



2012 Kentucky Tri-Level League Regulations

Play is governed by the RULES OF TENNIS; "The Code" as contained in the 2012 Friend at Court, The USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations, and the following Kentucky Tri-Level Regulations.

Each local league must supplement these regulations for play within their league. Local regulations may not be in conflict with any Kentucky or USTA Southern Section general regulation. Any violation of these regulations shall be subject to such sanctions as may be imposed by the USTA Kentucky Adult League Committee (ALC) with the approval of the USTA Kentucky Executive Committee. The State League Coordinator (SLC), in conjunction with the USTA KY ALC Chairperson shall have the authority to interpret the Kentucky Tri-Level Regulations.

1. Local league administrators, including Local League Coordinator's (LLCs) and Community Tennis Associations (CTA), are responsible for the administration and the promotion of the USTA Tri-Level League Tennis Program in their local league area.
2. All teams participating in the 2012 Tri-Level season must be registered in TennisLink by the initial roster deadline of July 16, 2012. This means a team must have at least 6 players at the appropriate levels registered by this date in order to be eligible to compete in local play. Last date of match play is August 10, 2012. Exceptions may be given by the Kentucky ALC.
3. Local league LLC Appointments
 - a. The LLC shall be appointed for a period of one year and is subject to a yearly renewal as well as entering into a service contract with USTA Kentucky. USTA Kentucky may remove the LLC at any time during their contract period.
4. LLCs are required to follow the current job description, which is subject to change each league year.
5. Prior to the start of the local league season, the Kentucky ALC must approve the local league rules and regulations. Local league rules and regulations must be distributed to team captains before the league season begins, preferably during the captain's meeting. Copies of such regulations must also be available on local league websites. It is the responsibility of the LLC to ensure the regulations are available to all team captains.
6. LLCs may not captain any USTA League Tennis team. LLCs may be a non-playing captain, as long as it is at a different division than they are playing.
7. A CTA may add a nominal fee to their existing league fee, but the fee must first be approved by the SLC and the Kentucky ALC. The CTA must request in writing prior to the registration being opened for each USTA league program that it intends to add a nominal fee, specifying the amount and a detailed explanation of how the funds will be used. Once approved, the amount of the nominal fee as well as how the funds will be used must be published in the CTAs local league

rules and regulations. A detailed accountability form must be submitted to the SLC by November 1st showing how the funds were used or they will not be eligible to add additional fees the following year for any program. CTAs must qualify and apply for the Community Development Local Membership Grant before requesting additional funds through league registrations. If all requirements are not met then the CTA will not be allowed to request additional fees the following year.

8. For any team in which a player is deleted from the roster within 30 days after initial registration, the captain must submit the reason for removal in writing to the LLC, who will then submit the statement to the SLC. The SLC and the ALC have the authority to deny reimbursement of registration fees to the Local League in question. Refunds will not be issued after the 30 day period has expired.
9. Each player shall have reached eighteen (18) years of age prior to, or during the calendar year in which such player plays his/her first local league match.
10. All local league teams must play a minimum of three matches. All teams must participate in the same number of round robins as every team in the flight.
11. Each local league is required to have a minimum of two teams in a division, if there is only one team signed up for a division, they will be required to join another league that has team(s) of that same division.
12. All teams participating in the 2012 USTA Tri-Level League Tennis season must be registered in TennisLink by their local league registration deadline. A team shall consist of a minimum of 6 and a maximum of fifteen (15) players of the same gender eligible to compete at a specific level of competition. Local regulations may limit the number to less than 15, however they may not allow more than 15 players per team and must be published in local regulations.
13. Team members shall not have a higher NTRP rating than the maximum NTRP rating of the division in which they are competing, however players may play up one NTRP level. Example: a 3.5 player may play in the 4.0 position, but a 3.0 player may not play in the 2.5 position. The following divisions are available for the 2012 Championship Year.

a. Adult Division I, Women Only	2.5, 3.0, 3.5
b. Adult Division II, Men & Women	3.0, 3.5, 4.0
c. Adult Division III, Men & Women	3.5, 4.0, 4.5
d. Senior Division, Men & Women	3.0, 3.5, 4.0
e. Super Senior Division, Men & Women	3.0, 3.5, 4.0
14. All players participating in USTA Tri-Level League Tennis must be a current member of the USTA for the entire league season.
15. Participants competing in Kentucky State Championships are required to have a current USTA membership throughout the entire event.
16. State and local league fees, as well as championship fees, shall be reviewed prior to each league year and may change due to increased/decreased cost. Final fees shall be established by the USTA Kentucky Board of Directors acting upon the recommendation of the SLC and the Kentucky ALC.
17. 2012 Kentucky Tri-Level League Fees:

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| a. Local USTA Tri-Level League | \$17.00 (KY Head Tax \$7.50) |
| b. Kentucky State Championships Tri-Level League | \$25.00 (Entry Fee) |
| c. <u>Regional</u> Tri-Level Championships | \$30.00 (Entry Fee) |

