

USTA LOUISIANA REGULATIONS
For USTA League
Adult, Senior, Mixed Doubles, and Super Senior Divisions
League Year 2006 (January 10, 2006)

The USTA League National, Southern, and Louisiana Regulations have full force and applicability at all levels of play in USTA League in Louisiana and there is no authorization to modify, amplify or change them by local coordinators, grievance, or grievance appeals committees. The State League Coordinator, in conjunction with the Louisiana League Council shall have the authority to interpret the USTA League Louisiana Regulations. USTA League Regulations (National, Southern Section, State) are available at the Louisiana Tennis Association website: www.louisianatennis.com Printed below are the USTA Louisiana Regulations as authorized by the USTA League National Regulations and USTA Southern Section Regulations.

(Note: Paragraphs included herein are numbered according to pertinent paragraphs of the 2006 USTA League Regulations.)

1.00 GENERAL

The Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL shall apply to all USTA League Divisions. USTA League Divisions for 2006 are: Adult, Senior, Mixed Doubles, Super Senior

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

The RULES OF TENNIS and TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS shall apply to all matches played in the USTA League 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.

1.03 USTA LEAGUE PROGRAM.

1.03A New Local Leagues. The local CTA or Local League Council in the absence of a CTA must present a proposal to the League Council showing current USTA membership and league participation, growth potential for league and USTA membership, and a recommendation for a local league coordinator.

1.04 OFFICIAL LEAGUE REGISTRATION.

1.04A Team captains must create their team and register the following minimum number of players on TennisLink by the date established by the local league administration: Adults=6 (2.5 & 5.0=3), Seniors, Mixed, Combo=4. Mixed requires two male and two female players and combo requires the NTRP combinations not to exceed the team registration level. The deadline date must be prior to the start of the local league season and must be no later than one (1) month prior to the state tournament. Local teams must be included in the local league schedule if the teams have fulfilled this requirement. Failure to register a team on TennisLink by the established deadline date may result in the team being declared ineligible for the USTA League program. Local leagues may charge a team registration fee in addition to the league head tax.

1.04B Local Leagues may establish deadlines for player additions. All player additions to existing registered team rosters must be made no later than one (1) month prior to the state tournament except for local leagues played during a State tournament. Player addition deadlines for levels playing their local league at State Tournament will be established by the LTA office.

1.09 AMENDMENTS. The Louisiana League Council with approval of the LTA Executive Board may amend these Louisiana Regulations.

1.14 REGISTRATION.

1.14.A State Fees & Financial Statement.

1.14A(1) The local Community Tennis Associations or Local League Council in the absence of a CTA are responsible for making available a financial statement to the local 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 the financial report.

1.14A(2) The 2006 Louisiana league year enrollment fees are as follows:

Adult USTA League	\$10/person/roster entry
Senior USTA League	\$5/person/roster entry
Adult Mixed Doubles	\$10/person/roster entry
Senior Mixed Doubles	\$5/person/roster entry
Adult Southern Combo Doubles	\$10/person/roster entry
Senior Southern Combo Doubles	\$5/person/roster entry
Super Senior	\$5/person/roster entry

1.19 STATE LEAGUE COORDINATORS. The Louisiana League Council through recommendations from the Local League Coordinators and State League Coordinator establishes the Louisiana League Regulations. The LTA Executive Board grants final approval of the Louisiana League Regulations.

1.20 LOCAL LEAGUE COORDINATORS. Local league administrators who include Local Coordinators and Board of Directors of the local Community Tennis Associations are responsible for administering and promoting the USTA League Programs in their 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/usaleaguetenis/custom.sps?iType=987&icustompageid=9305>)

1.20B League Coordinator Responsibilities.

1.20B(1) Establish procedures and regulations for all aspects of their local league that are not covered by the national, sectional or state regulations. Provide a copy of all local regulations to the LTA Rules Committee for review prior to start of local league play.

