jersey's if the women's tournament continues to grow.
- The APTA to do more promotion, and earlier...using ads like Mark Innes's video.
- It was agreed that these events do not need to be standardized between sites, giving Chicago and East Coast the ability to structure the event to work for them / their area.

2023-24 PTI NATIONALS

	Level	Location	Date	Tournament Director	Entry fee	Size of draw	# of teams	Note
23-24	APTA Women's 25+	Darien, CT	February 23	Amy Shay	\$240	16	0	Cancelled - low entries
	APTA Women's 30+	Chicago	March 29	Spencer Granger	\$0	0	0	cancelled-club issue
	APTA Women's 35+	New Jersey	December 15	Drew Broderick	\$160	24	16	
	APTA Women's 40+	Boston	December 8	Vini Silva	\$200	16	16	
	APTA Women's 45+	Cleveland	February 10	Maggie Spoth	\$200	16	16	
	APTA Women's 50+	Pittsburgh	March 16, 2024	Jessica Guyaux	\$200	16	16	
	APTA Women's 55+	Wilmington	February 22,2024	Lisa Murray	\$190	32	30	
	APTA Women's 60+	Long Island	March 1, 2024	Matt Garavaglia	\$200	16	0	Cancelled - low entries
	APTA Women's 65+	Philadelphia	February 22,2024	Laurie Hissey	\$190	32	16	
	APTA Women's 70+	New Jersey	February 23, 2024	Anthony Cosimano	\$200	32	<u>15</u>	
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	APTA Men PTI 10+	Long Island	January 6,	Chris Post	\$220	16	15	
	APTA Men PTI 15+	Chicago	November 18-19	John Noble	\$200	32	10	
	APTA Men PTI 20+	Wilton, CT	February 11, 2024	Jeff Kong	\$220	32	32	
	APTA Men PTI 25+	Chicago	November 18-19	Jason Love	\$200	32	25	
	APTA Men PTI 30+	Philadelphia	April 13, 2024	JC Cotto	\$250	32	12	date changed - weather

	APTA Men PTI 35+	Chicago	March 2	Mike Franco	\$250	32	32	
	APTA Men PTI 40+	Pittsburgh	March 9	B. Barrett/R. Sunseri	\$220	32	16	
	APTA Men PTI 45+	New Jersey	November 19	Drew Broderick	\$200	24	16	
	APTA Men PTI 50+	New Jersey	March 30, 3024	Marco Grangeiro	\$200	32	<u>28</u>	

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In 2024, 622 players participated in 15 PTI Nationals. Each tournament received financial support from the APTA based on the number of players in the tournament. The sliding scale begins at \$200 for a draw of 8 teams up to a tournament with 32 which would receive \$500. This support is intended to help a tournament provide a greater player experience.

PTI NATIONALS 2025

- The intent each year is to move the different levels around to different parts of the country.
- In 2022-23 and 2023-24 we have had to cancel the Women's PTI 20+ and 25+ because of very low number of entries. It is assumed that most women players under PTI 30+ are playing in Tour events and PTI tournaments are not as appealing to this group.. Next year the lowest women's PTI tournament will probably be PTI 30+ and a new higher level may be added.
- The men's tournaments will probably start at PTI 5+ and go through 60+ (or begin at 10+ if PTI re-alignment process is complete before the season)
- The window of time between the opening of registration and tourney date will probably be shortened from 3 months to a maximum of 2 months because of the potential, substantial changes in PTIs during that longer period.
- A player will be reviewed to ensure they've met the requirements before moving into the tourney. If their PTI changes in a way that means they are no longer eligible; the Tournament Director may determine they are disqualified from playing.
- With the work being done on PTIs across the board, the expectation is that start ratings will be more accurate and thus reduce the time spent on dealing with eligibility.
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