

# 2008 USTA SENIOR STATE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS

Shreveport, La. April 25-28th

- Team Entry fee is \$210 for first six players (\$35/player) made payable to the LTA and mailed to 5726 Marina Bay Drive, Shreveport, La. 71119. Team entry must be received by April 11, 2008. Additional Tennis Link registered players will be paid for during registration at the Holiday Inn Financial Plaza Host Hotel on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- If your initial entry fee is not received by the deadline, your team will be dropped out of the draw.
- All teams must register at the Holiday Inn Financial Plaza Hotel before playing their first match
- Players are required to have played a minimum of two (2) matches locally to advance to the state championships. Only one default is allowed.
- **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 standard of good conduct, faire play and good sportsmanship. N 1.12
- **CODE:** All players will abide by the code in conjunction with these tournament regulations and the Sectional and State Adult and Senior League regulations
- **TEAM REGISTRATION:** Team captains are required to check their team in one hour prior to their first match at the Holiday Inn Financial Plaza Hotel. Tournament check-in is open from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday.
- **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Players must be registered on Tennis Link on the team on which they are advancing to the state championships. All players must be on the original roster and have played two matches locally with that team (unless playing 4.5 men or women, which have their local league at this tournament. Only one default will count toward the two match requirement.
- **TOURNAMENT FEES:** A fee of \$35 per player is due at the time of check in for players not covered on the team deposit. Checks to be make out to LTA.
- **CHECK-IN:** Teams are required to check in for their match at the site 30 minutes prior to the scheduled match time
- **MATCH LINE-UPS:** Team lineups must be submitted to the tournament site director 15 minutes prior to the start of each match. No substitutions may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to or illness of a player prior to the start of such match and for further circumstances as the Championship Committee may authorize. If substitutions are made during warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five (5) minute warm-up. The substituted player must be a team member that is not on the original line-up.

- **TEAM DEFAULTS:** A minimum of six (6) 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 (4). N4.04B1  
A team may default a maximum of one position in a match without defaulting the entire match. Said position shall be the No. 3 doubles N4.04C

If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, then all matches that the 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 TEAMS:** The 4.5 teams playing their local league and all of the above state regulations will apply to their local league competition except where specifically noted. All National USTA League Tennis regulations must be met for local league competition:

Any NTRP level with only two or three teams is required to play a minimum of three (3) matches N3.01H1

A player is eligible to progress to championship level competition if that player has played on that same team in at least two matches during its local league season. A maximum of one default received by the player during local competition shall count for advancing. A retired match shall count for all players involved. N3.03A2

The 4.5 teams may add players to their teams up to their first match.

- **WARM-UP AND DEFAULT:** A ten minute warm up will be observed with a fifteen (15) minute default. Lateness penalties will be assessed as outlined in the Friend at Court on page 115.
- **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. N3.03C
- **SUBSTITUTIONS IN 4.5 Local League:** 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. S3.02H4a
- **FORFEITS:** The #3 doubles court must be forfeited first. If a team forfeits an entire match, then all previous matches will be forfeited. If all teams in contention for the championships have played the forfeiting team in good faith, the matches stand as played. Team forfeiting an entire team match during championship play may receive further penalties imposed by the Tournament Committee.
- **SCORING:** Matches will be best of three sets with regular scoring. A match tiebreak will be used in lieu of a third set. The third set will be scored as 1 game

and 1 set. There will be no coaching. No rest (other than the standard 2 minutes between sets) between the second set and the third set tiebreak. The championship committee may authorize a format and scoring change in order to complete scheduled matches. N3.03C

- **WINNING TEAMS:** Winning teams will be determined by the team with the most team points. A team point is awarded when the team has won the majority of the three individual courts. If necessary, a tiebreak procedure will be used as stipulated by the National Regulations. The process is as follows: 1) Team Points, 2) Most individual matches won, 3) Fewest sets lost, 4) Fewest games lost, 5) Head-to-Head 6) Coin toss.
- **TEAM ADDITIONS:** With exception of the teams playing their local league at the state tournament, no team additions are allowed at the state tournament. Teams having their local league at state may add up until the time of their first match.
- **MATCH SCHEDULES:** Captains are responsible for confirming the time and location of their next match with the site director.
- **2008 CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE:** John Liles, Tournament Director, Janie Neighbours, Carrie Kimball, Head Referee, David Kimball, Tournament Chairman. Additional committee member will be appointed as necessary.
- **TOURNAMENT STAFF:** John Liles, Tournament Director, Janie Neighbours, Registration/Tennis Link and Carrie Kimball, Head Referee.
- **GRIEVANCES:** Self-rate grievances filed after April 11, 2008 against anyone participation in the tournament will be administered after the state championships unless the USTA Southern Section 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:** A committee including Carrie Kimball, Referee, David Kimball, Tournament Chairman, John Liles, Tournament Director and Janie Neighbours, LTA staff...
- **STATE WINNERS:** Winners of each division will advance to the 2008 USTA League Tennis Southern Sectional Championships held in Mobile, AL, July 19-22, 2008 for the 4.0 and 4.5 Sr. Men and Women. July 24-27, 2008 for 2.5, 3.0 and 3.5 Sr. Men and Women.
- **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.