

**LOUISIANA REGULATIONS  
For Southern BMW Combo Doubles  
League Year 2007 (June 2007)**

All USTA League Tennis Regulations, Southern League Tennis Regulations & Louisiana USTA League Tennis Regulations In 1.00 General, 2.00 Grievance Procedures and Southern BMW Combo Regulations shall apply to the BMW combo Doubles League with the modifications allowed to the BMW Combo League listed below.

**1.04C(2)** The 2007 Louisiana league year enrollment fees are as follows:

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| Adult BMW Combo Doubles  | \$10/person/roster entry |
| Senior BMW Combo Doubles | \$5/[person/roster entry |

**7.00 ADULT BMW COMBO DOUBLES**

**7.01 LOCAL LEAGUE.** The majority of registered players for each team must reside in the state of Louisiana. A local league cannot reject a player from another area.

**7.01A Number of Teams.** A local league shall consist of a minimum of two (2) teams per level in each Louisiana Registered League.

**7.01B Team.** Local leagues may limit the number of players that appear on a team roster. The local league may not limit the number of players at a specific NTRP level.

**7.01D Entry**

**7.01D(2)** Players who do not have a computer rating on file in TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with the National Tennis Rating Program Guidelines (NTRP) and complete the self-rating process on TennisLink when registering for a team. A player may not be disqualified based on match results from the combo Doubles division.

**Note: Any player disqualified from the adult or senior division may not play at the disqualified NTRP level of play in the Southern Combo division (and any lower level of play) for the remainder of the league year and up to three years unless a new NTRP computer rating is generated. A disqualified player becomes a benchmark. In combined leagues, the disqualified player must play with a partner that does not surpass the level entered. Note: Combo Doubles Leagues will not be part of generating a player's year-end rating.**

**7.01E Levels of Play.** The levels offered will be combined 5.0, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, & 9.5 Adult and 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, & 8.5 Senior. If there are no other senior combo teams in their local league, senior teams may play in their local adult combo league to qualify for the senior state championships.

Senior Combo Doubles – matches played in adult division count in standings

Senior Combo Doubles – players may play with both adult and senior combo teams

**7.01G Scoring and Rest.** Local leagues may choose any of the USTA approved scoring methods.

**7.01H Competition Format.**

**7.01H(1) Round Robin.** Each NTRP level within a local league shall play at least one round robin competition wherein every team plays every other team. Any NTRP level may be divided into flights and each team shall play every other team in its flight. The flight winners may enter a playoff structure to establish a local league champion for that NTRP level. Any NTRP level with only two or three teams is required to play a minimum of three matches.

**7.01H(2) Team Match and Scoring.** Each team match in a local league shall consist of such number of individual matches of doubles as determined by the local league. The method of awarding points in order to determine the winning team of a local league team match and the winner of the local league competition may be the same as that used in championships competition or may be another method compatible with the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System selected by the local league. (See N3.03D and N3.03E) The scoring in the event of a default, forfeit or disqualification shall be 6-0, 6-0. (See N3.03O for scoring in the event of retirement)

**7.01H(2)a** Local leagues may impose additional penalties on teams forfeiting an entire team match (not playing a majority of the individual courts).

**7.01H(4) Team Lineups.** Failure by the team captain to place a known ineligible player in either the lowest singles or doubles position may result in the ineligible player's team losing any individual doubles or single matches won at the lower positions. The team captain who is playing a known ineligible player must notify the opposing team captain at the time team line-ups are exchanged by indicating a forfeit in the affected position.

**7.01H(4)c** Each local league shall establish rules for making up matches rescheduled due to inclement weather.

**7.01H(4)d** Two players will play together in the higher position, if possible, when both of their partners do not show in order to avoid two defaults.

**7.01H(5) Player Participation.**

**7.01H(5)b** A player may play in more than one NTRP level within a division in the same local league during the same season.

**7.01H(5)c** A player may play on more than one team within a division in the same season provided it is in a separate local league.

**7.01H(5)d** Any player who advances to the state adult and senior championships in more than one (1) NTRP level may play on both teams at the state championships for the 2007 league year.

**7.01I Local League Champions.** All local matches should be completed two (2) weeks prior to the state tournament. A deposit is required two (2) weeks prior to the State Championships to hold a spot in the draw. See Championship Procedures for details on deposit amount and delivery.

