

2007 Louisiana State Championships Procedures (11/25/2006)

The Louisiana State Championships Procedures shall be followed in all State Championships held for these USTA League Tennis programs: Adult, Senior, Mixed Doubles, Super Senior; BMW Combo Doubles, and Senior Mixed Doubles.

Team Selection:

- Each local league that enrolls a minimum of two (2) teams at an NTRP level shall send the winner to the State Tournament. Local leagues enrolling fourteen (14) or more teams at a specific NTRP level will receive two (2) entries and local leagues enrolling twenty one (21) or more teams will receive three (3) entries into the state tournament. No local league will have more than three (3) teams at any level. (3.02B)
- At the discretion of the League Council, wild card teams may be added to the Championships draw to optimize tournament scheduling. (3.02B(1)) Wild card selection process: After all 14 and 21 team local leagues have been awarded, the State shall examine the ratio of "team in league/championship entries". The local league with the highest ratio will be awarded the next wild card. Example: If local league A has 16 teams and local league B has 13 teams, then local league A is awarded 2 teams automatically and local league B is awarded 1. If another wild card slot were available, then if local league A is awarded the slot its ratio would be 16/3, but if local league B is awarded the slot its ratio is 13/2. Local league B has the higher ratio and would be awarded the wildcard. This will be the wildcard process for all Championships in Louisiana.

Format:

- Round robin play in all levels of competition. Each team shall be scheduled for a minimum of 4 matches. A double round robin may be scheduled, if necessary, to provide these matches. Levels may be divided into flights as necessary based on number of teams in the draw. Levels with multiple flights shall state format for determining champion in event Championship Regulations - single elimination finals or semi-final & final, for example.
- 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. The second place team with the most team points will be given the wild card slot. If any of the flights have a different number of teams, the second place team with the highest percentage of games won vs. games played in the round robin shall receive the wild card. (National Procedure 9/13/2006) Any tie will be broken by the tie-break procedure stated in 3.03I - USTA League Tennis 2007 Regulations.

Eligibility:

- All players must possess current USTA memberships through the State Tournament.
- **Adult Division:** Team members are eligible to advance to championship level competition if that player has played on that same team in at least 2 matches during its local league season. A maximum of 1 default received by the player during local league competition shall count for advancing to State Championships. (3.03A(2)N)
 - A minimum of eight (five for 2.5 & 5.0 levels) 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. The Championships Tournament Committee, by majority vote, can reduce that number to not less than four (three for 2.5 & 5.0 levels). (3.03A(4)N, 3.06C(1)N)
- **Senior Division:** Team members are eligible to advance to championship level competition if that player has played on that same team in at least 2 matches during its local league season. A maximum of 1 default received by the player during local league competition shall count for advancing to State Championships. (3.03A(2)N)
 - A minimum of six 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. The Championships Tournament Committee, by majority vote, can reduce that number to not less than four. (4.04B(1)N)
- **Mixed Doubles Division:** Team members are eligible to advance to championship level competition if that player has played on that same team in at least 2 matches during its local league season. No limit on

number of defaults used to satisfy minimum number of matches required for State Championships. (5.03A(3)N)

- A minimum of six team members (three women and three men) 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. The Championships Tournament Committee, by majority vote, may reduce that number to not less than four. (5.03A(4)N)
- **Senior Mixed Doubles:** Team members are eligible to advance to championship level competition if that player has played on that same team in at least 1 match (1 of which may be a default received) during its local league season.
 - A minimum of six team members (three women and three men) 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. The Championships Tournament Committee, by majority vote, may reduce that number to not less than four.
- **BMW Combo Doubles:** Team members are eligible to advance to championship level competition if that player has played on that same team in at least 1 match (1 of which may be a default received) during its local league season.
 - A minimum of six 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. The Championships Tournament Committee, by majority vote, may reduce that number to not less than four.

Entry Fee & Deposit Requirements:

- Championship Entry Fee: \$35.00/player
- All teams advancing to the state championship including the teams playing their local league at the state championship such as the 4.5 men and women, etc. will be required to submit a \$35 per player deposit made payable to the LTA on or before 2 weeks prior to the State Championship. The \$35 per player deposit will represent the minimum number of players required to advance to championship competition. Deadline dates for 2007 and the minimum \$35 per player deposit required for each league division are:
 - Senior State: Friday, April 13, 2007
 - Adult State: All teams regardless of Session I or II: Friday, May 4, 2007
 - Mixed State: Friday, August 17, 2007
 - Senior Mixed: TBA
 - Combo State: Friday, October 26, 2007
 - Senior Combo: TBA
 - Super Seniors: TBA
- The \$35 per player deposit must be received by the LTA, 9270 Siegen Lane, Suite 702, Baton Rouge, LA 70810 on or before the dates posted above.
- The \$35 per player deposit will be applied to the team entry fee at time of registration for the state championship.
- The \$35 per player deposit will be returned should a team withdraw from the state championship after they have submitted the \$35 per player deposit AND a substitute team has committed to fill the vacancy. Substitute teams will also be required to submit the \$35 per player deposit within a time frame determined by the Championship committee.
- A team may be returned the \$35 per player deposit without completing all of their state championship matches and/or withdrawing from the state championship prior to the first scheduled match under special circumstances approved by the Championship committee which could include but are not limited to the team's request to withdraw from the championship due to inclement weather where the team's withdrawal does not affect the winner of their division and/or special circumstances which warrant such action by the Championship Committee. Teams requesting the return of the \$35 per player deposit must request such in writing to the Championship Committee.
- A team forfeiting an entire team match during championship play may receive further penalties imposed by the tournament committee.