



**PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

## **Senior Women's Intersectional Team Selection Guidelines**

(Effective as of January 2009)

The following guidelines have been established by the USTA Pacific Northwest (USTA/PNW) Senior Women's Committee and are designed to allow the USTA/PNW to field competitive teams in each age bracket at the USTA National Senior Women's Intersectional Team event by including the broadest possible base of our section's top players in the selection process:

Shortly after the USTA/PNW year-end rankings are finalized, notices will be sent out to each person who is ranked in the top 5 in singles and/or the top 3 in doubles in each age division, encouraging them to apply for selection to their respective age group's Intersectional teams. Senior players with high National rankings in their age bracket will also receive these notices and be encouraged to apply for selection to an Intersectional team, whether or not they have qualified for a sectional ranking.

In addition, ANY player, ranked or not, who wishes to be considered will be permitted to submit an application for selection as well. However, such applications must include the player's name, USTA membership #, NTRP rating, all contact information and a complete resume of their sectional and national tournament results for the previous 24 months, including a description of any relevant extenuating circumstances (i.e., illness, injury) that may have affected those results. All applications for Intersectional team selection must be received by June 1, 2009. Applications received after this date may be considered or rejected at the sole discretion of the USTA/PNW Senior Women's Committee.

Within 30 days following the established due date, the USTA/PNW Senior Women's Committee shall review all applications received and attempt to select the strongest possible teams in each age bracket. Any player ranked No. 1 in either singles or doubles in the age group for which the team is being formed (i.e., 35s, 45s, 55s, 65s, 75s, or 80s) who expresses an interest in participating in Intersectionals will automatically be selected to the team. The total number of players selected to each team may vary according to its particular make-up but in general the committee's goal will be to allow as many players as possible to participate. A waiting list shall be established in order of strength to fill a spot that may open in the case a selected player were to drop out.

Once team rosters have been established, the committee will then select a captain for each age group team, who may at their discretion add players from the waiting list to either fill out the team or to replace players who drop out. Only in cases where too few applications have been received to complete a particular age group team shall players who have not participated in this selection process be considered.