

**MANDEVILLE/COVINGTON REGULATIONS**  
**For USTA League Tennis Adult and Mixed Divisions; USTA Southern Combo Division and Tri Level Division**  
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**1.00 GENERAL** The Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL, 2.00 USTA League Regulations and 3.0 Grievance Procedures 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.](#)

**1.02A Waiver of Rules and Procedures Prohibited** Printed below are the Mandeville/Covington Regulations as authorized by the Mandeville/Covington Community Tennis Association

**1.02B Amendments** These Mandeville/Covington Regulations may be amended by the Mandeville/Covington Local Committee with approval of the Mandeville/Covington Community Tennis Association Executive Board

**1.02C Written Interpretation** The Local League Coordinator and/or Local League Committee shall have the authority to interpret the Mandeville/Covington Regulations.

**1.04A USTA League Program**

TEAM COMPOSITION/MATCH FORMAT/TEAM SCORING/NTRP RATING LEVELS FOR ENTRY						
Division	Age Group	Minimum # of Players	Gender	Match Format	Team Point Awarded for	NTRP LEVEL
Adult	18 & Over: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	8	Same Gender	2 Singles 3 Doubles	3 Individual wins	A player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level
	18 & Over: 2.5 Women/Men and 5.0	5	Same Gender	1 Singles 2 Doubles	2 Individual Wins	Current NTRP and/or up to one level higher than the player's current NTRP
	40 & Over Women/Men 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	9	Same Gender	1 Singles 3 Doubles	2 Individual wins	40 & Over 4 court match: if tied 2-2 the tie breaker should be the first of the following methods Lest sets lost/lest games lost/Game winning percentage/winner of 1 <sup>st</sup> court doubles Teams advancing to the USTA Louisiana State Championships will be required to play 3 doubles and 1 singles NOTE Teams advancing to USTA Sectional and National Championships will be required to play 4 doubles and 1 singles
	55 & Over 65 & Over Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 Combined Levels 9.0	6	Same Gender	3 Doubles	2 Individual Wins	A player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level. Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level NTRP difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0  The minimum NTRP level for 6.0 is 2.5, 7.0 is 3.0, 8.0 is 3.5, 9.0 is 4.0
Mixed	Straight 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 able to combine and compete	Men and Women	3 Doubles	2 Individual Wins	Current NTRP and/or up to one level higher than the player's current NTRP
	Combined Levels 18 & Over- 10.0 55 & Over - 9.0	3 men and 3 women able to combine and compete	Men and Women	3 Doubles	2 Individual Wins	Combined NTRP levels of partners shall not exceed team NTRP Level. NTRP difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0 The minimum NTRP Level for: 6.0 is 2.5; 7.0 is 3.0; 8.0 is 3.5; 9.0 is 4.0

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Division	Age Group	Minimum # of Players	Gender	Match Format	Team Point Awarded for	NTRP LEVEL
Combo	18 & Over 2.5** Straight, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5	6 players able to combine and compete	Same Gender	3 Doubles	2 Individual Wins	When using straight NTRP levels, player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed team NTRP level. 2.5 does not advance beyond the State Championship.
	40 & Over 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5					Combined NTRP levels of partners shall not exceed team NTRP Level.
	55 & Over 6.5, 7.5, 8.5					The maximum 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 <u>3.5, 3.0, 2.5</u> 4.0, 3.5, 3.0 4.5, 4.0, 3.5 <u>5.0, 4.5, 4.0</u>	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 above the player's current NTRP level
	40 & Over 4.0, 3.5, 3.0 4.5, 4.0, 3.5					When using straight NTRP levels, players NTRP rating level shall not exceed the <u>court</u> level.
	55 & Over 4.0, 3.5, 3.0					

\*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.

**1.04B Administration.**

**1.04B(3)c Local League Coordinators.** The Board of Directors of the local Community Tennis Association is 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\\_USTA\\_Southern\\_Section\\_League\\_TennisOfficials\\_Code\\_of\\_Ethics\\_As\\_of\\_21804/](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 leagues team captains meeting.

