

LOUISIANA REGULATIONS
For USTA League Tennis
Adult, Senior, Mixed Doubles, and Super Senior Divisions
League Year 2008(11-28-07)

The USTA League Tennis National, Southern, and Louisiana Regulations have full force and applicability at all levels of play in USTA League Tennis in Louisiana and there is no authorization to modify, amplify or change them by local coordinators, grievance, or grievance appeals committees. The State League Coordinator, in conjunction with the Louisiana League Council shall have the authority to interpret the USTA League Tennis Louisiana Regulations. USTA League Tennis Regulations (National, Southern Section, State) are available at the Louisiana Tennis Association website: www.louisianatennis.com Printed below are the USTA Louisiana Regulations as authorized by the USTA League Tennis National Regulations and USTA Southern Section Regulations.

(Note: Paragraphs included herein are numbered according to pertinent paragraphs of the 2008 USTA League Tennis Regulations.)

1.00 GENERAL

The Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL shall apply to all USTA League Tennis Divisions. USTA League Tennis Divisions for 2008 are: Adult, Senior, Mixed Doubles, and Super Senior

1.02 APPLICABILITY. The USTA LEAGUE TENNIS REGULATIONS shall apply to the USTA League Tennis Program.

The RULES OF TENNIS and TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS shall apply to all matches played in the USTA League Tennis Program except as modified herein. In all matches played without officials, the USTA official publication THE CODE shall be observed. The USTA Point Penalty System shall be used at all championship levels.

1.03 USTA LEAGUE TENNIS PROGRAM.

1.03A New Local Leagues. The local CTA or Local League Council in the absence of a CTA must present a proposal to the League Council showing growth potential for league and USTA membership along with a recommendation for a local league coordinator. This proposal must show intent to develop multiple USTA League Tennis programs. All proposals must be submitted three months prior to the State Championships scheduled for the inaugural program.

1.04 OFFICIAL LEAGUE REGISTRATION. Players who submit an appeal to their self-rating through the TennisLink system before their local league deadline for registering players will be permitted to register up to seven days after the notification of final self-rating.

1.04A Team captains must create their team and register the following minimum number of players on TennisLink by the date established by the local league administration: Adults=8 (2.5 & 5.0=5), Seniors, Mixed, Super Seniors, BMW Adult, Senior, and Super Senior Combo Doubles = 6. Mixed requires three male and three female players. The deadline date must be prior to the start of the local league season and must be no later than one (1) month prior to the state tournament. Local teams must be included in the local league schedule if the teams have fulfilled this requirement. Failure to register a team on TennisLink by the established deadline date may result in the team being declared ineligible for the USTA League Tennis program. Local leagues may charge a team registration fee in addition to the league head tax.

1.04B All player additions to existing registered team rosters must be made no later than 14 days prior to the state tournament except for local leagues played during a State tournament. The LTA office will establish player addition deadlines for NTRP levels playing their local league during a State Championships. Local Leagues may set a deadline date that is more than 14 days prior to the state tournament for player additions to existing teams. Players shall not be added to the team roster during local league flight play-offs or at any championship. (N1.04)

1.04C State Fees & Financial Statement.

1.04C(1) The local Community Tennis Associations or Local League Council in the absence of a CTA are responsible for making available upon request a financial statement to the local team captains at the conclusion of each league year. Any fees paid to the local league coordinator, level coordinators, league assistants, and/or league secretary must be itemized on the financial report.

1.04C(2) The 2008 Louisiana league year enrollment fees are as follows:

Adult USTA League Tennis	\$10/person/roster entry
Senior USTA League Tennis	\$5/person/roster entry
Adult Mixed Doubles	\$10/person/roster entry
Super Senior	\$5/person/roster entry
Senior Mixed Doubles	\$5/person/roster entry
Adult BMW Combo Doubles	\$10/person/roster entry
Senior BMW Combo Doubles	\$5/person/roster entry
Super Senior BMW Combo Doubles	\$5/person/roster entry

1.09 AMENDMENTS. The Louisiana League Council with approval of the LTA Executive Board may amend these Louisiana Regulations.

1.18 AREA/STATE LEAGUE COORDINATORS. The Louisiana League Council through recommendations from the Local League Coordinators and State League Coordinator establishes the Louisiana League Regulations. The LTA Executive Board grants final approval of the Louisiana League Regulations.

