

# USTA LOUISIANA LEAGUE REGULATIONS

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USTA League National, USTA Southern, and USTA Louisiana Regulations have full force and applicability at all levels of play in USTA League Tennis in USTA Louisiana and there is no authorization to modify, amplify or change them by Local or State League Coordinators, or Grievance or Grievance Appeals Committees. USTA Louisiana League Regulations are available on the USTA Louisiana website: [www.louisianatennis.com](http://www.louisianatennis.com). Printed below are the USTA Louisiana League Regulations as authorized by the USTA League National Regulations. (Note: Paragraphs included herein are numbered according to pertinent paragraphs of the 2019 USTA League Regulations and should be applied in conjunction with those paragraphs.)

**1.00 GENERAL.** The Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL in conjunction with USTA National and USTA Southern regulations shall apply to all League Divisions (Adult and Mixed); as well as Southern Combo and Tri-Level.

## **1.02 GOVERNANCE.**

**1.02B Amendments.** These USTA LOUISIANA LEAGUE REGULATIONS may be amended by the USTA Louisiana Adult League Committee with approval of the USTA Louisiana Executive Board.

## **1.02C Written Interpretation.**

The Adult State League Coordinator, in conjunction with the USTA Louisiana Adult League Committee shall have the authority to interpret the USTA Louisiana League Regulations.

## **1.04 USTA LEAGUE.**

### **1.04B Administration.**

The USTA Louisiana Adult League Committee through recommendations from the Local League Coordinators and Adult State League Coordinator establishes the USTA Louisiana League Regulations. The USTA Louisiana Executive Board grants final approval of the USTA Louisiana League Regulations.

**1.04B(3)c Local League Coordinators.** Local league administrators who include Local League Coordinators and Board of Directors of the local Community Tennis Associations are responsible for administering and promoting the USTA League Programs in their area.

**1.04B(3)c(i) League Code of Ethics.** All league administrators will adhere to the USTA Southern Section League Tennis Officials Code of Ethics:

[http://www.southern.usta.com/USA-League-Tennis-](http://www.southern.usta.com/USA-League-Tennis-Pages/9305_USTA_Southern_Section_League_Tennis_Officials_Code_of_Ethics__As_of_21804/)

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**1.04B(3)c(ii) League Coordinator Responsibilities.** Establish procedures and regulations for all aspects of their local league that are not covered by the national, sectional or state regulations. A copy of the local regulations must be submitted to the State League Coordinator for review prior to the leagues team captain's meeting.

Local league regulations shall be published to the internet on either the local CTA site or [louisianatennis.com](http://louisianatennis.com) prior to the start of local league competition.

**1.04B(3)c(iii) Captains Meeting.** A mandatory team captain's meeting must be held prior to the start of league play for each local league program. Topics to be covered include local regulations (provide internet links to National, Sectional, State regulations), championships eligibility requirements, and deadlines. Local league coordinators should review all regulations and procedures with new team captains.

**1.04B(5) Championships Committees.** The Adult State League Coordinator is responsible for appointing championship committees for all USTA Louisiana Championships.

## **1.04C Official Information System.**

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## 1.04C(1) Official League Registration.

**1.04C(1)a Team Registration.** Team captains must create their team and register the following minimum number of players in TennisLink by the date established by the local league administration: Adults 18 & Over and 40 & Over = 8 (except 18 & Over 2.5 and 5.0+=5); Adult 55 & Over and 65 & Over = 6; Mixed, Combo and Tri-Level = 6 players able to combine and compete.

The deadline date must be prior to the start of the local league season and must be no later than one (1) month of the state championship with local league schedules published. Local teams must be included in the local league schedule if the teams have fulfilled this requirement.

Failure to register a team in TennisLink by the established deadline date may result in the team being declared ineligible for the USTA League Program. The Local League Coordinator may amend local league deadline dates in order to optimize flights.

**1.04C(1)b Player Additions.** All player additions to existing registered team rosters must be made no later than 14 days prior to the state championship except for local leagues played during a state championship.

All player additions for NTRP levels playing their local league during a state championship must be made no later than 7 days prior to the state championship.

Local leagues may set a deadline date that is more than 14 days prior to the state championship for player additions to existing teams.

