

## 2008 LOUISIANA ADULT USTA LEAGUE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS

Session I - Shreveport - MAY 16-19, 2007

Session II - Mandeville - MAY 23-26, 2007

Revised – 5/22/08

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

1. A minimum of 3 team matches must be played locally N3.01H (1)
2. Team members are eligible to advance to championship level competition if that player has played on that same team in at least two matches during its local league season. A default received by the player during local competition shall count for advancing. N 3.03A(2)
3. \$280.00 (\$175.00 for all 2.5 Teams) Team Registration Fee must be paid on or before May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 which covers the eight member team minimum. Additional players may be registered at the appropriate Registration Site for your Session. Checks must be made out to USTA Louisiana and mailed to 9270 Siegen Ln. Suite 702, Baton Rouge, LA 70810 and received on or before May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008.
4. 8 eligible team members are available to play; 5 eligible team members for 2.5's
5. Current USTA membership.

**CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE:** The 2008 Louisiana Adult State Championship Committee members are as follows:

Session I: Freddy Bailey (tournament director), Carrie Kimball (Tournament Referee), John Liles and David Kimball.

Session II: Freddy Bailey (tournament director), Carrie Kimball (Tournament Referee), George McMillan and Barbara Fisher.

**PLAYER AGREEMENT:** All players participating in the USTA League Tennis Program, as a condition of their participation, agree to abide and be bound by the USTA Constitution and By-laws, USTA League Tennis Regulations, the Rules of Tennis (unless modified by these USTA League Tennis Regulations); the USTA League Tennis Regulations and the standards of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship (N1.12)

**TOURNAMENT FEE:** The 2008 state tournament fee is \$35.00 per additional player not covered in the Registration Fee and is due on or before the first scheduled team match. Team captains shall submit one check made payable to USTA Louisiana.

**TEAM CHECK-IN:** Team captains are required to check in their team at the tournament headquarters prior to their first match. Please check in at the following locations:

Session I – Shreveport – Clarion Hotel-Shreveport, 1419 East 70th Street, Shreveport, LA 71106, 318-797-9900. Tournament check-in is open from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday May 15th, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Session II – Mandeville - Hootmon, 19335 9<sup>th</sup> Street, in Covington. Tournament headquarters will be open for team registration on Thursday, May 22, at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m.

**TEAM MATCH SCHEDULE:** Team captains are responsible for confirming their next match time and locations with the site director after each and every team match.

**MATCH WARM-UP:** A ten (10) minute warm up will be observed with a fifteen (15) minute default. Lateness penalties will be assessed as outlined in Friend at Court.

**SCORING & REST:** Matches will be the best of two tie-break sets with a set tie-break at 6-all (1<sup>st</sup> to 7 winning by a margin of 2). In the event of split sets, a match tie-break (1<sup>st</sup> to 10 by a margin of 2) shall be played in lieu of a third set with the two minutes set break with no coaching allowed. The championship committee may authorize alternate scoring at any time during the tournament to complete team matches.N3.03C

**COMPETITION FORMAT:** Round robin format shall be used for the tournament until the championship committee authorizes a format change in order to complete scheduled matches. The team with the most team points shall be the champion. If flights (divisions) are used, a playoff will be scheduled to determine the state champions. A team point will be awarded to the team who wins the majority of the individual team matches. N3.03D. The procedures outlined in the National regulations (3.03I) will be followed in the event of a tie; winner of most individual matches, loser of fewest set, loser of fewest game, winner of head-to-head or *coin toss*.

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**SUBSTITUTIONS:** No substitutions may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player, prior to the start of such match, and except under such further circumstances as the *championships committee may authorize*. N3.03G

4.5 Men and 4.5 women playing their local league at state: Substitutions may be made in the event of illness, injury, disqualification 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 not such substitution can be made; the affected position only will be forfeited in local league. S3.01H (4) a

**TEAM DEFAULTS:** A minimum of eight (8) team members who were on the final roster of their local league team must be available and eligible to compete. The Championship Tournament Committee, by majority vote, can reduce that number to not less than four (N4.04B (1)).

A team may default a maximum of two positions (one position for 2.5's) in a match without defaulting the entire match. Said position(s) shall be the lower singles and/or doubles courts (N4.04C)

If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, then all matches of that team played or to be played shall be null and void. If all teams in contention for the Championships have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches stand as played. The Tournament Committee (S3.03M) may impose further sanctions or penalties on said team. (N3.03M)

**4.5 MEN & WOMEN PLAYING LOCAL LEAGUE @ STATE:** All of the above state regulations will apply to teams playing their local league competition at the state tournament except where specifically noted. All National USTA League Tennis regulations must be met for local league competition:

A minimum of 3 team matches must be played N3.01H (1)

A player is eligible to advance to championship level competition if that player has played on that same team in at least two matches during its local league season. A default received by the player during local competition shall count for advancing. N 3.03A (2)

Team members may be added through Thursday, May 22.

**CELLULAR PHONES:** The tournament referee has banned the use of cell phones during tournament matches. Players must turn off their cell phones prior to the start of their match. Cell phone rings during a match will result in a point penalty for the first offense, a game penalty for the second offense and a default for the third offense.

**SELF-RATE NTRP GRIEVANCES** filed after May 2, 2008 against anyone participating in the LA State Championships will be administered after the state championships unless the USTA Southern Sectional Adult League Committee Chair, Vice-Chair and Sectional League Coordinator authorize the administration of the grievance prior to that time. If the grievance is not administered until after the State Championships, points won by players will stand. Disqualified players and/or captains that are suspended will not be eligible to advance to the Sectional Championships.

**GRIEVANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** John Liles, Session I, and Barbara Fisher, Session II, will serve as the tournament committee grievance chairman and David Kimball, Session I and Barbara Fisher, Session II will serve as the tournament committee appeals chairman.