2012 Rules & Regulations for Adult Tournaments & Rankings

(amended January 23, 2012)

A. Residency Requirements for Closed Tournaments & Rankings

Only players who have established a legal residency in Kentucky, hold a current USTA membership card assigned to Kentucky, and who are citizens of the United States or meet the international player's requirements for a national ranking are eligible to be ranked in Kentucky Adult divisions and are eligible to participate in Kentucky Closed Tournaments. These residency requirements must be satisfied prior to the entry deadline of the closed tournament. These residency requirements must be satisfied by December 1st for a player to become eligible for Kentucky rankings in any particular year.

B. Adult & Senior Sanctioned Events

USTA Kentucky sanctions the following divisions in adult and senior tournaments. The results of tournaments played in these divisions are utilized to determine standings throughout the year and rankings in Kentucky at the conclusion of the ranking year.

Men & Women Singles & Doubles	Open, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85
Mixed Doubles	Open, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85
Family Divisions	Father-Son, Mother-Daughter, Father-Daughter, Mother-Son
Men & Women NTRP Singles & Doubles	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0
NTRP Mixed Doubles	5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0 OR 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0
SR NTRP Singles, Doubles, & Mixed	50s—3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5
	60s—3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5
	70—3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5

C. Adult Age Eligibility Table

2012 USTA Kentucky Age Eligibility Table
(For tournaments from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012)

25 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1987
30 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1982
35 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1977
40 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1972
45 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1967
50 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1962
55 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1957
60 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1952
65 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1947
70 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1942
75 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1937
80 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1932
85 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1927

D. Adult NTRP Eligibility Requirements

The following eligibility requirements govern participation in NTRP tournaments from January 1, 2012 to November 30, 2012. In 2013, the NTRP calendar year will be December 1, 2012 to November 30, 2013.

1. Players must turn 18 years of age or older during 2012 to compete in an NTRP event.
    a. Players must be born on or before December 31, 1994.
2. Players must compete in their appropriate NTRP level, determined by the following prioritized order:
    a. Players with a current NTRP computer rating must compete no lower than their computer rated level.
        i. Players are required to compete at their current NTRP year-end computer rating (or higher) for the entire calendar year unless disqualified from the USTA League Tennis Program at their NTRP level
        ii. If disqualified, the player must move up in tournament competition for the remainder of the year. The newly defined level shall be considered the most current NTRP computer rating for tournament competition
    b. Players without a current NTRP computer rating may appropriately self-rate

E. Senior NTRP Eligibility Requirements

The following eligibility requirements govern participation in Senior NTRP tournaments from January 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012. November 30, 2012. In 2013, the NTRP calendar year will be December 1, 2012 to November 30, 2013.

1. 2012 USTA Kentucky Age Eligibility Table

50 & Over Divisions	Born on or before December 31, 1962
60 & Over Divisions	Born on or before December 31, 1952
70 & Over Divisions	Born on or before December 31, 1942

2. Players must compete in their appropriate NTRP level, determined by the following prioritized order:
    a. Players with a current NTRP computer rating must compete no lower than their computer rated level.
        i. Players are required to compete at their current NTRP year-end computer rating (or higher) for the entire calendar year unless disqualified from the USTA League Tennis Program at their NTRP level
        ii. If disqualified, the player must move up in tournament competition for the remainder of the year. The newly defined level shall be considered the most current NTRP computer rating for tournament competition

b. Players without a current NTRP computer rating may appropriately self-rate

F. Adult Rest Periods & Match Limitations

1. Rest Periods Between Sets

There is no rest period between the 2nd and 3rd sets in Men's Open, Women's Open, and Men's 25 singles or doubles. In all other adult divisions, including Special Divisions, at the request of any player or team, a ten-minute rest between the 2nd and 3rd sets may be taken. The rest period may be taken only after two consecutive sets have been played—completion of a suspended set counts as one set. There will be no rest period, therefore, between the 2nd and 3rd sets if there is a match suspension of ten (10) minutes or more during the 2nd set.