18. Each local league shall accept entry to teams of which the majority of the players are comprised of team members from another area. A local league cannot reject a player from another area.
19. The team winning the majority of individual matches shall be awarded one team point.
20. Any local league divided into flights must establish playoff regulations and the format for determination of local league winners. Playoff regulations must be published prior to start of the league season.
21. Local leagues shall determine the procedures and/or penalties if a team forfeits an entire team match during local league play. This must be included in the local league regulations.
22. Local leagues shall determine the procedures for rescheduling of team matches including inclement weather procedures.
23. Scores must be reported in TennisLink within 48 hours of the completed team match. After match scores have been entered in TennisLink, they must be confirmed by the opposing team within 48 hours of the initial entry or the initial score will automatically be considered valid. Local leagues may determine any penalty for a team not adhering to these guidelines.
24. A player may play on multiple teams as long as they are in different divisions. Example: Player A, 3.5 can play in Adult Division I 2.5, 3.0, 3.5 and Adult Division II 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and Senior Division I 3.0, 3.5, 4.0. Players who qualify for advancement to Kentucky State Championships will be eligible to represent one adult and one senior team or one senior and one super senior team. Players are allowed to represent more than one division within the adult league at the State Championships. There will be no concessions made for scheduling.
25. Last day for local league match play for Kentucky Tri-Level League season is August 10, 2012.
26. USTA Tri-Level League will not have any affect on NTRP ratings.
27. All players are required to register for local league play in Kentucky on TennisLink. All players must self rate according to the NTRP guidelines. TennisLink and the Southern Section office administer the self-rating process.
28. For any team in which a player is deleted from the roster within 30 days after initial registration, the captain must submit the reason for removal in writing to the LLC, who will then submit the statement to the SLC. The SLC and the ALC have the authority to deny reimbursement of registration fees to the local league in question. Refunds will not be issued after the 30 day period has expired.
29. Players promoted (due to any league play) during any USTA Tri-Level League to the next level of play must play at the new level and if necessary join a new Tri-Level team. LLCs will provide assistance in placing promoted players on existing teams.
30. A team cannot advance to the State Championships without playing a minimum of three local league matches.
31. A player cannot advance beyond local league play without playing a minimum of 1 match, with no defaults counting.

32. Local leagues with the following number of teams per local season may qualify to advance to the Kentucky State Championships.

Adult/Senior/Super Senior

2 - 5 teams	2 teams
6 - 10 teams	3 teams
11+ teams	4 teams

33. The Tournament Committee will determine the number of teams needed to complete the draw. If it is determined that additional teams are needed to complete the draw in any division, a blind draw will be made to determine which local league will receive the wildcard.
34. The wildcard selection process is based on a draw, which operates as follows: all local areas are eligible to participate in the potential wildcard drawing and will receive one chance each to be drawn as the wildcard. However, the "Host City" for any tournament will be given first consideration on wildcards for any level if they have a team available in that level, and assuming the wildcard is needed.
35. Teams should expect to play on any USTA approved surface at the Kentucky State Championships.
36. Teams progressing to the Kentucky State Championships are determined by placement after local league play. Local leagues are expected to send their top finishers. A local league may send the next team in their local standings to represent their local league. Any deviation from this must be approved by the Kentucky ALC.
37. A minimum of 6 team members who were on the final roster and at levels eligible to field each court in their division must be available to compete at the Kentucky State Championships.
38. A \$100 deposit will be required of all teams at each Kentucky State Championship.
39. Any team forfeiting an entire team match will forfeit this deposit. Any team that withdraws from the tournament after the schedule is published shall forfeit their deposit and registration fees and a grievance may be filed against the entire team.
40. All teams are expected to play all scheduled matches. Any team not complying will be subject to grievance procedures. In accordance with USTA League Tennis Regulations, any team forfeiting an entire team match for **ANY REASON** will result in all matches of that team previously played or to be played to be declared null and void. If all teams in contention for the Championship have already played the forfeiting team in good faith, the matches stand as played.
41. All matches at the Championship will be the best of two sets and the Set Tiebreak shall be used at 6 – 6 in each set. In lieu of the third set, a Match Tiebreak shall be played (the first to 10 winning by 2). 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 plus 1 game for tiebreak procedures.
42. All tiebreaks will be played using the Coman Format.
43. Match winners shall be determined by the winner of most courts and shall receive 1 point for each match win. In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:

Individual Matches. Winner of the most matches in the entire competition.

Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets.

Games. Loser of the fewest number of games.

Head to Head. Winner of head-to-head match.

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44. Kentucky State Championship Dates: All dates and locations are subject to change by the Tournament Committee.

a. 2012 Kentucky Tri-Level League Championships:

Date: [August 24 – 26, 2012](#)

Location: [Paducah, Kentucky](#)

Entry Deadline: [August 15, 2012](#)

Additional player “Late Registration” Deadline: [August 22, 2012](#)

Per Player Registration Fee: \$25.00

b. 2012 Regional Tri-Level League Championships:

Date: **TBD**

Location: **TBD**

Entry Deadline: **TBD**

Additional player “Late Registration” Deadline: **T B D**

Per Player Registration Fee: \$30.00

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