

# NEW ORLEANS LOCAL LEAGUE REGULATIONS

## For USTA League Tennis

### Adult, Senior, Mixed Doubles, and Super Senior Divisions

### League Year 2008 (November 26, 2007) Revised 1/01/2008

The USTA League Tennis National, Southern, Louisiana, and New Orleans Regulations have full force and applicability at all levels of play in USTA League Tennis in New Orleans and there is no authorization to modify, amplify or change them by local coordinators, grievance, or grievance appeals committees. The Local League Coordinators in conjunction with the Rules Committee of the New Orleans Metropolitan Area Tennis Association (NOMATA) shall have the authority to interpret the USTA League Tennis New Orleans League Regulations. USTA League Tennis Regulations (National, Southern Section, State, & New Orleans) are available at [www.neworleanstennis.com](http://www.neworleanstennis.com) Printed below are the USTA New Orleans Regulations as authorized by the USTA League Tennis National Regulations, USTA Southern Section Regulations, and USTA Louisiana Regulations.

(Note: Paragraphs included herein are numbered according to pertinent paragraphs of the 2008 USTA League Tennis Regulations.)

#### 1:00 GENERAL

**1.02 APPLICABILITY.** The USTA LEAGUE TENNIS REGULATIONS shall apply to the USTA League Tennis Program.

The RULES OF TENNIS and TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS shall apply to all matches played in the USTA League Tennis Program except as modified herein. In all matches played without officials, the USTA official publication "The Code" shall be observed. The USTA Point Penalty System shall be used at all championship levels.

#### 1.04 OFFICIAL LEAGUE REGISTRATION.

**1.04A. Team Registration Dates/Deadlines.** Deadline dates are published on League Timelines on the NOMATA website [www.neworleanstennis.com](http://www.neworleanstennis.com)

**104.A(1)** Team Captains must attend a Local League Captains Meeting, pay the local team entry fee and register their team on TennisLink by the date established by the local league coordinator. Failure to register a team by the established deadline date may result in the team being declared ineligible for the USTA League Tennis Program.

**1.04B Player Registration Dates/Deadlines.** Deadline dates are published on League Timelines on the NOMATA website [www.neworleanstennis.com](http://www.neworleanstennis.com). See also 1.14 REGISTRATION.

#### 1.05 OFFICIAL SCORE REPORTING AND STANDINGS SYSTEM.

##### 1.05A INCORRECT SCORES

Any Captain or Team Member maliciously recording "INCORRECT" match scores or any and all individuals deliberately recording or reporting altered match results will be either placed on probation or suspension. The latter being the likely penalty of such an act. A verbal or written complaint may be submitted by any player to any Local League Coordinator and will be addressed immediately.

**1.09 AMENDMENTS.** These New Orleans Regulations may be amended by the Rules Committee of the New Orleans Metropolitan Area Tennis Association.

#### 1.14 REGISTRATION.

A player's name must be added to the amended roster (using TennisLink) prior to the player's participation in a team match. Players may not be added to the team roster during local league

flight playoffs or at any championship. (N.1.04)

**1.14A Local Fees & Financial Statement.**

**1.14A(1)** The New Orleans Metropolitan Area Tennis Association is responsible for making available a financial statement (upon request) to the New Orleans team captains at the conclusion of each league year. Any fees paid to the local league coordinator, level coordinators, league assistants, and/or league secretary must be itemized on each league financial report. Each league coordinator must furnish the CTA with this financial statement.

**114.A(2)** The 2008 District & Local New Orleans league year enrollment fees are as follows: \$3.00 TennisLink fee will be added to all individual player fees.

USTA Adult League Tennis.....	\$25.00 per team & \$15 per person/per team entry
USTA Senior League Tennis.....	\$20.00 per team & \$10 per person/per team entry
USTA League Adult Mixed Dbls...	\$25.00 per team & \$15 per person/per team entry
USTA League Senior Mixed Dbls.....	\$20.00 per team & \$10 per person/per team entry
Adult BMW Combo Doubles....	\$25.00 per team & \$15 per person/per team entry
Senior BMW Combo Doubles.....	\$20.00 per team & \$10 per person/per team entry
USTA League Super Senior 60's & 70's.....	\$5 per person/per team entry

**1.20 LOCAL LEAGUE COORDINATORS.** Local league administrators who include Local Coordinators and Board of Directors of the New Orleans Metropolitan Area Tennis Association are responsible for administrating and promoting the USTA League Tennis Programs in the New Orleans area.

