

USTA SHREVEPORT BOSSIER REGULATIONS

For USTA League Tennis Adult and Mixed Divisions; and non-advancing leagues if specified in Invitational/Section/District Rules

1.00 GENERAL The Regulations in 1.00 General in conjunction with USTA National, USTA Southern and USTA Louisiana regulations shall apply to all USTA League Divisions (Adult and Mixed). Regulations apply to all National Championships. Regulations shall apply to National Invitationals and non-advancing leagues if specified in invitational/Section/District rules.

1.02 Governance

1.02A Waiver of Rules and Procedures Prohibited Printed below are the USTA Shreveport - Bossier Regulations as authorized by the USTA National League Regulations, USTA Southern Section Regulations, and USTA Louisiana Regulations.

1.02B Amendments Local League Coordinators may amend these NWLACTA Local League Regulations with approval from the Local League Council.

1.02C Written Interpretation - The Local League Coordinators, in conjunction with the NWLACTA League Council, shall have the authority to interpret the Shreveport Bossier Regulations.

1.04B Administration

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

1.04B(3)c(i) League Code of Ethics All league administrators (**CTA Board Members/Local League Coordinator**) will adhere to the USTA Southern Section League Tennis Officials Code of Ethics (http://www.southern.usta.com/USA-League-Tennis-Pages/9305_USA_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. A copy of the local regulations must be submitted to the State/District League Coordinator for review prior to the league's team captain's meeting.

1.04B(3)c(iii) USTA League Tennis Regulations (National, Southern Section, State, Local) are available on www.playtennisb.com.

1.04B(3)c(iii) 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 captain's 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 | Dec 6 2025 | Jan 2,2026 | April 9, 2026 | January 17 2026 | April 10 2026 |
| 18 & Over 2.5 Women's Night | Dec 6 2025 | Jan 2,2026 | March 27 2026 | January 17 2026 | April 10 2026 |
| 40 & Over Adult | Dec 6 2025 | Jan 2,2026 | April 2, 2026 | January 10 2026 | April 3 2026 |
| 55 & Over Adult | Dec 6 2025 | Jan 2,2026 | April 2, 2026 | January 10 2026 | April 3 2026 |
| 18 & Over Mixed Doubles | Feb 22, 2026 | March 15 2026 | June 18 2026 | April 4 2026 | June 19 2026 |
| 40 & Over Mixed Doubles | Feb 22, 2026 | March 15 2026 | June 18 2026 | April 4 2026 | June 19 2026 |
| 55 & Over Mixed Doubles | Feb 22, 2026 | March 15 2026 | June 18 2026 | April 4 2026 | June 19 2026 |
| 18 & Over Women's Day Tri | April 4 2026 | May 2 2026 | July 24 2026 | May 16 2026 | July 25 2026 |
| 40 & Over Women's Day Tri | April 4 2026 | May 2 2026 | July 24 2026 | May 16 2026 | July 25 2026 |
| 18 & Over Tri Level | April 26 2026 | May 24 2026 | Aug 13 2026 | June 13 2026 | Aug 14 2026 |
| 40 & Over Tri Level | April 26 2026 | May 24 2026 | Aug 13 2026 | June 13 2026 | Aug 14 2026 |
| 55 & Over Tri Level | April 26 2026 | May 24 2026 | Aug 13 2026 | June 13 2026 | Aug 14 2026 |
| 18 & Over Combo | June 28 2026 | July 20 2026 | Oct 23 2026 | Aug 15 2026 | Oct 23 2026 |
| 40 & Over Combo | June 28 2026 | July 20 2026 | Oct 9 2026 | Aug 8 2026 | Oct 16 2026 |
| 55 & Over Combo | June 28 2026 | July 20 2026 | Oct 23 2026 | Aug 15 2026 | Oct 23 2026 |

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 6 weeks prior to the start of state championship. Any league playing over multiple championship weekends, deadline is three (3) weeks prior to the start of the first scheduled championship for that league).
with local league schedules published with times and facilities of local league matches. Local teams must be included in the local league schedule if the teams have fulfilled this requirement

Team Registration Dates/Deadlines (list by program or in chart above)

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Team name format shall be as follows: Captain's LAST NAME/AGE GROUP/LEVEL/LEAGUE/FACILITY (MAX 4 LETTERS). Example: Smith/55/3.5/WD/ST

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 team registration deadline dates in order to optimize flights with approval of the Local League Council.

