



**2012  
USTA KENTUCKY REGULATIONS**

**MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2012**

1.04E(1) Domicile and Residency Requirements.

Sections may create residency requirement rules to encourage and foster local league play.

2.01A Levels of Play

Sections have the authority to choose straight or combined NTRP levels (3.0, 3.5, 4.0 or 4.5 or 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0) for Super Seniors.

2.05E Players 70 and over promoted at year end. Change allows a player who is 70 years of age or older and promoted at year end, to appeal such rating based on his/her three most recent yearend ratings, rather than on the three prior consecutive years.

3.03A(6)

Regardless of any other regulation, a league coordinator, a member of the Championships Committee, a Grievance Committee, or a Grievance Appeal Committee, may file a grievance at any time except for an NTRP Grievance. This change clarifies that an NTRP Grievance may not be filed at any time to prevent a conflict with national regulation 3.03E(3).

**APPLICATION**

The USTA League Tennis Regulations and Southern Regulations shall have full force and applicability at all levels of play in USTA League Tennis, and Super Seniors in the state of Kentucky, and there is no authority to modify, amplify, or change them by Local League Coordinators, Community Tennis Associations, or committees.

USTA Kentucky has appointed the Kentucky State League Coordinator (SLC) to organize, coordinate and supervise all USTA League Tennis, Mixed Doubles (Adult, Senior, and Super Senior), and Super Senior activities at the state level. The SLC, in conjunction with the Kentucky Adult League Committee, has the authority to interpret the USTA League Tennis Kentucky Regulations.

The USTA Southern Section Kentucky League Program shall be governed by the Kentucky Adult League Committee appointed by the President of USTA Kentucky and subject to the control and direction of the USTA Kentucky Board of Directors. USTA Tennis Regulations (National and Southern) are available on the USTA Kentucky website: [www.ustaky.com](http://www.ustaky.com).

**1.0 GENERAL**

The Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL shall apply to all USTA Kentucky League Divisions. Certain authorities are delegated by these regulations to the local league.

**1.01 NAME.** The USTA Kentucky Board of Directors has approved the adoption of rules and regulations for Kentucky Leagues that shall be known as USTA Kentucky League Regulations.

**1.02 GOVERNANCE.** The Kentucky Adult League Committee (ALC), through recommendations from the Local League Coordinators, establishes and amends the Kentucky League Regulations. The Kentucky Adult League Committee and USTA Kentucky Board of Directors grants final approval of the USTA League Tennis Kentucky Regulations.

**1.02B(1) Amendments.** These USTA Kentucky League Regulations may be amended by the Kentucky Adult League Committee and approved by the USTA Kentucky Board of Directors.

**1.02C Written Interpretations.** The written interpretations of USTA Kentucky League Regulations is the responsibility of a committee comprised of the Chair and at least one member of the USTA Kentucky Adult League Committee and the State League Coordinator (SLC).

**1.03 NON DISCRIMINATION.** USTA Kentucky League shall be conducted without regard to race, creed, color, or national origin.

## **1.04 USTA LEAGUE**

### **1.04B Administration**

**1.04B(1) USTA League Committee.** The USTA Kentucky League shall be governed by the Adult League Committee appointed by the USTA Kentucky Board President and subject to the control and direction of the USTA Kentucky Board of Directors.

**1.04B(4)a State League Coordinators.** The USTA Kentucky State League Coordinator under the employment of USTA Kentucky shall be responsible for the day to day administration of the USTA Kentucky League.

**1.04B(4)b Local League Coordinators.** Local League administrators, including Local League Coordinators and Community Tennis Associations, are responsible for the administration and the promotion of the USTA League Tennis Programs in their Local League area. A Local league Coordinator 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 Local League Coordinator at any time during their contract period. Local League Coordinators are required to follow the current job description, which is subject to change each league year.

**1.04B(4)b1** Local League Coordinators and/or Schedulers may not captain any USTA League Tennis team. Local League Coordinators and/or Schedulers may be a non-playing captain, as long as it is at a different level than they are playing.