1.19 LOCAL LEAGUE COORDINATORS. Local league administrators who include Local Coordinators and Board of Directors of the local Community Tennis Associations are responsible for administering and promoting the USTA League Tennis Programs in their area.

1.19A League Code of Ethics. All league administrators will adhere to the USTA Southern Section League Tennis Officials Code of Ethics

(<http://www.southern.usta.com/usaleaguetenis/custom.sps?iType=987&icustompageid=9305>)

1.19B League Coordinator Responsibilities.

1.19B(1) Establish procedures and regulations for all aspects of their local league that are not covered by the national, sectional or state regulations. A copy of local rules must be submitted for review two weeks prior to team captains meeting to the following area representatives:

Dale Bibee: Mandeville/Covington & Slidell

Barbara Johnson: Baton Rouge

Sue-Anne Stuntz: New Orleans

Sonia Killen: Shreveport

Kevin Simpson: Lafayette

Barbara Fisher: Monroe

LTA: All other local league areas

Local League Regulations shall be published to the internet on either the local CTA site or louisianatennis.com prior to the start of local league competition.

1.19B(2) A mandatory team captains meeting must be held prior to the start of league play for each local league program. Topics to be covered include local regulations (provide internet links to National, Sectional, State regulations), Championships eligibility requirements, and deadlines. LLCs should review all regulations and procedures with new team captains.

1.21 CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEES. The State League Coordinator is responsible for appointing championship committees for all Louisiana Championships.

1.23 LOCAL LEAGUE SEASON. Local league coordinators shall make sure all local teams are registered on TennisLink one (1) month prior to the State Tournament.

1.24 GENERAL. League players may play in the USTA League Tennis Adult, Senior, Super Senior, Mixed Doubles, and BMW Combo Doubles Adult and Senior Divisions during the same local league season.

2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The Regulations in 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES shall apply to all USTA League Tennis Divisions. All local league regulations will include the names of grievance and grievance appeal committee members and will be distributed to captains prior to the beginning of the local league season. Distribution via captains packets and/or websites is acceptable. Each state shall approve all Local and State League Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees.

2.02A(4) Grievances shall be handled by USTA League Tennis Grievance and Appeal Committees at the appropriate level (i.e. Local, State, or Sectional). Grievance actions may be moved to the next higher organizational level for action, as deemed necessary by the appropriate governing body. All State grievances shall be filed with the State League Coordinator.

2.02A(6) Regardless of any other regulation, a league coordinator or a member of a championship committee may file a grievance at any time (2.02A(6)NATIONAL).

2.02B Self-rate Eligibility Complaint The USTA Southern Section will administer Self-Rate Eligibility Grievance Complaints. These complaints should be first delivered to the Local League Coordinator who will forward to the State League Coordinator who will forward to the Section League Coordinator who will forward to the Southern Self-Rate Eligibility Grievance Committee Chairman. These committees will have jurisdiction over grievances filed against any player and/or captain who commits or condones entering at one level when their actual skill level is at the top of the next NTRP level or higher. Self-Rate Eligibility Grievances filed within two weeks of the start date of the player and/or captain State or Sectional Championships will be administered after the event unless the section authorizes the administration of the grievance prior to that time. If the grievance is not administered until after the event, points won by players will stand. Disqualified players and/or captains that are suspended will not be eligible to advance to the next level of championship play.

2.02E(5) Self-Rate Grievances may be filed at any time up to forty-eight (48) hours after the conclusion of a self-rated player Section Championships. No Self-Rate Grievances will be accepted at National Championships (2.02E(5)NATIONAL).

3.00 ADULT LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All USTA League Tennis Regulations, Southern Section League Regulations, and Louisiana Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL and 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and the following procedures shall apply to the USTA League Tennis Adult Division.

3.01 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.

3.01B 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.

3.01D Entry

3.01D(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. Failure to do so or 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.

3.01H Competition Format.

3.01H(2) Team Match and Scoring. Each team match in a local league shall consist of such number of individual matches of singles, doubles or any combination thereof, 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 3.03D and 3.03E.) The scoring in the event of a default, forfeit or disqualification shall be 6-0, 6-0. (See 3.03O for scoring in the event of retirements.)

3.01H(2)a Local leagues may impose additional penalties on teams forfeiting an entire team match (not playing a majority of the individual courts).

3.01H(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 singles 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.

3.01H(4)c Each local league shall establish rules for making up matches rescheduled due to inclement weather.

3.01H(4)d Two players will play together in the higher position when both of their partners do not show in order to avoid two defaults.