1.04C(1)b Player Additions All player additions to existing registered team rosters must be prior to the end of the local league season but no later than three (3) weeks prior to the state championship, including local leagues played during a state championship.

Local leagues may set a deadline date that is more than three (3) weeks prior to the state championship for player additions to existing teams.

Player addition deadline date must be prior to the start of any local league playoff.

See Chart Above

1.04C(1)c League Fees & Financial Statement

1.04C(1)d The Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Associations is 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.

1.04C(1)e Enrollment Fees - The USTA 2026 Shreveport - Bossier league year enrollment fees.

Any increase to Local League head tax must be approved by the USTA Louisiana Adult League Council 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 | \$12.00 | \$3.15 | \$30.15 |
| 40 & Over Adult | \$15.00 | \$12.00 | \$3.15 | \$30.15 |
| 55 & Over Adult | \$10.00 | \$12.00 | \$3.15 | \$25.15 |
| 18 & Over Mixed Doubles | \$15.00 | \$12.00 | \$3.15 | \$30.15 |
| 40 & Over Mixed Doubles | \$15.00 | \$12.00 | \$3.15 | \$30.15 |
| 55 & Over Mixed Doubles | \$10.00 | \$12.00 | \$3.15 | \$25.15 |
| 18 & Over Tri Level | \$15.00 | \$12.00 | \$3.15 | \$30.15 |
| 40 & Over Tri Level | \$15.00 | \$12.00 | \$3.15 | \$30.15 |
| 55 & Over Tri Level | \$10.00 | \$12.00 | \$3.15 | \$25.15 |
| 18 & Over Combo | \$15.00 | \$12.00 | \$3.15 | \$30.15 |
| 40 & Over Combo | \$15.00 | \$12.00 | \$3.15 | \$30.15 |
| 55 & Over Combo | \$10.00 | \$12.00 | \$3.15 | \$25.15 |
| Flexible Format | \$2.00 | \$12.00 | \$3.15 | \$17.15 |

1.04 C(1)f Local League Refunds: A player may request a refund from your local league coordinator prior to the end of the league season. (Full rules/regulations may be found in the USTA Louisiana

1.04C(2) Official Score Reporting and Standings System – The initial entry of match scores into TennisLink must 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.

104C(2) LOCAL League Facility Court Fees –As agreed, by facilities listed under 1.04E Facilities permitted for local league play and adopted by the NWLACTA Board:

- IF the home team is a Public Court Team and the visiting team is a Private Club Team then **EACH** Public Court Home Team player pays the applicable court fee for 1 (one) Private Club Team player.
- IF the home team is a Public Court Team and the visiting team is a Public Court Team then each team player pays their own applicable court fees.
- If the home team is a Private Club Team NO member/guest court fees are paid.
- Should any player refuse to pay the appropriate fees stated above that player will not be allowed to play the scheduled USTA match.

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1.04D LOCAL LEAGUE

1.04D(3) Local League Season All local matches shall be completed three (3) weeks prior to the state championship. Any league playing over multiple championship weekends, deadline is three (3) weeks prior to the start of the first scheduled championship for that league).

- All local leagues shall obtain the approval of the State League Coordinator for the dates of the local league season(s).
- 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) Team. A team shall consist of players eligible to compete at a specific NTRP level of competition in accordance with the following table. For 2 team leagues 40% of the roster must be at the NTRP level.

Rosters will be limited to 3x the minimum number of players required for local league.

