

NEW ORLEANS LOCAL LEAGUE REGULATIONS

For USTA League Tennis

For USTA League Tennis Adult, Senior, Adult & Senior Mixed Doubles, and Super Senior Divisions and, Southern Combo Doubles presented by MINI Adult Combo, Senior Combo and Super Senior Combo Divisions League Year 2011

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(Note: Paragraphs included herein are numbered according to pertinent paragraphs of the 2011 USTA League Tennis Regulations.

1:00 GENERAL. The Regulations in 1.00 General in conjunction with National, Southern and Louisiana regulations shall apply to all USTA League Divisions.

1.02 GOVERNANCE. The USTA LEAGUE TENNIS REGULATIONS shall apply to the USTA League Program (USTA League). The RULES OF TENNIS and TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS including those for wheelchair play, shall apply to all matches played in the USTA League 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.

1.02A Waiver of Rules and Procedures Prohibited. Except where a waiver is specifically permitted by a USTA League Regulation or by a USTA League Procedure, no USTA League Regulation or USTA League Procedure shall be waived by any Section Association or by any Local, Area or Section League Coordinator or Grievance or Grievance Appeal Committee. Any violation of this regulation shall be subject to such sanctions as may be imposed by the USTA League Committee (including, for example, the disqualification of any teams involved in any such waivers). Such sanctions are not subject to appeal. USTA League Tennis Regulations (National, Southern Section, State, Local) are available on www.neworleanstennis.com

Printed below are the New Orleans Local League Regulations as authorized by the USTA League National Tennis Regulations, Southern Section Regulations, and Louisiana Regulations.

1.02B(1) Amendments. The Local League Coordinators in conjunction with the Rules Committee of the New Orleans Metropolitan Area Tennis Association (NOMATA) may amend these New Orleans Local League Regulations.

1.02B(2) Written Interpretation. The Local League Coordinator, in conjunction with the 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 New Orleans Local League Regulations.

1.04B ADMINISTRATION

1.04B(4)b 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.

1.04B(4)b(i) 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/USA-League-Tennis-Pages/9305_USTA_Southern_Section_League_Tennis_Officials_Code_of_Ethics_As_of_21804/)

1.04B(4)b(ii) League Coordinator Responsibilities. USTA League Tennis Regulations (National, Southern Section, State, Local) are available on www.neworleanstennis.com

1.04C OFFICIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM

1.04C(1) OFFICIAL LEAGUE REGISTRATION. Tennis Link is the official system for registering teams and players for USTA League. 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.1.04C(1))

1.04C(2) Official Score Reporting and Standings System. 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.

1.04D LOCAL LEAGUE.

1.04D(4)a. Team Registration Dates/Deadlines. Deadline dates are published on League Timelines on the NOMATA website www.neworleanstennis.com

1.04D(4)b Player Registration Dates/Deadlines. Deadline dates are published on League Timelines on the NOMATA website www.neworleanstennis.com

1.04D(4)c League Fees & Financial Statement

All Local Leagues must have any Local League fees approved by the LTA League Council prior to the start of their Local League registration. Local League fees include all monies collected through TennisLink and/or directly from teams and/or players as a requirement for registration/participation in the program.

1.04D(4)d The local Community Tennis Associations 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 coordinator, league assistants, and/or league secretary must be itemized on the financial report.

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. 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.

All team captains declaring City Park, UTC, or Audubon 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.

1.04D(e) Enrollment Fees. The 2011 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 & \$17 per person/per team entry
USTA Senior League Tennis.....	\$20.00 per team & \$12 per person/per team entry
USTA League Adult Mixed Dbls.....	\$25.00 per team & \$17 per person/per team entry
USTA League Senior Mixed Dbls.....	\$20.00 per team & \$12 per person/per team entry
Adult Mini Combo Doubles....,\$25.00 per team & \$17 per person/per team entry
Senior Mini Combo Doubles.....	\$20.00 per team & \$12 per person/per team entry
USTA League Super Senior 60’s & 70’s.....	\$5.00 per person/per team entry

1.04D(6) Team Roster Limit. There is no limit to the number of players that appear on a team roster in the New Orleans USTA League Tennis.