1.20B(2) Provide a copy of the agenda from the local league captain's and/or organizational meeting to the LTA. Include any other league information distributed to the captains.

1.22 CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEES. The State League Coordinator is responsible for appointing championship committees for all Louisiana Championships.

1.24 LOCAL LEAGUE SEASON. Local league coordinators shall make sure all local teams are registered on TennisLink one (1) month prior to the State Tournament.

1.25 GENERAL. League players may play in the USTA League Adult, Senior, Super Senior, and Mixed Doubles Divisions during the same local league season.

2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The Regulations in 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES shall apply to all USTA League 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 captains' packets and/or websites is acceptable. Each state shall approve all Local and State League Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees.

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

2.02B Self-rate Eligibility Complaint

The USTA Southern Section will administer Self-Rate Eligibility Grievance Complaints. These complaints should be first delivered to the Local League Coordinator who will forward to the State League Coordinator who will forward to the Section League Coordinator who will forward to the Southern Self-Rate Eligibility Grievance Committee Chairman. These committees will have jurisdiction over grievances filed against any player and/or captain who commits or condones entering at one level when their actual skill level is at the top of the next NTRP level or higher. (USTA Interpretation, May, 2004). Self-Rate Eligibility Grievances filed within two weeks of the start date of the player's and/or captain's State or Sectional Championships will be administered after the event unless the section authorizes the administration of the grievance prior to that time. If the grievance is not administered until after the event, points won by players will stand. Disqualified players and/or captains that are suspended will not be eligible to advance to the next level of championship play.

3.00 ADULT LEAGUE REGULATIONS

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

3.01 LOCAL LEAGUE.

Each local league has the discretion to accept or deny 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.

3.01B Team. Local leagues may limit the number of players that appear on a team roster. The local league may not limit the number of players at a specific NTRP level.

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 Guidelines (NTRP) 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 disqualification.

3.01H Competition Format.

3.01H(2) Team Match and Scoring. 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. The method of awarding points in order to determine the winning team of a local league team match and the winner of the local league competition may be the same as that used in championships competition or may be another method compatible with the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System selected by the local league. (See 3.03D and 3.03E.) The scoring in the event of a default, forfeit or disqualification shall be 6-0, 6-0. (See 3.03O for scoring in the event of retirements.)

3.01H(2)a Local leagues may impose additional penalties on teams forfeiting an entire team match.

3.01H(4) Team Lineups. 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 Each local league shall establish rules for making up matches rescheduled due to inclement weather.

3.01H(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.

3.01H(5) Player Participation.

3.01H(5)b A player may play in more than one NTRP level within a division in the same local league during the same season.

3.01H(5)c A player may play on more than one team within a division in the same season provided it is in a separate local league.

3.01H(5)d Any player who advances to the state adult and senior championships in more than one (1) NTRP level may play on both teams at the state championships for the 2006 league year.

3.01I Local League Champions. At the conclusion of local league competition, the local league coordinator shall certify to the state league coordinator the results of the local league competition and the name(s) and address(es) of the team captain(s) advancing to Championships. All local matches shall be completed two (2) weeks prior to the state tournament unless the state league coordinator grants an extension.

3.02 PROGRESSION.

3.02B State Championships. State Championships format shall be round robin in all levels of competition. Levels may be divided into flights as necessary based on number of teams in the draw. Levels with multiple flights shall include format for determining champion in Tournament Regulations – single elimination finals or semi-final & final, for example. Each local league that enrolls a minimum of two (2) teams at an NTRP level shall send the winner to the State Tournament. Local leagues enrolling fourteen (14) or more teams at a specific NTRP level will receive two (2) entries and local leagues enrolling twenty one (21) or more teams will receive three (3) entries into the state tournament. No local league will have more than three (3) teams at any level. The regulations for each local league will state the process that will be followed for determining which two (2) or three (3) teams advance to the state tournament and how these teams will be ranked (i.e. BR#1, BR#2, BR#3).