- Teams may request a waiver to exceed the maximum number of players per team from the local league coordinator due to injuries, illness, or other extenuating circumstances of existing rostered players. Local League Council will render the final decision.

| Division | Age Group | Minimum # of Players | Team Roster Size |
|-----------|--|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Adult | 18 & Over: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 | 8 | 24 |
| | 18 & Over: 2.5 and 5.0 | 5 | 15 |
| | 18 & Over Women Day 2.5,3.0,3.5,4.0 | 6 | 18 |
| | 40 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 | 9 (for Local League format 7) | 21 |
| | 55 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0 combined | 6 | 18 |
| Mixed | All Age Groups/Levels | 6 | 18 |
| Combo | All Age Groups/Levels | 6 | 18 |
| Tri-Level | All Age Groups/Levels | 6 | 18 |

1.04D(6): Courts for Local League - Each facility will schedule the initial matches and assign court surfaces for each match for their facility. The team match should be scheduled on the same court surface (hard, clay) if possible. If that is not possible, the home captain will let the visiting captain know the details of which court will be playing on which surface before exchanging the line up. No names are required, just court positions

The use of tennis-related blended lines is 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 (**if applicable for the Adult 65 & Over league**) and/or play in a **single-weekend local league tournament** may have players from other areas as long as the 51% of players registered on each team, residency as shown in TennisLink is in the state of Louisiana.

Below is table for geographic areas/facilities permitted for local league play:

| | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Bossier Tennis Center | 1651 Mondello Way | Bossier City LA 71111 | 318-213-2108 |
| Cockrell Tennis Center | 4109 Pines Road | Shreveport LA 71119 | 318-673-7790 |
| *Eastridge Country Club | 1000 Steward Drive | Shreveport LA 71106 | 318-751-3331 |
| Indoors | 8201 Tennis Court Lane | Shreveport LA 71106 | 318-869-3303 |
| *Pierremont Oaks Tennis Club | 578 Spring Lake Drive | Shreveport LA 71106 | 318-868-8118 |
| Querbes Tennis Center | 3507 Beverly Place | Shreveport LA 71104 | 318-673-7787 |
| Southern Hills Tennis Center | 1000 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop | Shreveport LA 71118 | 318-673-7784 |
| *Southern Trace Country Club | 200 Southern Trace Pkwy | Shreveport LA 71106 | 318-798-8302 |

Team Host Facility: It is the team captain's responsibility when choosing a private facility to host matches, to verify requirements and membership from that facility. A private club may request non-members to be removed from a roster, if applicable, or will not be allowed to play any remaining matches if said club becomes aware of infractions against their club rules/policies currently in place.
Once team registration ends and schedules are published, a team may not change facilities as their home court.

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Court Conduct

- Any captain, player or fan verbally or physically abusing an opposing player, player on the same team or any other individual may be asked to leave the facility.
- In cases of extreme unsportsmanlike conduct, the Local League Council may take additional disciplinary action. A grievance may be filed, and the League Suspension Point System will be used. Team captains are responsible for informing their players and spectators of possible consequences for unsportsmanlike conduct.

1.04F Official League Rating Program

1.04F(1) Entry 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 under the League Suspension Point System. Players whose self-ratings are determined to be inaccurate or inappropriate shall be disqualified. (See Reg. 3.03E(1)a).

1.04F(1)a Players with a Mixed, Tournament or Self-rating who receive a new self-rating that places them at a higher NTRP level at which they are competing must immediately adjust to their new NTRP level. Prior team matches played are valid. Players shall not continue participating at the lower NTRP level.