USTA League Tennis Regulations (National, Southern Section, State, Local) are available on [louisianatennis.com](http://louisianatennis.com) prior to the start of local league competition

**1.04B(3)c(iii) Captains Meeting.** A mandatory team captain's meeting must be held prior to the start of league play for each local league program. Topics to be covered include local regulations (provide internet links to National, Sectional, State regulations), championships eligibility requirements, and deadlines. Local league coordinators should review all regulations and procedures with new team captains. The captain's meeting may be held by any of the following methods: In person, conference call, video call, webinar or e-mail 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	12/3/2025	1/4/2026	5/15/2026	1/13/2026	5/15/2026
40 & Over Adult	12/3/2025	1/4/2026	4/10/2026	1/13/2026	4/10/2026
55 & Over Adult	12/3/2025	1/4/2026	3/13/2026	1/13/2026	3/13/2026

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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 Mixed Doubles	4/23/2026	5/11/2026	8/7/2026	5/16/2026	8/7/2026
40 & Over Mixed Doubles	4/23/2026	5/11/2026	7/31/2026	5/16/2026	7/31/2026
55 & Over Mixed Doubles	4/23/2026	5/11/2026	8/7/2026	5/16/2026	8/7/2026
18 & Over Tri Level	5/3/2026	5/18/2026	8/21/2026	5/18/2026	8/21/2026
40 & Over Tri Level	5/3/2026	5/18/2026	8/21/2026	5/18/2026	8/21/2026
55 & Over Tri Level	5/3/2026	5/18/2026	8/21/2026	5/18/2026	8/21/2026
18 & Over Combo	7/23/2026	8/11/2026	10/23/2026	8/13/2026	10/23/2026
40 & Over Combo	7/23/2026	8/11/2026	10/16/2026	8/13/2026	10/16/2026
55 & Over Combo	7/23/2026	8/11/2026	10/23/2026	8/13/2026	10/23/2026

**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.

See Chart 104C for specific league, The Mandeville/Covington Local League Council may authorize to extend the team registration deadline in order to optimize scheduling. (See dates in chart 1.04C)

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.

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

**1.04C(1)d.** The Mandeville/Covington 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 2026 Mandeville/Covington league year enrollment fees.

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

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League	USTA Louisiana Head Tax	(Local League) Head Tax	TennisLink Fee	Enrollment Fee
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	NA	\$3.15	NA

**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.

**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.

**Failure to Enter Match Scores in TennisLink.** If completed match scores are not recorded in TennisLink within 48 hours of the completion of the match, the Local League Coordinator may issue a warning by e-mail to both team captains to enter match scores by a specified date and time. If scores are not entered on TennisLink by the specified date and time, the match may be recorded and confirmed on TennisLink as a double default. Failure to comply may subject teams to a grievance and/or double default.

**Disputed Scores:** Changes cannot be made unless both captains agree to the disputed scores in writing (e-mail). It is the captain's responsibility to verify that the scores are entered correctly. If the score has been disputed, the captain from the disputed score's team must contact the Local League Coordinator by e-mail referencing the match number and the reason for the dispute. If neither captain can agree with the disputed score a coin toss will be the deciding factor.

**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 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 which must maintain 40% on level. Each team must have the minimum number of players shown in the table in the State Regulations. See 1.04D(5)

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#### 1.04E Player Eligibility

##### 1.04E(1) Domicile and Residency Requirements

USTA Louisiana will have no residency requirements for local league play. Exception: Any team playing a local league at a state championship (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 Mandeville/Covington Leagues Programs must choose a recognized USTA facility located in Hammond, Covington, Mandeville, Madisonville, Ponchatoula, Abita Springs and Lacombe for their home matches. Facilities used for matches will be Beau Chene, Coquille, Franco's, Pelican, North Cypress, Stone Creek, Tchefuncta.

#### 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.

#### Electronic Devices.

1. 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.).
2. If a cell phone rings during a point, the opponent must stop the point immediately and claim the point based on deliberate hindrance (FAC USTA Comment 26.3).

#### 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.

**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 accommodations for scheduling will be made at the USTA Louisiana Championships for teams with players that may be competing on two or more teams during a state championship.

## 2.00 USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS

### 2.01A NTRP Levels of Play (See chart 1.04A)

**2.01A(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.

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### 2.01C(2)– Team Match (See chart 1.04A)

**2.01C(3)a.** For each team match, a majority of the individual lines must actually be played to constitute a valid team match.

- When the combination of individual line 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 lines.

### 2.01C(2)b Court Surfaces.

Each individual line of a team match shall be scheduled on the same court surface, if possible. Team captains of any teams hosting matches where the match will play the lines on different court surfaces, the home captain shall inform the visiting team captain, prior to the exchange of the line-up, with details on which lines will be playing on which surface. Failure by the host team to inform the visiting team before the exchange of the lineup will result in the decision on which line is played on which surface will be passed to the visiting team.

### 2.01C(3) Match Scoring and Formats

All matches shall be the best of three tie breaker sets with a match tie breaker in lieu of the third set. The Coman Tie Breaker Procedure will be used for both the set tie breaker and match tie breaker.