## 7.02 PROGRESSION.

**7.02B State Championships.** State Championships format shall be round robin 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 include format for determining champion in Championship Regulations – single elimination finals or semi-final & final, for example. 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. The regulations for each local league will state the process that will be followed for determining which two (2) or three (3) teams advance to the state tournament and how these teams will be ranked (i.e. BR#1, BR#2, BR#3).

**7.02B(1)** At the discretion of the League Council, wild card teams may be added to the Championships draw to optimize tournament scheduling.

**7.02B(2) Court Surface:** Teams should expect to play on any USTA approved surface at the State Championships.

**7.02B(3)** The League Council may authorize a local league played during the state tournament for any NTRP level that did not play locally. The winner of the local league at the state tournament will advance to championship competition – either district or sectional – depending on the number of local leagues enrolled in Louisiana.

### **7.02B(4) Date and Location**

Adult Combo November 9-12, 2007 in New Orleans Men & Women

Senior Combo November 30-December 2, 2007 in Monroe Men & Women

7.02B(5) See Championship Procedures for deposit requirements, deadlines, and eligibility requirements.

## 7.03 AREA, SECTIONAL AND NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

In all championships after local league competition, the following shall apply: 7.03A Eligibility

**7.03A(2) Adult Combo Doubles** players must play at least one local match in order to advance to State Championships. **Senior Combo Doubles**---players must play at least one local match as a registered member of the senior team progressing to championships in order to advance to State Championships. A default received shall count toward meeting this requirement in both Adult & Senior divisions.

**7.03A(3)** A minimum of six(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 State and Sectional Championships. The tournament Committee can reduce that number to not less than four (4).

**7.03C Scoring and Rest.** At the Louisiana State Championships, all matches will be best of two sets and the Set tiebreak shall be used at 6-all in each set. In lieu of a third set, a match tiebreak shall be played. 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 and 1 game for tiebreak procedures in the event of a tie. The scoring in the event of a default, forfeit, or disqualification shall be 6-0, 6-0.

**7.03D(1) Round Robin Playoff Format.** 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 9/13/06) Any tie will be broken by the tie-break procedure stated in **3.03I – USTA League Tennis 2007 Regulations.**

**7.03M Scoring of Team Forfeits.** A team forfeiting an entire team match during championship play may receive further penalties imposed by the tournament committee.

## 7.05 YEAR-END NTRP COMPUTER RATINGS AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

Match results from Combo League play will not be included in the 2007 year-end ratings. Computer ratings will be published by USTA and a link will be provided on the website: [www.louisianatennis.com](http://www.louisianatennis.com)

**7.05A Year-end Computer Ratings.** When year-end NTRP computer ratings are determined in accordance with USTA NTRP Computer Rating System Procedures for players (including those designated as supplemental benchmarks), such ratings shall be the minimum NTRP computer ratings of players:

**7.05A(1)** For three (3) consecutive years or until a new NTRP computer rating is generated for individuals who are less than 60 years of age through the championship year (See Valid Computer Rating Chart)

**7.05A(2)** For two (2) consecutive years or until a new NTRP computer rating is generated for individuals 60 years of age prior to or during the championship year (See Valid Computer Rating Chart)

**7.05B(3) Medical Appeals.** A Louisiana Disabling Injury/Illness form must be completed and filed with the local league coordinator for a player to be considered for a medical appeal. The local coordinator will submit their recommendation to the LTA along with the completed form. The NTRP Medical Appeal Committee will review all information and render a decision in writing.

## **2007 LOUISIANA USTA LEAGUE TENNIS COMMITTEES**

League Council – **posted to Louisiana Tennis Association website – [www.louisianatennis.com](http://www.louisianatennis.com) - January, 2007**  
LTA Officer in Charge:

Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees

LTA Board of Directors

League Council

All Local League Coordinators of record for 2007

NTRP Medical Appeal Committee

2007 Local League Areas recognized by Louisiana Tennis Association

|                                    |                           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Alexandria                         | Mandeville/Covington      |
| Ascension (Gonzales)               | Monroe                    |
| Baton Rouge Women – Day            | Natchitoches              |
| Baton Rouge Women - Night          | New Orleans Women – Day   |
| Baton Rouge                        | New Orleans Women – Night |
| Houma                              | New Orleans               |
| Jonesville                         | Oak Grove/Lake Providence |
| Lafayette Women                    | Ruston                    |
| Lafayette Women – Night            | Shreveport                |
| Lafayette                          | Slidell                   |
| Lake Charles                       | Vidalia                   |
| Mandeville/Covington Women – Day   | Winnsboro                 |
| Mandeville/Covington Women - Night |                           |