

**LOUISIANA REGULATIONS  
For BMW Combo Doubles  
League Year 2009(6/30/2009)  
Approved by Executive Committee 07/20/09**

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 2009 Louisiana league year enrollment fees are as follows:  
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**

**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. **Each flight must have a minimum of two teams. A flight in which 50% or more of the players reside in another city that has its own local league at that NTRP level is not a valid flight. Exception: A. Local League with a single team consisting of a majority (51% or greater) of players from its own local league area (such as a 4.0 team) may invite a team consisting of a majority (51% or greater) of players from that local league area to play a local league. The invited team must register in the host local league and pay all associated fees. Any team playing in a local league at state may consist of players from any area as long as the majority of players 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.

**7.01C** Team captains must create their team and register a minimum of six (6) players on TennisLink by the date established by the local league administration.

**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, & 9.0 Adults, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, & 8.5 Seniors, and 60's 6.5 & 7.5 Super Seniors **where each individual player's NTRP rating may be no more than 1.0 apart (i.e. a 3.0 player and 4.5 player may NOT play the 7.5 level).** If there are no other senior combo teams in their local league, senior teams may play in the adult combo league to qualify for the Senior State Championships

**Adult Combo Doubles** players must play at least one local match in order to advance to State Championships

**Senior Combo Doubles**—matches played in adult division count in standings

**Senior Combo Doubles**--players may play in both adult and senior combo teams

**Senior Combo Doubles**---players must play at least one local match in order to advance to State Championships

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

**7.01H Competition Format.**

**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 retirements.)

**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 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.

**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 when both of their partners do not show in order to avoid two defaults if possible.

**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 2009 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 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).

**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 13-16, 2009 in Baton Rouge Men & Women

Senior/Super Senior Combo November 20 - 23, 2009 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(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 combine and 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 **3.031 – USTA League Tennis 2009 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 2009 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 Appeals**

**7.05B(3) Medical Appeals.** The Section Association shall utilize a Medical Review Committee to evaluate all medical appeals; and, if the injury/illness is deemed permanently disabling, the appeal will be forwarded to the National Medical Appeal Committee for a final decision.

**2009 LOUISIANA USTA LEAGUE TENNIS COMMITTEES**

**LTA Officer in Charge: Drew Meyers**

**League Council** – posted to Louisiana Tennis Association website – [www.louisianatennis.com](http://www.louisianatennis.com) - January, 2009

**Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees:** All Local League Coordinators of record for 2009

**2009 Local League Areas recognized by Louisiana Tennis Association**

Alexandria	Monroe
Ascension (Gonzales)	Natchitoches
Baton Rouge (Women Day & Night; Men)	New Orleans (Women Day & Night; Men)
Houma	Oak Grove/Lake Providence
Jonesville	Ruston
Lafayette (Women Day & Night; Men)	Shreveport/Bossier (Women Day & Night; Men)
Lake Charles	Slidell
Mandeville/Covington (Women Day & Night; Men)	Winnsboro