**1.20A League Code of Ethics.** All league administrators will adhere to the USTA Southern Section League Tennis Officials Code of Ethics

<http://www.southern.usta.com/USTALEAGUETENNIS/custom.sos?iType=987&icustompageid=9305>

**2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

The Regulations in 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES shall apply to all USTA League Tennis Divisions. All local league regulations will include the names of grievance and grievance appeal committee members and will be distributed to captains prior to the beginning of the local league season. Distribution via captain's packet and/or websites is acceptable. Each state shall approve all Local and State League Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees.

**2.02 GRIEVANCE COMPLAINTS**

**2.02A(3)** Grievances shall be handled by USTA League Tennis Grievance and Appeal Committees at the appropriate level (i.e. Local, State, Sectional or National). Grievance actions may be moved to the next higher organizational level for action, as deemed necessary by the appropriate governing body.

**2.02C Local League Procedures**

All local grievances, appeals and NTRP complaints and appeals will be submitted to the local league coordinator. The local league coordinator will then forward the grievance, appeal or NTRP complaint/appeal to the NOMATA Grievance Committee. NOMATA has formed a committee comprised of members from all of the New Orleans USTA Leagues (Men, Women, Seniors, and Mixed). See 2008 National, Southern, Louisiana USTA League Tennis Regulations (2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES) for procedures that must be followed to file local grievances, appeals and NTRP complaints. The Grievance/Appeal Committee members are listed on the NOMATA website.

2.02E(5) Self-Rate Grievances may be filed at any time up to forty-eight (48) hours after the conclusion of a self-rated player's Section Championships. No Self-Rate Grievances will be accepted at National Championships (2.02E(5) NATIONAL).

### 3:00 ADULT LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All USTA League Tennis Regulations, Southern Section Regulations, Louisiana Regulations and New Orleans Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL and 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and the following procedures shall apply to the USTA League Tennis—Adult Division.

#### 3.01 LOCAL LEAGUE

The majority of registered players for each team must reside in the State of Louisiana and the New Orleans USTA League Tennis has the discretion to accept or deny entry to teams of which the majority of the players are comprised of team members from another local league. The New Orleans USTA League Tennis requires a 51% New Orleans Area membership to enter a team into its league. Teams located outside the New Orleans Area that do not have a local league may petition to play in the New Orleans USTA League Tennis. If teams are granted entry, they must host at a facility located within the New Orleans area.

**3.01B Team** There is no limit to the number of players that appear on a team roster in the New Orleans USTA League Tennis.

#### 3.01D Entry

**3.01D(2)** Players who do not have a computer rating on file in TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) Guidelines and complete the self rating process on TennisLink when registering for a team. Failure to do so or omission of information regarding a player’s tennis history will subject the player, the captain, and/or others who condoned inaccurate self-rating to sanctions and disqualifications.

**3.01F Levels of Play.** Levels offered in the New Orleans USTA Adult Leagues Tennis are: 2.0; 2.5; 3.0; 3.5; 4.0; 4.5 for Men & Women Divisions.

#### 3.01F(1) Days and Times of Play

Adult Day Women.....Monday & Tuesday Mornings (no earlier than 9:00 am)  
Adult Night Women.....Monday & Tuesday Evenings (no earlier than 6:30 pm)  
Adult Men.....Mondays & Wednesday Evenings (no earlier than 6:30 pm)

#### 3.01F(2) Split Match Times.

When less than the required number of courts are available (5 Adult /3 Senior /3 Mixed/ 3 Combo) for a scheduled match, it is the Host Captain’s responsibility to determine which courts start at the earlier times. **Either the Host or Guest Captains, with split match times, must call the opposing team Captain by Friday before the next scheduled match. Host captains are responsible for assigning the court numbers of each individual team match.**

All courts must be played at the same location.