3.02B(1) When an NTRP division has an uneven number of teams in the draw, the State shall issue wildcards as necessary to fill the draw. At the discretion of the state coordinator, additional wild card teams may be added to the draw to optimize tournament scheduling. Wild card selection process: After all 14 and 21 team local leagues have been awarded, the State shall examine the ratio of “team in league/championship entries”. The local league with the highest ratio will be awarded the next wild card. Example: If local league A has 16 teams and local league B has 13 teams, then local league A is awarded 2 teams automatically and local league B is awarded 1. If another wild card slot were available, then if local league A is awarded the slot its ratio would be 16/3, but if local league B is awarded the slot its ratio is 13/2. Local league B has the higher ratio and would be awarded the wildcard. This will be the wildcard process for all Championships in Louisiana.

3.02B(2) Court Surface: Teams should expect to play on any USTA approved surface at the State Championships.

3.02B(3) The League Council may authorize a local league played during the state tournament for any NTRP level that did not play locally. The winner of the local league at the state tournament will advance to championship competition – either district or sectional – depending on the number of local leagues enrolled in Louisiana.

3.02B(4) Date and Location

Session I: May 26-29, 2006 Mandeville/Covington Women 2.0, 2.5, 3.5, 4.5; Men 3.5, 4.5, 5.0

Session II: June 2-5, 2006 Baton Rouge Women 3.0, 4.0; Men 2.5, 3.0, 4.0

3.03 AREA, SECTIONAL AND NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

In all championships after local league competition, the following shall apply:

3.03A(3) A minimum of eight (8) team members who were on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play must be available and eligible to compete at the State and Sectional Championships. The tournament Committee can reduce that number to not less than four (4).

3.03C Scoring and Rest. At the Louisiana State Championships, all matches will be best of two sets and the Set tiebreak shall be used at 6-all in each set. In lieu of a third set, a match tiebreak 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 set and 1 game for tiebreak procedures in the event of a tie. The scoring in the event of a default, forfeit, or disqualification shall be 6-0, 6-0.

3.03D(1) Round Robin Playoff Format. NTRP levels with three (3) flights (where each flight has the same number of teams) will be single elimination with a fourth team receiving a wild card slot. The second place team with the most team points will be given the wild card slot. When the number of teams in each flight is not equal, the team winning the highest percentage of individual courts will be awarded the wild card. Any tie will be broken by the tie-break procedure stated in **3.03I – USTA League 2006 Regulations.**

3.03M Scoring of Team Forfeits. A team forfeiting an entire team match during championship play may receive further penalties imposed by the tournament committee.

3.04 LEAGUE NTRP DISQUALIFICATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURES

3.04D(1) Local. If a self-rated player is disqualified for that particular level of play, all matches played by that individual player shall be considered losses and scored (6-0, 6-0). If a computer rated player is disqualified for that particular level of play, the individual match that produced the third disqualification dynamic NTRP rating and any subsequent match won by the player shall be considered a loss and scored (6-0, 6-0). Players not disqualified by conclusion of local league round robin play will be eligible to compete in entire local playoff. Dynamic ratings will be calculated at the end of the local playoff to inform any disqualified players that they may not advance to the state championships. Points earned by disqualified players will stand.

3.05 YEAR-END NTRP COMPUTER RATINGS AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

Match results from NTRP Tournaments in TennisLink will be included in the 2006 year-end ratings. Computer ratings will be published by USTA and a link will be provided on the website: www.louisianatennis.com Players aged 60 and older whose most current computer rating is from 2002 will be allowed to self-rate in TennisLink after the state has submitted the request to USTA.

