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For USTA League Tennis Adult and Mixed Divisions; USTA Southern Combo Division and Tri Level Division League Year January 2024

1.00 GENERAL The Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL in conjunction with USTA National and USTA Southern regulations shall apply to all League Divisions (Adult and Mixed); as well as Southern Combo and Tri-Level.

1.02 Governance

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

1.02B Amendments. The New Orleans Metropolitan Area Tennis Association (NOMATA) Local League Council may amend these New Orleans Local League Regulations with approval from the NOMATA Board of Directors.

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

1.04B Administration

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

1.04B(3)c(i) League Code of Ethics. All league administrators will adhere to the USTA Southern Section League Tennis Officials Code of Ethics (http://www.southern.usta.com/USA-League-Tennis-Pages/9305_USTA_Southern_Section_League_Tennis_Officials_Code_of_Ethics__As_of_21804/)

1.04B(3)c(ii) League Coordinator Responsibilities. Establish procedures and regulations for all aspects of their New Orleans that are not covered by the national, sectional or state regulations. A copy of the local regulations must be submitted to the State League Coordinator for review prior to the leagues team captain's meeting.

USTA League Tennis Regulations (National, Southern Section, State, Local) are available on the NOMATA website: www.neworleanstennis.com or louisianatennis.com prior to the start of local league competition.

1.04B(3)c(iii) Captains Meeting. A mandatory team captain's meeting must be held prior to the start of league play for each local league program. Topics to be covered include local regulations (provide internet links to National, Sectional, State regulations), championships eligibility requirements, and deadlines. Local League coordinators should review all regulations and procedures with new team captains. The captains meeting may be held by any of the following methods: in person, conference call, video call, webinar or email communications.

1.04C Official Information System

League	Registration Start Date (team registration opens)	Initial Roster Deadline (team registration Closes)	End Player Registration (Last day to add players to existing teams)	League Season Start Date	League Season End Date
18; 40 & Over Adult Women Day	12-5-23	12-20-23	(18's) 5-17-24 (40's) 4-19-24	1-15-24	(18's) 5-17-24 (40's) 4-19-24
18; 40 & Over Adult Men/ Women Night	12-6-23	12-20-23	(18's) 5-17-24 (40's) 4-19-24	1-15-24	(18's) 5-17-24 (40's) 4-19-24
55 & Over Adult	12-5-23	12-15-23	4-5-24	1-18-24	4-5-24
18 & Over Mixed Doubles	4-1-24	4-18-24	8-16-24	5-13-24	8-16-24
40 & Over Mixed Doubles	4-1-24	4-18-24	8-9-24	5-13-24	8-9-24
55 & Over Mixed Doubles	4-1-24	4-18-24	8-16-24	5-13-24	8-16-24
18 & Over Tri Level	4-1-24	4-18-24	8-2-24	5-9-24 -Women Night/Men 5-13-24 -Women Day	8-2-24
40 & Over Tri Level	4-1-24	4-18-24	8-2-24	5-9-24 -Women Night/Men 5-13-24 -Women Day	8-2-24

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55 & Over Tri Level	4-1-24	4-18-24	8-2-24	5-9-24 -Women Night/Men 5-13-24 -Women Day	8-2-24
18 & Over Combo	7-29-24	8-10-24	10-18-24	8-19-24	10-18-24
40 & Over Combo	7-29-24	8-10-24	10-11-24	8-19-24	10-11-24
55 & Over Combo	7-29-24	8-10-24	10-18-24	8-19-24	10-18-24

1.04C(1)a Team Registration. Team Captains MUST attend a Local League Captain’s Meeting and create their team in TennisLink by the date published in timelines on the NOMATA website. Failure to register a team by the published deadline date may result in the team being declared ineligible for the USTA League Program. Teams must have the required minimum number of players registered in TennisLink by the date established by the Local League Administration: Adults 18 & Over = 8, Adult 40 & Over = 9 (except 18 & Over 2.5 and 5.0+ = 5); Adult 55 & Over and 65 & Over = 6; Mixed, Combo and Tri-Level = 6 players able to combine and compete. The deadline date must be prior to the start of the local league season and must be no later than one (1) month of the state championship with times and facilities of local league matches. Team Registration Dates/Deadlines are published on League Timelines on the NOMATA website: www.neworleanstennis.com. The New Orleans League Council or the local league coordinator may authorize an extension to the team registration deadline to optimize scheduling.

