

LAKE CHARLES LEAGUE REGULATIONS
For USTA League Tennis Adult and Mixed Divisions; USTA Southern Combo Division
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1.00 GENERAL The Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL in conjunction with USTA National and USTA Southern, and USTA Louisiana regulations shall apply to all 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 Lake Charles 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 Lake Charles Regulations with approval from the Lake Charles League Council.

1.02C Written Interpretation The Local League Coordinators and/or Local League Council shall have the authority to interpret the Lake Charles 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 Coordinators**) 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_TennisOfficials_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.

USTA League Tennis Regulations (National, Southern Section, State, Local) are available on louisianatennis.com and the Lake Charles USTA Leagues Facebook page.

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.

*****All team captains for the current season must be present at the captain's meeting. If the team captain cannot attend, there must be a team representative present to be sure the team knows all the rule changes and captains are on the same page. If an email communication is used in lieu of a physical meeting, the captain must respond that they have received the information before the first match.**

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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	12-8-26	1-4-26	4-19-26 *	1-18-26	5-3-26
40 & Over Adult	12-8-26	1-4-26	4-19-26*	1-18-26	4-5-26
55 & Over Adult	12-8-26	1-4-26	4-19-26*	1-18-26	3-29-26
18 & Over Mixed Doubles	3-22-26	4-26-26	7-5-26*	5-17-26	7-19-26
40 & Over Mixed Doubles	3-22-26	4-26-26	7-5-26*	5-17-26	7-19-26
55 & Over Mixed Doubles	3-22-26	4-26-26	7-5-26*	5-17-26	7-19-26
18 & Over Tri Level	6-7-26	7-5-26	8-2-26*	7-24-26	8-16-26
40 & Over Tri Level	6-7-26	7-5-26	8-2-26*	7-24-26	8-16-26
55 & Over Tri Level	6-7-26	7-5-26	8-2-26*	7-24-26	8-16-26
18 & Over Combo	7-5-26	8-2-26	10-4-26*	8-23-26	10-18-26
40 & Over Combo	7-5-26	8-2-26	10-4-26*	8-23-26	10-11-26
55 & Over Combo	7-5-26	8-2-26	10-4-26*	8-23-26	10-18-26

* When adding players to a roster, keep in mind the last day to add players is dependent on the number of matches remaining to qualify the player. The Local League Council may grant extensions based on the division's individual schedule if deemed appropriate. As listed below in 1.04C(1)b – all player additions must be made no later than 3 weeks prior to the state championship.

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 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.

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.

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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.

1.04C(1)e Enrollment Fees. The 2026 Lake Charles 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 league's team registration.

League	USTA Louisiana Head Tax	(Local League) Head Tax	TennisLink Fee	Enrollment Fee
18 & Over Adult	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$3.15	\$26.15
40 & Over Adult	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$3.15	\$26.15
55 & Over Adult	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$3.15	\$21.15
18 & Over Mixed Doubles	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$3.15	\$26.15
40 & Over Mixed Doubles	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$3.15	\$26.15
55 & Over Mixed Doubles	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$3.15	\$21.15
18 & Over Tri Level	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$3.15	\$26.15
40 & Over Tri Level	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$3.15	\$26.15
55 & Over Tri Level	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$3.15	\$21.15
18 & Over Combo	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$3.15	\$26.15
40 & Over Combo	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$3.15	\$26.15
55 & Over Combo	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$3.15	\$21.15
Flexible Format	\$2	n/a	\$3.15	n/a

1.04C(1)f. USTA Louisiana Head Tax Local League Refunds.

- 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 requests that could not be transferred.
- Each local league area has authority to decide how to handle their local league head tax refunds.

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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.

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 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 unless your local league has been granted approval by USTA Louisiana due to extenuating circumstances.

1.04D(4). There will be a limit to the number of players on teams to maximize the number of teams and allow players ample playing time during the season. Minimum and maximum number of players required shown in *chart 2.01C(3) Team Match*.

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 51% of players reside in the State of Louisiana.

Teams wishing to participate in the Lake Charles League program must choose one of the recognized facilities:

Calcasieu Parish: Graywood Sports and Racquet Club, Lake Charles Racquet Club, or Ward 3 Power Centre.

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.

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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 <u>40 & Over</u> 3.0,3.5,4.0 <u>55 & Over</u> 3.0,3.5,4.0 **65 & 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 <u>55 & Over (9.0 Level)</u> **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 – 10.0 *55 & Over – 9.0	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	
	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 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 – 3.0, 3.5,4.0 Div III – 3.5,4.0,4.5	
	**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.		

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.

