



2011
USTA KENTUCKY TRI-LEVEL REGULATIONS

USTA Kentucky has appointed the Kentucky State League Coordinator (SLC) to organize, coordinate and supervise the Tri-Level League at the state level. The SLC, in conjunction with the Kentucky Adult League Committee (ALC), has the authority to interpret the Tri-Level League Tennis Regulations.

A. STATE REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

The Kentucky ALC, through recommendations from the Local League Coordinator's (LLC), establishes the Kentucky Tri-Level League Regulations. The Kentucky ALC and USTA Kentucky Board of Directors grants final approval of the USTA Tri-Level League Tennis Kentucky Regulations.

B. LOCAL LEAGUES

1. 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 Tri-Level League Tennis.
3. Local league administrators, including LLCs and Community Tennis Associations (CTA), are responsible for the administration and the promotion of the USTA Tri-Level League Tennis Program in their local league area.
4. Local league **LLC** Appointments
 - a. The LLC 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 LLC at any time during their contract period.
5. LLCs are required to follow the current job description, which is subject to change each league year.

- e. Super Senior Division, Men & Women 3.0, 3.5, 4.0

C. USTA MEMBERSHIP

- 1. All players participating in USTA Tri-Level League Tennis must be a current member of the USTA for the entire league season.
- 2. Participants competing in Kentucky 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 Section 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. USTA 1.04F(1)c

E. FEES

- 1. State and local league fees, as well as championship fees, shall be reviewed prior to each league year and may change due to increased/decreased cost. Final fees shall be established by the USTA Kentucky Board of Directors acting upon the recommendation of the SLC and the Kentucky ALC.
- 2. 2011 Minimum Fees:
 - a. Local USTA Tri-Level League \$17.00 (KY Head Tax \$7.50)
 - b. Kentucky State Championships Tri-Level League \$22.00 (Entry Fee)
 - c. Tri-State Tri-Level Championships \$30.00 (Entry Fee)

F. LOCAL TEAM ENTRIES/PLAYER PARTICIPATION

- 1. Local leagues may limit the maximum number of players on a roster to less than 15 which is the state maximum. This number must be published in the local league regulations. USTA 1.04D(6)
- 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.

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. This must be included in the local league regulations.
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 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. Local leagues may determine any penalty for a team not adhering to these guidelines. **USTA 1.04C(2)**
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 division. (ex. Player rated 3.5 may play 3.5 and 4.0, but not 4.5)
9. A player may play on multiple teams as long as they are in different divisions. Example: Player A, 3.5 can play in Adult Division I 2.5, 3.0, 3.5 and Adult Division II 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and Senior Division I 3.0, 3.5, 4.0. Players who qualify for advancement to Kentucky State Championships will be eligible to represent one adult and one senior team or one senior and one super senior team. Players are allowed to represent more than one division within the adult league at the State Championships. There will be no concessions made for scheduling.
10. Last day for local league match play for the USTA Tri-Level League Tennis season is August 8, 2011.

G. NTRP RATINGS

2011 USTA Tri-Level League will not have any affect on NTRP ratings.

H. TENNISLINK

1. All players are required to register for local league play in Kentucky on TennisLink. All players must self rate according to the NTRP guidelines. TennisLink and the Southern Section office administer the self-rating process.
2. For any team in which a player is deleted from the roster within 30 days after initial registration, the captain must submit the reason for removal in writing to the LLC, who will then submit the statement to the SLC. The SLC and the ALC have the authority to deny reimbursement of registration fees to the local league in question. Refunds will not be issued after the 30 day period has expired.

3. Players promoted during any USTA Tri-Level League to the next level of play must play at the new level and if necessary join a new Tri-Level team. LLCs will provide assistance in placing promoted players on existing teams.

I. KENTUCKY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. A team cannot advance to the State Championships without playing a minimum of three local league matches.
2. A player cannot advance beyond local league play without playing a minimum of 1 match, with no defaults counting.
3. Local leagues with the following number of teams per local season may qualify to advance to the Kentucky State Championships:

<u>Adult/Senior/Super Senior</u>	
2 - 5 teams	2 teams
6 - 10 teams	3 teams
11+ teams	4 teams

4. The Tournament Committee will determine the number of teams needed to complete the draw. If it is determined that additional teams are needed to complete the draw in any division, a blind draw will be made to determine which local league will receive the wildcard.
5. The wildcard selection process is based on a draw, which operates as follows: all local areas are eligible to participate in the potential wildcard drawing and will receive one chance each to be drawn as the wildcard. However, the “Host City” for any tournament will be given first consideration on wildcards for any level if they have a team available in that level, and assuming the wildcard is needed.
6. Teams should expect to play on any USTA approved surface at the Kentucky State Championships.
7. Teams progressing to the Kentucky State Championships 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 ALC.
8. A minimum of 6 team members who were on the final roster and at levels eligible to field each court in their division must be available to compete at the Kentucky State Championships.
9. A \$100 deposit will be required of all teams at each Kentucky State Championship.

10. 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.
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 Championship 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 plus 1 game for tiebreak procedures.
13. All tiebreaks will be played using the Coman Format.
14. Match winners shall be determined by the winner of most courts and shall receive 1 point for each match win. In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:

Individual Matches. Winner of the most matches in the entire competition.

Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets.

Games. Loser of the fewest number of games.

Head to Head. Winner of head-to-head match.

Coin Toss

15. Kentucky State Championship Dates: All dates and locations are subject to change by the Tournament Committee.
 - a. 2011 Kentucky USTA Tri-Level League Championships:
August 26 – 28, 2011 , Location TBD
Entry Deadline – August 17, 2011
Additional player “Late Registration” Deadline: August 24, 2011
Per Player Registration Fee: \$22.00

b. 2011 Tri-State USTA Tri-Level League Championships:

September 30 – October 2, 2011, Location - TBD

Entry Deadline – September 16, 2011

Additional player “Late Registration” Deadline: September 28, 2011

Per Player Registration Fee: \$30.00

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