

Championship Wildcards and Runner-Up Attendance Information

Teams should be aware of state championship dates and decide at the start of the season if they are able to attend with the required number of players if they win, or are runners-up (2nd place team), to receive a wildcard invitation.

Local League Coordinators DO NOT know if teams will get a wildcard invitation until the state office notifies them, due to the lack of teams in the state championship flight. See below for Wildcard and Runner Up procedures.

HOW IT WORKS:

(1) Each NC area sends a championship team to the state championships from the age and flight divisions that they have locally. (FYI, there are 14 local areas in the state, Western NC is one of them).

(2) If the championship team in a local flight is unable to attend, then the 2nd place team (runner up) is automatically invited by the local league coordinator. If they are unable to attend, the local league coordinator notifies the state office, and may request the consideration by the state office of sending a third place team (with a strong match record). (FYI, third place team invitations by the state are rare).

(3) If a local league does not have a championship team or second place team that is able to attend the championships, then the state office issues a wildcard invitation to teams in that age and flight in the state. The wildcard order of invitation is drawn at the start of the year for the complete year and posted by the NC Director of Adult Leagues on the NC Tennis site (nctennis.com) under state championship.

(4) The NC Director of Adult Leagues reports to the local coordinators that a wildcard is needed for a specific age and flight. The local league coordinator then contacts the applicable local flight and informs them of their immediate invitation (if they are first in the wildcard draw list), or informs teams in the flight that they may get an invitation based on the availability of teams in front of them (example: teams 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the draw are unable to field a team to come to the championships, then team 5 gets the offer).