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2.00 USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS

2.01A 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	Minimum #	*Maximum #	Points Awarded For
Adult	18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, and 4.5	3.0, 3.5, 4.5	2 Singles 3 Doubles	8	14	3 individual wins
	18 & Over 4.0	4.0	3 doubles locally Note: 2 singles, 3 doubles State/Sectionals/ Nationals	8	13	2 individual wins
	18 & Over 2.5 women, 2.5 men* & 5.0	2.5	1 Singles 2 Doubles	5 for 2.5, 8 for 5.0	9 for 2.5, 12 for 5.0	2 individual wins
	40 & Over	3.0, 3.5, 4.5	1 Singles 3 Doubles Note: State is 1 singles/3 doubles Sectional and National are 1 singles/ 4 doubles	9	13	2 individual wins
	40 & Over 4.0	4.0	3 doubles locally Note: State is 1 singles/3 doubles. Sectional and National are 1 singles/4 doubles	9	13	2 individual wins
	55 & Over 65 & Over	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0 combined	3 Doubles	6	10	2 individual wins
Mixed	18 & Over	Straight levels 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 Combined Levels 10.0	3 Doubles	3 men and 3 women able to combine and compete 3 men and 3 women able to combine and compete 3 men and 3 women able to combine and compete	12	2 individual wins
	40 & Over	Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	3 Doubles		12	
	55 & Over	Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 3.0,3,5,4.0 Combined Levels 9.0	3 Doubles		12	
Combo	18 & Over	Straight NTRP levels 2.5 Note: 2.5 combo advancement only to state. No Sectional Advancement. Combined NTRP Levels 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5	3 Doubles	6 players able to combine and compete	12	2 individual wins
	40 & Over	5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5	3 Doubles	6 players able to combine and compete	12	
	55 & Over	6.5, 7.5, 8.5	3 Doubles	6 players able to combine and compete	12	

**Teams may request an exception to exceed the maximum number of players per team from the local league council due to injuries, illness, or other extenuating circumstances of existing rostered players.*

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2.01C(3) 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. Lake Charles procedure: 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 shall be the best of three tiebreaker sets with a set tiebreaker (7pt) at 6-all. In the event of split sets, a match tiebreak (10 pt) shall be played in lieu of a third set.

- The Coman tiebreak format will be used in set tiebreakers and match tiebreakers.
 - Following set tiebreak, the score will be 7-6. The players will switch sides as it is an odd game count and the player/team whose turn it was to serve first in the tie-break game shall be the receiver in the first game of the following set. (FAC 5b.)
- The team winning the majority of the individual matches shall be awarded one team point.
 - 4 court match is tied 2-2, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following methods to do so: a) least sets lost; then b) least games lost; then c) game winning percentage; then d) 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; then least sets lost; then least games lost; then highest game winning percentage; then a coin toss.
- 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.

2.01C(6) Team Lineups.

2.01C(6) 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.

- In the event a match begins and must be rescheduled due to weather, the Lake Charles local league will follow the national regulation, and the default court may now be played using players not previously listed in the lineup.
- **WARMING UP BEFORE A MATCH** - If the 3 courts designated for league play are available when you arrive at the courts as the league matches prior have finished and it is not yet match time, you may warm up on these courts. Equal use should be given to both teams. Club rules should be observed on the use of any other courts prior to match time.
- If a captain is out of town, there must be someone designated as acting captain that will handle the captain's duties during the duration of the match.
- Captains are to communicate with each other. They are the official timekeepers.
- The team captains shall exchange their lineups **simultaneously** prior to the start of the team match.

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- Start of a match is when first service attempt is put into play. **BEST PRACTICE:** Wait until all players are onsite and at the court prior to exchanging line ups. It is recommended to exchange lineups only when all players on the lineup are present and ready to begin the match. It is NOT recommended to exchange lineups before arriving at the match. Lineups for the entire match (all courts) must be exchanged simultaneously.

No substitution may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for illness or injury during the warmup or for no show of a player during the 15 minute default window. 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 5-minute warm-up. For example, if a match starts at 1:00, the team has until 1:15 to substitute a player not already listed in the lineup. After this time, the court must be listed as a default.

- **Standard Warm-up:** Lake Charles local league shall observe a 10-minute warm up, which includes serves.
- **Default time** is 15 minutes past scheduled match time when courts are available. Players must be on the assigned court ready to play before the default time expires. If courts are not available, the 15-minute default clock begins when the first court for the team match becomes available. (This default time includes players who choose to play on more than one team and have more than one match in a day. Captains should consider this when making lineups!)
- **Defaulting of courts.** Defaulting occurs from the bottom up; it can be either singles or doubles.
- **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(5)c. Rescheduling of Team Matches. 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.

All matches are to be played as scheduled. There are ONLY 2 valid reasons for which the other team captain must allow a reschedule. These are weather and USTA state, sectional, and national championships. See chart listed below for clarification on what number of players allows for what number of courts to be rescheduled.

A match will be rescheduled if the wind chill is below 40 degrees one hour before the match is scheduled to begin, or if the courts are unplayable due to weather related causes (rain, snow, sleet, etc.), one hour before the match is scheduled to begin, or as determined by the Head or Assistant Tennis Pro at the host facility.