1.04D(7). If an adult or senior division league consist of only two teams in a level of play, each team must maintain it’s roster with at least 60 percent of it’s players at the designated NTRP level of play (National 1.04D(7))

1.04E PLAYER REQUIREMENTS.

1.04E(1) Domicile. 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. A local league cannot reject a player from another area.

1.04F OFFICIAL LEAGUE RATING PROGRAM.

1.04F(1)Entry. A player without a NTRP published level must self-rate to enter a program. A player with a current NTRP published level must use that rating to enter the program.

1.04F(1)b Mixed doubles results will not be part of generating a player’s year-end rating, except for those players who play in the USTA League Mixed Doubles Division exclusively. **Players who play exclusively in the USTA League Mixed Doubles Division and choose to participate in the USTA League Adult, Senior, and/or Super Senior divisions the next year must enter those divisions by self-rating with the minimum rating being the higher of the self-rating or mixed exclusive rating.**

1.04F(1)c. Players who do not have a computer rating on file in Tennis Link shall self-rate in accordance with the National Tennis Rating Program Guidelines (NTRP) and complete the self-rating process on Tennis Link 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.

		VALID NTRP COMPUTER RATINGS		
2011 Championship Year	<p>Players who are less than 60 years old during the 2011 championship year will have their most current computer or start ratings on file in TennisLink. They must self-rate if their NTRP rating is older than 3 years.</p> <p>X indicates the years of valid computer rating in TennisLink.</p>			
	<p>Players who will be 60 years or older during the 2011 championship year will have their most current computer or start rating on file in TennisLink. They must self-rate if their NTRP rating is older than 2 years.</p> <p>X60 indicates the years of valid computer rating in TennisLink.</p>			
Last Year played	2008	2009	2010	
Adult	X	X	X	
Adults 60 & over		X60	X60	
<p>TennisLink will automatically remove expired computer and self ratings thereby allowing individuals to self rate. <u>Players with expired ratings will not be allowed to self-rate at a lower level than their last published NTRP rating. However, they will have the opportunity to file a self-rate appeal.</u></p>				
<p>Computer ratings are valid based on the above chart.</p>				
<p>Self-ratings are valid for <u>2</u> years from the date issued or until replaced by a dynamic or computer rating.</p>				

1.04F(1)e. A player with a NTRP published level must enter league play in accordance with the following:

DIVISION	NTRP PLAYING LEVEL
Adult	At NTRP published level and/or up to one level higher than current NTRP published level.
Adult 2.5 and 5.0	
Senior	
Super Senior, straight NTRP level	
Mixed Doubles, Senior Mixed Doubles combined NTRP levels	Combined level may not exceed NTRP level. NTRP difference between partners may not exceed 1.0
Super Senior, combined NTRP levels	
Adult, Senior and Super Senior Combo combined NTRP Levels	

1.04G(2)b. A player may play only one NTRP level above the player's current NTRP level.

2.00 USTA LEAGUES REGULATIONS. All USTA League Tennis Regulations, Southern Section Regulations, Louisiana Regulations, and New Orleans Local League Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL and 3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and the following procedures shall apply to the USTA League – Adult, Senior, Mixed Doubles, Super Senior Divisions, as well as Southern League Senior Mixed Doubles, Adult Combo, Senior Combo and Super Senior Combo Divisions.

2.01A Levels of Play.

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

Levels offered in the New Orleans USTA **Adult Mixed Doubles** League Tennis are:
2.5; 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 (1 default counts) to advance to State Championships play.
Only 2.0 and 2.5 rated players may play at the 2.5 level.

Players who qualify for Sectional Championships may advance on (one) adult and (one) senior team but may not advance on two adult or two seniors teams. Players may advance to more than one State's Championships provided they have qualified to advance in each state.