The team winning the majority of the individual matches shall be awarded one team point.

- Tiebreak for 4 court team match: If team match tied, 2-2, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following methods to do so :1) Least sets lost 2) Least games lost 3) Game winning percentage4) Winner of Court #1 Doubles

The team with the most team points at the end of the season shall be declared to local league winner. In case of a tie, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:

- 1) Winner of the most individual matches (courts) 2) The winner of head-to-head 3) Least sets lost 4) Least games lost 5) Game winning percentage 6) 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.

The team captains shall exchange their line ups simultaneously prior to the start of the scheduled match.

No substitution may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been exchanged, except for illness, injury, or no show of a player prior to the start of an individual match. In the event of illness, injury, 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. If no such substitution can be made, the affected position only will be defaulted. The substitute player is entitled to a five (5) minute warm up. Defaults must be declared to the opponents verbally that the match is defaulted.

**Warm Up and Defaults.** The official start time will be listed on the schedule. Warm-ups should begin at the start time and are limited to 10 minutes including serve. The default time is 15 minutes from the scheduled start time (CELL PHONE TIME WILL DETERMINE THE DEFAULT TIME.) when assigned courts are available. If the assigned courts are not available, the 15 minute default time begins when the first assigned court for the team match becomes available. NO CONCESSION WILL BE MADE FOR A PLAYER REGARDLESS OF OTHER EVENTS/MATCHES. Defaults must occur from the bottom of your line up (#3 Doubles or #2 Singles 18 & Over / 40 & Over # 3 Doubles or #1 Singles / 55 & Over #3 Doubles. Mixed and Combo will be #3 doubles. A player is considered defaulted at 15.01. The player must be at courtside and ready to play prior to 15.01.

**2.01C(5)b.** Using a split schedule, when the match schedule is 3 lines for the 1st time slot and 2 lines for the 2nd time slot, lines #1 singles and #1 & #2 doubles will play the 1st time slot and #2 singles, and #3 doubles will play the 2nd time slot. When the match schedule is 2 lines for the 1st time slot and 3 lines for the 2nd time slot, lines #1 singles and #1 doubles will play the 1st time slot and lines #2 singles and #2 & #3 doubles will play the 2nd time slot. In the 2.5 schedule, when the match schedule is 2 lines for the 1st time slot and 1 line for the 2nd time slot, lines #1 singles and #1 doubles will play

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the 1st time slot and line #2 doubles will play the 2nd time slot. In the 40 & over women's league, when the match schedule is 3 lines for the 1st time slot and 1 line for the 2nd time slot, lines 1 & 2 doubles and #1 singles will play the 1st time slot and lines 3 doubles will play the 2nd time slot. When the match scheduled is 2 lines for the 1st time slot and 2 lines for the 2nd time slot, lines #1 singles and #1 doubles will play the 1st time slot and #2 & #3 doubles will play the 2nd time slot.

#### 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)).

**2.01C(6)e(i)** All captains should notify their Local League Coordinator of any team defaults.

#### 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 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.

#### 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.

#### 2.03 District/Area Section and National League Championships.

#### 2.03A Eligibility

MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIPS					
Divisions	Age Group	Sectional Championships and Below		NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	
		Local Matches Required for 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 appeal players	All players other than self-rated and computer rated appeal players
	40 & Over			3 matches on the same team Self- rated and computer rated appealed players	1 default received shall count
	55 & Over			Self- rated and computer rated appealed players	Self- rated and computer rated appealed players

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<b>Divisions</b>	<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Sectional Championships and Below</b>		<b>NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	
		<b>Local Matches Required for State and Section Championship</b>	<b>Default received counting to advance</b>	<b>Minimum Matches through Section Championship</b>	<b>Defaults received counting to advance</b>
				4 matches on same team	No default received shall count
Mixed	18 & Over 40 & Over	2	1	All players other than self-rated and computer rated appeal players 3 matches on the same team Self- rated and computer rated appealed players 4 matches on the same team	All players other than self-rated and computer rated appeal players 1 default received shall count Self- rated and computer rated appealed players No default received shall count
Minimum matches to advance to <b>Section Championships</b> for States with 2 or more teams					
<b>Combo</b>	18 & Over	1	1	Not Part of National Program	
	40 & Over				
	55 & Over				
<b>Mixed</b>	**55 & Over	1	1	Not Part of Sectional or National Program	
<b>Tri Level</b>	18 & Over	1	1	Not Part of National Program	
	40 & Over				
	55 & Over				
A retired match will 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 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*.