1.04F(1)b Players who are granted an appeal up must immediately adjust to their new NTRP level. Prior team matches played are valid. Players shall not continue participating at the lower NTRP level.

| NTRP RATING LEVEL FOR ENTRY INTO LEAGUE PLAY | | |
|--|---|--|
| DIVISION | Age Group | PLAYER’S NTRP RATING LEVEL |
| Adult | Straight NTRP levels <u>18 & Over</u> 2.5, 3.0, 3.5,4.0,4.5 <u>40 & Over</u> 3.0,3.5,4.0,4.5 <u>55 & Over</u> 3.0,3.5,4.0 <u>**65 & Over</u> 3.0,3.5,4.0 | Current NTRP rating level and/or up to one level higher than the player’s current NTRP level. |
| | Combined NTRP levels 55 & Over (9.0 Level) **65 & Over (9.0 Level) | 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 | Straight NTRP levels 18 & Over *2.5, 3.0, 3.5,4.0,4.5 40 & Over 3.0,3.5,4.0,4.5 **55 & Over 3.0,3.5,4.0 | Current NTRP rating level and/or up to one level higher than the player’s current NTRP level. |
| | Combined NTRP Levels 18 & Over – <u>10.0</u> *55 & Over – <u>9.0</u> | 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 | 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 |
| | Combined NTRP Levels 18 & Over 40 & Over 55 & Over | |

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| NTRP RATING LEVEL FOR ENTRY INTO LEAGUE PLAY | | |
|---|---|--|
| DIVISION | Age Group | PLAYER'S NTRP RATING LEVEL |
| Tri Level | *18 & Over Div I – 3.5, 3.0, 2.5, Div II – 4.0, 3.5, 3.0 Div III – 4.5, 4.0, 3.5 Div IV – 5.0, 4.5, 4.0 | Current NTRP rating level and/or up to one level above the player’s current NTRP level. When using straight NTRP rating levels, player’s NTRP rating level shall not exceed the court NTRP level. |
| | *40 & Over Div II – 4.0, 3.5, 3.0 Div III – 4.5, 4.0, 3.5 | |
| | *55 & Over Div II – 4.0, 3.5, 3.0 | |
| **Assigned and/or additional Divisions, Age Groups and Levels that USTA Louisiana will use. | | |

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.

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 accommodation 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

2.01 A NTRP 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

2.01C(3) – Team Match.

| DIVISION | AGE GROUP | Levels | LEAGUE FORMAT | Points Awarded For |
|----------|---|------------------|---|--|
| Adult | 18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 Men/Women Night | 3,3.5,4,4.5 | 2 Singles 3 Doubles | 3 Individual Wins |
| | 18 & Over 2.5 & 5.0 | 2.5,5.0 | 1 Singles 2 Doubles | 2 Individual Wins |
| | 18 & Over 3.0,3.5,4.0 Women's DAY | 3.0,3.5,4 | 3 Doubles | 2 Individual Wins |
| | 40 & Over | 3,3.5,4,4.5,5 | <u>Local/State</u> 1 Singles/3 Doubles <u>Sectional/Nationals</u> 1 Singles/4Doubles | 2 Individual Wins 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. |
| | 55 & Over | 3,3.5,4,9 | 3 doubles | 2 Individual Wins |
| | 65 & Over | | 3 Doubles | |
| Mixed | 18 & Over | 2.5,3,3.5,4, 4.5 | 3 Doubles | 2 Individual Wins |
| | 40 & Over | 2.5,3,3.5,4, 4.5 | 3 Doubles | |
| | 55 & Over | 2.5,3,3.5,4, 9.0 | 3 Doubles | |

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| DIVISION | AGE GROUP | Levels | LEAGUE FORMAT | Points Awarded For |
|-----------|-----------|--|---------------|--------------------|
| Combo | 18 & Over | 2.5,5.5,6.5, 7.5,8.5,9.5 | 3 Doubles | 2 Individual Wins |
| | 40 & Over | 5.5,6.5, 7.5,8.5,9.5 | 3 Doubles | |
| | 55 & Over | 5.5,6.5, 7.5,8.5,9.5 | 3 Doubles | |
| Tri Level | 18 & Over | 3.5/3/2.5, 4/3.5/3, 4.5,4,3.5 5/4.5/4 | 3 Doubles | 2 Individual Wins |
| | 40 & Over | 4/3.5/3, 4.5/4/3.5 | 3 Doubles | |
| | 55 & Over | 4/3.5/3 | 3 Doubles | |

2.01C(3)a 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. The following procedure should be used when the combination of individual match defaults given by the two teams in the team match results, or results, in a situation where the majority of the individual matches would not be played.

