

LAFAYETTE LOCAL LEAGUE REGULATIONS

For USTA League Tennis Adult and Mixed Divisions; USTA Southern Combo Division and Tri Level Division League Year 2021

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

1.02A Waiver of Rules and Procedures Prohibited Printed below are the Lafayette Regulations as authorized by the USTA League Tennis Regulations, USTA Southern Section Regulations, and USTA Louisiana Regulations.

1.02B Amendments Local League Coordinators may amend these Local Lafayette Regulations with approval from the Acadiana Community Tennis Association.

1.02C Written Interpretation The Local League Coordinator and/or Local League Council shall have the authority to interpret the Lafayette Regulations.

USTA League Program (1.04A).

TEAM COMPOSITION/MATCH FORMAT/TEAM SCORING/NTRP RATING LEVELS FOR ENTRY						
Division	Age Group	Minimum # of Players	Gender	Match Format	Team Point Awarded for	NTRP LEVEL
Adult	18 & Over: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	8	Same Gender	2 Singles 3 Doubles	3 Individual wins	Current NTRP level and/or up to one level higher than the player's current NTRP <u>Adult 18 & Over "Open": Minimum NTRP requirement is 5.0 or higher to participate"</u>
	18 & Over: 4.5 Women	7	Same Gender	1 Singles 3 Doubles	3 Individual wins	
	18 & Over: 2.5, 5.0 <u>and Open</u>	5	Same Gender	1 Singles 2 Doubles	2 Individual Wins	
	40 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	7	Same Gender	1 Singles 3 Doubles	3 individual matches won;	40 & Over – 4 court match: If tied 2-2, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following methods to do so: a) least sets lost; then least games lost; then game winning percentage; then winner of 1st court doubles.
	<u>40 & Over Open</u>	6	<u>Same Gender</u>	<u>3 Doubles</u>	<u>2 Individual Wins</u>	
	55 & Over 65 & Over Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, Combined Levels 9.0	6	Same Gender	3 Doubles	2 Individual Wins	A player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level. Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level. NTRP difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0. The minimum NTRP Level for Combined Levels is: 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	3 men and 3 women able to combine and compete	Men and Women	3 Doubles	2 Individual Wins	Limited to 2.0 and 2.5 NTRP rated players
	18 & Over: 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0				2 Individual Wins	Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level. NTRP 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.
	40 & Over 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0					
	55 & Over 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0					
Combo	18 & Over 2.5 Straight NTRP levels	6 players able to combine and compete	Same Gender	3 Doubles	2 Individual Wins	When using straight NTRP levels, a player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level.
	18 & Over 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5					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
	40 & Over 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5					
	*55 & Over 6.5, 7.5, 8.5					
Tri-Level	18 & Over 2.5, 3.0, 3.5 (W) 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	6 players able to combine and compete	Same Gender	3 Doubles – one doubles court from each level	2 Individual Wins	Current NTRP level and/or up to one level <u>higher</u> than the player's current NTRP level.
	40 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 3.5,4.0,4.5					
	55 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0					

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1.04B Administration.

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-Pages/9305_USTA_Southern_Section_League_Tennis_Officials_Code_of_Ethics__As_of_21804/)

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.

USTA League Tennis Regulations (National, Southern Section, State, Local) are available on Acadiana Tennis website or 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. [The captains meeting may be held by any of the following methods: in person, conference call, video call, webinar or email communications](#)

1.04C Official Information System

League	Registration Start Date (team registration opens)	Initial Roster Deadline (team registration Closes)	End Player Registration (Last day to add players to existing teams)	League Season Start Date	League Season End Date
18 & Over Adult	12/10/2021	01/15/2021	05/10/2021	02/01/2021	05/28/2021
40 & Over Adult	12/10/2021	01/15/2021	04/05/2021	02/01/2021	05/07/2021
55 & Over Adult	12/10/2021	01/15/2021	03/16/2021	02/01/2021	04/09/2021
18 & Over Mixed Doubles	03/29/2021	04/20/2021	08/16/2021	05/10/2021	08/20/2021
40 & Over Mixed Doubles	03/29/2021	04/20/2021	08/16/2021	05/10/2021	08/20/2021
55 & Over Mixed Doubles	03/29/2021	04/20/2021	07/15/2021	06/14/2021	07/31/2021
18 & Over Tri Level	05/03/2021	5/31/2021	07/15/2021	06/14/2021	07/31/2021
40 & Over Tri Level	05/03/2021	5/31/2021	07/15/2021	06/14/2021	07/31/2021
55 & Over Tri Level	05/03/2021	5/31/2021	08/16/2021	05/10/2021	08/20/2021
18 & Over Combo	07/28/2020	08/12/2021	10/08/2021	08/23/2021	10/23/2020
40 & Over Combo	07/28/2020	08/12/2021	10/08/2021	08/23/2021	10/16/2020
55 & Over Combo	07/28/2020	08/12/2021	10/08/2021	08/23/2021	10/23/2020

