

2010
USTA KENTUCKY LEAGUE REGULATIONS

The USTA League Tennis Regulations and Southern Regulations shall have full force and applicability at all levels of play in USTA League Tennis, and Super Seniors in the state of Kentucky, and there is no authority to modify, amplify, or change them by Local League Coordinators, Community Tennis Associations, or committees.

USTA Kentucky has appointed the Kentucky State League Coordinator (SLC) to organize, coordinate and supervise all USTA League Tennis, Southern Combo, and Super Senior activities at the state level. The SLC, in conjunction with the Kentucky Adult League Committee, has the authority to interpret the USTA League Tennis Kentucky Regulations.

The USTA Southern Section Kentucky League Program shall be governed by the Kentucky Adult League Committee appointed by the President of USTA Kentucky and subject to the control and direction of the USTA Kentucky Board of Directors.

A. STATE REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

1. The Kentucky Adult League Committee, through recommendations from the Local League Coordinators, establishes the Kentucky League Regulations. The Kentucky Adult League Committee and USTA Kentucky Board of Directors grants final approval of the USTA League Tennis Kentucky Regulations.

B. LOCAL LEAGUES

1. New National Regulation for Adult League: Each player shall have reached eighteen (18) years of age prior to, or during, the calendar year in which such player plays his/her first local league match.
2. Local Leagues shall be approved by USTA Kentucky to administer USTA League Tennis.
3. An existing league level is defined as an area that enrolls two or more teams per NTRP level. **USTA 3.01A**
4. Local League administrators, including Local League Coordinators and Community Tennis Associations, are responsible for the administration and the promotion of the USTA League Tennis Program in their Local League area.
5. Local League Appointments
 - a. **The Community Tennis Association (CTA) submits candidates to the SLC for an interview.**
 - b. **The SLC makes the decision as to which candidate is acceptable.**
 - c. The Local League Coordinator shall be appointed for a period of one year and is subject to a yearly renewal as well as entering into a service contract with USTA Kentucky. USTA Kentucky may remove the Local League Coordinator at any time during their contract period.
6. Local League Coordinators are required to follow the current job description, which is subject to change each league year.
7. Local Leagues are required and have the authority to compose regulations that preside over local play. Local League regulations shall not conflict with any existing National, Southern, or Kentucky regulation.

- 8. Prior to the start of the Local League Season, the Kentucky Adult League Committee must approve the local League Rules and Regulations. Local League Rules and Regulations must be distributed to Team Captains along with USTA, STA, and Kentucky Regulations before the League Season begins, preferably during the Captain's meeting. Copies of such regulations may also be available on Local League Websites and by Email to team captains.
- 9. The approved Local Leagues for the 2010 season are: Ashland (ASH), Bowling Green (BG), Henderson (HEN), Pennyrile Area (HOP), Lexington (LEX), Louisville (LOU), Owensboro (OWN), Purchase Area (PUR), and Paducah (PAD).
- 10. Local League Coordinators and/or Schedulers may not captain any USTA League Tennis team. Local League Coordinators and/or Schedulers may be a non-playing captain, as long as it is at a different level than they are playing.
- 11. A CTA may add a nominal fee to their existing league fee, but the fee must first be approved by the SLC and the Kentucky Adult League Committee. The CTA must request in writing prior to the registration being opened for each league and/or season that it intends to add a nominal fee, specifying the amount, which must be approved by the SLC and the Kentucky Adult League Committee. Once approved, the amount of the nominal fee as well as how the funds will be used will be published in the CTA's local league rules and regulations. At year end, an accountability form must be submitted to the SLC to document how the funds were spent.

C. USTA MEMBERSHIP

- 1. All players participating in USTA League Tennis and/or Southern Combo and/or Super Seniors must be a current member of the USTA for the entire league season.
- 2. Participants competing in State Championships are required to have a current USTA membership throughout the entire event.