The first course of action would be for both captains to agree on what individual matches, based on the number of players present, or to be present, that can be played to constitute a valid team match. Once that is determined, both captains will re-exchange scorecards.

If both captains cannot come to an agreement on what individual matches will be played to constitute a valid team match, based on the number of players present, or to be present, then the following individual matches will be assigned in sequential order to be played:

| <u>Format</u> | <u>Required Matches in sequential order</u> | <u>Minimum # of Players Required for Each Team in Valid Team Match</u> |
|----------------------|--|--|
| 2 singles, 3 doubles | #1 and #2 singles, and #1 doubles (priority); #2 doubles if enough players present | 4 |
| 1 singles, 4 doubles | #1 singles, #1 and #2 doubles (priority); #3 doubles if enough players present | 5 |
| 2 singles, 2 doubles | #1 singles and #2 singles and #1 doubles (priority) | 4 |
| 1 singles, 3 doubles | #1 singles and #1 doubles and #2 doubles (priority) | 5 |
| 1 singles, 2 doubles | #1 singles and #1 doubles | 3 |
| 3 doubles | #1 and #2 doubles | 4 |

2.01C(3)b- 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.

2.01C(4) Match Scoring and Formats

- **Match Scoring format** - It is recommended that all matches be the best of three tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set. The match tiebreak shall be scored as one set and one game for tiebreak purposes. For play at or below the Sectional level, the Sectional Association may authorize the use of other USTA approved scoring methods and other scoring methods that are compatible with the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System
- All matches shall be the best of three tiebreak sets with a set tie-break at 6-all. In the event of split sets, a match tie-break (10-point) shall be played in lieu of a third set.
- A two-minute set break with no coaching allowed.
- The Coman tiebreak procedure shall be followed in all tiebreaks.
- The team winning the majority of the individual matches shall be awarded one team point.
 - For a 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.

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- 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.
- 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; then least sets lost; then least games lost; then highest game winning percentage; then a coin toss.

2.01C(6) 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 injury, illness, or no-show of a player prior to the start of an individual match.
- A team may substitute a player, not already in the lineup, 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.
- A player's name must be listed on the team roster, as shown in TennisLink, prior to participation in any match.
- **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 the first court for the team match becomes available.

2.01C(6)c Rescheduling Matches due to Inclement Weather:

- A match will be rescheduled if the wind chill is below **35 degrees** one hour before the scheduled match time,
- If all the courts at a facility are unplayable due to weather-related causes (rain, snow, sleet, etc.,) as determined by the Head or Assistant Tennis Pro at the host facility the match will be rescheduled.
- Court surfaces may be changed by the facility prior to the scheduled match so they may be played as scheduled.
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- It is the responsibility of the host team's Captain to contact the Tennis Pro at the Host site to determine playability AND notify the visiting Captain 1 hour before the match is scheduled to begin if the Match is to be rescheduled due to wind chill or weather.
- **If park/club pro is unable to determine court conditions; both captains will be required to visit the site to make determination of court playability.**
- **If a match is in progress, teams must wait one-half hour before rescheduling the match.**
- **If rain delays the start of a match and match cannot be started within 30 minutes of scheduled match time, the match should be rescheduled.**
- **Cancelled matches cannot be rescinded.**

When determining weather, related to a match cancellation, go to www.playtennisb.com and click on **CHECK THE WEATHER** located on in the center blue of the homepage. You must enter the **host facility zip code**. This can also be found on the website by clicking **Clubs and Facilities** on the home page. This will be the universal weather source used by local facilities and pros.