3.01H(5) Player Participation.

3.01H(5)b A player may play in more than one NTRP level within a division in the same local league during the same season.

3.01H(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.

3.01H(5)d Any player who advances to the state adult and/or senior championships in more than one (1) NTRP level may play on both teams at the state championships for the 2008 league year.

3.01H(5)e At any national championship, if a player qualifies for two or more teams at the same NTRP level for an event, the individual must declare which team he/she will represent. In the absence of a declaration, the first match played will determine which team he/she will represent (3.01H(5)eNATIONAL).

3.01I 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.

3.02 PROGRESSION.

3.02B 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 during a four (4) day event, 3 matches during a three (3) day event with the following exception: Best of three matches shall be the format for any NTRP level that has only one (1) Local League winner (determined prior to the State Championships) and the Local League at State winner (played during the State Championships). 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).

3.02B(1) At the discretion of the League Council, wild card teams may be added to the Championships draw to optimize tournament scheduling.

3.02B(2) Court Surface: Teams should expect to play on any USTA approved surface at the State Championships.

3.02B(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.

3.02B(4) Date and Location

Session I: May 16-19, 2008 Shreveport Men & Women, 3.0, 4.0

Session II: May 23-26, 2008 Mandeville/Covington Men & Women 2.5, 3.5, 4.5, 5.0

3.02B(5) See Championship Procedures for deposit requirements, deadlines, and eligibility requirements.

3.02B(6) NTRP levels for the Adult State Tournament will be rotated annually on the Memorial Day weekend sessions..

3.03 AREA, SECTIONAL AND NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

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

3.03A(3) A minimum of eight (8) 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).

3.03C 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.

3.03D(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 2008 Regulations.

3.03M Scoring of Team Forfeits. A team forfeiting an entire team match during championship play may receive further penalties imposed by the tournament committee.

3.04 LEAGUE NTRP DISQUALIFICATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURES

3.04D(1) Local. If a self-rated player is disqualified for that particular level of play, all matches played by that individual player shall be considered losses and scored (6-0, 6-0). If a computer rated player is disqualified for that particular level of play, the player is immediately promoted from that level but no matches will be reversed ((3.04D(1)Southern). Players not disqualified by conclusion of local league round robin play will be eligible to compete in entire local playoff. Dynamic ratings will be calculated at the end of the local playoff to inform any disqualified players that they may not advance to the state championships. Points earned by disqualified players will stand.

3.05 YEAR-END NTRP COMPUTER RATINGS AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

Match results from NTRP Tournaments in TennisLink will not be included in the 2008 year-end ratings. Computer ratings will be published by USTA and a link will be provided on the website: www.louisianatennis.com

3.05A 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:

3.05A(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)

3.05A(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)

3.05B Appeal of Year-end Computer Ratings through Section Championships. Year-end NTRP computer ratings through sectional championships may be appealed and granted or denied in accordance with USTA NTRP Computer Rating System Procedures.

3.05B(1) State Appeal Process. Go to TennisLink. Click on Find a Rating. Enter your USTA number. Your rating will be displayed. Select Appeal Rating if you want to appeal your rating. You will know instantly if your appeal is granted or denied. ***Players are responsible for appealing their own rating.***

3.05B(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.

3.05C Championship Benchmarks. A championship benchmark (District/Area, Section, or National) may not be appealed following the championship year it is received except for medical reasons. If intervening permanent disabling injury or illness indicates that a championship benchmark rating may be too high, the Section League coordinator may request a reconsideration of a championship benchmark rating by the designated medical appeal committee with national benchmarks being referred to the National League Administrator. A year-old championship benchmark may be appealed in accordance with the NTRP Computer Rating System Procedures (3.05CNATIONAL).

3.06 2.5 AND 5.0 REGULATIONS.

All USTA League Tennis Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL, 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and 3.00 ADULT LEAGUE REGULATIONS, with the following exceptions, shall apply to the 2.5 and 5.0 level.

3.06A Team. A 2.5 and 5.0 team shall consist of a minimum of five players of the same gender eligible to compete.

3.06B Team Match & Scoring. In all championships after local league competition, the team match format will consist of one singles and two doubles matches. The team winning the majority of those three individual matches will be awarded one team point.

3.06C Eligibility. A minimum of 5 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 three.