2. Rest Periods Between Matches

A minimum of one hour must be allowed for rest after a singles match and thirty minutes after a doubles match, except that a singles match in excess of three (3) hours shall have a waiting period of a minimum of 90 minutes before the next match. Players can waive these rules by mutual agreement with the consent of the Referee. From one day to the next, a minimum of ten (10) hours must lapse from the end of one match and the beginning of the next match.

A. Extreme Conditions

Apparent temperature is the combined index of heat and humidity. The referee shall obtain the apparent temperature for the zip code of the main tournament site each day at 10am, 1pm, 4pm, and 7pm.

If the apparent temperature reaches 90°F at the time of any of the prescribed temperature checks and during a player's singles match consisting of a format of two standard tiebreak sets or more, then the minimum rest offered by a Referee before the player's next match shall be two hours.

(Pending approval by USTA Board on March 19, 2012)

3. Daily Playing Limitations

No player may be required to play more than two matches per event per day. Players who enter two different events can face playing four matches on a given day. This rule can be waived with the consent of the players involved and the Referee.

G. Ranking Prerequisites

In order to be considered for a Kentucky Adult Ranking in Age, Open, NTRP, SR NTRP, or Family Divisions, a player must meet the requirements set forth in Section A and must compete in one (1) or more USTA sanctioned tournament in Kentucky.

H. Points Per Round (PPR) Ranking System

1. Open, Age, Family Divisions, NTRP, and SR NTRP division final rankings in 2012 will be determined by the USTA Kentucky Adult Points Per Round (PPR) System.
2. Standings throughout the year and Final Rankings are determined by the PPR System

3. Players will earn points for each round which the player advances to in any USTA Kentucky sanctioned tournaments
    a. A player must win a round in a tournament to earn points in that tournament
4. The tournament level for each tournament will be listed on the tournament's TennisLink homepage, on the Adult tournament list on the USTA Kentucky website, and in the USTA Kentucky Annual Yearbook/Calendar. In addition to tournaments in Kentucky, Southern and National tournaments listed below will be included:
    a. Southern 300 Point Tournaments (Southern Open Championships) and National Category 1 Championships will count for KY 250.
    b. Southern 400 Point Tournaments (Southern Closed Championships) and the USTA Southern Summer Sr. Indoor Open Chmps will count for KY 300
5. Standings will be published throughout the year, as needed, and will include all points and results earned in that ranking year
6. A player's top three (3) tournaments will be used for ranking purposes

NOTE: #1 ranked player's photos will only be included in the USTA Kentucky Calendar if the player played in at least 2 tournaments in the division in which he/she is ranked #1.

I. USTA Kentucky Points Per Round (PPR) Table

Result	300 Point	250 Point	200 Point	150 Point	100 Point	50 Point
Champion	300	250	200	150	100	50
Finalist	250	200	170	110	75	35
Semifinalist	200	160	140	75	50	25
Quarterfinalist	150	130	110	50	25	15
Round of 16	100	90	80	25	10	10
Round of 32	75	60	50	10	5	5
3rd Place or for Each Consolation Match Win	15	15	12	10	5	5

J. Behavior & Discipline

1. The Point Penalty System will be in effect for all matches at USTA Sanctioned Adult Tournaments
2. All Point Penalties or other situations should be reported to USTA Kentucky
3. If a consistent problem from an individual or group continues or if a serious action occurs (i.e. physical abuse, injury, etc.), please contact USTA Kentucky to begin the grievance and/or incident report process.
4. All grievances will be reviewed by the USTA Kentucky Adult Competition Committee and forwarded to the USTA Kentucky Grievance Committee with a recommendation of action.

K. Adult Tournament Evaluation

USTA Kentucky will email tournament surveys to tournament participants following tournament completion.