

BATON ROUGE LEAGUE REGULATIONS
For USTA League Tennis Adult and Mixed Divisions; and non-advancing leagues if specified in
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1.00 GENERAL. The Regulations in 1.00 General in conjunction with USTA National, USTA Southern and USTA Louisiana regulations shall apply to 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.

Waiver of Rules and Procedures Prohibited. Printed below are the Baton Rouge Regulations as authorized by the USTA National League Regulations, USTA Southern Section Regulations, and USTA Louisiana Regulations.

Amendments. These Baton Rouge Regulations may be amended by the Baton Rouge League Council with approval of the Greater Baton Rouge Community Tennis Association Executive Board.

Written Interpretation. The Local League Coordinators, shall have the authority to interpret the Baton Rouge 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 Men/Women Night 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	8	Same Gender	2 Singles 3 Doubles	3 Individual wins	<p>A player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level.</p> <p>Current NTRP level and/or up to one level higher than the player's current NTRP</p> <p>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.</p>
	18 & Over: 2.5, 5.0,	5	Same Gender	1 Singles 2 Doubles	2 Individual Wins	
	18 & Over: Women Day 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	9	Same Gender	1 Singles 4 Doubles (Format at state is 2 singles/3 doubles)	3 Individual wins	
	40 & Over Men/Women Day 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5,	9	Same Gender	1 Singles 3 Doubles	2 individual Wins	
	40 & Over Women Night 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5,	9	Same Gender	3 Doubles (Format at state is 1 singles & 3 doubles)	2 Individual Wins	
	55 & Over Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, Combined Levels 9.0 Level **65 & Over Straight Levels 3.0,3.5,4.0 **65 & Over Combined Level: 9.0 Level	6	Same Gender	3 Doubles	2 Individual Wins	<p>A player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level.</p> <p>Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level.</p> <p>NTRP difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0.</p> <p>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.</p>
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	3 men and 3 women	Men and Women	3 Doubles	2 Individual Wins	Current NTRP rating level and/or up to one level higher than the player's current NTRP level.

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	Combined NTRP Levels 18 & Over – 10.0 *55 & Over – 9.0	3 men and 3 women	Men and Women	3 Doubles	2 Individual Wins	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	6 players able to combine and compete	Same Gender	3 Doubles	2 Individual Wins	Limited to 2.0 and 2.5 NTRP rated players
	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.
	40 & Over 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5					The maximum NTRP Level for: 5.5 is 3.0; 6.5 is 3.5; 7.5 is 4.0; 8.5 is 5.0; 9.5 is 5.5; 10.5 is 6.0
	*55 & Over 6.5, 7.5, 8.5					
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	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 higher 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					
**Assigned and/or additional Divisions, Age Groups and Levels that USTA Louisiana will use.						

1.04B Administration.

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.

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-ages/9305_USTA_Southern_Section_League_Tennis_Officials_Code_of_Ethics__As_of_21804/

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 www.batonrougetennis.com.

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	12/5/25	12/26/25	5/1/26	2/9/26	5/1/26
40 & Over Adult	12/5/25	12/26/25	4/10/26	1/26/26	4/10/26

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55 & Over Adult	12/5/25	12/26/25	4/3/26	1/12/26	4/3/26
18 & Over Mixed Doubles	3/20/26	4/10/26	7/24/26	5/4/26	7/24/26
40 & Over Mixed Doubles	3/20/26	4/10/26	7/24/26	5/4/26	7/24/26
55 & Over Mixed Doubles	3/20/26	4/10/26	7/24/26	5/4/26	7/24/26
Tri Level	3/20/26	4/10/26	7/24/26	5/4/26	7/24/26
18 & Over Combo	6/12/26	7/3/26	10/16/26	7/27/26	10/16/26
40 & Over Combo	6/12/26	7/3/26	10/16/26	7/27/26	10/16/26
55 & Over Combo	6/12/26	7/3/26	10/16/26	7/27/26	10/16/26

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.

Team Registration Dates/Deadlines: See Chart 1.04C above for specific league.

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.

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

The GBRCTA 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.

Enrollment Fees. The 2026 Baton Rouge league year enrollment fees are listed below.

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	\$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	\$30.15
Flexible Format	\$2.00	\$25.00	\$3.15	\$30.15

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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.