4.00 SENIOR LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All USTA League Tennis Regulations, Southern Section League Regulations, and Louisiana Regulations contained in 1.00 GENERAL, 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and 3.00 ADULT LEAGUE REGULATIONS, with the following exceptions listed in SENIOR LEAGUE REGULATIONS, shall apply to the USTA League Tennis Senior Division.

4.01 AGE. Each player shall have reached fifty (50) years of age prior to or during the calendar year in which such player plays his/her first local league match.

4.02 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Shreveport

4.05 ELIGIBILITY. A minimum of 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.

5.00 MIXED DOUBLES LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All USTA League Tennis Regulations, Southern Section Regulations, and Louisiana Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL, 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and 5.00 Mixed Doubles Regulations shall apply to the USTA Mixed Doubles League Division with the modifications allowed to the USTA Louisiana District listed below:

5.01 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.

5.01B Team. A local league may limit the number of players on a team. The local league may not limit the number of players at a specific NTRP level.

5.01D Entry.

5.01D(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. Failure to do so or 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.

5.01D(5) Mixed Doubles results will not be part of generating a player's year-end rating except for those players who play in the Mixed Doubles Division exclusively. Players who play exclusively in the Mixed Doubles Division and choose to participate in the Adult and/or Senior Divisions the next year must enter at their Mixed Doubles Division year-end rating or higher.

5.01E Levels of Play. The levels offered will be combined (5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0 Adults and 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 Seniors) where each individual player's rating may be no more than 1.0 apart (i.e. a 3.0 player and a 4.0 player may play 7.0). If there are no other senior mixed teams in their local league, senior teams may play in the adult mixed league to qualify for the senior championships.

SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES.

Senior Mixed Doubles matches played in adult division count in standings

Senior Mixed Doubles players may play on both adult and senior mixed doubles teams

Players must play in a least one local match in order to advance to the State Championships.

5.01G Scoring and Rest. Each team captain is responsible for checking scorecards to insure the combination of levels on each court does not exceed the team NTRP combination.

5.01H Competition Format.

5.01H(2) Team Match and Scoring. Each team match in a local league shall consist of such number of individual matches of mixed 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 3.03D and 3.03E.) The scoring in the event of a default, forfeit or disqualification shall be 6-0, 6-0. (See 3.03O for scoring in the event of retirements.)

5.01H(2)a Local leagues may impose additional penalties on teams forfeiting an entire team match.

5.01H(4) Team Lineups. Failure by the team captain to place an ineligible player in the lowest doubles position may result in the ineligible player's team losing any individual doubles 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.

5.01H(4)c Each local league will establish rules for making up matches rescheduled due to inclement weather.

5.01H(4)d Two players will play together in the higher position when both of their partners do not show in order to avoid two defaults if possible.

5.01H(5) Player Participation.

5.01H(5)b A player may play in more than one NTRP level within a division in the same local league during the same season.

5.01H(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.

5.01H(5)d Any player who advances to the state adult and/or senior championships in more than one (1) NTRP level may play on both teams at the state championships for the 2008 league year.

5.01H(5)e *At any national championship, if a player qualifies for two or more teams at the same NTRP level for an event, the individual must declare which team he/she will represent. In the absence of a declaration, the first match played will determine which team he/she will represent (3.03H(5)eNATIONAL).*

5.01I 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.

5.02 PROGRESSION

5.02B 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 during a four (4) day event, 3 matches during a three (3) day event with the following exception: Best of three matches shall be the format for any NTRP level that has only one (1) Local League winner (determined prior to the State Championships) and the Local League at State winner (played during the State Championships). 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 14 teams will receive 2 entries to the state tournament. Additional entries to the state tournament will be awarded to local leagues based on the number of teams in the NTRP level (1 entry for every 7 teams over 14). No local league shall have more than 6 teams at an NTRP level. The regulations for each local league will state the process that will be followed for determining which teams advance to the state tournament and how these teams will be ranked (i.e. BR#1, BR#2, BR#3).

5.02B(1) At the discretion of the League Council, wild card teams may be added to the Championships draw to optimize tournament scheduling.

5.02B(2) Court Surface: Teams should expect to play on any USTA approved surface at the State Championships.

5.02B(4) Date and Location

Senior Mixed: September 19-21, 2008 Monroe

Adult Mixed: August 29-September 1, 2008 Mandeville/Covington

5.02B(5) See Championship Procedures for deposit requirements, deadlines, eligibility requirements.

5.03 CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.03A(3) Eligibility. At all championships, a minimum of 6 team members (3 men, 3 women) who were on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play must be available and eligible to combine and compete (5.03A(3)NATIONAL). The tournament committee can reduce that number to not less than four.