Players shall not be added to the team roster during local league flight play-offs or at any championship.

**1.04C(1)c League Fees & Financial Statement.** All Local leagues must have any local league fees approved by the USTA Louisiana Adult League Committee prior to the start of their local league registration.

Any increase to Local League head tax must be approved by the USTA Louisiana Adult League Committee prior to the start of the league's team registration.

Local league fees include all monies collected through TennisLink and/or directly from teams and/or players as a requirement for registration/participation in the USTA League Program.

**1.04C(1)d League Financial Statements.** The local Community Tennis Associations or Local League Council in the absence of a CTA are responsible for making available upon request a financial statement to the local team captains at the conclusion of each league year.

Any fees paid to the local league coordinator, level coordinators, league assistants, and/or league secretary must be itemized on the financial report.

**1.04C(1)e.** The 2019 USTA Louisiana league year enrollment fees are as follows:

- USTA Adult 18 & Over: \$15/person/roster entry
- USTA Adult 40 & Over: \$15/person/roster entry
- USTA Adult 55 & Over: \$10/person/roster entry
- USTA Adult 65 & Over: \$10/person/roster entry
- USTA Mixed 18 & Over: \$15/person/roster entry
- USTA Mixed 40 & Over: \$15/person/roster entry
- USTA Mixed 55 & Over: \$10/person/roster entry

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**1.04C(1)e.** The 2019 USTA Louisiana league year enrollment fees are as follows: (Continued)

Southern Combo 18 & Over: \$15/person/roster entry

Southern Combo 40 & Over: \$15/person/roster entry

Southern Combo 55 & Over: \$10/person/roster entry

Tri Level 18 & Over: \$15/person/roster entry

Tri Level 40 & Over: \$15/person/roster entry

Tri Level 55 & Over: \$15/person/roster entry

Flexible Format: \$2/person/roster entry

**1.04C(2) Official Score Reporting and Standings System.** The initial entry of match scores into TennisLink should take place within 48 hours of the completion of the match. After match scores have been entered in TennisLink, they must be confirmed by the opposing team within 48 hours of the initial entry or the initial score will automatically be considered valid. Failure to comply may subject teams to a grievance and/or double default.

**1.04D(1)a New Local Leagues.** The local CTA or Local Tennis Entity in the absence of a CTA must present a proposal to the USTA Louisiana League Committee showing growth potential for league and USTA membership.

The following shall be the criteria for establishing a new local league area to be recognized by USTA Louisiana:

- Must run no less than two USTA Louisiana approved Tennis Apprentice programs per year.
- Have access to an adequate number of courts available for league play that are available to the league for scheduling matches.
- Must run a minimum of (but not limited to) two USTA Louisiana League programs each year. Programs available:
  - Adult Program
  - Mixed Program
  - Tri-Level Program
  - Combo Program
- Must have a coordinator of record for each USTA Louisiana League program. A coordinator's role is provided in the Louisiana State regulations - 1.04B(3)c.
- Each coordinator is encouraged to attend workshops provided by any USTA entity in order to stay current of all USTA League rules and regulations as well as all administrative duties.
- Coordinators are responsible for ensuring all rules and regulations are being implemented and adhered to in their local leagues.
- Should have no less than a social media page for communication to the public e.g., Facebook, Instagram, etc..
- Failure to follow all National, Section or State regulations may result in the loss of recognized league area status.
- Newly recognized league areas shall be in a probationary period. The Adult League Committee shall review the league's performance at the conclusion of each year based on the above criteria until such time it is believed the local league has been successful in establishing itself as a fully functioning league.

All proposals must be submitted three months prior to the USTA Louisiana State Championship scheduled for the inaugural program.

**1.04D(3) Local League Season.** All local matches shall be completed two (2) weeks prior to the state championship.

- Any Local League whose matches are published in TennisLink beyond the Local League deadline date set by USTA Louisiana will be ineligible to advance to the league's USTA Louisiana State Championship.

**1.04D(4) Team.** Each local league may limit the number of players that appear on a team roster who have an individual NTRP level below the team NTRP level.