#### 3.01G Scoring and Rest.

##### 3.01G(1) Team Match Format

Round Robin competition will be used with some NTRP levels being divided into Divisions. Some NTRP levels will play a single or double round robin. **In the New Orleans Local League all matches will be the best of two sets and the Set Tiebreak (first to 7 by two) shall be used at 6-all in each set. In lieu of a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) set, a Match Tiebreak (first to 10 by two) 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 1-0 in TennisLink.** Also See 3.03C Louisiana Regulations

##### 3.01G(2) Cell Phones

A ringing cell phone on the court, while a point is in progress, is considered a hindrance and becomes a loss of point. This means if your cell phone rings during a point—you lose the point.

### **3.01G(3) Recording Scores**

Either Captain may enter and/or confirm final match results within 24 hours of played match.

### **3.01H Competition Format.**

#### **3.01H(1)a Local Match Scheduling**

All team captains declaring City Park or UTC as their home court will submit court rental fees to the Level or Local Coordinator as instructed, who will schedule and reserve all team host matches at that facility. Scheduling will also be done for teams using their club courts, but any court fees and court reservations will be handled between the captain and the respective club.

#### **3.01H(2)a Team Forfeits and Defaults**

A team must have a minimum of four eligible players available for play in each match or the entire match must be forfeited. A team may forfeit a maximum of two positions in a match (one for Seniors, Mixed, Combo) without forfeiting the entire match. In such cases, forfeits shall be determined by the team captain in accordance with the following:

**Singles.** The No. 2 singles must be forfeited before the No. 1 singles.

**Doubles.** The No. 3 doubles must be forfeited before the No. 2 doubles and the No. 2 doubles must be forfeited before the No. 1 doubles.

If a team forfeits an entire match (plays less than 3 courts Adult/2 Senior, Mixed, Combo) for any reason during local league play, then all matches of that team, played or to be played shall be null and void. If all teams in contention to advance have already played the forfeiting team in good faith, the matches will stand as played. A committee will review any extenuating circumstances. Additionally, the local league administrators may impose sanctions against the captain and/or team members by denying entry into next year's league program.

#### **3.01H(4) Team Lineups**

Completed team lineups will be exchanged by the team captains simultaneously **five minutes before match time**. All points awarded for forfeits during the original lineup will stand.

Any player involved in such forfeits cannot participate in a rescheduled match. Substitutions are allowed in team lineups after they have been exchanged if that individual match has not started and default time has not occurred. Substitutions are allowed for injury, illness, disqualification, or no-show of a player and when rain or inclement weather forces the cancellation and rescheduling of a team match. An individual match is started when the first ball is put in play. Players in the New Orleans local league will observe a ten-minute warm-up, which includes serves. Default is fifteen minutes after scheduled match time.

**Ineligible Players:** Failure by the team captain to place a known ineligible player in either the lowest singles or doubles position may result in the ineligible player's team losing any individual doubles or singles 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.

#### **3.01H(4)c Rain Delay & Rescheduling Matches**

**ALL MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE UNLESS FACILITY CLOSES.**

Teams must wait one (1) hour (day teams) and one half hour (night teams) to determine if courts will become playable. Courts must be playable by 10:00 am (day) "or" 7:00/split match, 7:30/regular match (night). This rule applies when teams arrive at a facility and it has just stopped raining (court can be dried) or rain is so light that it may stop raining within a few minutes (and courts can be dried). Do not exchange line-ups until courts are

playable. **IF RAIN SHOULD OCCUR DURING PLAY, THE SAME RULE APPLIES AND THEN PLAY SHOULD RESUME. WHEN A DEFAULT HAS BEEN GIVEN PRIOR TO LINE-UPS BEING EXCHANGED, AND RAIN OR INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS THE MATCH, THE DEFAULT NO LONGER STANDS.**

The host captain is responsible for rescheduling any canceled and/or interrupted matches. Canceled or interrupted matches must be completed within 2 weeks of the original match date. The host captain must contact the guest captain within 24 hours of the rained-out or interrupted match and offer (3) possible make-up dates. **Guest captain has 24 hours to respond and agree to a date. DAY TEAMS MUST GIVE WEEKDAY MORNING DATES--- NIGHT TEAMS MUST GIVE WEEKDAY NIGHT DATES WITH THE OPTION OF 1 WEEKEND DATE. THE LOCAL OR LEVEL COORDINATOR SHOULD BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESCHEDULED MATCH DATE.**