**NOTE:** To appeal year-end rating log in to [usta.com](http://usta.com), TennisLink, and login in. Player's rating will be displayed. Select "Appeal Rating" and follow the prompts. Player will know instantly if the rating appeal has been granted or denied.

**Rescheduling Local League Matches**

**2.05C(6c)** Under special circumstances, if both captains agree, a match may be rescheduled with the approval of the local league coordinator. Local League Council recommends the matches be rescheduled before the originally scheduled date. Rescheduling Local League Matches will apply.

**Inclement Weather**

- Local League matches can only be cancelled one hour prior to the scheduled match time. All second-round matches must be played if the courts are playable.
- Host Captain or a host player should go to their facility to check on the status of the court situation
- If the host captain/player does not have the availability to go to the facility, the host captain (not the player) is responsible for contacting the facility at scheduled site to determine court playability
- Once a match is considered cancelled, it is the host team captain's responsibility to contact the opposing team captain of the cancellation.
- If a match is in progress, teams must wait one half hour before rescheduling.

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- When rain or inclement weather forces the cancellation and re-scheduling of a team 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 cancelled when the temperature (not wind chill) is at 37 degrees or lower at the start of the scheduled match unless both team captains agree to play.

#### Rescheduling of Matches. Teams Advancing to a USTA National, Sectional or State Championship.

- If a PLAYER is REGISTERED to play at a USTA State, Sectional or Nationals Championship, the affected line can be rescheduled. All other lines not affected should be played as scheduled
- Captains of affected team should notify opposing captain 7 DAYS prior to the scheduled match that the scheduled match/lines may need to be rescheduled. Exception: If a team receives a late entry into the championship then the team that is affected has 24 hours after the late entry acceptance to notify the opposing captain.
- Consideration will be given for appropriate travel time to the Championship. All lines not affected must be played as scheduled. It is recommended to reschedule the makeup matches/lines prior to the original scheduled date. Rescheduling Procedure will apply.

#### Rescheduling Procedure:

- Rescheduled matches should be made up within three (3) weeks of the originally scheduled match unless the state deadline date for the league is prior to the three (3) weeks, then matches need to be completed prior to the state deadline date.
- Both captains are responsible for ensuring matches are completed within the three (3) week period.
- Line ups may be exchanged through your local league coordinator by e-mail within 24 hours of the original match schedule. All players' contact information must be included in the exchanged line-up (host & opponent). Once both line ups are received by the local league coordinator, the line ups will be sent to opposing captains.
- Both teams' players must mutually agree upon the rescheduled time. Host players should contact the visiting player(s) within 24 hours of the line up received. Failure to contact the visiting player(s) within the 24 hours may result in the match being declared a default by the host player(s). The dates for the rescheduled matches should be agreed upon within 24 hours of the contacted time from the host players. It is suggested that 3 dates within the 3-week time frame be given to the home team. The visiting team can counter the dates given.
- If players cannot agree on a time and date for a rescheduled match, the league coordinator will choose a time, date and location.
- It is the recommendation that details for all rescheduled matches be documented in writing/e-mail with the players involved in the rescheduled match. Once both captains/players agree to a rescheduled match day/time, it is considered a scheduled match and default principles shall be applicable.

If a rescheduled match needs to be rescheduled, the rescheduled match must be scheduled within the 3 weeks of the original rescheduled match.

## 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 Grievance Committee.** Grievance Committees listed at the end of these regulations. Additional members may be added as needed.

**3.01B(1) Local Grievance Appeals Committee.** Grievance Appeal Committees listed at the end of these regulations. Additional members may be added as needed.

### 3.03 Grievance Complaints.

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**3.03B(1) Local League Procedures.** All local grievances, appeals and NTRP complaints and appeals will be submitted to the Leagues Local League Coordinator. Coordinator contact information is at bottom of these regulations. See USTA National League Tennis Regulations 3.00 for procedures that must be followed to file local grievances, appeals and NTRP complaints.

**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.

#### 2026 USTA (Local League) League Committees:

##### 2026 Mandeville/Covington Adult League Council:

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Kenny Wollfarth: kwollfarth70@gmail.com

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**Local League Administrator:** Barbara Fisher e-mail address barbaractatennis@gmail.com

##### Local League Coordinators:

18 & Over, 40 & Over and 55 & Over Women and Mixed Doubles— Barbara Fisher e-mail address barbaractatennis@gmail.com

18 & Over, 40 & Over and 55 & Over Men – Kenny Wollfarth e-mail address kwollfarth@yahoo.com

##### Grievance Committees: The Grievance Committee for all league divisions for Mandeville/Covington are as follows:

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James Tickner: jtickle@gmail.com

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