Each local league may limit the number of players who appear on a team roster, but may not have fewer than the minimum number of players as shown in the following table:

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TEAM COMPOSITION				
DIVISION	Age Group	MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS	GENDER	NTRP LEVEL
<b>Adult</b>	18 & Over 2.5 (women), 2.5 (men)* & 5.0+	5	Same Gender	A player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level except for 18 & Over 5.0+ and 40 & Over 4.5+.
	18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4,5	8		
	40 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4,5+	8		
	*55 & Over Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, Combined Levels 9.0	6	Same Gender	When using straight NTRP rating levels, player's NTRP rating shall not exceed the team NTRP level.
	*65 & Over Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 Combined Levels 9.0			Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level.  NTRP rating level difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0  The minimum NTRP level for 9.0 is 4.0.
<b>Mixed</b>	18 & Over Straight Level 2.5*, Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0	3 men 3 women	Men and Women	When using straight NTRP rating levels, player's NTRP rating shall not exceed the team NTRP level.
	40 & Over Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0			Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level.
	**55 & Over Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0			NTRP rating level difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0.  The minimum NTRP Level for: 6.0 is 2.5; 7.0 is 3.0; 8.0 is 3.5; 9.0 is 4.0; 10.0 is 4.5.
<b>Combo</b>	*18 & Over Straight Level 2.5, Combined 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, 10.5	6	Same Gender	When using straight NTRP rating levels, player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level
	*40 & Over Combined Levels 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5			Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level.
	*55 & Over Combined Levels 6.5, 7.5, 8.5			The maximum NTRP Level for: 5.5 is 3.0; 6.5 is 3.5; 7.5 is 4.0; 8.5 is 5.0; 9.5 is 5.5; 10.5 is 6.0
<b>Tri Level</b>	**18 & Over Div I – 2.5,3.0,3.5 (Women) Div II – 3.0, 3.5,4.0 Div III – 3.5,4.0,4.5	6	Same Gender	When using straight NTRP rating levels, player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level
	**40 & Over Div I – 2.5,3.0,3.5 Div II – 3.0, 3.5,4.0			NTRP rating level difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0
	**55 & Over Div II – 3.0, 3.5,4.0			
* Assigned and/or additional Divisions, Age Groups and Levels that USTA Southern will use. ** Assigned and/or additional Divisions, Age Groups and Levels that USTA Louisiana will use.				

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**1.04D(6) Courts for Local League Play.** “Home teams” will have the choice of court surface for which they wish to play their home matches. The use of tennis-related blended lines are permitted on courts used for local league matches. The use of other lines for another sport, such as Pickleball, are not permitted on courts used for local league matches.

**1.04E Player Eligibility.**

**1.04E(1) Domicile and Residency Requirements.** USTA Louisiana will have no residency requirements for local league play. Exception: Any team playing a local league at a state championship and/or advance directly to a state championship may have players from other areas as long as the majority of players reside in the State of Louisiana.

**1.04F OFFICIAL LEAGUE RATING PROGRAM.**

**1.04F(1) Entry.** A player without a valid NTRP rating level in TennisLink, a returning player with an expired NTRP rating level, a Tournament Exclusive (T) rated player or a Mixed Exclusive (M) rated player who does not have a valid computer (C) rating from a previous year and chooses to participate in the Adult Division, must self-rate to enter the USTA League Program. A player with a valid NTRP rating level in TennisLink must use that rating to enter the USTA League Program as shown in the following table:

NTRP RATING LEVEL FOR ENTRY INTO LEAGUE PLAY		
DIVISION	Age Group	PLAYER’S NTRP RATING LEVEL
Adult	Straight NTRP levels 18 & Over 40 & Over 55 & Over *65 & Over	Current NTRP rating level and/or up to one level above the player’s current NTRP level.  18 & Over 5.0+ level may have up to two players from the next higher NTRP level on a team roster. 40 & Over 4.5+ level may have up to three players from the next higher NTRP level on a team roster.
	Combined NTRP levels 55 & Over *65 & Over	Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP Level. NTRP rating level difference between partners may not exceed 1.0 The minimum NTRP Level for: 6.0 is 2.5; 7.0 is 3.0; 8.0 is 3.5; 9.0 is 4.0
Mixed	18 & Over *2.5 Straight NTRP levels	Limited to 2.0 and 2.5 NTRP rated players
	18 & Over 40 & Over **55 & Over Combined NTRP Levels	Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level. NTRP rating level difference between partners may not exceed 1.0 The minimum NTRP Level for: 6.0 is 2.5; 7.0 is 3.0; 8.0 is 3.5; 9.0 is 4.0; 10.0 is 4.5
*Combo	18 & Over 2.5 Straight NTRP level	Limited to 2.0 and 2.5 NTRP rated players
	18 & Over 40 & Over 55 & Over Combined NTRP Levels	Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level. The maximum NTRP Level for: 5.5 is 3.0; 6.5 is 3.5; 7.5 is 4.0; 8.5 is 5.0; 9.5 is 5.5; 10.5 is 6.0
Tri Level	18 & Over 40 & Over 55 & Over	<u>Current NTRP rating level and/or up to one level above the player’s current NTRP level.</u>  When using straight NTRP rating levels, player’s NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level.  NTRP rating level difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0
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**1.04F(1)c** Match results from Southern NTRP Tournaments in TennisLink will be included in the 2019 year-end ratings. For players that participate in NTRP tournaments exclusively, said player will generate a tournament-exclusive (T) rating contingent on enough match play.

**1.04F(1)d Self Rating.** Players who do not have a valid NTRP rating level on file in TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with the *General & Experienced Player Guidelines – Supplement to the NTRP Guidelines* and complete the self-rating process on TennisLink when registering for a team. Players who allow someone else to complete the self-rating process for them will be ultimately responsible and held accountable for information submitted or omitted. Failure to self-rate in accordance with the *Guidelines*, or omission of information regarding a player's tennis history, will subject the player as well as the captain and/or others who completed, assisted, condoned and/or approved an inappropriate self-rating to penalties and suspension. Players whose self-ratings are determined to be inaccurate or inappropriate shall be disqualified. (See Reg. 3.03E(1)a).

**1.04G PLAYER PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY.**

**1.04G(6).** Any player who qualifies to advance to the USTA Louisiana State Championship in the Adult, Mixed, Southern Combo or Tri Level division may advance on more than one team within an age group only if they are different NTRP Levels.

No accommodations for scheduling will be made at the USTA Louisiana Championships for teams with players that may be competing on two or more teams during a state championship.

**2.00 USTA LEAGUES REGULATIONS.**

**2.01A Levels of Play.**

**2.01A(1).** When using straight NTRP levels, a player cannot have an NTRP rating higher than the NTRP level in which the player is competing except in the 5.0+ NTRP level of the Adult Division, 18 & Over and in the 4.5+ NTRP level of the Adult Division, 40 & Over. Adult Division, 18 & Over 5.0+ team rosters may include up to two (2) players from the next higher NTRP level. Adult Division, 40 & Over 4.5+ team rosters may include up to three (3) players from the next higher NTRP level.

**2.01A(1)a.** In Plus (+) NTRP levels utilizing three individual matches within a team match, no more than one Plus (+) level player shall be allowed to play in a team match and shall be required to play in a #1 position, either singles or doubles.

**2.01A(1)b.** In Plus (+) NTRP levels utilizing four or more individual matches within a team match, two (2) Plus (+) level players may play in a team match and shall be required to play in either (a) both in the #1 doubles position or (b) one player in the #1 singles position and one player in the #1 doubles position.

NTRP LEVELS OF PLAY				
DIVISION	Age Group	Local Leagues	All Championships Below National Championships	National Championship
Adult	18 & Over	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+	2.5 women, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+
	40 & Over	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+
	55 & Over	Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, Combined Levels 9.0	Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, Combined Levels 9.0	Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0
	*65 & Over	Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, Combined Levels 9.0	Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, Combined Levels 9.0	National Invitational Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0

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NTRP LEVELS OF PLAY				
DIVISION	Age Group	Local Leagues	All Championships Below National Championships	National Championship
<b>Mixed</b>	18 & Over	Straight Level 2.5 Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0	Straight Level 2.5 Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0	Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0
	40 & Over	Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0
	**55 & Over	Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	N/A
<b>Combo</b>	*18 & Over	Straight Level 2.5 and Combined Levels 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, 10.5	Straight Level 2.5 and Combined Levels 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, 10.5	Not Part of National Program
	*40 & Over	Combined Levels 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5	Combined Levels 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5	
	*55 & Over	Combined Levels 6.5, 7.5, 8.5	Combined Levels 6.5, 7.5, 8.5	
<b>Tri Level</b>	**18 & Over	Div I 2.5, 3.0, 3.5 Div II 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 Div III 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	Div I 2.5, 3.0, 3.5 Div II 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 Div III 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	Not Part of National Program
	**40 & Over	Div II 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 Div III 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	Div II 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 Div III 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	
	**55 & Over	Div II 3.0, 3.5, 4.0	Div II 3.0, 3.5, 4.0	

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\*\*Assigned and/or additional Divisions, Age Groups and Levels that USTA Louisiana will use.