**1.04B(6) Championship Committees.** State championship committees will be appointed and published in championship information for each event by the State League Coordinator.

**1.04C(1) Official League Registration.** TennisLink is the official system for registering teams and players for USTA Leagues.

**1.04C(1)a** 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 Local League Coordinator, 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.***

**1.04C(1)b** Players promoted to the next level of play are permitted to join another team. Local League Coordinators will provide assistance in placing promoted players on existing teams.

**1.04C(1)c** State and Local League fees, as well as Championship fees, shall be reviewed prior to each league year. Final fees shall be established by the USTA Kentucky Board of Directors acting upon the recommendation of the SLC and the Kentucky Adult League Committee.

**1.04C(1)d** Super Senior non-refundable TennisLink registration fee of \$9.50 is required for all teams advancing to any level of championship play. In addition to the non-refundable TennisLink registration fee, an entry fee of \$18.50 will be required for entry into the Kentucky State Championships.

2012 Minimum Fees:

- i. USTA League Tennis Adult/Senior \$22.00 (KY Head Tax \$12.50)
- ii. USTA League Tennis Mixed Doubles \$20.00 (KY Head Tax \$10.50)
- iii. Super Seniors \$28.00 (KY State Championship)  
*(\$9.50 non-refundable TennisLink fee/  
\$18.50 Championship Entry Fee)*

**1.04C(1)e** A CTA may add a nominal fee to the state registration fee to cover costs that would be incurred by the players themselves, such as court rental, but the fee must first be approved by the SLC and the Kentucky Adult League Committee. Fees over and above the state registration fee may be requested only on those leagues that have a local league season (*this currently excludes Super Seniors*). The CTA must request in writing prior to the local regulations being published and prior to registration being opened for each league and/or season that it intends to add a nominal fee. CTAs must qualify and apply for the Community Development Local Membership Grant before requesting additional funds through league registrations. The written request must specify the amount and how it will be utilized. Once approved by the SLC and the ALC, the amount of the nominal fee as well as how the funds will be used must be published in the CTA's local league rules and regulations. At year end, an accountability for how the funds were spent must be included in the local league annual budget/detailed accountability report.

**1.04C(2) Official Score Reporting and Standings System.** Scores must be reported in TennisLink within 48 hours of the completed team match. After match scores have been entered on 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.

### **1.04D LOCAL LEAGUE**

**1.04D(1) Definition.** An existing league is defined as an area that enrolls two or more teams per NTRP level. Local Leagues shall be approved by USTA Kentucky to administer USTA League Tennis. The approved Local Leagues for the 2012 season are: Ashland (ASH), Bowling Green (BG), Henderson (HEN), Pennyriple Area (HOP), Lexington (LEX), Louisville (LOU), Owensboro (OWN), Purchase Area (PUR), and Paducah (PAD).

**1.04D(3) Local League Season.** All local leagues shall obtain approval of the SLC for the dates of the local league season(s). In the event a local league is not concluded on the date published in TennisLink, then the end date in TennisLink should be amended to reflect the date of the last match played.

**1.04D(3)a** Last date of play for the Adult USTA League Tennis season is June 8, 2012. Last date of play for the Senior USTA League Tennis season is May 6, 2012. The last date of play for the Mixed Doubles USTA League season is August 24, 2012.

**1.04D(5) Team.** A team shall consist of players eligible to compete at a specific level of competition in accordance with the table below. A local league may limit the number of players that appear on a team roster. A local league may also limit the number of players at a specific NTRP level.

DIVISION	MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS	GENDER	NTRP LEVEL
Adult	8	Same Gender	Shall not exceed the team NTRP level
Adult 2.5 and 5.0	5		
Senior	6		
Super Senior	6	Same Gender	Combined NTRP player level shall not exceed the team NTRP level
Mixed Doubles Adult/Senior	3 Men 3 Women	Men and Women	
Mixed Doubles 2.5	3 Men 3 Women	Men and Women	Shall not exceed the team NTRP level

**1.04D(5)a** All teams participating in the 2012 USTA Kentucky League Tennis season must have the minimum required number of players registered in TennisLink according to the following table. Local Leagues have the authority to set this date earlier to align with their local season.