Levels in the New Orleans USTA **Mixed Doubles Senior** League are: 2.5, 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 (including defaults received) 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. All other Mixed Doubles rules shall apply for Senior Mixed Doubles.

Levels of Play for **Combo Doubles are:** The levels offered will be combined (5.0, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, & 9.0 Adults, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, & 8.5 Seniors, and 60's 6.5 & 7.5 Super Seniors where each individual player's NTRP rating may be no more than 1.0 apart (i.e. a 3.0 player and 4.5 player may NOT play the 7.5 level). **The maximum level of play allowed at the combined 5.0 level would be 2.5.** If there are no other senior combo teams in their local league, senior teams may play in the adult combo league to qualify for the Senior State Championships.

Adult Combo Doubles players must play at least one local match in order to advance to State Championships (defaults received do count towards advancement in this program).

Senior Combo Doubles—matches played in adult division count in standings

Senior Combo Doubles--players may play in both adult and senior combo teams

If there is no local or state competition offered, a team may advance directly to the Combo Doubles Sectional Championships. The deadline for players to register on teams that are advancing directly to the 2011 Sectional Championships is 12/15/2011. The one match requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Southern Tournament Committee in the Super Senior Division only.

A team shall consist of a minimum of 6 players able to combine to form 3 eligible teams.

2.01A Levels of Play. USTA League levels are in accordance with the following table:

DIVISION	DIVISION LEVEL	CHAMPIONSHIP LEVEL	COMMENT
Adult	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0	Players cannot have a rating higher than the NTRP level in which the player is competing
Senior	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	
Mixed Doubles	2.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 10.0	2.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local leagues have the option to play using straight NTRP level or combined level. In mixed league there is an option to play 2.5 straight level in addition to the combined levels. Using straight NTRP level, players cannot have a rating higher than the NTRP level in which they are competing. Using combined NTRP level, the combined NTRP level of the doubles team cannot exceed the combined NTRP ratings level entered. The NTRP difference between members of an individual doubles team may not exceed 1.0 The maximum level of play at the combined 5.0 level would be 2.5.
Super Senior	60-2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5; and 70-2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0	6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	
Senior Mixed Doubles	2.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 10.0	2.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0	
Adult Combo	5.0, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5	5.0, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, 10.5	
Senior Combo	5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5	5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5	
Super Senior Combo	6.5, 7.5	6.5, 7.5, 8.5	

2.01A(1) Days and Times of Play-Adult League & Adult Combo League

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)

Days and Times of Play-Senior League & Senior Combo League

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

Days and Times of Play-Mixed

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

2.01A(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 **contact and confirm** with 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 captains are responsible for assigning the court numbers of each individual team match. All courts must be played at the same location.

2.01C COMPETITION FORMAT

2.01C(2) Team Match.

DIVISION	TEAM MATCH	TEAM POINT AWARDED FOR
Adult 3.0 – 4.5	2 Singles/3 Doubles	Winning 3 of 5 courts
Adult 2.5 and 5.0	1 Singles/2 Doubles	Winning 2 of 3 courts
Senior	3 Doubles	
Mixed Doubles, Senior Mixed Doubles		
Super Senior		
Adult, Senior and Super Senior Combo		

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

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

NOTE: 2011 Friends at Court USTA Comment 30.1: A player may not use electronic devices such as cell phones, digital messaging systems, radios, mp3 players, cd and dvd players, cassette players, and any device capable of receiving communication.

2.01C(3) Match Scoring Round Robin competition will be used with some NTRP levels being divided into Divisions. Some NTRP levels will play a single or multiple round robins. 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.

Recording Scores

BOTH Captains **MUST** enter and/or confirm final match results within 24 hours of played match.

2.01C(3)a Team Forfeits and Defaults A team must have a minimum of four eligible players available for play in each match. 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 **RECORDED IN TENNISLINK AND THEN REMOVED FROM THE STANDINGS AT THE TIME OF THE DEFAULT**. 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. **Such a team is required to continue to play all scheduled matches; additionally, the local league administrators may impose further sanctions against the captain and/or team members by denying**

entry into next year's league program.