## 2.01C Competition Format.

**2.01C(1) Round Robin.** Local Leagues may use any USTA approved scoring methods and other scoring methods that are compatible with the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System. USTA Louisiana authorizes the use of 2.01C(1)a, 2.01C(1)b and/or 2.01C(1)c within its local leagues.

**2.01C(2) Team Match.** Each team match in a local league shall consist of such number of individual matches of singles, doubles, or any combination thereof as determined by the local league. For each team match, a majority of the individual matches must actually be played to constitute a valid team match.

**2.01C(2)a.** Each local league shall establish a procedure for ensuring the minimum required # of courts are played when the combination of individual match defaults given by the two teams in the team match results, or would result, in a situation where the majority of the individual matches would not be played.

**2.01C(3) Match Scoring and Formats.** The method of awarding points in order to determine the winning team of a local league team match and the winner of the local league competition may be the same as that used in championships competition or may be another method compatible with the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System selected by the local league. (See 2.03D – *Competition Format* and 2.03E – *Team Match and Scoring* for championship competition).

The scoring in the event of a default or disqualification shall be 6-0, 6-0.

Retirements shall be scored as described in 2.03N Scoring of Retirements.

## 2.01C(5) Team Lineups.

**2.01C(5)c.** Each local league will decide how to regulate rescheduling of team matches due to rain, inclement weather and/or USTA League-related conflicts.

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**2.01C(5)e.** The defaulting team may be ineligible to advance beyond local league, but may be required to play the remainder of all local league matches. These matches will be recorded in TennisLink for the purposes of satisfying match play requirements for opponents and NTRP calculations for all players involved.

All matches of a defaulting team may be removed from the stats and standings in Tennis Link (if multiple round robins, the defaulting team may be removed from all rounds of play), unless all teams with a mathematical chance to advance have already played the defaulting team in good faith, in which case, the matches shall stand as played when determining standings.

Should this occur in a two-team league where only three team matches are scheduled, the team will immediately be removed from competition and the league rendered null and void. In this same instance, no team may advance from local league play from a two-team league where a default occurs regardless of the number of matches scheduled.

The State League Coordinator, upon review of the facts and circumstances presented by the Local League Coordinator, may allow the team default to stand (scored as a 6-0, 6-0 loss on each individual match forfeited) thus allowing the team to remain eligible to advance beyond local competition.

## 2.02 PROGRESSION.

**2.02A(2) Local League Champions.** The regulations for each local league will state the process that will be followed for determining which teams advance to the state championship and how these teams will be ranked (i.e. BR#1, BR#2, BR#3).

At the Conclusion of local league competition, the local league coordinator shall certify to the USTA Louisiana State League Coordinator the results of the local league competition and name(s) and contact information of the team captains.

See USTA Louisiana Championship Procedures for details on player registration.

**2.02B(2) District/Area and Sectional Championship Events.** Please refer to the 2019 USTA Louisiana Championship Procedures for full championship details.

## 2.02B Championships.

USTA Louisiana State Championship Dates & Locations			
Championship	Levels	Date	Location
Adult 70 & Over	All Levels	<u>April 5-7, 2019</u>	<u>Shreveport, La</u>
Adult 55 & Over	All Levels	<u>April 26-29, 2019</u>	<u>Lake Charles, La</u>
Adult 40 & Over Even Levels	3.0, 4.0	<u>May 1 –4, 2019</u>	<u>New Orleans, La</u>
Adult 40 & Over Odd Levels	3.5, 4.5+	<u>May 17 – 20, 2019</u>	<u>Baton Rouge, La</u>
**Adult 18 & Over Even Levels	3.0,4.0	<u>June 7 – 10, 2019</u>	<u>Baton Rouge, La</u>
**Adult 18 & Over Odd Levels	2.5, 3.5, 4.5, 5.0+	<u>June 14 – 17, 2019</u>	<u>Shreveport, La</u>
Tri Level All Age Groups	All Levels	<u>August 16 – 19, 2019</u>	<u>Baton Rouge, La</u>