- Rescheduled matches should be scheduled and played within 2 weeks of the originally scheduled match and must be completed prior to the state deadline date.
- Both captains are responsible for ensuring matches are completed.
- If a match is not made up **four** weeks prior to state deadline date (3 weeks), a league administrator may schedule the match.
- The host captain is responsible for cancelling the courts for the originally scheduled match and reserving courts for the rescheduled match at the facility where the match was originally scheduled.
- It is recommended the details for all rescheduled courts be documented in writing/email (i.e., date/time) between the 2 captains. Once both captains agree on make-up date(s) and times, it is considered a scheduled match and default principles shall be applicable.
- **In the event of continuous inclement weather**, which causes make-up matches to back up, the pro may make a decision to allow matches to be rescheduled at sites different from the originally scheduled site. If this decision is made, the pro will notify the local league coordinator.
- The host team will be responsible for any extra court fees due to the change in location.
- When rain or inclement weather forces the cancellation and re-scheduling of a team match, line-ups would stand only for those individual courts that have already started (first serve attempt) their match. All other individual courts, even those that were in warm-up, may be changed including defaulted courts.

Under Special Circumstances - If both captains agree, a match may be rescheduled with the approval of the local league coordinator. It is recommended to reschedule the match before the originally scheduled date and the two-week make-up regulation will apply.

Known Defaults- In the spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play, it is **recommended** that the opposing team should be advised of a known default as soon as it is known and before players are driving to the match.

2.01C(6)d Rescheduling of Matches - Advancing Teams.

- A Local League match shall be rescheduled upon request if 50% of the minimum number of required players for the match

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are registered players on a team attending a National, Sectional or State Championship (See Chart Below). Consideration will be given for appropriate travel time to the Championship. All scheduled courts not affected should be played as scheduled. It is recommended to reschedule matches prior to the originally scheduled date, and the two (2) week make-up regulations will apply.

- Local Captains with players on their current team that are attending state, sectionals, or nationals of an advancing team shall notify opposing captain **seven (7) days prior to scheduled match IF they need to reschedule part or a whole match and what court(s) may need to be rescheduled**. Exception: if team receives late entry into a championship, then advancing captain has 24 hours after entry to notify the opposing team captain.

| Division | Age Group | Minimum Players for Local League Format | # Players = 50% Minimum Required Players |
|-----------|--|---|--|
| Adult | 18 & Over: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 | 8 | 4 |
| | 18 & Over: 2.5 and 5.0 | 5 | 2 |
| | 18 & Over Women Day 2.5,3.0,3.5,4.0 | 6 | 3 |
| | 40 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 | 7 | 3 |
| | 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(6)e. Team Defaults - USTA Louisiana adopts the following regarding teams defaulting an entire team match during local league competition:

- Team 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.
- All matches of a defaulting team may be removed from the stats and standings in TennisLink (if multiple round robins, the defaulting team may be removed from that round of play) UNLESS:
 - All teams with a mathematical chance to advance have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches shall stand as played when determining standings.
 - Extenuating circumstances presented by the Local League Coordinator may be considered by the USTA Louisiana Adult League Council prior to the team being removed from standings.
 - In addition, the USTA Louisiana Adult League Committee may file a grievance and impose further penalties on the defaulting team. Such penalties will follow the League Suspension System (See Regulation 3.03A(7) and 3.03D(4)).

2.01 Progression

2.01A(1) Local Competition All local matches should be completed three (3) weeks prior to the USTA Louisiana State Championship. At the conclusion of the local league competition and/or local playoff, the Local League Coordinator shall notify the State League Coordinator of teams advancing to the state championships.

- Levels with single flight.** Will be based on order of finish in final local league standings as reported on TennisLink.
- Levels with two flights.** In the captain's email once, schedules are published will include format for determining champions.
 - Either single elimination finals between both first-place teams; single elimination between both first-place teams and between both second-place teams; round robin playoff between first and second place teams in each flight.
- Levels with three flights.** In the captain's email once, schedules are published will include format for determining champions. Round robin playoff between first place teams in each flight and team with next best record recorded in TennisLink.
- Flight Levels with Partial Round Robin.** In the captain's email once, schedules are published shall include format for determining champions. Either single elimination finals between the top two teams in standing or single elimination between the top four teams in standings.
- Team Replacement for Playoffs.** If a team elects not to advance to the local league playoffs that team may be replaced by team with the next best record as recorded in TennisLink from the same flight.