DIVISION	STATE INITIAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS REQUIRED MUST BE REGISTERED NO LATER THAN THIS DATE
ADULT (ALL LEVELS)	April 15, 2012
SENIOR	April 1, 2012
ADULT/SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES	July 29, 2012
SUPER SENIORS (60'S AND 70'S)	September 12, 2012

**1.04D(6) Two Team Leagues.** If an Adult or Senior League consists of only two teams in a level of play, each team must maintain its roster with at least 60 percent of its players at the designated NTRP level of play.

## 1.04E PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

1.04E(1) **Domicile and Residency Requirements.** Local Leagues may create residency requirement rules to encourage and foster local league play.

1.04E(2) **Membership** All individuals must be current USTA members in good standing through the local league season. Any individual who progresses to a championship must be a current member through each level of championship progression.

### 1.04E(3) Age

DIVISION	MINIMUM AGE
Adult	18
Mixed Doubles	18
Senior	50
Senior Mixed Doubles	50
Super Senior	60
Super Senior 70	70

1.04F **Official league rating program.** The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) is the official system for rating levels of competition for USTA League.

1.04F(1) **Entry.** A player without a valid NTRP rating level in TennisLink must self-rate to enter the USTA League Program.

### 1.04G Player Participation.

1.04G(3) A player may play up to one level above the player's current NTRP level.

1.04G(5) A player may play on more than one team within a division in the same season provided it is in separate local leagues.

1.04G(5)a A player may play on a Super Senior 60's team and a Super Senior 70's team (if eligible) at the same NTRP level during the same season.

1.04G(6) Kentucky has the authority to regulate advancement on more than one adult and/or senior team to the State Championships. A player may play on two adult and two senior teams while advancing to the Kentucky State Championships as long as they are not the same NTRP level in Adult and/or Senior Events. There will be no scheduling concessions for those choosing to play two events.

## 2.00 USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS

**All USTA League Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL, 3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and the following Regulations shall apply to USTA Kentucky League - Adult, Senior, Mixed Doubles, and Super Senior Divisions.**

2.00a Local leagues are required and have the authority to compose regulations that preside over local play. Local league regulations shall not conflict with any existing National, Southern, or Kentucky regulation.

2.00b 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 made available to team captains along with USTA National, USTA Southern (STA) and USTA Kentucky regulations before the local season begins. All regulations must be accessible through all local league websites. It is the responsibility of the LLC to ensure the regulations are available to all team captains.

**2.01A Levels of Play.** USTA League levels are in accordance with the following table:

DIVISION	DIVISION LEVEL
Adult	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5
Senior	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5
Adult Mixed Doubles	2.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0
Senior Mixed Doubles	6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0
Super Senior Mixed Doubles	6.0, 7.0, 8.0 <i>(Not a Nat'l Program)</i>
Super Senior 60s	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5
Super Senior 70s	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 <i>(Not a Nat'l Program)</i>

**2.01C Competition Format**

**2.01C(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 are required to play a minimum of three matches.

**2.01C(1)a** 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. Each local league shall determine dates of the championship within the local league. Each championship end date shall be published in Tennislink as the championship end date. In the event a championship is not concluded on the date published in Tennislink, then the end date must be amended in Tennislink to reflect the date of the last match played.

**2.01C(2) Team Match.** 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.

**2.01C(3) Match Scoring.** It is recommended that all matches be the best of two tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set.

**2.01C(3)a** All matches will be the best of two sets and the Set tiebreak shall be used at 6-all 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. All tie-breaks will be played in the Coman Format.