Facility Fees.

- All BREC court fees are due by the leagues scheduled captains meeting.
- Late fees may be imposed to teams not paying BREC court fees by the due date.
- It is the team's responsibility to obtain fee amounts pertaining to any facility other than BREC. Fees must be paid in full to the facility before a team will be allowed to play their first match.
- The team is ineligible for league play until all league fees/court fees have been paid.

Returned Checks.

- Any returned check must be cleared within 7 days of notification.
- The team is ineligible for league play until the fees have been paid.

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 Leagues.

Local League Season.

- See chart 1.04C for each Division's league season dates.
- 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.
- There is no limit to the number of players that appear on a team roster and no limit to the number of players on that roster that are at a specific NTRP level, with the exception of a two-team league. Each team must have the minimum number of players shown in the table 1.04A above.

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 registered on each team, residency as shown in TennisLink is in the State of Louisiana. Teams wishing to participate in the GBRCTA USTA Leagues programs must choose a recognized USTA facility (list on www.batonrougetennis.com/rules-regulations-1/) within East Baton Rouge Parish.

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.

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Attire.

- See Private Facility Dress Code posted on batonrougetennis.com/regulations for specific dress codes for Baton Rouge Country Club, Bocage Racquet Club and Country Club of Louisiana.
- Failure to comply with these rules will result in Default for the guest team. If you have any questions, please call the Club for clarification.

Electronic Devices.

- A player may not use electronic devices such as cell phones, smart watches, digital messaging systems, radios, mp3 players, or any device capable of receiving communication during USTA League (FAC USTA Comment 30.1.).
- If a cellphone rings during a point, the opponent may stop the point and claim the point based on deliberate hindrance (FAC USTA Comment 26.3).

1.04F Official League Rating Program.

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.

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 a USTA Louisiana State Championship or USTA Southern Championship in the Adult, Mixed, Southern Combo or Tri Level division may advance on more than one team within an age group only if they are different NTRP Levels.
- No accommodations for scheduling will be made at the USTA Louisiana Championships for teams with players that may be competing on two or more teams during a state championship.

2.00 USTA LEAGUES REGULATIONS.

NTRP Levels of Play. See Chart 1.04A.

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 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.

- The League Coordinator shall provide court surface details to team captains with the captain's packet/schedule. Each individual court of a team match shall be scheduled on the same court surface (hard, clay) if possible.
- Team captains/representatives of any teams hosting matches where the court surface is undetermined at the time the original schedule is published shall contact the opposing team captain/representative one (1) week prior to the match with details on which

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court will be playing on which surface. No names are required, just court positions. Failure by the host team to inform the visiting team will result in the decision on which court is played on which surface being passed to the visiting team.

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

- 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 tiebreakers and match tie-breakers.
- The team winning the majority of the individual matches shall be awarded one team point.
 - 40 & Over – 4 court match: If individual matches (courts) 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 of Team Points, 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(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 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.** Baton Rouge 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.
- **Defaulted Individual Court** If players arrive after default time and wishes to play, they must verbally state to opponents that they are taking the default, giving opponents the option not to play for fun.

Rescheduling Local League Matches.

Inclement Weather

1. Local league matches may not be postponed till one hour before scheduled match.
2. The host captain is responsible for contacting the park/club pro at scheduled site to determine court playability. 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.
3. If match is in progress, teams must wait one-half hour before rescheduling match.
4. 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.
5. When rolling courts is required, each team is responsible for rolling their ½ of courts being used. If facility deems one side of court playable and opposing team refused to roll their ½ of courts, default principles shall be applicable.
6. 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.

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. Playoff matches may be rescheduled by Local League Coordinator to meet required deadlines.

- 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.

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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.
- Team requesting reschedule is responsible for canceling courts not being used for scheduled match. Failure to release courts may result in additional court fees for requesting team.
- 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	5	3
	40 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	9	5
	55 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0 combined	6	4
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

Under special circumstances.

- If both captains agree, a match may be rescheduled **with the approval of the local league coordinator**. Matches scheduled at BREC facilities may incur additional court fees for rescheduling matches. It is recommended to reschedule the match before the originally scheduled date and the two-week make-up regulation will apply.