If team captains cannot agree on a date and time for a rescheduled match and there has been no attempt to play the match within the 14 days, the league coordinator will then choose a match time and location. If the Coordinator chooses a date and time for the rescheduled match and the match is not played due to a conflict-the penalty will be a default if one team cannot play the match or a double default if neither team can play the match. Substitutions are allowed for injury, illness, disqualification, or no-show of a player and when rain or inclement weather forces the cancellation and rescheduling of a team match. An individual match is started when the first ball is put in play. Substitutes are not allowed to the original lineup that results in a player being moved to a different position when rescheduling a team match due to rain or inclement weather.

**3.01H(4)** Two players will play together in the higher position when both their partners do not show in order to avoid two defaults.

### **3.01H(5) Player Participation**

**3.01H(5)d** Any player who advances to the state adult and/or senior championships in more than one (1) NTRP level may play on both teams at the state championships for the 2008 league year.

**3.01H(5)e** **At any national championship, if a player qualifies for two or more teams at the same NTRP level for an event, the individual must declare which team he/she will represent. In the absence of a declaration, the first match played will determine which team he/she will represent (3.01H5(e) NATIONAL).**

## **3.02 PROGRESSION**

### **3.02B Local League Playoffs**

The local league coordinators will determine the format for the playoffs for each NTRP level. Any team qualifying to play in a Local League playoff that cannot advance to the State Championships level will forfeit their playoff position to the next qualified team. Any first place team that cannot compete in the local league playoffs will forfeit their position to the second place team. Any second place team that cannot compete in the local league playoffs will forfeit their position to the third place team. Playoffs are part of the local league season and count as a match played for an individual player. All playoff formats and dates must be on the respective published schedule.

#### **3.02B(4) Local League Playoff Format**

Guaranteed number of local league teams per level to advance to State Tournaments are: 2-13 teams for 1, 14-20 for 2, 21 or more for 3.

One Division Level ----- 1st place team advances to state

Two Division Level ----- 1 vs 2 (of different divisions). The winners advance to state. Seeding

will be determined by best record of the local season. When a WILD CARD is available and 3 teams advance to state ----- 1 vs 1, seeding determined by best record of the local season. 2 vs 2, winner advances to state as the 3rd place team.

Three Division Level --- 1 vs 2 (of different divisions) The winners advance to state. Seeding will be determined by best record of the local season.

#### **State Tournament**

**Session 1: May 16-19, 2008 in Shreveport Men & Women 3.0, 4.0**

**Session 2: May 23-26, 2008 in Mand/Cov Men & Women 2.5, 3.5, 4.5, 5.0**

### **3.05 YEAR-END NTRP COMPUTER RATINGS AND APPEAL PROCEDURES**

**3.05C Championship Benchmarks.** A championship benchmark (District/Area, Section, or National) may not be appealed following the championship year it is received except for medical reasons. If intervening permanent disabling injury or illness indicates that a championship benchmark rating may be too high, the Section League coordinator may request a reconsideration of a championship benchmark rating by the designated medical appeal committee with national benchmarks being referred to the National League Administrator. A year-old championship benchmark may be appealed in accordance with the NTRP Computer Rating System Procedures (3.05CNATIONAL).

See LTA Regulation 3.04D(1) through 3.05B(3).

#### **3.06 2.5 AND 5.0 REGULATIONS**

All USTA League Tennis Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL, 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES AND 3.00 ADULT LEAGUE REGULATIONS, with the following exceptions, shall apply to the 2.0,2.5 and 5.0 level. Each team match will consist of 1 singles and 2 doubles matches.

#### **4.00 SENIOR LEAGUE REGULATIONS**

All USTA League Tennis Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL, 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES AND 3.00 ADULT LEAGUE REGULATIONS, with the following exceptions, listed in SENIOR LEAGUE REGULATIONS, shall apply to the USTA Senior Division. See LTA Regulations.

##### **4.01F Levels of Play**

Levels offered in the New Orleans USTA Senior Leagues Tennis

3.0; 3.5; 4.0; 4.5 for Men & Women Divisions..