1.04C Official Information System. Minimum number of players will comply with the chart found **2.01A NTRP Levels of Play**

1.04C(1)a Team Registration. 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. See chart above

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. See chart above.

1.04C(1)c League Fees & Financial Statement.

1.04C(1)d. The local Community Tennis Associations are responsible for making available 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. Copies of the financial statement are available from the ACTA.

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1.04C(1)e Enrollment Fees. The 2021 Lafayette League year enrollment fees.

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

League	USTA Louisiana Head Tax	(Local League) Head Tax	TennisLink Fee	Enrollment Fee
18 & Over Adult	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$3.00	\$26.00
40 & Over Adult	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$3.00	\$26.00
55 & Over Adult	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$3.00	\$21.00
18 & Over Mixed Doubles	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$3.00	\$26.00
40 & Over Mixed Doubles	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$3.00	\$26.00
55 & Over Mixed Doubles	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$3.00	\$21.00
18 & Over Tri Level	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$3.00	\$26.00
40 & Over Tri Level	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$3.00	\$26.00
55 & Over Tri Level	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$3.00	\$21.00
18 & Over Combo	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$3.00	\$26.00
40 & Over Combo	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$3.00	\$26.00
55 & Over Combo	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$3.00	\$21.00
Flexible Format	\$2	TBD by Program	\$3.00	TBD by Program

Local League Refunds. 1.04C(1)f.

- Local League player refunds will only be issued for the following: league did not make, injury, illness, or permanent move from local league area.
- If player participated in a later league where registration could have been transferred, a refund will not be issued.
- Refund request must be made prior to the state championship for league in which refund is being requested.
- Refund request must be documented via email to the LLC and that request may be required for refund.
- Local league coordinators may move player registration to another league/team if player has not played any matches on team which requesting refund. Transfer of player registration can only be between 18/40 age group registrations to 18/40 age group team, 55 age group to 55 age group team.
- Refunds will be administered once a year in December for all qualifying refunds request that could not be transferred.

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 Local League.

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

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

1.04D(4). There is no limit to the number of teams or members on their rosters for any given season. Dates for minimum number of players and team rosters are provided on the chart found in

1.04D(6): Courts for Local League Play. If given the choice by the sponsoring facilities the “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.

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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.

Teams wishing to participate in the Lafayette USTA League Programs must choose a recognized USTA facility within Lafayette Parish. Recognized facilities are: Red Lerville's Health and Racquet Club, Oakbourne Country Club, City Club Tennis at River Ranch, Beaver Park Bowles Tennis Center, Thomas Park Tennis Center, Youngsville Sports Complex, Broussard St. Julien Park Tennis Courts.

Age. Players must be 18 years of age prior to participating in the USTA League program. Each player over the age of 18 shall have reached the required minimum age prior to or during the calendar year in which such player participates in his or her first local league.

1.04F Official League Rating Program.

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 be assigned a new rating, reassigned to their last expired rating or a higher rating based on their playing history to enter the USTA League Program as shown in table 1.04A.

Self-ratings are valid for two years from the date issued or until replaced by a dynamic or computer rating. If there is a change in their playing experience the player may appeal their rating up at that time or they may be promoted by the Sectional coordinator.

1.04G Player Participation Eligibility.

- 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 LEAGUE REGULATIONS

2.01A NTRP Levels of Play See Chart 1.04A.

2.01C Competition Format.

Team Match. For each team match, a majority of the individual matches must actually be played to constitute a valid team match.

