

NEW ORLEANS LOCAL LEAGUE REGULATIONS
For USTA League
Adult, Senior, Mixed Doubles, and Super Senior Divisions

League Year 2006 (December 7, 2005)

The USTA League National, Southern, Louisiana, and New Orleans Regulations have full force and applicability at all levels of play in USTA League 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 New Orleans League Regulations. USTA League Regulations (National, Southern Section, State, & New Orleans) are available at www.neworleanstennis.com Printed below are the USTA New Orleans Regulations as authorized by the USTA League National Regulations, USTA Southern Section Regulations, and USTA Louisiana Regulations.

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

1:00 GENERAL

1.02 APPLICABILITY. The USTA LEAGUE 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 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. 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 Program.

1.04A. Team Registration Dates/Deadlines. Deadline dates are published on League Timelines on the NOMATA website 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 Program.

1.04B Player Registration Dates/Deadlines. Deadline dates are published on League Timelines on the NOMATA website 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.

1.14A Local Fees & Financial Statement.

1.14A(1) The New Orleans Metropolitan Area Tennis Association is are responsible for making available a financial statement 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 2006 District & Local New Orleans league year enrollment fees are as follows:

USTA Adult League Tennis.....	\$25.00 per team & \$15 per person/per team entry
USTA Senior League Tennis.....	\$15.00 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.....	\$15.00 per team & \$10 per person/per team entry
Adult Southern Combo Doubles....	\$25.00 per team & \$15 per person/per team entry
Senior Southern Combo Doubles....	\$15.00 per team & \$10 per person/per team entry
Super Senior 60's & 70's.....	\$05 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 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/USTAleaguetenis/custom.sos?iType=987&icustompageid=9305>

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 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 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.

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 League (Men, Women, Seniors, and Mixed). See 2006 National, Southern, Louisiana USTA League 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.

3:00 ADULT LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All USTA League Regulations, Southern Section League 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

New Orleans USTA 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 local league. The New Orleans USTA League 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. 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.

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 disqualification.

3.01F Levels of Play. Levels offered in the New Orleans USTA Adult & Senior Leagues are: 2.5; 3.0; 3.5; 4.0; 4.5 for Men & Women Divisions. Levels offered in the New Orleans USTA Mixed Doubles League are: 5.0; 6.0; 7.0; 8.0; 9.0 in Adult & Senior Divisions. Levels offered in Southern Combo League are: 5.0; 5.5; 6.5; 7.5; 8.5; 9.5 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 & Thursday Evenings (no earlier than 6:30 pm)
- 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)
- Adult Mixed Doubles..... Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday Evenings (no earlier than 6:30 pm)
- Senior Mixed Doubles.....Thursday Evening (no earlier than 6:30 pm)
- Combo Doubles.....Same Days as Adult & Senior Day or Night Women, Adult & Senior Men

3.01F(2) Split Match Times.

When less than the required number of courts is available (5 Adult/3 Senior/3 Mixed/ 3 Combo) for a scheduled match, it is the host captain’s prerogative to choose which individual courts will occupy the earlier time slots. All courts must be played at the same location. **The host captain must contact the opposing captain with this information no later than Thursday before the next scheduled match.** Host captains are responsible for assigning the court numbers of each individual team match.

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. A match consists of the best 2 out 3 sets (we have not locally initiated playing a tie breaker in lieu of a 3rd set). Also See

3.01H(1) 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

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 Coordinators and will be addressed immediately.

3.01H Competition Format.

3.01H(1)a Local Match Scheduling

All team captains declaring City Park 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) 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 may 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 **five minutes before match time.** Team lineups are exchanged simultaneously by the team captain by exchanging completed scorecards. 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. **If there is a rainout, Host Captain must call local or level coordinator with the rescheduled match date.**

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 24 hours of rained out/interrupted match and offer (3) possible make-up dates. Guest captain has 48 hours to respond and agree to a 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, the coordinator will choose a match time and location. ALL POINTS AWARDED FOR FORFEITS DURING THE ORIGINAL LINEUP WILL STAND. ANY PLAYER INVOLVED IN SUCH FORFEITS CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN A RESCHEDULED MATCH.**

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

3.02 PROGRESSION

3.02B Local League Playoffs

The local league coordinators will determine the format for the playoffs for each NTRP level. 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

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.

3.05 YEAR-END NTRP COMPUTER RATINGS AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

See LTA Regulation 3.05 through 3.05B(3).

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.

4.00 SENIOR LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All USTA League 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.

4.05 YEAR-END NTRP COMPUTER RATINGS AND APPEALS PROCEDURES

Players age 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.

4.05A Year-end Computer Ratings

See LTA Regulation 3.05 through 3.05B(3)

4.05A(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.

5.00 MIXED DOUBLES LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All USTA League 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:

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 place 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.

5.01 LOCAL LEAGUE

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 disqualification.

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 levels in the New Orleans Mixed Doubles League 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).

Adult must play in 2 matches to advance to 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). 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 matches played in the 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.

5.01G 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.

5.01H Team Lineups

5.01H(2)a Team Defaults

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 may 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.

5.01H(4)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)d Two players will play together (if possible) in the higher position when both of their partners do not show in order to avoid two defaults.

5.02 PROGRESSION

5.02B Local League Playoffs

The local league coordinators will determine the format for the playoffs for each NTRP level. 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

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.

6.00 SUPER SENIORS LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All USTA League 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:

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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 (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 disqualification.

6.01H(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.

6.02 PROGRESSION

6.02B(4) State Super Senior Tournament Date & 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.

1.05 OFFICIAL SCORE REPORTING AND STANDINGS SYSTEM.

1.05A INCORRECT SCORES

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7.01H Competition Format.

7.01H(2)a Team Defaults

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 may 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.

7.01H(4)Team Lineups

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.

7.02B Local League Playoffs

The local league coordinators will determine the format for the playoffs for each NTRP level. 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. Only one match is required locally to advance to Championships in Adult and Senior divisions.

7.02B(4) Local League Playoff Format

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.

TEAM CAPTAINS RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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 all league fees and submit fees by deadline date to local administrator

Provide tennis balls for all host matches and assign court numbers

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

2006 NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN AREA TENNIS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

Local Community Tennis Association

NOMATA Board of Directors: See NOMATA website www.neworleanstennis.com

Local League Coordinators

Adult & Combo Day Women: Susan Simoneaux

Adult & Combo Night Women: Carla Catalano

Adult, Combo & Senior Men: Joey Johannesen

Senior & Combo Day Women: Carolyn Kramer

Senior & Combo Night Women: Carolyn Kramer

Adult & Senior Mixed Doubles: Debbie Wilson

Super Seniors:

Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees

Committees are listed on the NOMATA website at www.neworleanstennis.com

2006 Local Leagues recognized by the New Orleans Metropolitan Area Tennis Association

USTA Adult League

USTA Senior League

USTA Adult Mixed Doubles

USTA Senior Mixed Doubles

Adult Southern Combo Doubles

Senior Southern Combo Doubles

Super Senior 60's & 70's