- Local league matches may not be postponed until ONE hour before scheduled match.
- The captains are responsible for contacting the club/facility pro at the scheduled site to determine court playability. If club/facility pro is unavailable to determine court conditions, both captains should visit the site to make determination of court playability. This is done one hour before the match.
- If a match is in progress, teams must wait one-half hour before rescheduling the match.
- When rain or inclement weather forces the cancellation and rescheduling of team matches, the lineups stand only for those individual matches which have already started (first service attempt) their match. All other individual matches, even those that were in warm-up may be changed including defaulted courts. Exchanging of lineups are not required except to inform which line can play when.

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- **BEST PRACTICE:** A match rains out. First service attempt was not made. Line up can change. Home captain consults with team and then discusses match options with opposing captain. "Our Court 1 can play Tuesday @ 6PM."
- Both teams are responsible for rolling their 1/2 of courts.

Inclement Weather.

Rainout/make-up matches should be played at public courts and not at private clubs. **The only time a rescheduled match may be played at a private club is if all 4 players are members. Players must respect bumping and nonmember play rules for the private clubs. You will not be given special treatment for a "league makeup match" and bumping rules will still apply.

- Rescheduled matches should be made up within 2 weeks of the originally scheduled match unless the state deadline date for the league is prior to the 2 weeks, then matches need to be completed prior to the state deadline.
- Both captains are responsible for ensuring matches are completed within the two-week period. If captains cannot agree on a date, the coordinator or administrator should be notified.
- If a match is not made up within the two-week period or prior to state deadline dates, the league coordinator will schedule the match.
- It is recommended that details for all rescheduled courts be documented in writing/email/text (i.e. date/time) between the two captains. (This includes courts, scores, serving order, and side of court if the match already began.) **Once both captains agree to a rescheduled date and time, it is considered a scheduled match and default principles shall be applicable.**

Procedure for Rescheduling – When rescheduling a match, the recommended practice is to exchange positions and not names in the lineups. For example, "My court 1 can play on Monday at 6. My court 2 can play on Tuesday at 5. My court 3 can play on Wednesday at 3." This allows for substitutions up until match time. Remember – one a match is rescheduled and agreed to in writing, default rules for that court now apply.

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 a 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. Exchange line-ups only for the courts to be played at the originally scheduled time. Maximum # courts rescheduled cannot exceed # players participating on an advancing team. The rescheduled courts to be made up will exchange line-ups at the start of match as per usual.
- **Team requesting reschedule is responsible for canceling courts not being used for scheduled match.**

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- It is recommended to reschedule matches prior to the originally scheduled date. The two (2) week make-up regulation shall apply.

Division	Age Group	Minimum # of Players	# Players attending USTA event
Adult	18 & Over: 3.0, 3.5, 4.5	8	4
	18 & Over: 4.0 level	5	3
	18 & Over: 2.5	5	2
	40 & Over: 3.0, 3.5, 4.5	7	3
	40 & Over: 4.0 level	5	2
	55 & Over: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 9.0 Combined	6	3
Mixed	All Age Groups/Levels	3 men and 3 women able to combine and compete	1 man or 1 woman
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. Louisiana Regulation: 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)).

2.02 Progression

2.02A(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.

- **Process to determine which teams at each NTRP level advance to the state championship:** Levels with a single flight will be based on order of finish in final local league standing as reported on TennisLink.
 - Divisions with 2 teams will play 5 matches.
 - Divisions with 3 teams will play 6 matches with byes.
 - Divisions with 4 teams will play 6 matches.
 - Divisions with 5 teams will play 8 matches with byes.

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- Divisions with 6 teams will either play 5 matches and/or a **randomly** selected extra round of matches (partial round-robin) to allow for more match play within a limited date range. If a partial round robin is used, the top 2 teams in the flight will play a playoff match.

2.02A(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.

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

Teams registering for state championships need to familiarize themselves with state championship rules and guidelines before attending to protect themselves from grievances and suspension points. Be sure to read over this information carefully before committing to a state championship.

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

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. 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 from the list at the end of these regulations. Additional members may be added as needed.

3.01B(1) Local Grievance Appeals Committee Each local league shall appoint a Local League Grievance Appeals Committee from the list at the 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 to the local league coordinator of the current season (contact details below). See USTA National League Tennis Regulations 3.00 for procedures that must be followed to file local grievances, appeals and NTRP complaints.

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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 Grievance Committee.

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Men's League Coordinator, Tri-Level League Coordinator: Jared Meaux, Jaredmeaux@yahoo.com

Women's League Coordinator: Tristan Hager, Tristanhager1@gmail.com

Grievance and Grievance Appeals Committees will be chosen from the following: Jeremy Istre, Randy Stout, Beau Mixon, Mark Ieyoub, Boyd Bradley, Theresa Miller, Crystal Pappion, Patti Ward, Jackie Royer, Claire Burgess