3.05A Year-end Computer Ratings. When year-end NTRP computer ratings are determined in accordance with USTA NTRP Computer Rating System Procedures for players (including those designated as supplemental benchmarks), such ratings shall be the minimum NTRP computer ratings of players:

3.05A(1) For five (5) consecutive years or until a new NTRP computer rating is generated for individuals who are less than 60 years of age through the championship year (See Valid Computer Rating Chart)

3.05A(2) For three (3) consecutive years or until a new NTRP computer rating is generated for individuals 60 years of age prior to or during the championship year (See Valid Computer Rating Chart)

3.05B Appeal of Year-end Computer Ratings through Section Championships. Year-end NTRP computer ratings through sectional championships may be appealed and granted or denied in accordance with USTA NTRP Computer Rating System Procedures.

3.05B(1) State Appeal Process. The player whose rating is being appealed shall submit all appeal requests to the Louisiana Tennis Association in writing.

3.05B(3) Medical Appeals. A Louisiana Disabling Injury/Illness form must be completed and filed with the local league coordinator for a player to be considered for a medical appeal. The local coordinator will submit their recommendation to the LTA along with the completed form. The NTRP Medical Appeal Committee will review all information and render a decision in writing.

3.06 2.5 AND 5.0 REGULATIONS.

All USTA League Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL, 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and 3.00 ADULT LEAGUE REGULATIONS, with the following exceptions, shall apply to the 2.5 and 5.0 level.

3.06A Team. A 2.5 and 5.0 team shall consist of a minimum of five players of the same gender eligible to compete.

3.06B Team Match & Scoring. In all championships after local league competition, the team match format will consist of one singles and two doubles matches. The team winning the majority of those three individual matches will be awarded one team point.

3.06C Eligibility. A minimum of 5 team members who were on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play must be available and eligible to compete at the State and Sectional Championships. The Tournament Committee can reduce that number to not less than three.

4.00 SENIOR LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All USTA League Regulations, Southern Section League Regulations, and Louisiana Regulations contained 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 League Senior Division.

4.02 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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4.05 ELIGIBILITY. A minimum of 6 team members who were on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play must be available and eligible to compete at the State and Sectional Championships. The Tournament Committee can reduce that number to not less than four.

5.00 MIXED DOUBLES LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All USTA League Regulations, Southern Section Regulations, and Louisiana Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL, 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and 5.00 Mixed Doubles Regulations shall apply to the USTA Mixed Doubles League Division with the modifications allowed to the USTA Louisiana District listed below:

5.01 LOCAL LEAGUE

5.01B Team. A local league may limit the number of players on a team. The local 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 Guidelines (NTRP) 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 disqualification.

5.01D(5) Mixed Doubles results will not be part of generating a player's year-end rating except for those players who play in the Mixed Doubles Division 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. The levels offered will be combined (5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0 Adults and 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 Seniors) where each individual player's rating may be no more than 1.0 apart (i.e. a 3.0 player and a 4.0 player may play 7.0). 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.

SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES.

Senior Mixed Doubles matches played in adult division count in standings

Senior Mixed Doubles players may play on both adult and senior mixed doubles teams

Players must play in a least one local match in order to advance to the State Championships.

5.01F Mixed Doubles. The local league shall determine which approved levels shall be available for mixed doubles teams in local league competition.

5.01G Scoring and Rest. Each team captain is responsible for checking scorecards to insure the combination of levels on each court does not exceed the team NTRP combination.

5.01H Competition Format.

5.01H(2) Team Match and Scoring. 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. The method of awarding points in order to determine the winning team of a local league team match and the winner of the local league competition may be the same as that used in championships competition or may be another method compatible with the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System selected by the local league. (See 3.03D and 3.03E.) The scoring in the event of a default, forfeit or disqualification shall be 6-0, 6-0. (See 3.03O for scoring in the event of retirements.)

5.01H(2)a Local leagues may impose additional penalties on teams forfeiting an entire team match.

5.01H(4) Team Lineups. Failure by the team captain to place an 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 Each local league will establish rules for making up matches rescheduled due to 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.

5.01H(5) Player Participation.

5.01H(5)b A player may play in more than one NTRP level within a division in the same local league during the same season.

5.01H(5)c A player may play on more than one team within a division in the same season provided it is in a separate local league.