##### **4.01F(1) Days and Times of Play**

Senior Day Women.....Wednesday Morning (no earlier than 9:00 am)

Senior Night Women.....Wednesday Evening (no earlier than 6:30 pm)

Senior Men.....Thursday Evening (no earlier than 6:30 pm)  
& Saturday Morning (no earlier than 9:00 am)

##### **4.01F(2) Split Match Times.**

When less than the required number of courts are available (5 Adult /3 Senior/ 3 Mixed/ 3 Combo) for a scheduled match, it is the Host Captain's responsibility to determine which courts start at the earlier times. **Either the Host or Guest Captains, with split match times, must call the opposing team Captain by Friday before the next scheduled match. Host captains are responsible for assigning the court numbers of each individual team match.**

All courts must be played at the same location.

##### **4.01G Scoring and Rest.**

#### **4.01G(1) Team Match Format**

Round Robin competition will be used with some NTRP levels being divided into Divisions. Some NTRP levels will play a single or double round robin. **In the New Orleans Local League all matches will be the best of two sets and the Set Tiebreak (first to 7 by two) shall be used at 6-all in each set. In lieu of a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) set, a Match Tiebreak (first to 10 by two) 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 1-0 in TennisLink).** Also See 3.01H(1) Louisiana Regulations

#### **4.01G(3) Recording Scores**

**Either Captain may enter and/or confirm final match results within 24 hours of played match.**

#### **4.01H Competition Format.**

##### **4.01H(1)a Local Match Scheduling**

All team captains declaring City Park or UTC as their home court will submit court rental fees to the Level or Local Coordinator as instructed, who will schedule and reserve all team host matches at that facility. Scheduling will also be done for teams using their club courts, but any court fees and court reservations will be handled between the captain and the respective club.

##### **4.01H(2)a Team Forfeits and Defaults**

A team must have a minimum of four eligible players available for play in each match or the entire match must be forfeited. A team may forfeit a maximum of one position in a match without forfeiting the entire match. In such cases, forfeits shall be determined by the team captain in accordance with the following:

**Doubles.** The No. 3 doubles must be forfeited before the No. 2 doubles and the No. 2 doubles must be forfeited before the No. 1 doubles.

If a team forfeits an entire match (plays less than 2 courts Senior) for any reason during local league play, then all matches of that team, played or to be played shall be null and void. If all teams in contention to advance have already played the forfeiting team in good faith, the matches will stand as played. A committee will review any extenuating circumstances. Additionally, the local league administrators may impose sanctions against the captain and/or team members by denying entry into next year's league program.

##### **4.01H(4) Team Lineups**

Completed team lineups will be exchanged by the team captains simultaneously **five minutes before match time.** All points awarded for forfeits during the original lineup will stand. Any player involved in such forfeits cannot participate in a rescheduled match. Substitutions are allowed in team lineups after they have been exchanged if that individual match has not started and default time has not occurred. Substitutions are allowed for injury, illness, disqualification, or no-show of a player and when rain or inclement weather forces the cancellation and rescheduling of a team match. An individual match is started when the first ball is put in play. Players in the New Orleans local league will observe a ten-minute warm-up, which includes serves. Default is fifteen minutes after scheduled match time.

**Ineligible Players:** Failure by the team captain to place a known ineligible player in either the lowest singles or doubles position may result in the ineligible player's team losing any individual doubles or singles 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.

##### **4.01H(4)c Rain Delay & Rescheduling Matches**

**ALL MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE UNLESS**

### **FACILITY CLOSES.**

Teams must wait one (1) hour (day teams) and one half hour (night teams) to determine if courts will become playable. Courts must be playable by 10:00 am (day) “or” 7:00/split match, 7:30/regular match (night). This rule applies when teams arrive at a facility and it has just stopped raining (court can be dried) or rain is so light that it may stop raining within a few minutes (and courts can be dried). Do not exchange line-ups until courts are playable. **IF RAIN SHOULD OCCUR DURING PLAY, THE SAME RULE APPLIES AND THEN PLAY SHOULD RESUME. WHEN A DEFAULT HAS BEEN GIVEN PRIOR TO LINE-UPS BEING EXCHANGED, AND RAIN OR INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS THE MATCH, THE DEFAULT NO LONGER STANDS.**