**2.01C(3)b** The team winning the majority of individual matches shall be awarded one team point.

**2.01C(5) Team Line-Ups.** The team captain for each team shall exchange their team lin-up cards simultaneously prior to the beginning of the team match. No substitution may be made in an individual match after the line-up has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player prior to the start of such match and under such further circumstances as the Section authorizes. If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five minute warm-up. The default principles in USTA National Regulation 2.03K *Team Defaults* shall be applicable, with the following Southern Sectional modifications:

- 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 a 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 defaulted in local leagues.
- b. 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, defaults will be awarded in the affected position only.
- c. Local Leagues shall determine and publish the procedures and/or penalties for rescheduling team matches including inclement weather procedures.
- d. Two players will play together in the higher position when both of their partners do not show in order to avoid two defaults.
- e. All matches of a defaulting team played or to be played shall be null and void unless all teams in contention for advancement to further competition have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches will stand as played.
- f. Local leagues shall determine and publish the procedures and/or penalties if a team forfeits an entire team match during local league play.

**2.02 PROGRESSION**

**2.02B Championships.**

**2.02B(1)** Teams will advance to USTA Kentucky State Championships based on the below listed number of teams participating at the local level. Teams should expect to play on any USTA approved surface.

<b>Adult</b>		<b>Senior</b>		<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	
2 teams	1 team	2-10 teams	2 teams	2-10 teams	2 teams
3-12 teams	2 teams	11-20 teams	3 teams	11-20 teams	3 teams
13-22 teams	3 teams			21+ teams	4 teams
23+ teams	4 teams				

**2.03 AREA, SECTION, AND NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**2.03A Eligibility.** A team cannot advance to the State Championships without playing a local league. **If a player’s rating is lowered during the Mixed Doubles league season, the player must continue to use the rating submitted on the roster for that season.**

**2.03A(1)a** A team cannot advance to Championship level without playing a local league. Local leagues that enroll less than the required two teams per NTRP level may compete in the regular USTA league tennis program by joining another existing local league.

- a. The SLC in conjunction with the LLC shall assign a team to a local league and move the team to the appropriate league within TennisLink.
- b. The assigned team will be required to travel to all matches within the existing local league they are assigned, unless the other teams within that local league agree to share the traveling.
- c. The assigned team must abide by the local league regulations and deadlines of the local league in which the team is assigned.
- d. In the case that two one team leagues join together, both teams will be required to travel equally,

- e. If two or more local leagues have only one team at the same level, an area local league may be formed and played during the “Championship weekend”. If another local league has two or more teams at this level, an area local league may not be played during a Championship, unless determined by the SLC. NTRP levels in Kentucky with five (5) or less teams may be considered for Championship weekend, which would be considered local league at State.

**2.03A(1)b** 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 level, a blind draw will be made to determine which local league area will receive the wildcard. However, the “Host City” for any tournament will be given first consideration for providing a wildcard for any level if they have a team available in that level, and assuming a wildcard is needed.

**2.03A(3)** A player is eligible to progress to championship level in accordance with the table below provided the required number of matches were played on that same team in the same division during its local league season.

<b>2012 MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE</b>				
	ANY CHAMPIONSHIP LEVEL		NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	
	LOCAL MATCHES REQUIRED	DEFAULTS	ALL MATCHES through SECTION CHAMPS	DEFAULTS
USTA League Division	To advance to any championship level through Section Championship	Defaults received counting to advance to any championship level through Section Championship	To advance to National Championship	Defaults received counting to advance to National Championship
Adult	2 matches	1 default may count	3 matches	NO defaults
Senior	2 matches	1 default may count	3 matches	NO defaults
Mixed	2 matches	1 default may count	3 matches	NO defaults
Senior Mixed	1 match	1 default may count	Not a National Program	Not a National Program
Super Senior 60	1 match	1 default may count	3 matches	NO defaults
Super Senior 70	1 match	1 default may count		Not a National Program
	A RETIRED match shall count for all players			

**2.03A(5)** At all Championships, a minimum number of team members as shown in the table below, who were on the final roster of their local league play, must be available and eligible to compete as appropriate. Championship committees, by majority vote, can reduce that number to not less than the minimum noted in the table below:

MINIMUM NUMBER OF TEAM MEMBERS REQUIRED AT CHAMPIONSHIPS	
DIVISION	MINIMUM NUMBER AVAILABLE TO PLAY AT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
ADULT (3.0,3.5,4.0,4.5)	8
ADULT 2.5 AND 5.0	5
SENIORS	6
MIXED DOUBLES	3 WOMEN, 3 MEN
SUPER SENIOR	6

### **2.03B Official League Championship Entry**

**2.03B(1)** A copy of the official entry form along with all fees and required information shall be submitted by the team captain prior to the announced deadline for entry into the event. The captain is responsible for reviewing all information pertaining to the league championships. All championship information may be accessed at [www.ustaky.com](http://www.ustaky.com).