5.03A(4) Mixed doubles players must have participated in 2 matches at the local level (1 default will count) in order to advance to any Championships (5.03A(4)NATIONAL). **5.03A(5)** Mixed doubles players must have participated in 3 matches through section championships in order to advance to National championships. No defaults received by the player during all league competition shall count for advancing (5.03A(5)NATIONAL).

5.03A(6) Teams that compete at State, Sectional or Regional Championships are not required to disperse to form a new team for the following league year (5.03A(5)Southern).

5.03C 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.

5.03D(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 2008 Regulations.

5.03M Scoring of Team Forfeits. A team forfeiting an entire team match during championship play may receive further penalties imposed by the tournament committee.

6.00 SUPER SENIOR LEAGUE REGULATIONS All USTA League Tennis Regulations, Southern Section Regulations, and Louisiana Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL, 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and 6.00 SUPER SENIOR LEAGUE REGULATIONS shall apply to the Super Senior Division with the modifications allowed to the USTA Louisiana District listed below:

6.01 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.

6.01B Team. A local league may limit the number of players on a team. The local league may not limit the number of players at a specific NTRP level.

6.01D Entry.

6.01D(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. Failure to do so or 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,

6.01E Levels of Play. The Sectional Championships levels of play for 2008 are Super Senior 60 with 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 levels and Super Senior 70 with 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 levels. States may add additional levels in the local leagues at their discretion.

6.01G SCORING and REST. Local leagues shall determine the method of scoring for Local Competition.

6.01H COMPETITION FORMAT

6.01H(2) Team Match and Scoring. Local Leagues may decide how to handle team forfeits at the local level.

6.01H(4) Team Lineups. An individual match is started when the first ball is put in play. After the start of an individual match, if injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player occurs, the opponents will be awarded a forfeit for that individual match only. The forfeit principles in 3.03L, shall be applicable, with the Sectional modifications that:

a. 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 no such substitution can be made, the affected position only will be forfeited in local leagues. In the event that a team match must be re-scheduled and starting times are staggered, where opponents are not available and ready to play, forfeits will be awarded in the affected position only.

c. Local Leagues will decide how to regulate rescheduling of team matches due to rain or inclement weather.

d. Two players will play together in the higher position when both of their partners do not show in order to avoid two defaults.

6.01H(5) Player Participation

6.01H(5)b A player may play in more than one NTRP level within a division in the same local league during the same season

6.01H(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

6.01H(5)d Players must play in at least one local or state championships match in order to advance to the Southern Super Senior Championships. If there is no local or state competition offered, a team may advance directly to the Southern Sectional Championships. Players who participate in Super Senior 60 and Super Senior 70 divisions will not be accommodated in scheduling of event. The one match requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Tournament Committee for players advancing to the Sectional Championships. The deadline for players to **register** on teams that are advancing directly to the 2008 Sectional Championships is 12/31/08. The deadline may be waived at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. Players may advance to more than one State's Championships provided they have qualified to advance in each state. If eligible players do not participate at the State Championships, they may participate in the Sectional Championships and/or National Invitational. A player may advance on more than one Super Senior team to the State Championships.

6.01H(5)e **At any national championship** if a player qualifies for two or more teams at the same NTRP level for an event, the individual must declare which team he/she will represent. In the absence of a declaration, the first match played will determine which team he/she will represent (6.01H(5)eNATIONAL).

6.02 PROGRESSION

6.02B AREA/STATE CHAMPIONS. The format to progress from local league competition to Sectional League Championships is as follows: The State shall determine the progression from local league to State Championship. The States shall identify to the Section their winning teams at each level. The State Association shall hold a State League Championship to be held on or before the 1st day of October 2008 to determine its

State Champions. Any State who cannot comply with this date must seek the permission of the Sectional League Coordinator and Adult Leagues Committee.

6.02B(4) October 3-5, 2008 Slidell

6.02B(5) See Championship Procedures for deposit requirements, deadlines, and eligibility requirements.

6.03 Area and Sectional Championships

6.03A Eligibility

6.03A(4) At all championships, a minimum of 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 combine and compete at championships (6.03A(4)NATIONAL). The tournament committee, by majority vote, can reduce that number to not less than four.

6.03A(5) Teams that compete at State, Sectional, or National Championships are not required to disperse to form a new team for the following league year (6.03A(4)Southern).

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2008 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	