D. SELF-RATING

The process of self-rating shall be administered by TennisLink and the Southern Sectional office. Players who do not have a computer rating on file in TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) Guidelines and declare their self-rating on TennisLink when registering for a team. Omission of information regarding a player's tennis history will subject the player, the captain and/or others who condoned inaccurate self-rating to sanctions and disqualification. STA 3.01D(2)

E. FEES

- 1. State and Local League fees, as well as Championship fees, shall be reviewed prior to each league year. Final fees shall be established by the USTA Kentucky Management Committee acting upon the recommendation of the SLC and the Kentucky Adult League Committee.
- 2. 2010 Minimum Fees:
 - i. USTA League Tennis Adult/Senior \$22.00 (KY Head Tax \$13.00)
 - ii. USTA League Tennis Mixed Doubles \$20.00 (KY Head Tax \$11.00)
 - iii. Southern Combo Doubles \$20.00 (KY Head Tax \$11.00)
 - iv. Super Seniors \$28.00 (KY State Championship)

F. TWO TEAM NTRP LEVEL

1. A two team league is approved by USTA to encourage growth in areas otherwise not able to field a three-team league at a specific NTRP level.
2. Two team leagues are required to play a minimum of three matches. **USTA 3.01 H (1).**

G. ONE TEAM NTRP LEVEL

1. A team cannot advance to Championship level without playing a local league.
2. Local leagues that enroll less than the required two teams per NTRP level may compete in the regular USTA league tennis program by joining another existing Local League.
 - a. The State League Coordinator in conjunction with the Local League Coordinators shall assign a team to a local league and move the team to the appropriate league within TennisLink.
 - b. The assigned team will be required to travel to all matches within the existing local league they are assigned, unless the other teams within that local league agree to share the traveling.
 - c. The assigned team must abide by the Local League Regulations and deadlines of the local league in which the team is assigned.
 - d. In the case that two one team leagues join together, both teams will be required to travel equally.
3. If two or more Local Leagues have only one team at the same level, an Area Local League may be formed and played during the Championship weekend. If another Local League has two or more teams at this level, an area local league may not be played during a Championship, unless determined by the SLC. NTRP levels in Kentucky with 5 or less teams may be considered for Championship weekend, which would be considered Local League at State.
4. Local League Coordinators must inform the SLC of a single team league as soon as determined. The team will register according to registration requirements approved by the Local League. Local League Coordinators must be aware of registration deadlines in surrounding local leagues. If a team does not meet the registration requirements for the league they wish to enter, the Local League will not have to accommodate the team.
5. All teams participating in the 2010 **Adult** USTA League Tennis season must be registered in TennisLink by April 15, 2010. All teams participating in the 2010 Senior USTA League Tennis season must be registered in TennisLink by April 8, 2010. A team is defined by National Regulation 3.01 B. A team shall consist of a minimum of 8 players of the same gender eligible to compete at a specific level of competition. Team members shall not have a higher NTRP rating than the maximum NTRP rating of the level in which they are competing. The section association may limit the number of players that appear on a team roster and the number of players on that roster that are at a specific NTRP level. For 2.0, 2.5 and 5.0 levels, a team consists of a minimum of 5 players. For Seniors, a team consists of a minimum of 6 players. (This regulation applies to all teams and must be met by the published local league initial roster deadline date.) Exceptions to local deadlines may be given by the Kentucky Adult League Committee (ALC).

H. LOCAL TEAM ENTRIES/PLAYER PARTICIPATION

1. Local Leagues may limit the maximum number of players on a roster. This number must be published in the Local League Regulations. **STA 3.01 B**
2. Each local league shall accept entry to teams of which the majority of the players are comprised of team members from another area. A local league cannot reject a player from another area.

3. ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ The team winning the majority of individual matches shall be awarded one team point. **STA 3.01 H (2)**
4. ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ Any Local League divided into flights must establish playoff regulations and the format for determination of local league winners. Playoff regulations must be published prior to start of the league season.
5. ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ Local Leagues shall determine the procedures and/or penalties if a team forfeits an entire team match during Local League play and must be included in Local League Regulations. **STA 3.01 H (2)**
6. ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ Local Leagues shall determine the procedures for rescheduling of team matches including inclement weather procedures.
7. ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ Scores must be reported in TennisLink within 48 hours of the completed team match.
♦ After match scores have been entered on 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. ♦
Local Leagues may determine any penalty for a team not adhering to these guidelines. **USTA 1.05**
8. ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ A player may play at their actual NTRP level and one NTRP level up in a local league provided his/her rating does not exceed the rating at that level. Limits may not be imposed on the number or percentage of players that can play up on a team, except by special request submitted by the LLC and approved by the State Adult League Committee. ♦ **STA 3.01 H (5) b** (i.e. Player rated 3.5 may play 3.5 and 4.0, but not 4.5)
9. ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ A player may play on more than one team within a division in the same season provided it is in separate local leagues. **STA 3.01 H (5) c.**
10. ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ Kentucky has the authority to regulate advancement on more than one adult and/or senior team to the State Championships. **STA 3.01 H 5 (b)** A player may play on two adult and two senior teams while advancing to the Kentucky Championships as long as they are not the same NTRP level in Adult and/or Senior Events. There will be no scheduling concessions for those choosing to play two events at the championship.
11. ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ Last day of play for the Adult USTA League Tennis season is June 7, 2010. Last day of play for the Senior USTA League Tennis season is May 5, 2010.

I. ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ APPEAL PROCESS: ♦♦

NTRP Appeals for computer rated players may be submitted throughout the year in the ♦ Find a Rating ♦ area of TennisLink. ♦ This appeal is granted based on mathematical criteria established by USTA and is automatically denied or granted based on a player's computer rating. ♦ If a player's computer rating appeal is granted (up or down), that rating will be used for all future registrations until a new rating is published. ♦ Ratings will not change on current rosters unless the player or captain requests the change to the Local League Coordinator. ♦ Players are entitled to keep the rating that is authorized at the time of registration for any program through that program's championships season unless notified that the player's rating has reached ♦ clearly above level ♦ (disqualification) status.

MEDICAL APPEAL

Medical Appeals for computer rated players. ♦ If an intervening, permanently disabling injury or illness indicates that a player's current computer rating may be too high, the player may request a medical appeal of such rating in accordance with the USTA League NTRP Medical Appeal Procedures.

Medical Appeal Forms are available on www.kentuckytennis.com or from the Local League Coordinator. ♦ **Appeals submitted by a captain for a player will not be accepted.** ♦ All medical appeals will be reviewed first by a section-appointed review committee and if deemed a permanently disabling injury or illness, will be forwarded to the National Medical Review Committee for a final decision.

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ Permanent disabling injury or illness occurring after year-end ratings were

offered to the areas in the order in which they are drawn. The selected area for the wildcard may go to the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place local league finishers, if none of these teams accepts, then the decision to offer a wild card for that area reverts back to the Tournament Committee.

5. Teams should be expected to play on any USTA approved surface at the Kentucky Championships.
6. Teams progressing to the Championship are determined by placement after local league play. Local Leagues are expected to send their top finishers. A local league may send the next team in their local standings to represent their local league. Any deviation from this must be approved by the Kentucky Adult League Committee (ALC).
7. A minimum of 8 team members who were on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play must be available and eligible to compete at the Kentucky Championships. The Tournament Committee can reduce that number to not less than four. For 2.5, 5.0, and Senior teams, a minimum of 6 team members must be available and eligible to compete.
8. A \$100 deposit will be required of all teams at each Kentucky Championship.
9. Any team forfeiting an entire team match will forfeit this deposit. Any team that withdraws from the tournament after the schedule is published shall forfeit their deposit and registration fees and a grievance may be filed against the entire team.
10. A team forfeiting an entire team match during the Championships, without consent of the Tournament Committee, will be subject to a grievance being filed against the Captain by the State League Coordinator.
11. All teams are expected to play all scheduled matches! Any team not complying will be subject to grievance procedures. In accordance with USTA League Tennis Regulations, any team forfeiting an entire team match for **ANY REASON** will result in all matches of that team previously played or to be played to be declared null and void. If all teams in contention for the Championships have already played the forfeiting team in good faith, the matches stand as played.
12. All matches at the championship will be the best of two sets and the Set tiebreak shall be used at 6-all in each set. In lieu of the third set, a Match tiebreak shall be played (the first to 10 winning by 2). 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 set for tiebreak procedures. All tie-breaks will be played in the Coman Tiebreak Format.
13. State Championship Dates: All dates and Locations are subject to change by the Tournament Committee.

a. Kentucky USTA League Tennis Senior Championship:

May 21-May 23, 2010, TBD

ENTRY DEADLINE: May 12, 2010

Per Player Registration Fee: \$28.00

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b. Kentucky USTA League Tennis Adult Championship:

June 25-27, 2010 3.0, 4.0, 5.0 Men and Women, Lexington

June 26-28, 2010 2.5, 3.5, 4.5 Men and Women, Lexington

ENTRY DEADLINE: June 14, 2010

14. 2010 Southern Sectional Championships Adult and Senior Dates:

- a. Adult Men and Women 2.5, 3.0 and 3.5
Senior Men and Women 4.0 and 4.5
July 24-27, 2010 Birmingham, AL.
- b. Adult Men and Women 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5, Open
Senior Men and Women 2.5, 3.0 and 3.5
July 29-August 1, 2010 Birmingham, AL.

USTA LEAGUE TENNIS MIXED DOUBLES

- 1. The format for the USTA League Mixed Doubles League will be straight 2.5 level and 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, and 10.0 for Adults and 6.0 through 9.0 for Seniors as adopted by the Southern Tennis Association. Each doubles team combined rating cannot exceed the team level, and each individual player's rating may be no more than 1.0 apart.
- 2. The format of play will be three individual mixed doubles matches per team match.
- 3. Any NTRP level with only two teams are required to play a minimum of three team matches.

M. NTRP ELIGIBILITY

- 1. Players may enter the program with a self-rating if they do not possess a current NTRP rating from 2007, 2008 or 2009.
- For the NTRP Computer Ratings, if you are 59 and under, your NTRP Computer Rating is valid for 3 years and if you are 60 and over, your NTRP Computer Rating is valid for 2 years.
- 2. Self-rated players who exclusively play Mixed Doubles will generate a NTRP at the end of the Mixed Doubles League Season. Players with a Mixed exclusive M rating are subject to NTRP Grievance.

N. SELF-RATING - Same as Adult/Senior above STA 3.01 D (2)

O. LOCAL TEAM ENTRIES/PLAYER PARTICIPATION

- 1. A participant may play on more than one team; however, a participant may not play on more than one adult team in the same NTRP level in the same local league.
- 2. A participant may play on the same level adult and senior teams. Each participant must pay the league fee for each team he/she plays on.
- 3. No special scheduling consideration will be given to players who play on more than one team.
- 4. A mixed doubles team is defined as a minimum of 3 men and 3 women of the appropriate NTRP level, who must be listed on a team roster before the published local league initial roster deadline date.
- 5. If two or more Local Leagues have only one team at the same level, an Area Local League may be formed and played during the Championship weekend. If another Local League has two or more teams at this level, an area local league may not be played during a Championship, unless determined by the SLC. NTRP levels in Kentucky with 5 or less teams may be considered for Championship weekend, which would be considered Local League at State.

6. Players may advance to championships with two matches played on that same team during local league competition (1 default counting).
7. **◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆** All teams participating in the 2010 Adult and/or Senior USTA League Tennis Mixed Doubles season must be registered in TennisLink by August 7, 2010. Last day of play for Adult and/or Senior USTA League Tennis Mixed Doubles is August 25, 2010. Exceptions may be given by the Kentucky Adult League Committee (ALC).

P.◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES

1. **◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆** If there is only one Senior team registered at a given level, the Local League Coordinator must contact another local league for the team to join. Seniors may not play in the Adult division to qualify. **◆◆**If the Senior team wants to play as an Adult team, the LLC can move them into the Adult division.
2. **◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆** Senior Mixed players may play on both Adult and Senior mixed doubles teams.
3. **◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆** Seniors may advance to championships with one match played during their local league season, with one default counting..

USTA LEAGUE TENNIS - MIXED DOUBLES

Q.◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. **◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆** Players may advance to district championships on 2 Adult teams at different NTRP Levels and 2 Senior teams at different NTRP Levels, however there will be no concessions made for scheduling.
2. **◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆** Local leagues with the following number of teams per local season may qualify to advance to the State Championships:

2-10 teams	2 teams
11-20 teams	3 teams
21+ teams	4 teams
3. **◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆** Teams should be expected to play on any USTA approved surface at the Kentucky Championships.
4. **◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆** A \$100 deposit will be required of all teams at each Kentucky Championship.
5. **◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆** Teams progressing to the Championship are determined by placement after local league play. Local Leagues are expected to send their top finishers. A local league may send the next team in their local standings to represent their local league. Any deviation from this must be approved by the Kentucky Adult League Committee (ALC).
6. **◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆** A minimum of 6 team members who were on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play must be available and eligible to compete at the Kentucky Championships. The Tournament Committee can reduce that number to not less than four.
7. **◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆** Any team that withdraws from the tournament after the schedule is published shall forfeit their deposit and registration fees and a grievance may be filed against the entire team by the SLC.
8. **◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆** A team forfeiting an entire team match during the Championships, without consent of the Tournament Committee, will be subject to a grievance being filed against the Captain by the SLC.

9. All matches at the Championship will be the best of two sets and the Set tiebreak shall be used at 6-all in each set. In lieu of the third set, a Match tiebreak shall be played (the first to 10 winning by two). 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 set for tiebreak procedures. All tie-breaks will be played in the Coman Tiebreak Format.

STATE MIXED DOUBLES: September 10-12, 2010, Bowling Green

SECTIONAL MIXED DOUBLES: October 15-17, 2010, Jackson, MS

NATIONAL MIXED DOUBLES: November 20-22, 2010, Las Vegas, NV

NATIONAL MIXED SENIOR: April 9-11, 2011 Orlando, FL

USTA LEAGUE SUPER SENIORS

1. The levels of play for Super Senior 60 are 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 & 4.5 levels and Super Senior 70 are 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 levels. *(These are the levels of play at Sectional Championships)*
2. Local League competition is encouraged in areas with more than 1 team per level in a division.
3. Initial Roster Deadline for Super Senior 60 and Super Senior 70 Kentucky District Championships is September 15, 2010.
4. Players must play in at least one local or state championships match in order to advance to the Southern Super Senior Sectional Championships. A maximum of one (1) default received by the player during local league competition shall count for advancing. If there is no local or state competition offered, a team may advance directly to the Southern Super Senior Section Championships.
5. Players who participate in both Super Senior 60 and Super Senior 70 divisions will not be accommodated in scheduling of championship.
6. The one match requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Southern Tournament Committee for players advancing to the Section Championships.

STATE SUPER SENIOR: September 24-26, 2010

SECTIONAL SUPER SENIOR: TBD

NATIONAL SUPER SENIOR: TBD

USTA KENTUCKY COMMITTEES

2010 KENTUCKY ADULT LEAGUE COMMITTEE

Judy Anderson, Chairperson - Lexington

Jerry Groce - Ashland

Valarie DeSalvo - Louisville

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Kentucky Grievance Committees & Grievance Appeal Committees are formed as necessary first utilizing members of the Adult League Committee and Subcommittees and then other committee members selected by the Adult League Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

2010 MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE					
	ANY CHAMPIONSHIP LEVEL			NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	
	LOCAL MATCHES REQUIRED	DEFAULTS		ALL MATCHES through SECTION CHAMPS	DEFAULTS
USTA League Division	To advance to any championship level through Section Championship	Defaults received counting to advance to any championship level through Section Championship		To advance to National Championship	Defaults received counting to advance to National Championship
Adult	2 matches	1 default may count		3 matches	NO defaults
Senior	2 matches	1 default may count		3 matches	NO defaults
Mixed	2 matches	1 default may count		3 matches	NO defaults
*Senior Mixed	1 match	1 default may count		2	1
**Combo	1 match	1 default may count		Not a National Program	Not a National Program
***Super Senior	1 match	1 default may count		2 matches	1 default may count
	A RETIRED match shall count for all players				

* 2010 Southern Section Regulations "Players must play in at least one local or state championships match (including defaults received) in order to advance to the Southern Senior Mixed Doubles Sectional Championships.

** 2010 Southern Combo Doubles Regulations "Players must play in at least one local or state championship match in order to advance to the Combo Doubles Sectional Championships (defaults received do count towards advancement in this program).

*** 2010 Southern Section Regulations 6.01H(5)d Players must play in at least one local or state championships match in order to advance to the Southern Super Senior Sectional Championships. ♦ A maximum of one (1) default received by the player during local league competition shall count for advancing.....The one match requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Tournament Committee for a players advancing to the Section Championships.