**2.03B(2)** A \$100 deposit is required of all teams attending a Kentucky State Championship. 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 that deposit and registration fees and a grievance may be filed against the entire team.

**2.03C Scoring and Rest.** All matches at the Kentucky State Championship will be the best of two tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of the third set. A set tiebreak shall be used at 6-all 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. All tie-breaks will be played in the Coman Format.

**2.03D Competition Format** State Championships format shall be round robin in all levels of competition. Each team shall play every other team in its flight and the team with the most team points shall be champion in its flight. Levels with two or more flights will play a single elimination match to determine the team(s) that advances to the finals. *Example: Flight A vs. Flight C and Flight B vs. Best of Record.*

### **2012 KENTUCKY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DATES:**

*All dates and locations are subject to change by the Tournament Committee.*

- a. **SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
 Date: **May 18-20, 2012, Frankfort**  
 Entry Deadline: **May 9, 2012**  
 Entry Fee: \$28.00 per player  
 Deposit: \$100.00 per team

- b. **ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
 Date: June 22 – 24, 2012; 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, Louisville  
 June 23 – 25, 2012; 2.5, 3.5, 4.5, Louisville  
 Entry Deadline: June 13, 2012  
 Entry Fee: \$28.00 per player  
 Deposit: \$100.00 per team
  
- c. **MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
 Date: September 7 – 9, 2012, Murray  
 Entry Deadline: August 29, 2012  
 Entry Fee: \$25.00 per player  
 Deposit: \$100.0 per team
  
- d. **SUPER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
 Date: September 21 – 23, 2012, Louisville  
 Entry Deadline: September 12, 2012 (**ALL players MUST be in TennisLink by this date.**)  
 Entry Fee: \$28.00 – (**Non-refundable \$9.50 per player when registering in TennisLink) and \$18.50 per player due with Team Entry Form by Entry Deadline**)

## 2.03K Team Defaults

**2.03K(1)** If a team has a known default, (not enough players to field a complete match) the opposing team will have the opportunity to take their scorecard back and resubmit the lineup. If the opposing team has not turned their scorecard in, they will be notified of the line the default is taking place prior to turning their scorecard in.

**2.03L Scoring of Team Defaults.** If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, then all matches of that team played, or to be played, shall be null and void when determining standings. If all teams in contention for the championships have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches stand as played. Any team not complying will be subject to grievance procedures.

**2.04 NTRP DYNAMIC DISQUALIFICATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURES** – *Please see USTA Southern Section Regulations.*

**2.05 YEAR-END NTRP COMPUTER RATINGS AND APPEAL PROCEDURES** –*Please see USTA Southern Section Regulations.*

**3.0 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES** –*Please see USTA Southern Section Regulations.*

**3.01A(1) Local Committees** All local league regulations will include the names of Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committee members and will be distributed to captains prior to beginning of the local league season. The SLC shall approve all Local League Grievance Appeal Committees.

## 2012 KENTUCKY ADULT LEAGUE COMMITTEE

Cindy Ariel – *Louisville*  
Cookie Bohman – *Lexington*  
Wayne Carter – *Bowling Green*  
Judy Davenport – **Chair** – *Louisville*  
Jerry Groce – *Ashland*  
Karen Hamilton – **Secretary** – *Louisville*  
Mike Howard – *Lexington*  
Mark Jensen – *Lexington*  
Ken Putlak – *Louisville*  
Priscilla Schiff - *Paducah*

Kentucky Grievance Committees & Grievance Appeal Committees are formed as necessary first utilizing members of the ALC and Subcommittees and then other league members selected by the ALC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson and approved by the SLC.