Teams registered in a valid league may not be moved to different league if moving that team would cause a league to become invalid, unless all teams are in agreement.

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 made no later than 14 days prior to the state championship, Players shall not be added to the team roster during local league flight playoffs or at any local leagues played during a state championship. Player Registration Dates/Deadlines are published on League Timelines on the NOMATA website: www.neworleanstennis.com.

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. Captains may submit a written request for a copy of the financial statement from the NOMATA board. Board information can be found on the NOMATA website: www.neworleanstennis.com.

Public Court Fees. The Local League Coordinator will reserve courts for teams hosting at Xavier, Audubon, Stern and UNO. All court rental fees incurred at these facilities will be billed to the captain and must be paid to the coordinator no later than the deadline published in the timeline on the NOMATA website. Courts reserved by the coordinator at City Park must be paid to the facility prior to the scheduled match. **A team is ineligible for league play until all league fees/court fees have been paid by due date posted on league timeline.** Scheduling will also be done for teams using their club courts, but any court fees and court reservations will be handled between the captain and the respective club.

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1.04C(1)e Enrollment Fees. The 2024 New Orleans league year enrollment fees. Any increase to Local League head tax must be approved by the USTA Louisiana Adult League Committee prior to the start of the leagues team registration.

League	USTA Louisiana Head Tax	New Orleans Head Tax	TennisLink Fee	Enrollment Fee
18 & Over Adult	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.15	\$27.15
40 & Over Adult	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.15	\$27.15
55 & Over Adult	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$3.15	\$22.15
18 & Over Mixed Doubles	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.15	\$27.15
40 & Over Mixed Doubles	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.15	\$27.15
55 & Over Mixed Doubles	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$3.15	\$22.15
18 & Over Tri Level	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.15	\$27.15
40 & Over Tri Level	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.15	\$27.15
55 & Over Tri Level	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$3.15	\$22.15
18 & Over Combo	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.15	\$27.15
40 & Over Combo	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.15	\$27.15
55 & Over Combo	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$3.15	\$22.15
Flexible Format	\$2.00	TBD by Program	\$3.15	*

*Flex League Singles - \$25.15 per person USTA Members/\$35.15 per person non USTA Members

*Flex League Doubles - \$20.15 per person USTA Members/\$30.15 per person non USTA Members

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 a team which requesting refund. Transfer of players registration can only be between 18/40 age group registrations to 18/40 age group team, 55 age group to 55 age group team.
- Refunds will be administered once a year in December for all qualifying refunds request that could not be transferred.
- **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 should take place within 48 hours of the completion of the match. After match scores have been entered in TennisLink, they must be confirmed by the opposing team within 48 hours of the initial entry or the initial score will automatically be considered valid. Failure to comply may subject teams to a grievance and/or double default.

- Winner’s scores are listed first when recording in TennisLink. The match tie break shall be recorded as 1-0. 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 via email to both team captains to enter match scores by a specified date and time. If scores are not entered in TennisLink by the specified date and time, the match may be recorded and confirmed as a double default. Local Area Team Default penalties may be applied.

1.04D Local League.

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

- All local leagues shall obtain the approval of the State League Coordinator for the dates of the local league season(s).

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- 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.

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; whereas each team must maintain its roster with at least 40 percent of its players at the designated NTRP level of play. Each team must have the minimum number of players shown in the table in the State Regulations. See 1.04D(5)

1.04E Player Eligibility.

