

2009 NEW ORLEANS LOCAL MINI COMBO DOUBLES REGULATIONS

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7.00 Also see www.southern.usta.com and Louisiana Combo Doubles Regulations for 2009 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

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.

7.01E LEVELS OF PLAY.

ADULT COMBO DOUBLES LEVELS: Levels offered in the New Orleans Mini Combo Doubles League are: 5.0, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, —Senior combined levels 535, 635, 7.5, 8.5. **A player's rating may be no more than 1.0 apart from his/her partner.**

7.01F(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)
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 6:30pm
& Saturday Morning (no earlier than 9:00 am)

7.01G Scoring and Rest.

7.01G(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 (3rd) 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).

7.01H Team Lineups

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 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.

7.01H(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.

7.01H(4)d Team Lineups

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

7.02 PROGRESSION

7.02B 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. All playoff formats and dates must be on the respective published schedule.

Only one match (defaults count) is required locally to advance to State Championships in Adult and Senior divisions.

Players must play in at least one local or state championship match in order to advance to the Combo Doubles Sectional Championships (defaults received do count towards advancement in this program). If there is no local or state competition offered, a team may advance directly to the Combo Doubles Southern Sectional Championships. The deadline for players to register on teams that are advancing directly to the 2009 Sectional Championships is 12/15/2009. Players who qualify for Sectional Championships may advance on (one) adult (one) senior team, and (one) super senior team but may not advance on (two) adult, (two) senior or (two) super senior teams. The one match requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Tournament Committee in the Super Senior Division only.

7.02B(4) Local League Playoff Format

TWO DIVISION LEVEL ---- Playoffs will be a two (2) day/night format.

ON DAY/NIGHT 1 – Winner of Division 1 will play second place team of Division 2; and Winner of Division 2 will play the second place team of Division 1.

ON DAY/NIGHT 2 --Winners will play for 1st and 2nd seeding. Losers will play for 3rd or wildcard possibility.

THREE DIVISION LEVEL-- 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 in the playoffs. The second place team with the next best record in TennisLink will be given the wild card slot. If any of the flights have a different number of teams, the second place team with the highest percentage of games won vs. games played during the local league shall receive the wild card. Any tie will be broken by the tie-break procedure stated in 3.031 – USTA League Tennis 2008 regulations. The second place team shall be placed into the divisional play-off as follows: Winner, Division A vs. Second place team; Winner, Division B vs. Winner, Division C. If a draw results in the second place team playing against the first place team from its own division, the draw shall be altered as follows: second place team shall exchange places with team listed first (Div B) in the other divisional playoff.

State Tournament Dates:

Adult Combo Doubles: November 13-16, 2009 in Baton Rouge

Senior/Super Senior Combo Doubles : November 20-23, 2009 in Monroe