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USTA Louisiana State Championship Dates & Locations			
Mixed 18 & Over; 40 & Over; 55 & Over	All Levels	<u>Aug 30– Sept 2, 2019</u>	<u>Mandeville, La</u>
Adult 65 & Over	All Levels	<u>Oct 4 - 7, 2019</u>	<u>Lafayette, La</u>
Combo 40 & Over	All Levels	<u>Nov 1 – 4, 2019</u>	<u>Lafayette, La</u>
Combo 18 & Over 55 & Over	All Levels	<u>Nov 8 – 11, 2019</u>	<u>Shreveport, La</u>

\*\*NTRP Levels for the Adult 18 & Over and 40 & Over USTA Louisiana State Championship will be rotated every two years.

## 2.03 DISTRICT/AREA, SECTIONAL AND NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

### 2.03A Eligibility.

2.03A(1)a. All League Programs. Local leagues that enrolls a minimum of two (2) teams at an NTRP level shall send the winner to the USTA Louisiana State Championship. Local leagues enrolling fourteen (14) or more teams at a specific NTRP level will receive two (2) entries and local leagues enrolling twenty-one (21) or more teams will receive three (3) entries into the USTA Louisiana State Championship. No local league will have more than three (3) teams at any level.

If the local league winner(s) of an earned spot (as described in 2.03(1)a and 2.03A(1)b) declines team invitation, the Local League Coordinator may offer an invitation to the next place team as recorded in TennisLink until the spot is filled.

2.03A(1)c. Wildcards. At the discretion of the USTA Louisiana Adult League Committee, wild card teams may be added to the championships draw to optimize tournament scheduling.

- Wild card selection process: After all 14 and 21 team local leagues have been awarded; the State shall examine the ratio of “teams in league/championship entries”. The local league with the highest ratio will be awarded the next wild card.
- Team selection in the event of a tie in number of teams in 2 or more local leagues will be decided by random draw (local league names in hat, one team drawn by a designee of Adult State League Program Coordinator).
- An ordered list of potential alternate teams by NTRP level will be published with the championship draw.
- If a local league is offered either a wildcard or an alternate spot to the state championship and the next best team as recorded in TennisLink cannot fill the spot, then the spot shall be given back to the state.
- The USTA Louisiana Adult League Committee gives the Adult State League Program Coordinator authority to fill vacancies from the list of Alternates. 2.03A(1)a

If offered either a wildcard or alternate spot to a State Championship, the local league will pass the invitation to the next best team as recorded in TennisLink. If that team is unable to fill the slot, the position will revert to the State.

### 2.03A(3) Player Eligibility to Advance.

A player is eligible to advance to championship competition if that player has played the minimum number of required matches on that same team at the same NTRP level in the same Age Group in accordance with the following table. A retired match shall count toward advancing for all players involved.

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MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIPS					
		Sectional Championships and Below including Local Playoffs		NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	
Division	Age Group	Local Matches Required for Playoffs, State and Section Championship	Default received counting to advance	Minimum Matches through Section Championship	Defaults received counting to advance
Adult	18 & Over	2	1	3	1
	40 & Over				
	55 & Over				
	*65 & Over	1 Local or State Championship Match	1	Not Part of National Program	
Mixed	18 & Over	2	1	3	1
	40 & Over	2	1	3	1
		Minimum matches to advance to <b>Section Championships</b> for States with 2 or more teams			
Combo	18 & Over	1	1	Not Part of National Program	
	40 & Over				
	55 & Over				
Mixed	**55 & Over	1	1	Not Part of Sectional nor National Program	
**Tri Level	18 & Over	1	1	Not Part of Sectional nor National Program	
	40 & Over				
	55 & Over				
*Additional Division, Age Groups and Levels that USTA Southern will use. ** Additional Age Groups and Levels that USTA Louisiana will use.					

Note: RETIRED matches shall count for all players.