1.04E(1) Domicile and Residency Requirements. USTA Louisiana will have no residency requirements for local league play. Exception: Any team playing a local league at a state championship and/or advance directly to a state championship (if applicable for the Adult 65 & Over league) and/or play in a single-weekend local league tournament may have players from other areas as long as the majority of players reside in the State of Louisiana. Teams participating in the New Orleans Local League Programs must host at an approved facility in the New Orleans metropolitan area, based on availability. The list of approved facilities may be found on the NOMATA website: www.neworleanstennis.com under the Club Directory.

1.04E(2) Membership. Individuals shall only have one USTA membership account/ USTA number. Individuals who obtain more than one USTA membership account/ USTA number may be subject to a grievance and such suspension penalties as outlined under the League Suspension Point System.

1.04E(3) Age. Players must be 18 years of age prior to participating in the USTA League program. Each player over the age of 18 shall have reached the required minimum age prior to or during the calendar year in which such player participates in his or her first local league.

1.04F Official League Rating Program.

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)c. Match results from Southern NTRP Tournaments in TennisLink and/or Serve Tennis and Southern Tri Level will be included in the 2024 year-end ratings.

NTRP RATING LEVEL FOR ENTRY INTO LEAGUE PLAY		
DIVISION	Age Group	PLAYER’S NTRP RATING LEVEL
Adult	Straight NTRP levels 18 & Over 40 & Over 55 & Over **65 & Over	Current NTRP rating level and/or up to one level higher than the player’s current NTRP level.
	Combined NTRP levels 55 & Over **65 & Over	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	<u>Straight NTRP levels</u> 18 & Over <u>2.5, 3.0,3.5,4.0,4.5</u> 40 & Over <u>3.0,3.5,4.0,4.5</u>	Limited to 2.0 and 2.5 NTRP rated players <u>Current NTRP rating level and/or up to one level higher than the player’s current NTRP level.</u>

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	**55 & Over <u>3.0,3.5,4.0</u>	
	Combined NTRP Levels 18 & Over – <u>10.0</u> 40 & Over – <u>10.0</u> **55 & Over – <u>9.0</u>	Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level. NTRP rating level difference between partners may not exceed 1.0 The minimum NTRP Level for: 6.0 is 2.5; 7.0 is 3.0; 8.0 is 3.5; 9.0 is 4.0; 10.0 is 4.5
*Combo	18 & Over <u>**2.5 Straight NTRP level</u>	Limited to 2.0 and 2.5 NTRP rated players
	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 <u>Div I – 3.5, 3.0, 2.5,</u> Div II – 4.0, 3.5, 3.0 Div III – 4.5, 4.0, 3.5 <u>Div IV – 5.0, 4.5, 4.0</u>	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. NTRP rating level difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0
	**40 & Over Div II – 4.0, 3.5, 3.0 Div III – 4.5, 4.0, 3.5	
	**55 & Over Div II – 4.0, 3.5, 3.0	
*Assigned and/or additional Divisions, Age Groups and Levels that USTA 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 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

Days and Times of Play – ADULT and COMBO:

Adult 18 & Over, 40 & Over Day Women	Monday or Tuesday (no earlier than 9:00 a.m.)
Adult 18 & Over, 40 & Over Night Women	Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday (no earlier than 6:30 p.m.)
Adult 18 & Over Men	Monday, Wednesday or Thursday (no earlier than 6:30 p.m.)
Adult 40 & Over Men	Monday or Wednesday (no earlier than 6:30 p.m.)
Adult 55 & Over Day Women	Wednesday (no earlier than 9:00 a.m.)
Adult 55 & Over Night Women	Wednesday (no earlier than 6:30 p.m.)
Adult 55 & Over Men	Thursday (no earlier than 6:30 p.m.) and Saturday
Adult 65 & Over, 70 & Over	State Invitational

Days and Times of Play – TRI-LEVEL:

Adult 18 & Over, 40 & Over Day Women	Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday (no earlier than 8:30 a.m.)
Adult 18 & Over, 40 & Over Night Women	Sunday (no earlier than 5:00 p.m.), Thursday (no earlier than 6:30 p.m.)
Adult 18 & Over, 40 & Over Night Men	Sunday (no earlier than 5:00 p.m.), Thursday (no earlier than 6:30 p.m.)
Adult 55 & Over Day Women	Monday or Tuesday (no earlier than 8:30 a.m.)