5.01H(5)d Any player who advances to the state adult and senior championships in more than one (1) NTRP level may play on both teams at the state championships for the 2006 league year.

5.01I Local League Champions. At the conclusion of local league competition, the local league coordinator shall certify to the state league coordinator the results of the local league competition and the name(s) and address(es) of the team captain(s) advancing to Championships. All local matches shall be completed two (2) weeks prior to the state tournament unless the state league coordinator grants extension.

5.02 PROGRESSION

5.02B State Championships. State Championships format shall be round robin in all levels of competition. Levels may be divided into flights as necessary based on number of teams in the draw. Levels with multiple flights shall include format for determining champion in Tournament Regulations – single elimination finals or semi-final & final, for example. Each local league that enrolls a minimum of two (2) teams at an NTRP level shall send the winner to the state tournament. Local leagues enrolling fourteen (14) or more teams at a specific NTRP level will receive two (2) entries and local leagues enrolling twenty one (21) or more teams will receive three (3) entries into the state tournament. No local league will have more than three (3) teams at any level. The regulations for each local league will state the process that will be followed for determining which two (2) or three (3) teams advance to the state tournament and how these teams will be ranked (i.e. BR#1, BR#2, BR#3).

5.02B(1) When an NTRP division has an uneven number of teams in the draw, the State shall issue wildcards as necessary to fill the draw. At the discretion of the state coordinator, additional wild card teams may be added to the draw to optimize tournament scheduling. Wild card selection process: **After all 14 and 21 team local**

leagues have been awarded, the State shall examine the ratio of "team in league/championship entries".

The local league with the highest ratio will be awarded the next wild card. Example: If local league A has 16 teams and local league B has 13 teams, then local league A is awarded 2 teams automatically and local league B is awarded 1. If another wild card slot were available, then if local league A is awarded the slot its ratio would be 16/3, but if local league B is awarded the slot its ratio is 13/2. Local league B has the higher ratio and would be awarded the wildcard. This will be the wildcard process for all Championships in Louisiana.

5.02B(1)a Senior Mixed Doubles Championships: All one team leagues will be invited to play a preliminary tournament and the winner of that tournament will play in the state tournament against the local league winners. The preliminary tournament will be played on Thursday and Friday prior to the state championships.

5.02B(2) Court Surface: Teams should expect to play on any USTA approved surface at the State Championships.

5.02B(4) Date and Location

Senior Mixed: August 18-20, 2006 Baton Rouge

Adult Mixed: September 1-4, 2006 Mandeville/Covington

5.03 CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.03A(4) Eligibility A minimum of 6 team members who were on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play must be available and eligible to compete at the state and sectional championships. The tournament committee can reduce that number to not less than four.

5.03C Scoring and Rest. At the Louisiana State Championships, all matches will be best of two sets and the set tiebreak shall be used at 6-all in each set. In lieu of a third set, a match tiebreak 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 set and 1 game for tiebreak procedures in the event of a tie. The scoring in the event of a default, forfeit, or disqualification shall be 6-0, 6-0.

5.03D(1) Round Robin Playoff Format. NTRP levels with three (3) flights (where each flight has the same number of teams) will be single elimination with a fourth team receiving a wild card slot. The second place team with the most team points will be given the wild card slot. When the number of teams in each flight is not equal, the team winning the highest percentage of individual courts will be awarded the wildcard. Any tie will be broken by the tiebreak procedure stated in **3.03I – USTA League 2006 Regulations**.

5.03M Scoring of Team Forfeits. A team forfeiting an entire team match during championship play may receive further penalties imposed by the tournament committee.

6.00 SUPER SENIOR LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All USTA League Regulations, Southern Section Regulations, and Louisiana 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 USTA Louisiana District listed below:

6.01B Team. A local league may limit the number of players on a team. The local league may not limit the number of players at a specific NTRP level.

6.01D Entry.

6.01D(2) Players who do not have a computer rating on file in TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with the National Tennis Rating Program Guidelines (NTRP) 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 disqualification.