Rescheduling Procedure: Inclement Weather

1. Rescheduled matches should be made up within two (2) weeks of originally schedule 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.
2. Both Captains are responsible for ensuring matches are completed within the (2) week period.
3. If match is not made up within the two week period or prior to state deadline dates, a league administrator may schedule the match.
4. Host captain is responsible for reserving courts at the facility where the match was originally scheduled.
5. 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 agree to a rescheduled date and time of a match, it is considered a scheduled match and default principles shall be applicable.

Note regarding rescheduled matches at BREC facilities:

- In the event of continuous inclement weather, which causes make-up matches to back up, BREC **may** make a decision to allow matches to be rescheduled at sites different from the originally scheduled site. If this decision is made, BREC will notify the USTA league coordinators.
- The host captain must contact **Camille Siegel (hsiegel@bellsouth.net)** after making court reservations, to secure approval for rescheduled courts. Host team will be responsible for extra court fees if the BREC courts are not approved. Courts will be charged at time of play.

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.

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- 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.**

Levels with single flight. Will be based on order of finish in final local league standings as reported on TennisLink.

Levels with two flights. Schedules included in the captain's packet shall 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. Schedules included in the captain's packet shall include format for determining champions. Round robin playoff between first place teams in each flight and team with next best record recorded in TennisLink.

Levels with Partial Round Robin. Schedules included in the captain's packet shall include format for determining champions. Either single elimination finals between the top two teams in standing or single elimination between top four teams in standings.

Team Replacement for Playoffs. If a team elects not to advance to local league playoffs that team may be replaced by team with the next best record as recorded in TennisLink from the same flight.

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

DISTRICT/AREA, SECTION AND NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Eligibility.

MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIPS					
		Sectional Championships and Below		NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	
Divisions	Age Group	Local Matches Required for Local League Playoffs, State and Section Championship	Default received counting to advance	Minimum Matches through Section Championship	Defaults received counting to advance
Adult	18 & Over	2	1	All players other than self-rated and computer-rated appealed players:	All players other than self-rated and computer-rated appealed players:
	40 & Over				
	55 & Over				
Mixed	18 & Over	2	1	3 matches on the same team. Self-rated and computer-rated appealed players 4 matches on the same team	1 default received shall count Self-rated and computer-rated appealed players No default received shall count
	40 & Over	2	1		
Minimum matches to advance to Section Championships for States with 2 or more teams					

BATON ROUGE LEAGUE REGULATIONS
For USTA League Tennis Adult and Mixed Divisions; and non-advancing leagues if specified in
invitational/Section/District rules.
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MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIPS				
		Sectional Championships and Below		NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Combo	18 & Over	1	1	Not Part of National Program
	40 & Over			
	55 & Over			
Mixed	55 & Over	1	1	Not Part of Sectional or National Program
Tri Level	18 & Over	1	1	Not Part of National Program
	40 & Over			
	55 & Over			
A RETIRED match shall count for all players				

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 Year-End NTRP Computer Ratings and Appeals Procedures.

Appeal of Year-end Ratings. Year-end NTRP published computer rating levels may be appealed or denied through TennisLink except for 2.05D Medical Appeals. To appeal year end rating: log into TennisLink – USTA Leagues page. Select “Appeal Rating”. Player will know instantly if appeal is granted or denied. Players are responsible for appealing their own rating.

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.

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

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

3.03 GRIEVANCE COMPLAINTS.

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

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.

2026 Baton Rouge League Council:

Baton Rouge Local League Administrator: Donna Percle (perc82@cox.net)

Baton Rouge League Finance Administrator: Camille Siegel (hsiegel@bellsouth.net)

Baton Rouge League Coordinators:

Donna Percle – Men’s league & Combo Women Night (perc82@cox.net) 225-205-8576

Danielle Skrandel – Women Day and Mixed - (danielle@skrandel.com) 225-252-2503

Lynn Williamson – Women Adult Night, Women Tri-level Night, (lewilliamson@cox.net) 225-247-8397

Grievance and Grievance Appeals Committees will be chosen from the following: Jayne Anderson, Moe Hattier, Kelly Jumper, Leah Jenkins and Carol Wilkins, Ali Momenzadah, Patti Hiller.