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Adult 55 & Over Night Women

Sunday (no earlier than 5:00 p.m.)

Adult 55 & Over Men

Sunday (no earlier than 5 p.m.)

Days and Times of Play – MIXED:

Adult 18 & Over, 40 & Over Mixed

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday (no earlier than 6:30 p.m.)

Adult 55 & over Mixed

Thursday (no earlier than 6:30 p.m.) Weekend, (time TBD)

Flex League:

Singles, Doubles and Mixed

Individuals schedule matches when convenient

2.01A(1) When using straight NTRP levels, a player cannot have an NTRP rating higher than the NTRP level in which the player is competing.

2.01C(3)– Team Match

DIVISION	Age Group	Levels	League Format	Points Awarded For
Adult	18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5	3.0, 3.5, 4.0 4.5	2 Singles/ 3 Doubles	Winning 3 of 5 courts
	18 & Over 2.5 women, 2.5 men* & 5.0	2.5 women, 2.5 men, 5.0	1 Singles/ 2 Doubles	Winning 2 of 3 courts
	40 & Over	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	1 Singles/ 3 Doubles	Winning 3 of 4 courts*
	55 & Over	3.0, 3.5, 4.0; 9.0 Combined	3 Doubles	Winning 2 of 3 courts
	65 & Over	3.0, 3.5, 4.0; 9.0 Combined	3 Doubles	
Mixed	18 & Over	Straight: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 Combined: 10.0	3 Doubles	Winning 2 of 3 courts
	40 & Over	Straight: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 Combined: 10.0	3 Doubles	
	55 & Over	Straight 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 Combined: 9.0	3 Doubles	
Combo	18 & Over	Straight 2.5, Combined 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, 10.5	3 Doubles	Winning 2 of 3 courts
	40 & Over	Combined 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5	3 Doubles	
	55 & Over	Combined 6.5, 7.5, 8.5	3 Doubles	
Tri Level	18 & Over	<u>Div I - 3.5, 3.0, 2.5 M & W</u> Div II - 4.0, 3.5, 3.0 Div III - 4.5, 4.0, 3.5 <u>Div IV - 5.0, 4.5, 4.0</u>	3 Doubles	Winning 2 of 3 courts
	40 & Over	Div I - 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 Div II - 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	3 Doubles	
	55 & Over	Div II - 3.0, 3.5, 4.0	3 Doubles	
*4 court match - If tied 2-2, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following methods: 1) least sets lost; 2) least games lost; 3) highest game winning percentage; 4) winner of 1st court doubles.				

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.

The following procedure should be used 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.

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

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

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

2.01C(4) Match Scoring and Formats. Round robin competition will be used with some NTRP levels being divided into flights. Some NTRP levels will play a single or multiple round robin. When a level is divided into flights or divisions, there will be a playoff to determine team(s) advancing to championships and their seeding. In the New Orleans local League, all matches will be the best of three sets and the Set Tiebreak (first to 7 by 2 using the Coman Procedure) shall be used at 6-6 in each set. In lieu of a third (3rd) set, a Match Tiebreak (first to 10 by 2 using the Coman Procedure) shall be played. There will be a two minute set break at the end of each set with no coaching. The match tiebreak shall be scored as 1-0 in TennisLink. Winner’s scores are listed first when recording scores in TennisLink.

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

Procedures in the event of a tie in a 40 & Over 4 court match for local play. Please refer to Tennislink. If a match is tied 2-2, the tie will be broken by the first of the following procedures: (1) least sets lost, (2) least games lost, highest games won percentage, (4) winner of 1st court doubles.

