



2024 Kentucky Singles League Regulations
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Play is governed by the RULES OF TENNIS; "The Code" as contained in the 2024 Friend at Court, The USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations, and the following Kentucky Singles Regulations.

Each local league must supplement these regulations for play within their league. Local regulations may not 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 in conjunction with the USTA KY ALC Chairperson shall have the authority to interpret the Kentucky Singles 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 Singles League Tennis Program in their local league area.

fee as well as how the funds will be used must be published in the CTAs local league rules and regulations. CTAs must qualify and apply for the Community Development Local Membership Grant before requesting additional funds through league registrations.
2. All teams participating in the 2024 Singles League season must be registered in TennisLink. Local Leagues (CTA) are responsible for setting registration deadlines for their local league.
3. 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 the local CTA. LLCs are required to follow the current job description, which is subject to change each league year.
4. 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 all participants prior to the league season start date, preferably during a captain's meeting. It is the responsibility of the LLC to ensure the regulations are updated, approved and made available to all league participants.
5. LLC's may be a non-playing captain if the team is in a different division and/or level as they are playing.
6. A CTA may add a nominal fee to their existing league fee, but the fee must first be approved by the Manager Adult Leagues. 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
7. Participants in the 18 & Over Age Division must turn age 18 by the Start Date of the Local League or prior to playing first match. Participants in the 40 & Over and 55 & Over Age Divisions must turn the appropriate age during the calendar year in which they play local league.
8. All local leagues with two or more 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. Un-flighted format may be used in local league scheduling.
9. All teams participating in the 2024 USTA Singles League season must be registered in TennisLink by their local league registration deadline. Team size restriction shall be determined by the local league.
10. 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. The following divisions are available for the 2024 State Invitational. Local Leagues may offer differing divisions/levels.

Age Divisions: 18 & Over and 40 & Over
NTRP Levels: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, **4.5+**

NTRP 4.5+ Level allows for a combination of 4.5, 5.0 players to compete on the same team. There is a limit to only one 5.0 player per team and that player must play on court #1.

11. All players participating in USTA Singles League must be a current member of the USTA for the entire league season, **as well as, thru the duration of the State Invitational, if participating.**
12. 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.
13. The team winning most individual matches shall be awarded one team point.
14. 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.
15. 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, if not will default to USTA Adult State Regulations.
16. Local leagues shall determine the procedures for rescheduling of team matches including inclement weather procedures.
17. 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.
18. A player may play on multiple teams as long as they are in different NTRP levels and/or age divisions.
19. USTA Singles League will not have any effect on a player's NTRP rating level.
20. 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.
21. Players promoted, *due to any league play*, during any USTA Singles League to the next level of play must play at the new level and if necessary, join a new Singles team. LLCs will aid in placing promoted players on existing teams.
22. **See Championship Procedures for requirements and information regarding participation in the State Invitational. Dates for Invitational are October 25-27 in Louisville, KY.**