6.01E Levels of Play. The Sectional Championships levels of play for 2006 are Super Senior 60 with 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 levels and Super Senior 70 with 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 levels. States may add additional levels in the local leagues at their discretion.

6.01G SCORING and REST. Local leagues shall determine the method of scoring for Local Competition.

6.01H COMPETITION FORMAT

6.01H(2) Team Match and Scoring. Local Leagues may decide how to handle team forfeits at the local level.

6.01H(4) Team Lineups. An individual match is started when the first ball is put in play. After the start of an individual match, if injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player occurs, the opponents will be awarded a forfeit for that individual match only. The forfeit principles in 3.03L, shall be applicable, with the Sectional modifications that:

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 the 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 forfeited in local leagues. In the event that a team match must be rescheduled and starting times are staggered, where opponents are not available and ready to play, forfeits will be awarded in the affected position only.

c. Local Leagues will decide how to regulate rescheduling of team matches due to rain or inclement weather.

d. Two players will play together in the higher position when both of their partners do not show in order to avoid two defaults.

6.01H(5) Player Participation

6.01H(5)b A player may play in more than one NTRP level within a division in the same local league during the same season

6.01H(5)c A player may play on more than one team within a division in the same season provided it is in a separate local league

6.01H(5)d Players must play in at least one local or state championships match in order to advance to the Southern Super Senior Championships. If there is no local or state competition offered, a team may advance directly to the Southern Sectional Championships. Players who participate in Super Senior 60 and Super Senior 70 divisions will not be accommodated in scheduling of event. The one match requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Tournament Committee for players advancing to the Sectional Championships. The deadline for players to register on teams that are advancing directly to the 2006 Sectional Championships is 12/31/06. The deadline may be waived at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. Players may advance to more than one State's Championships provided they have qualified to advance in each state. If eligible players do not participate at the State Championships, they may participate in the Sectional Championships and/or National Invitational. A player may advance on more than one Super Senior team to the State Championships.

6.02 PROGRESSION

6.02B AREA/STATE CHAMPIONS. The format to progress from local league competition to Sectional League Championships is as follows: The State shall determine the progression from local league to State Championship. The States shall identify to the Section their winning teams at each level. The State Association shall hold a State League Championship to be held on or before the 1st day of October, 2006 to determine its State Champions. Any State who cannot comply with this date must seek the permission of the Sectional League Coordinator and Adult Leagues Committee.

6.02B(4) Date and Location TBA

7.00 SOUTHERN COMBO DOUBLES REGULATIONS

See www.southern.usta.com for 2006 Regulations. It is the responsibility of the team captains to check local scorecards and insure the combination levels per individual courts do not exceed the team NTRP combination.

7.02B State Championships

Only one match is required locally to advance to Championships

7.02B(4) Date and Locations

Adult Combo November 10-13, 2006 Shreveport

Senior Combo TBA

2006 LOUISIANA USTA LEAGUE COMMITTEES

League Council – **posted to Louisiana Tennis Association website – www.louisianatennis.com - January, 2006**
LTA Officer in Charge:

Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees
LTA Board of Directors
League Council
All Local League Coordinators of record for 2006

NTRP Medical Appeal Committee
All Local League Coordinators of record for 2006
Dr. Gordon Russo
Wray Logan

2006 Local League Areas recognized by Louisiana Tennis Association

Alexandria	Monroe
Ascension (Gonzales)	Morgan City
Baton Rouge Women – Day	Natchitoches
Baton Rouge Women - Night	New Orleans Women – Day
Baton Rouge	New Orleans Women – Night
Houma	New Orleans
Lafayette Women	Oak Grove/Lake Providence
Lafayette Women – Night	Shreveport
Lafayette	Slidell
Lake Charles	Vidalia
Mandeville/Covington Women – Day	Winnsboro
Mandeville/Covington Women - Night	
Mandeville/Covington	