Procedures in the event of a tie for local play. Please refer to Tennislink. If team wins are tied at the end of the local league season, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures: (1) individual matches, (2) head-to-head, (3) least sets lost, (4) least games lost, (5) highest games won percentage, (6) toss of coin.

- 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.

2.01C(5)c. Each local league will decide how to regulate rescheduling of team matches due to rules for making up matches rescheduled due to rain, inclement weather and/or USTA League-related conflicts. **Apart from a USTA league related conflict, all matches will be played according to the schedule unless facility closes. Captains may not reschedule a match if facility is open.** Teams must wait one (1) hour (day teams) and one-half hour (night teams) to determine if courts will become playable. Courts must be playable by 10:00 a.m. (day) “or” 7:00 p.m./split match, 7:30 p.m./regular match (night). This rule applies when teams arrive at a facility and it has just stopped raining (court can be dried) or rain is so light that it may stop raining within a few minutes (and courts can be dried). Do not exchange line-ups until courts are playable. If rain should occur during play, the same rule applies and then play should resume. When a default has been given prior to the line-ups being exchanged, and rain or inclement weather cancels the match, the default no longer stands. Line-ups only stand for those individual matches that have already started (first

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serve attempt) their match. All other individual matches, even those that were in warm-up may be changed including defaulted courts.

If a rain delay occurs (Day only) and the match was scheduled with split times, no second-round match will begin after 12:00 pm. If the second round has not begun before 12:00 pm, this round will be rescheduled as a makeup.

The host captain is responsible for rescheduling any cancelled and/or interrupted matches and securing courts. Rescheduled matches should be made up within two (2) weeks of the 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. The host captain should contact the guest captain within 24 hours of the rained-out or weather interrupted match and offer (3) possible make-up dates. Guest captain has 24 hours to respond and agree to a date. Day teams must give weekday morning dates, and night teams must give weekday night dates with the option of one weekend date. The local or level coordinator should be notified of the rescheduled match date. If team captains cannot agree on a date and time for a rescheduled match and there has been no attempt to play the match within the 14 days, a league coordinator may then choose a match time and location. If the Coordinator chooses a date and time for the rescheduled match and the match is not played due to a conflict, the penalty will be a default if one team cannot play the match or a double default if neither team can play the match.

USTA League Related Conflict. Due to conflict with District, Sectional, Regional or National League Championships— If a team has more than 50% of its players on a roster, or 50% of an individually rated line in Tri-Level, that are playing at a District, Sectional, Regional or National League Championship and have a team match in conflict of these events, then they can reschedule the match (or Tri-Level line affected) either by playing before the scheduled date or within 2 weeks after the scheduled match. They must notify the other team captain and Local League Coordinator of the conflict before the scheduled match and work with both parties to schedule the match within the above mentioned timeframe.

2.01C(5)e Team Defaults. USTA Louisiana adopts the following regarding teams defaulting an entire team match during local league competition:

- The defaulting team may be ineligible to advance beyond local league as determined by [the USTA Louisiana](#) based upon the facts and circumstances presented by the local league coordinator.
- 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 local league coordinator may recommend the filing of a grievance with the local grievance committee.

Individual Line Defaults. A team may default a maximum of two positions in a 5 court format, one position in a 4 court format, and one position in a 3 court format without defaulting the entire match. In such cases, defaults shall be determined by the defaulting team's captain beginning with the lowest position on the scorecard in accordance with the following: **Singles:** The No. 2 singles must be defaulted before the No. 1 singles. **Doubles:** The No. 3 doubles must be defaulted before the No. 2 doubles, followed by the No. 1 doubles. In a 4 court format, No. 1 singles, or No. 3 doubles must be defaulted.

In the spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play, it is recommended that the opposing team be advised of a known default. The defaulting captain will still be able to designate at what position a known default will occur.

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2.01C(6) Team Lineups. The team captain for each team shall exchange their completed team lineup simultaneously prior to the beginning of the team match. Default time is 15 minutes after the scheduled match time. Once the lineup is exchanged, the lineup cannot be changed except as noted below:

In the event of illness, injury, or no-show of a player prior to the start of an individual match (once the lineup has been exchanged), 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 in local leagues.