The host captain is responsible for rescheduling any canceled and/or interrupted matches. Canceled or interrupted matches must be completed within 2 weeks of the original match date. The host captain must contact the guest captain within 24 hours of the rained-out or interrupted match and offer (3) possible make-up dates. **Guest captain has 24 hours to respond and agree to a date. DAY TEAMS MUST GIVE WEEKDAY MORNING DATES--- NIGHT TEAMS MUST GIVE WEEKDAY NIGHT DATES WITH THE OPTION OF 1 WEEKEND DATE. THE LOCAL OR LEVEL COORDINATOR SHOULD BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESCHEDULED MATCH DATE.**

If team captains cannot agree on a date and time for a rescheduled match and there has been no attempt to play the match within the 14 days, the league coordinator will then choose a match time and location. If the Coordinator chooses a date and time for the rescheduled match and the match is not played due to a conflict-the penalty will be a default if one team cannot play the match or a double default if neither team can play the match. Substitutions are allowed for injury, illness, disqualification, or no-show of a player and when rain or inclement weather forces the cancellation and rescheduling of a team match. An individual match is started when the first ball is put in play. Substitutes are not allowed to the original lineup that results in a player being moved to a different position when rescheduling a team match due to rain or inclement weather

**4.01H(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.

#### **4.02 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS-April 25-28, 2008 in Shreveport**

##### **4.05A Year-end Computer Ratings**

See LTA Regulation 3.05 through 3.05B(3)

**4.05A(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.

### **5.00 MIXED DOUBLES LEAGUE REGULATIONS**

All USTA League Tennis Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL, 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and 5.00 MIXED DOUBLES REGULATIONS shall apply to the USTA Mixed Doubles League with the modifications allowed to the New Orleans Local League listed below:

#### **5.01 LOCAL LEAGUE**

The majority of registered players for each team must reside in the State of Louisiana and the New Orleans USTA League Tennis has the discretion to accept or deny entry to teams of which the majority of the players are comprised of team members from another local league. The New Orleans USTA League Tennis requires a 51% New Orleans Area membership to enter a team into its league. Teams located outside the New Orleans Area that do not have a local league may petition to play in the New Orleans USTA League Tennis. If teams are granted entry, they must host at a facility located

within the New Orleans area.

**5.01B Team.** The New Orleans Mixed Doubles League does not limit the number of players on a team. The New Orleans Mixed Doubles League may not limit the number of players at a specific NTRP level.

**5.01D Entry.**

**5.01D(2)** Players who do not have a computer rating on file in TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) Guidelines and complete the self rating process on TennisLink when registering for a team. Failure to do so or omission of information regarding a player's tennis history will subject the player, the captain, and/or others who condoned inaccurate self-rating to sanctions and disqualifications.

**5.01D(5)** Mixed Doubles results will not be a part of generating a player's year-end rating except for those players who play in the Mixed Doubles exclusively. Players who play exclusively in the Mixed Doubles Division and choose to participate in the Adult and/or Senior Divisions the next year must enter at their Mixed Doubles Division year-end rating or higher.

**5.01E Levels of Play.**

**ADULT MIXED DOUBLES LEVELS** Levels offered in the New Orleans USTA Mixed Doubles League Tennis are: 5.0; 6.0; 7.0; 8.0; 9.0. A player's rating may be no more than 1.0 apart from his/her partner (ie. A 3.0 player and a 4.0 player may play 7.0).

Adults must play in 2 matches to advance to State Championships play.

**SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES LEVELS**

Senior levels in the New Orleans USTA Mixed Doubles Senior League are: 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0. A player's rating may be no more than 1.0 apart from his/her partner (ie. A 3.0 player and a 4.0 player may play 7.0).

Seniors may advance to State Championships with one match instead of two matches.

If there are no other senior mixed teams in their local league, senior teams may play in the adult mixed league to qualify for the senior championships.

**5.01F(1) Days and Times of Play**

Adult Mixed Doubles..... Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday Evenings (no earlier than 6:30 pm)

Senior Mixed Doubles.....Thursday Evening (no earlier than 6:30 pm)

**5.01F(2) Split Match Times.**

When less than the required number of courts are available (5 Adult/ 3 Senior/ 3 Mixed/ 3 Combo) for a scheduled match, it is the Host Captain's responsibility to determine which courts start at the earlier times. **Either the Host or Guest Captains, with split match times, must call the opposing team Captain by Friday before the next scheduled match. Host captains are responsible for assigning the court numbers of each individual team match.**

All courts must be played at the same location.