**2.03A(5).** At all Championships, a minimum number of team members as shown in the table below, who were on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play must be available and eligible to compete or to combine and compete, as appropriate. The required minimum number of team members may be reduced with an approved waiver, but to not less than the minimum as noted in the following table. At Sectional Championship level and below, the Championship Committee may grant such a waiver.

- Teams defaulting at least one court/line throughout the Championship without requesting waiver outlined in 2.03A(5) may be subject to grievance procedures. Penalties may include, but are not limited to, monetary fines and/or suspension from league play.

MINIMUM NUMBER OF TEAM MEMBERS REQUIRED AT CHAMPIONSHIPS			
DIVISION	Age Group	MINIMUM NUMBER AT ALL CHAMPIONSHIPS	MINIMUM NUMBER WITH APPROVED WAIVER AT ALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Adult	18 & Over 2.5 women, 2.5 men* & 5.0+	5	3
	18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	8	4
	40 & Over	8	4
	55 & Over	6	4
	*65 & Over	6	4

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MINIMUM NUMBER OF TEAM MEMBERS REQUIRED AT CHAMPIONSHIPS			
<b>Mixed</b>	18 & Over	3 Men 3 Women	2 Men 2 Women
	40 & Over		
	**55 & Over		
<b>Tri Level</b>	**18 & Over	6	4
	**40 & Over		
	**55 & Over		
<b>Combo</b>	*18 & Over	6	4
	*40 & Over		
	*55 & Over		
*Additional Division, Age Groups and Levels that USTA Southern will use. ** Additional Age Groups and Levels that USTA Louisiana will use.			

### 2.03B Official League Championships Entry.

The USTA Louisiana Adult League Committee has the authority to extend registration deadlines. When a deadline is extended for a particular level, that deadline extension shall apply to the entire state and all coordinators shall be notified of the extension.

### 2.03D Competition Format.

For all championships at the section level and below, Southern permits the use of round robin(s), single elimination or un-flighted matches against randomly selected opponents. The use of multiple round robins, or the use of un-flighted matches, will require a playoff structure to establish a champion. Please refer to championship procedures for full details for that applicable championship.

### 2.03E Competition Format.

Local Championships may alter "Team Match" only if approved waiver from USTA is given.

### 2.03J Scoring of Individual Defaults.

The scoring in the event of a default, forfeit, or disqualification shall be 6-0, 6-0.

### 2.03K Team Defaults.

ALLOWABLE DEFAULTS AT ALL CHAMPIONSHIPS				
DIVISION	AGE GROUP	MINIMUM NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE PLAYERS REQUIRED TO BE AVAILABLE PER MATCH	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POSITIONS THAT CAN BE DEFAULTED	REQUIRED POSITION(S) AND ORDER OF MATCH DEFAULTS
Adult	18 & Over 2.5 women, 2.5 men* & 5.0+	3	1	No. 1 Singles Or No. 2 Doubles
	18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	4	2	Singles: No. 2 Singles before No. 1 Singles Doubles No. 3 Doubles before No. 2 Doubles, and No. 2 Doubles before No. 1 Doubles
	40 & Over			
Adult	55 & Over *65 & Over	4 players who are eligible to combine and compete	1	No. 3 Doubles
Mixed	18 & Over 40 & Over **55 & Over			
Combo	*18 & Over *40 & Over *55 & Over	4 players who are eligible to combine and compete	1	No. 3 Doubles

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ALLOWABLE DEFAULTS AT ALL CHAMPIONSHIPS				
Tri Level	**18 & Over **40 & Over **55 & Over	4 players who are eligible to combine and compete	1	Any individual level where players cannot combine and compete
*Additional Division, Age Groups and Levels that USTA Southern will use. ** Additional Age Groups and Levels that USTA Louisiana will use.				

## 2.04 NTRP DISQUALIFICATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURES.

### 2.04C NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Procedures.

All Southern Sectional NTRP reviews will be handled by a committee comprised of the Southern NTRP Grievance Committee and Sectional League Coordinator.

### 2.04E Scoring Procedures.

#### 2.04E(1) Local.

**2.04E(1)a Self-rated (S) or Medical Appeal Players.** If a Self-Rated (S), Self-Rated Appealed (S), Computer Appealed (A), Medical Appealed (A) and/or Dynamic (D) player is promoted from a particular level of play, the player shall cease play immediately from the NTRP level being promoted from and graduate to the next higher NTRP level. All prior matches shall stand in good faith.