- 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, captains shall notify the Local League Coordinator who will reschedule the remaining un-played individual matches.

Court Surfaces.

Matches are to be played on the court surfaces assigned by the club/park. Should the assigned court become unplayable due to weather, lighting, equipment failure, etc., and another court is available at the match location, players shall move to the available court, even if it means a change of playing surface. (Indoor courts are excluded due to increased price, unless all players agree to move indoors.)

Match Scoring and Formats

- Match scoring shall be the best of three tiebreak sets with a set tiebreak at 6-all. In the event of split sets, a match tie-break (10-point) shall be played in lieu of a third set.
- There will be a two minute set break at the end of each set with no coaching.
- Coman tiebreak procedure will be used in set tie-breakers and match tie-breakers.
- The team winning the majority of the individual matches shall be awarded one team point.

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- 40 & Over – 4 court match: If tied 2-2, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following methods to do so: a) least sets lost; then least games lost; then game winning percentage; then winner of 1st court doubles.
- In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so: Winner of the most individual matches (courts); then winner of Head-to-head_(only if all tied teams have played each other and one team defeated all the teams that are tied); then least sets lost; then least games lost; then highest game winning percentage; then a coin toss.

2.01C(5) Team Lineups.

Team Lineups. The team captains shall exchange their lineups simultaneously prior to the start of team match.

- No substitution may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for illness, injury, disqualification, or no-show of a player prior to the start of an individual match.
- A team may substitute a player in the affected position within the 15 minute default time, using a player not already listed on the lineup.
- The substitute player is entitled to a five (5) minute warm-up.
- Warm-up.** Lafayette local league shall observe a ten (10) minute warm-up, which includes serves.
- Default time** is fifteen (15) minutes past scheduled match time when courts are available. If courts are not available at match time, the 15 minute default clock begins when first court for the team match becomes available.

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

Rescheduling Local League Matches

Team matches must be played on scheduled courts at scheduled time unless rained out. Captains may not under any circumstances reschedule a match without prior approval from the League Coordinator.

Inclement Weather

- If, 30 minutes prior to the scheduled match time, the club or park authorities are unable to determine whether the courts will be playable at match time, both teams shall show up as scheduled and attempt to play the match. Matches are to be cancelled ONLY by the club or park when inclement weather is involved.
- If the club or park is deemed unplayable, both captains are responsible for attempting to reschedule the match at a playable facility. Match play can be delayed up to one hour for match relocation.
- Rescheduled matches MUST be made up within two (2) weeks of originally scheduled match unless the state deadline date for the league is prior to the two (2) weeks, then matches need to be completed prior to the state deadline date.
- Both captains are responsible for ensuring matches are completed (either one or more court at a time or all at once) within the (2) week period.
- Host captain is responsible for reserving courts at the facility where the match was originally scheduled. If both captains agree, rescheduled matches can be played at another facility.
- It is recommended that details for all rescheduled courts be documented in writing/email (i.e., date/time) between the two captains. Once both captains and/or players involved agree to a rescheduled date and time of a match, it is considered a scheduled match and default principles shall be applicable.
- When rain or inclement weather forces the cancellation and re-scheduling of a team's match, line-ups would stand only for those individual matches that have already started (first serve attempt) their match. All other individual matches, even those that were in warm-up may be changed, including defaulted courts.
- If match is not made up within the two week period or prior to state deadline dates, a league administrator may schedule the match. If all of the cancelled courts are not completed within the two (2) weeks of the originally scheduled match date, the League Coordinator may re-schedule any remaining courts. This may be done without consulting either captain. The League Coordinator may re-schedule these matches at the same site as originally scheduled, however, if this is not feasible, on the next available date, then the League Coordinator may choose another venue.

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Temperature Local league matches will be canceled when the temperature (including wind chill) is below 40 degrees Fahrenheit at the start of the scheduled match unless both team captains agree to play.

Playoff Matches :

If a Local League has a playoff, championship procedures must be used in the event of a tie. Please refer to national regulation 2.03H.

USTA Southern permits each local league to continue using the same local league team format through local league playoffs. Said team format for local league playoff structure shall be listed in each applicable local league regulations. All other requirements for “championship” play must be followed for local league playoffs.

