

**2010 NEW ORLEANS LOCAL MINI COMBO DOUBLES REGULATIONS
(November 17, 2009)**

1. **7.00** Also see www.southern.usta.com and Louisiana Combo Doubles Regulations for 2010 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. The USTA League Tennis National, Southern, Louisiana, and New Orleans Regulations also are in force.

All participants must reach 18 years of age for adult divisions, 50 for senior divisions, and 60 for super senior divisions during the calendar year in which they play their first local league match.

104.A(2) Team Captains MUST pay all court fees no later than 2 weeks after the start of a league. Failure of court fees payment, as stated, will result in sanctions of the team captain for the following league season.

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 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5. **A player’s rating may be no more than 1.0 apart from his/her partner. THE MAXIMUM LEVEL OF PLAY ALLOWED AT THE COMBINED 5.0 LEVEL WOULD BE 2.5.**

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)

7.01F(2) Split Match Times

When less than the required number of courts are available (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 **OR THE MATCH LINEUP WILL BE IN THE ORDER OF SEQUENCE AS LISTED ON MATCH SCORECARD.** Host captains are responsible for assigning the court numbers of each individual team match. All courts must be played at the same location.

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 2 **USING THE COMAN METHOD**) shall be used at 6-all in each set. In lieu of a third (3rd) set, a Match Tiebreak (first to 10 by 2 **USING THE COMAN METHOD**) 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 2010 Sectional Championships is 12/15/2010. 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. 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 3.03I-USTA League Tennis 2009 Regulations. The second place team shall be placed into the divisional playoff 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 2-15, 2010 in Baton Rouge

Senior/Super Senior Combo Doubles: November 19-22, 2010 in Monroe

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 CAPTAIN AND A CO-CAPTAIN, ONE OF WHICH MUST BE A REGISTERED MEMBER OF THE TEAM

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 or be subject to sanctions. (see 1.04A (2))

EXCHANGE TEAM LINEUPS 5 MINUTES BEFORE MATCH TIME

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 **OR THE MATCH LINEUP WILL BE IN THE ORDER OF SEQUENCE AS LISTED ON THE MATCH SCORECARD.**

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

EITHER Captain **MUST 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

THE COMAN TIEBREAK IS NO DIFFERENT THAN A REGULAR TIEBREAKER, EXCEPT THAT PLAYERS SWITCH ENDS AFTER ONE POINT AND THEN EVERY FOUR POINTS THEREAFTER. THIS ASSURES THAT A SERVER IN DOUBLES WILL SERVE ON THE SAME SIDE THAT HE/SHE HAS BEEN SERVING ON FOR THE WHOLE SET. IT ALSO ELIMINATES A SIX-POINT SWING (IN SINGLES OR DOUBLES) IF THE CONDITIONS FAVOR A SPECIFIC SIDE (DUE TO STRONG WIND OR DIFFICULT SUN CONDITIONS).