The team with the most team points as recorded in TennisLink shall be declared the local league winner.

2.01A (2) Local Champion

See the 2026 USTA Louisiana Championship Procedures for deadline dates and deposit hold requirements for advancing teams to guarantee spot in the state championship draw.

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- Please refer to the 2026 USTA Louisiana Championship Procedures for full championship details including registration information, dates, location, and procedures.

2.02A Eligibility for State and Sectional Championships:

| Divisions | Age Group | State & Sectional Championships and Below | |
|-----------|-----------|---|--------------------------------------|
| | | Matches Required for State and Section Championship | Default received counting to advance |
| Adult | 18 & Over | 2 | 1 |
| | 40 & Over | | |
| | 55 & Over | | |
| Mixed | 18 & Over | 2 | 1 |
| | 40 & Over | 2 | 1 |
| Combo | 18 & Over | 1 | 1 |
| | 40 & Over | | |
| | 55 & Over | | |
| Mixed | 55 & Over | 1 | 1 |
| Tri Level | 18 & Over | 1 | 1 |
| | 40 & Over | | |
| | 55 & Over | | |

2.03B(1) At National Championships, a captain shall not represent more than one team in the same age group and NTRP level. The captain will be required to only represent one team and must identify which team prior to the start of the championship. All captains must be declared prior to the start of the championship.

2.03B(2) For championship play at or below the Sectional level, the Sectional Association may authorize a captain to represent more than one team.

Southern Regulation: Southern does not authorize a captain to represent more than one team during championship competition.

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 The Regulations in the 3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES shall apply to all USTA League Divisions (Adult and Mixed) as well as USTA Southern Combo and Tri-Level.

3.01 ADMINISTRATION.

3.01A(1) Local Grievance Committee Grievance committees will be chosen from the list of NWLACTA USTA League Players listed at end of these regulations. Additional members may be added as needed.

3.01B(1) Local Grievance Appeals Committee Grievance appeal committees will be chosen from the list of NWLACTA USTA League Players listed at end of these regulations. Additional members may be added as needed.

3.03 Grievance Complaints

3.03B(1) Local League Procedures All local grievances, appeals and NTRP complaints and appeals will be submitted in writing or by email to the local league coordinator. See USTA National League Tennis Regulations 3.00 for procedures that must be followed to file local grievances, appeals and NTRP complaints. (See list of coordinators and email addresses below)

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

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USTA Shreveport -Bossier League Committees:

NWLA Community Tennis Association www.nwlacta.com

Shreveport-Bossier Local League Administrator: Tammie Harris, Mixed; Rhonda Rubben, Spring & Combo

Coordinators

League Administrator: Rhonda Rubben/ 318-423-3259 / rrubben8@gmail.com

Women's Coordinator: Rhonda Rubben/ 318-423-3259 / rrubben8@gmail.com

Men's Coordinator: Selwyn Ellis/318-245-6964/tsellis1234@gmail.com

Flex League Singles Coordinator Valrie Thiels/318-393-2408/valarie.thiels@gmail.com

Tri Level Coordinator: Kirita Windham/ 318-560-1206 / kfwindham@gmail.com

Mixed Coordinator Maggie Gifford/952-992-0695/maggiegifford14@gmail.com

Women's Combo Coordinator: Rhonda Rubben/ 318-423-3259 / rrubben8@gmail.com

Men's Combo Coordinator: Selwyn Ellis/318-245-6964/tsellis1234@gmail.com

Grievance and Grievance Appeals Committees will be chosen from the following: Danny Roemer, Jay Boyd, Bonnie Cox, Tammie Harris, Gary Killen, Todd Killen, Bob Patterson, Gary Procell, Christi Pylant, Anthony Spano, Grady Wilson, Sue Allender, Dede Plette

Local League Council Members: Tammie Harris, chair, Sue Allender, Bonnie Cox, Bob Patterson, Dede Plette, and Gary Procell.