Advancing Teams

- A Local League match shall be rescheduled upon request if 50% of the minimum required players for the match are registered players on a team attending a National, Sectional or State Championship (See chart below).
- Captain of advancing team shall notify opposing captain seven (7) days prior to scheduled match that team is advancing and scheduled match and/or courts may need to be rescheduled. Exception: if team receives late entry into a championship then advancing captain has 24 hours after entry to notify opposing team captain.
- Consideration will be given for appropriate travel time to the Championship.
- All scheduled courts not affected should be played as scheduled. Maximum # courts rescheduled cannot exceed # players participating on an advancing team. (Ex. If one player on a mixed team is attending a state, sectional, or national championship, only one court can be treated as a make up.)
- It is recommended to reschedule matches prior to the originally schedule date and the two (2) week make up regulation shall apply.

Division	Age Group	Minimum # of Players	# Players = 50% Minimum Required Players
Adult	18 & Over: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	8	4
	18 & Over: 2.5, 5.0 <u>and Open</u>	5	3
	40 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	7	4
	<u>40 & Over</u> <u>Open</u> 55 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0 combined	6	3
Mixed	All Age Groups/Levels	3 men and 3 women able to combine and compete	1 man or 1 women
Combo	All Age Groups/Levels	6 players able to combine and compete	1 player from any NTRP
Tri-Level	All Age Groups/Levels	6 players able to combine and compete	1 player from any NTRP

2.01C(5) Team Defaults.

2.01C(5)e. When a team default (As defined by 2.03K Team Default regulation) occurs in local league play the Local League Coordinator shall submit to the State League Coordinator a recommendation on how the default should be handled. Exception for two team leagues: No team may advance beyond local league play if a team default occurs regardless of the number of team matches scheduled.

The recommendation should support the answer to the following question:

Should the team default 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?

If the answer is yes:

The default will stand, allowing the team to advance beyond local play.

If the answer is no:

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- For leagues playing a single round robin:
 - The team will be removed from standings in round robin 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.
- For leagues playing multiple round robins (choose one):
 - The team will be removed from standings in the affected round only, or
 - The team will be removed from standings in all round robins

The defaulting team may be ineligible to advance beyond local league but remains obligated 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

The State League Coordinator, upon review of the facts and circumstances presented by the Local League Coordinator shall approve or deny the local league recommendation.

2.02 Progression

2.02A(1) Local Competition All local matches should be completed two (2) weeks prior to the USTA Louisiana State Championship.

The 1st place team of each valid league, as determined by “Team Standings” in TennisLink, will have first option to advance to State Championships.

2.02A(2) Local Champion Advancing teams are required to register and pay entry fee for at least the leagues minimum number of players online through the championship website 10 days prior to the start of the state championship to guarantee spot in the state championship draw. See USTA Louisiana Championship Website for additional details and deadline dates for player registration.

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*.

3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

A \$100 filing fee will be required for all General/Sportsmanship, Championship and/or Administrative Grievance and Grievance Appeals that are heard at the USTA Louisiana state level. The filing fee will only be returned to the grieving party if a penalty is imposed. The filing fee will take effect on the date the Louisiana State Regulations are approved by the USTA Louisiana Executive Board.

Local Grievance Appeals Committee. Grievance appeal committees will be chosen from the list of ACTA USTA League Players listed at end of these regulations. Additional members may be added as needed.

Local League Procedures. All local grievances, appeals and NTRP complaints and appeals will be submitted to the Leagues Local League Coordinator. Coordinator contact information is at bottom of these regulations.

2021 Lafayette League Council:

Lafayette Local League Coordinators:

Courtney Dugas: 337-257-2773 courtneydugas@gmail.com (Adult Women, Combo Women, Mixed)

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Local League Council: Courtney Dugas, Paul Anderson, Dianne Lowings, Randy Charpentier and Kathi Bordlee

Grievance and Grievance Appeals Committees will be chosen from the following:

Annette Arton, Myra Fabacher, Angela Hebert, Jeff Josa, Randy Latch, JJ Wiggins, John Fontenot, Frank Slavich, Lyndsey Kelly, Kay Chadwick, Don Nix, Mark Gallagher, Vicki Vige, Robert Vines, Robbie Boudreaux. Additional members may be added as needed