**5.01G Scoring and Rest.** It is the responsibility of the team captain to check local scorecards and insure the combination levels per individual courts do not exceed the team NTRP combinations.

**5.01G(1) Team Match Format**

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### **5.01G(3) Recording Scores**

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**Doubles.** The No. 3 doubles must be forfeited before the No. 2 doubles and the No. 2 doubles must be forfeited before the No. 1 doubles. If a team forfeits an entire match (plays less than 2 courts) for any reason during local league play, then all matches of that team, played or to be played shall be null and void. If all teams in contention to advance have already played the forfeiting team in good faith, the matches will stand as played. A committee will review any extenuating circumstances. Additionally, the local league administrators may impose sanctions against the captain and/or team members by denying entry into next year's league program.

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Completed team lineups will be exchanged by the team captains simultaneously **five minutes before match time.** All points awarded for forfeits during the original lineup will stand.

Any player involved in such forfeits cannot participate in a rescheduled match. Substitutions are allowed in team lineups after they have been exchanged if that individual match has not started and default time has not occurred. Substitutions are allowed for injury, illness, disqualification, or no-show of a player and when rain or inclement weather forces the cancellation and rescheduling of a team match. An individual match is started when the first ball is put in play. Players in the New Orleans local league will observe a ten-minute warm-up, which includes serves. Default is fifteen minutes after scheduled match time.

**Ineligible Players:** Failure by the team captain to place a known ineligible player in either the lowest singles or doubles position may result in the ineligible player's team losing any individual doubles or singles 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.

### **5.01H(4)c Rain Delay & Rescheduling Matches**

**ALL MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE UNLESS FACILITY CLOSES.**

Teams must wait one (1) hour (day teams) and one half hour (night teams) to determine if courts will become playable. Courts must be playable by 10:00 am (day) "or" 7:00/split match, 7:30/regular match (night). This rule applies when teams arrive at a facility and it has just stopped raining (court can be dried) or rain is so light that it may stop raining within a few minutes (and courts can be dried). Do not exchange line-ups until courts are

playable. **IF RAIN SHOULD OCCUR DURING PLAY, THE SAME RULE APPLIES AND THEN PLAY SHOULD RESUME. WHEN A DEFAULT HAS BEEN GIVEN PRIOR TO LINE-UPS BEING EXCHANGED, AND RAIN OR INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS THE MATCH, THE DEFAULT NO LONGER STANDS.**

The host captain is responsible for rescheduling any canceled and/or interrupted matches. Canceled or interrupted matches must be completed within 2 weeks of the original match date. The host captain must contact the guest captain within 24 hours of the rained-out or interrupted match and offer (3) possible make-up dates. **Guest captain has 24 hours to respond and agree to a date. DAY TEAMS MUST GIVE WEEKDAY MORNING DATES--- NIGHT TEAMS MUST GIVE WEEKDAY NIGHT DATES WITH THE OPTION OF 1 WEEKEND DATE. THE LOCAL OR LEVEL COORDINATOR SHOULD BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESCHEDULED MATCH DATE.**

If team captains cannot agree on a date and time for a rescheduled match and there has been no attempt to play the match within the 14 days, the league coordinator will then choose a match time and location. If the Coordinator chooses a date and time for the rescheduled match and the match is not played due to a conflict-the penalty will be a default if one team cannot play the match or a double default if neither team can play the match. Substitutions are allowed for injury, illness, disqualification, or no-show of a player and when rain or inclement weather forces the cancellation and rescheduling of a team match. An individual match is started when the first ball is put in play. Substitutes are not allowed to the original lineup that results in a player being moved to a different position when rescheduling a team match due to rain or inclement weather.

**5.01H(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.

## **5.02 PROGRESSION**

### **5.02B Local League Playoffs**

The local league coordinators will determine the format for the playoffs for each NTRP level. Any team qualifying to play in a Local League playoff that cannot advance to the State Championships level will forfeit their playoff position to the next qualified team. Any first place team that cannot compete in the local league playoffs will forfeit their position to the second place team. Any second place team that cannot compete in the local league playoffs will forfeit their position to the third place team. Playoffs are part of the local league season and count as a match played for an individual player. All playoff formats and dates must be on the respective published schedule.