Two players will play together in the higher position when both of their partners do not show in order to avoid two defaults. (Note: When dealing with combined levels, this would be permissible only if the two players together would not exceed the combined NTRP level.)

If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five-minute warm-up. The default principles in Reg. 2.03K Team Defaults and 2.03L Scoring of Team Defaults shall be applicable.

An individual match is started when the first ball is put in play. After the start of an individual match, if injury to or illness of a player occurs, the opponents will be awarded a retirement for that individual match only.

Split Match Times. When less than the required number of courts are available at the start of a scheduled match, it is the Host Captain's responsibility to determine which courts start at the earlier times. EITHER the Host or Guest Captain, with split match times, must contact and confirm with the opposing team Captain by the Friday (Monday for Tri-Level matches) before the next scheduled match or the match lineup will be in the order of sequence as listed on the match scorecard with the first matches listed filling the earlier time slots. Host captains are responsible for assigning the court numbers of each individual team match. All courts must be played at the same location.

Cell Phones. A ringing cell phone on the court while a point is in progress is a deliberate hindrance; if opponent's cell phone rings during a point, the opponent MUST stop play immediately and claim the point. (See Friends at Court, #36 The Code) A player may not use electronic devices such as cell phones, smartwatches, digital messaging systems, radios, mp3 players, cd and dvd players, cassette players, and any device capable of receiving communication.

2.02 Progression

2.02A(1) Local Competition. All local matches should be completed two (2) 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.** Winner of each NTRP Level, as recorded in TennisLink, will advance to the State Championship. In the event of a multi flight division, a local league playoff will determine the winner(s) as follows:

Local League Playoffs. The local league council will determine the format for the playoffs for each NTRP level. All playoff formats and dates will be on the respective schedules published on the NOMATA website: www.neworleanstennis.com.

Playoffs will be a two (2) day/night format.

TWO FLIGHT LEVEL

DAY/NIGHT 1 - Winner of Flight 1 will play second place team of Flight 2; Winner of Flight 2 will play second place team of Flight 1. DAY/NIGHT 2 - Winners will play for 1st and 2nd seeding. Losers will play for 3rd or wildcard possibility.

THREE FLIGHT LEVEL

NTRP levels with three (3) flights (where each flight has the same number of teams) will be single elimination with a fourth team receiving a wild card slot in the playoffs. The second-place team with the next best record in TennisLink will be given the wild card. If any of the flights have a different number of teams, the second-place team with the

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highest percentage of games won vs. games played during the local league shall receive the wild card. Any tie will be broken by the tie-break procedure stated in 2.03H USTA League Regulations. The second-place team shall be placed into the divisional playoff as follows: Winner, Flight A vs. Second Place team; Winner, Flight B vs. Winner, Flight C. If a draw results in the second-place team playing against the first place team from its own flight, the draw shall be altered as follows: second place team shall exchange places with team listed first (Div. B) in the other divisional playoff.

In the event that a playoff position cannot be fielded in accordance with the playoff guidelines stated above, then positions may be filled from the respective flight based on team standings and at the discretion of the Local League Council.

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. In the event that an available state position cannot be filled based upon lack of team commitment, at the discretion of the Local League Council, playoffs will not be held.

2.02A(2) Local Champion. See the 2024 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 2024 USTA Louisiana Championship Procedures for full championship details including registration information, dates, location and procedures.

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. The Grievance/Appeal Committee members are listed on the NOMATA website. 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. The Grievance/Appeal Committee members are listed on the NOMATA website. 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 whose league is affected. Local League Coordinator's may be contacted using the contact form on each league page on the NOMATA website. 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.

2024 USTA New Orleans League Committees: NOMATA

For information on the following: See the NOMATA website at: www.neworleanstennis.com

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USTA NOMATA Local League Council
Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees
Local League Coordinators