2.01C(5)a 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.**

IF A RAIN DELAY OCCURS (DAY -ONLY) AND THE MATCH WAS SCHEDULED WITH SPLIT TIMES, NO SECOND ROUND MATCH WILL BEGIN AFTER 12:00. IF THE SECOND ROUND HAS NOT BEGUN BEFORE 12:00, THIS ROUND WILL BE RESCHEDULED AS A MAKEUP.

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 weather 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.

Rescheduling of matches— due to conflict with District, Sectional, Regional or National League Championships—If a team has more than 50% of it's players on a roster that are playing at a District, Sectional, Regional or National League Championship and have a team match in conflict of these events then they can reschedule the match either by playing before the scheduled date or within 2 weeks after the scheduled match. They must notify the other team captain and LLC of the conflict before the scheduled match and work with both parties to reschedule the match within the above mentioned timeframe.

2.02 PROGRESSION

2.02A(2) Local League Champions. All local matches should be completed two (2) weeks prior to the State Tournament.

2.02A(2)a Local Champions. A deposit is required two (2) weeks prior to the State Championships or when advancing team have been decided.

Player Participation

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 2011 league year.

Players who qualify for Sectional Championships may advance on (one) adult and (one) senior team but may not advance on two adult or two senior teams. (Exception: players may participate on a 5.0 and a 5.5 or Open team provided that each team that he or she is rostered on/or has at least five unique players registered to play at the Sectional Championships. 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.

2.03 AREA, SECTION AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

2.03a Eligibility.

2011 Matches Required to Advance

	State/Sectional Championship Level		National Championships	
	Matches Required	Defaults	Matches	Default
USTA League Division	To advance to any championship level (state) through Sectionals	Defaults received counting to advance to any championship level (state) through Section Championship	To advance to National Championship	Defaults received counting to advance to National Championship
Adults, Senior and Mixed Doubles	2 matches	1 default may count	3	0
Senior Mixed Doubles	1 matches	1 default may count	N/A	N/A
Adult, Senior, Super Senior Combo	1 matches	1 default may count	N/A	N/A
Super Senior	1 local or state match	1 (local league) default may count	3	0

A RETIRED match shall count for all players

2.03D(1) Adult, Senior, Super Senior, Combo (Adult, Senior/Super Senior), Senior Mixed. 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.

2.03D(2) Mixed Adult. 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 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 will have more than six (6) teams at any NTRP level.

2.03D(3) 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.

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

ON DAY/NIGHT 1 – Winner of Division 1 will play the 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 2008 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 & SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT DATES & LOCATIONS

STATE TOURNAMENTS--**ADULTS**

Session 1: May 20-23, 2011-- Men & Women 3.0 & 4.0 in Mandeville/Covington, LA
Session 2: May 27-30, 2011—Men & Women 2.5, 3.5, 4.5, 5.0 in Shreveport, LA

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT: July 29- August 7, 2011 in Mobile, AL
Session I: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5 M & W-- July 29-Aug 2, 2011
Session II: 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5 M & W—Aug 4-7, 2011

STATE TOURNAMENT-- **SENIORS**

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS-April 29-May 2, 2011 in Lake Charles, LA

SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS- July 30- August 7, 2011 in Mobile, AL
Session I: 4.0, 4.5 M & W— July 29-Aug 2, 2011
Session II: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5 M & W—Aug 4-7, 2011

STATE TOURNAMENT-**MIXED DOUBLES-ADULT**

September 2-5, 2011 --All Levels in Mandeville, /Covington

STATE TOURNAMENT-**MIXED DOUBLES-SENIOR**

Senior Mixed: September 16-18, 2011 --All Levels in Slidell

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT-ADULT & SENIOR: October 14-16, 2011 in Macon, GA

STATE TOURNAMENT-**SUPER SENIORS**

October 7-10, 2011 in Shreveport/Bossier, LA
SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT: December 2-4, 2011 in Hilton Head, SC

A Super Senior player is eligible to advance to National Championships competition if that player has played on that same team in at least three (3) matches through Section Championships. No defaults received by the player during all league competition shall count for advancing. A retired match shall count for all players involved.