#### **5.02B(4) Local League Playoff Format**

Guaranteed number of local league teams per level to advance to State Tournaments are: 2-13 teams for 1. Local leagues enrolling 14 teams will receive 2 entries to the state tournament. Additional entries to the state tournament will be awarded to local leagues based on the number of teams in the NTRP level (1 entry for every 7 teams over 14). No local league shall have more than 6 teams at an NTRP level.

One Division Level ----- 1st place team advances to state

Two Division Level ----- 1 vs 2 (of different divisions). The winners advance to state. Seeding will be determined by best record of the local season. When more entries are available and 3 to 6 teams advance to state ----- 1 vs 1, seeding determined by best record of the local season. 2 vs 2, winner advances to state as the 3rd place team, etc.

Three Division Level --- 1 vs 2 (of different divisions) The winners advance to state.

Seeding will be determined by best record of the local season.

**State Tournament Dates and Locations:**

**Adult Mixed: August 29-Sept 1, 2008 in Mand/Cov All Levels**

**Senior Mixed: September 19-21, 2008 in Monroe All Levels**

**5.03 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**5.03A(3)Eligibility.** At all championships, a minimum of 6 team members (3 men, 3 women) 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 (5.03A(3)NATIONAL). The tournament committee can reduce that number to not less than four.

**5.03A(4)** Mixed doubles players must have participated in 2 matches at the local level (1 default will count) in order to advance to any Championships (5.03A(4)NATIONAL).**5.03A(5)** Mixed doubles players must have participated in 3 matches through section championships in order to advance to National championships. No defaults received by the player during all league competition shall count for advancing (5.03A(5)NATIONAL)

**6.00 SUPER SENIORS LEAGUE REGULATIONS**

All USTA League Tennis Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL, 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and 6.00 SUPER SENIOR LEAGUE REGULATIONS shall apply to the Super Senior Division with the modifications allowed to the New Orleans Local League listed below:

**6.02 PROGRESSION**

**6.02B(4) State Super Senior Tournament October 3-5, 2008 in Slidell**

**TEAM CAPTAINS RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Team Captain will handle the administrative affairs of the team and **represent the team in all USTA matters.**

All team Captains must provide an e-mail address

All teams must have a Co-Captain.

Must attend the local captain's meeting

Must notify players on their team when computer ratings are available.

Collect and submit court fees by deadline date to local coordinator

Provide tennis balls for all host matches and assign courts.

Either host or guest captain with split match times must call the opposing team Captain by Friday before the next scheduled match.

Host Captain is responsible to determine which courts start at the earlier time

Either Captain may enter and/or confirm final match results within 24 hours of played match

Read and familiarize themselves with all league and tennis regulations and **share this information with their team members**

## **2008 NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN AREA TENNIS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES**

### **Local Community Tennis Association**

NOMATA Board of Directors: See NOMATA website [www.neworleanstennis.com](http://www.neworleanstennis.com)

### **Local League Coordinators**

Adult Day Women: Susan Simoneaux  
Adult & Combo Night Women: Carla Catalano  
Adult, Combo & Senior Men: Carla Catalano  
Senior & Combo Day Women: Carolyn Kramer  
Senior & Combo Night Women: Carolyn Kramer  
Adult & Senior Mixed Doubles: Elizabeth LeGros  
Adult Combo Day Women: Susan Simoneaux  
Super Seniors: BJ Johnson

### **Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees**

Committees are listed on the NOMATA website at [www.neworleanstennis.com](http://www.neworleanstennis.com)

## **2008 Local Leagues recognized by the New Orleans Metropolitan Area Tennis Association**

USTA League Tennis – Adult Division  
USTA League Tennis – Senior Division  
USTA League Tennis - Adult Mixed Doubles Division  
USTA League Tennis - Senior Mixed Doubles Division  
BMW Combo Doubles – Adult Division  
BMW Combo Doubles – Senior Division  
USTA League Tennis - Super Senior 60's & 70's Division