Captains and/or teams with 2 or more promoted players within a 12-month period may be subject to an NTRP Grievance and subsequent suspension from USTA Leagues.

## 2.05 YEAR-END NTRP COMPUTER RATINGS AND APPEAL PROCEDURES.

### 2.05C Appeal of Year-End Ratings.

Year-end NTRP valid computer rating levels may be appealed or denied through TennisLink except for 2.05D *Medical Appeals*.

**2.05E** Automatic appeals by 60 and 65 & over players will be granted unless the player's year-end rating exceeds the clearly above level mark. Players whose appeals are granted will continue to receive "A" ratings and be subject to Dynamic Disqualification.

### 2.05F SOUTHERN COMBO LEAGUE (Appeal of Year-End Ratings).

**2.05(F)1.** If a player's rating is appealed down during the Combo season, the player must adjust the rating on the roster for the duration of the season and should notify applicable Local League Coordinator to make update on TennisLink roster.

Previous matches by the player would stand. If a player's rating is appealed down after the Combo season, the player may not adjust the rating on the roster and must continue to use the rating on the roster for the remaining championship year. If a player's rating is appealed up during the Combo season, he/she must use that rating for the duration of the Combo season. Previous matches by that player would stand.

## 3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES.

### 3.01 ADMINISTRATION.

All local league regulations will include the names of grievance and grievance appeal committee members and will be distributed to captains prior to the beginning of the local league season. Distribution via captains' packets and/or websites is acceptable. The state shall approve State Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees. Grievance decisions that impose sanctions will be upheld throughout the USTA Southern Section.

**3.01A(1) Local.** Each local league shall appoint a Local League Grievance Committee. State Associations will appoint or approve members for a Local League Grievance Committee.

### 3.03 GRIEVANCE COMPLAINTS.

#### 3.03A General Procedures.

**3.03A(1).** All state grievances shall be filed with the USTA Louisiana Adult State League Coordinator.

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### **3.03C Championship Procedures.**

Filing fee for Championship Grievances (General/Sportsmanship, Administrative) will be \$100.00 made payable to USTA Louisiana. Fee will only be given refunded to filing party if penalty is imposed on subject party.

### **3.03E NTRP Grievance.**

**3.03E(4) NTRP Grievance Complaint.** NTRP Grievances shall be filed in writing with the Local/District/Area League Coordinator or designee having jurisdiction. NTRP Grievances shall be administered by the USTA Southern NTRP Grievance Committee.

### **2019 USTA LOUISIANA USTA LEAGUE TENNIS COMMITTEES**

**USTA Louisiana Officer in Charge: Bruce Kingsdorf**

**USTA Louisiana Adult League Committee** – posted to USTA Louisiana Tennis Association website – [www.louisianatennis.com](http://www.louisianatennis.com) - January, 2019

**Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees:** All Local League Coordinators of record for 2019

### **2019 Local League Areas recognized by Louisiana Tennis Association**

Alexandria (Adult, Tri Level, Combo – Women and Men; Mixed Doubles)	New Orleans (Adult, Tri Level, Combo - Women Day & Night, Men; Mixed Doubles)
Baton Rouge (Adult, Tri Level, Combo - Women Day & Night, Men; Mixed Doubles)	Oak Grove/Lake Providence (Adult, Tri Level, Combo – Women and Men; Mixed Doubles)
Lafayette (Adult, Tri Level, Combo - Women Day & Night, Men; Mixed Doubles)	Ruston (Adult, Tri Level, Combo – Women and Men; Mixed Doubles)
Lake Charles (Adult, Tri Level, Combo – Women and Men; Mixed Doubles)	Shreveport/Bossier (Adult, Tri Level, Combo - Women Day & Night, Men; Mixed Double)
Mandeville/Covington (Adult, Tri Level, Combo - Women Day & Night, Men; Mixed Doubles)	Slidell (Adult, Tri Level, Combo – Women and Men; Mixed Doubles)
Monroe (Adult, Tri Level, Combo – Women and Men; Mixed Doubles)	