Super Senior teams that compete at State, Section or National Championships are not required to disperse to form a new team for the following year. (Southern Regulations 2.06A)

Any player who is 70 years of age or older prior to, or during, the calendar year in which such player plays his/her first local league match and has achieved the same rating level or lower for the three prior years, without benefit of appeal, will be granted an appeal if they are promoted at year-end.

STATE TOURNAMENT-**COMBO DOUBLES-ADULT**

November 11-14, 2011 in Baton Rouge, LA

STATE TOURNAMENT **COMBO DOUBLES-SENIOR/SUPER SENIOR**

November 18-21, 2011 in Monroe, LA

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT-ADULT , SENIOR & SUPER SENIOR
March 2012 in Mobile, AL

A player may not be dynamically disqualified based on match results from Combo Doubles and match results are not calculated in year-end NTRP computer ratings. Players may play with the rating submitted on the roster through the Section Championships unless the player's year end rating is two levels above the rating on the roster. Once rosters have been submitted for the Section Championships, the State League Coordinator will determine and notify the players that were moved two levels at year end and are not eligible to play at the middle level.

3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The Regulations in 3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES shall apply to all USTA League Divisions.

3.01A(1) Local Grievance Committee. All local league regulations will include the names of Local League Grievance Committee Members and will be distributed to captains prior to the beginning of the local league season via captain's packets and/or websites. Each state shall approve all Local Grievance Committees.

3.01B(1) Local Grievance Appeals Committee. All local league regulations will include the names of Local League Grievance Appeal Committee Members and will be distributed to captains prior to the beginning of the local league season via captain's packets and/or websites. Each state shall approve all Local Grievance Appeals Committees.

3.03 Grievance Complaints.

3.03A(1). All complaints alleging a violation of the USTA Constitution and By-Laws; the USTA Regulations; the Rules of Tennis or other USTA regulations (unless modified by these USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS); the USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS or standards of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship, shall be filed in writing with the USTA League Grievance Committee responsible for enforcement. 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.

3.03A(2). All grievances against administration at the local, state or sectional level where the complaint alleges that a coordinator or committee has violated National, Sectional, State or Local Regulations will be handled by the USTA Southern Section Leagues Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees. Decisions of Grievance Appeal Committees shall be final and binding, provided the decisions are not in conflict or in violation of national, sectional, state and/or local regulations. (See USTA Regulation 1.02A).

3.03B(1) Local League Procedures. All local grievances, appeals and NTRP complaints and appeals will be submitted to: 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 2011 National, Southern, Louisiana USTA League Tennis Regulations (3.00 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. See National League Tennis Regulations 3.00 for procedures that must be followed to file local grievances, appeals and NTRP complaints.

3.03E(5) NTRP Grievance. NTRP grievances may be filed at any time up to forty-eight (48) hours after the conclusion of a self-rated player's Section Championships. NTRP Grievances will not be accepted at National Championships. The USTA Southern Section will administer NTRP 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 Southern NTRP Grievance Committee Chairman. This committee will have jurisdiction over grievances filed against any player and/or captain who commits or condones entering at an NTRP level lower than their actual skill level. (Section) NTRP 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. (Section)

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 CONTACT AND CONFIRM** with 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

BOTH 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).

2011 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: Carla Catalano
Senior & Combo Day & Night Women: Carolyn Kramer
Adult & Senior Mixed Doubles: Elizabeth LeGros
Super Seniors: BJ Johnson

Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees

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

2011 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
USTA League Tennis - Super Senior 60's & 70's Division
Mini Combo Doubles – Adult Division
Mini Combo Doubles – Senior Division