

# 2011 Louisiana Super Senior Local/State Championships Regulations

## October 7-10, 2011

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Each team will play a minimum of 3 matches. (N 2.01C(1))
2. Team members are eligible to advance to the next championship level competition if that player has played on that same team in at least **one** match at the local/state tournament. A default received by the player shall count for advancing.
3. \$35.00 tournament fee is paid
4. \$210 team deposit is received by Super Senior Coordinator, BJ Johnson
5. 6 eligible team members must be available to play. All players must meet their age requirements during the calendar year 2011.
6. USTA membership must be current through October, 2011.
7. All National USTA League Tennis regulations must be met for local league competition: A minimum of 3 team matches must be played (N 2.01C(1)). A player is eligible to advance to the championship level competition if that player has played on that same team in at least one match during its local /state tournament. A default received by the player during local competition shall count for advancing. N 2.03A(3) A player is eligible to advance to national championship competition if that player has played on that same team in at least three (3) matches through section championships. No defaulted match received shall count for advancing. A retired match shall count for all players involved. (See 2.03A(3)).

**TEAM CHECK-IN:** Team captains are required to register their team at the tournament headquarters prior to their first match. **Captains check in their team on Thursday, October 6 from 5-8 pm at the Bossier Tennis Center, 1651 Mondello Way, Bossier City and on Friday, October 7, and Saturday, October 8 from 7am at Bossier Tennis Center.**

**CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE:** The 2011 Louisiana Super Senior Local/State Championship Committee members are as follows: Barbara Johnson (Tournament Director), Carrie Kimball (Tournament Referee), Elana Engleman (Tournament Chairman) Janie Neighbors (Scorekeeper)

**PLAYER AGREEMENT:** All players participating in the USTA League Tennis Program, as a condition of their participation, agree to abide and be bound by the USTA Constitution and By-laws, USTA League Tennis Regulations, the Rules of Tennis (unless modified by these USTA League Tennis Regulations); the USTA League Tennis Regulations and the standards of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship (N1.12)

**TOURNAMENT FEE:** The 2011 local/state tournament fee is \$35.00 per player. Additional players not covered in the \$210.00 (6 players) deposit fee must be paid before their first scheduled team match. Team captains shall submit one check made payable to **USTA Louisiana.**

**TEAM DEPOSIT:** \$210.00 Team deposit must be paid on or before Sept 19, 2011 which covers the six (6) member team minimum. Team members may be added to a team by registering in TennisLink through Friday, September 30, 2011.

Additional TennisLink registered players may be paid for at the Tournament Team Registration Check-In Site. **CHECKS ONLY AT CHECK-IN—NO CASH/CREDIT CARDS** Team Deposit checks must be made out to USTA Louisiana and mailed to **BJ Johnson, 5709 Flagler Street, Metairie, LA. 70003 and received on or before Sept 19, 2011. Note: Please put Captain's name, Team #, Level & Age (such as 3.5 60M) covered by check.**

- Team Withdrawal more than ten (10) days prior to the start of the Championship: The \$35 per player deposit will be returned should a team withdraw from the state championship after they have submitted the \$35 per player deposit **AND** a substitute team has committed to fill the vacancy. Substitute teams will also be required to submit the \$35 per player deposit within a time frame determined by the Championship committee.

- Team Withdrawal ten (10) days or less prior to the start of the Championship: Team deposit will be returned **ONLY AFTER REVIEW BY THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE.**

The team captain must request this review in writing to the Championship Committee

**TEAM MATCH SCHEDULE:** Team captains are responsible for confirming their next match time and locations with the site director after each and every team match.

**MATCH WARM-UP:** A ten (10) minute warm up will be observed with a fifteen (15) minute default. Lateness penalties will be assessed as outlined in Friend at Court.

**SCORING & REST:** Matches will be best of two tie-break sets with a set tie-break at 6-all (1st to 7 winning by a margin of 2 using the Coman Tiebreak). In the event of split sets, a match tie-break (1st to 10 by a margin of 2 using the Coman Tiebreak) shall be played in lieu of a third set with the two minutes set break with no coaching allowed. The championship committee may authorize alternate scoring at any time during the tournament to complete team matches. N2.03C

**COMPETITION FORMAT:** Round robin format shall be used for the tournament until the Championship committee authorizes a format change in order to complete scheduled matches. The team with the most team points shall be the champion. If flights (divisions) are used, a Playoff will be scheduled to determine the state champions. A team point will be awarded to The team who wins the majority of the individual team matches. N2.03E. The procedures outlined in the National regulations (N2.03H) will be followed in the event of a tie; winner of most individual matches, loser of fewest set, loser of fewest games, winner of head-to-head or *coin toss* (method determined by Tournament Committee).

- Round robin play in all levels of competition. Each team shall be scheduled for a minimum of 3 matches during a 3 day event. A double round robin may be scheduled, if necessary, to provide these matches. Levels may be divided into flights as necessary based on number of teams in the draw. Levels with multiple flights shall state format for determining champion in event— single elimination finals or semi-final & final, for example:

- 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. 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 in the round robin shall receive the wild card. Any tie will be broken by the tie-break procedure stated in N2.03H – USTA League Tennis 2011 Regulations. The second place (wildcard) team shall be placed into the semifinal play-off as follows: Winner, flight 1 vs. Wildcard team; Winner, flight 2 vs. Winner, flight 3. If a draw results in the second place (wildcard) team playing against the first place team from its own flight, the draw shall be altered as follows: second place (wildcard) team shall exchange places with team listed first in the other semi-final. (National Procedure 9/13/2006)

- **COMAN TIE BREAK:** The USTA, USTA Louisiana and USTA Southern are using the Coman Tiebreaker for State, Section and National Championships. The Coman Tiebreaker is used for both the first and second set tiebreaker, as well as, the third set match tiebreaker. The following is the Coman Tiebreaker instruction:

The Coman Tiebreaker is used in a set tie-breaker (first to 7, win by 2) and a match tie-breaker (first to 10, win by 2). Players will exchange ends of the court after the first point and every four points thereafter (so after point 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, etc.). This tie-break procedure allows doubles teams to continue serving from the same side of the court as they have been doing throughout the set or match and will allow singles players to have continuous service points on the same side of the net.

**SUBSTITUTIONS:** No substitutions may be made in an individual match after the lineups have been presented, except for injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player, prior to the start of such match, and except under such further circumstances as the *championships committee may authorize*. N2.03F Super Seniors playing their local league at state: Substitutions may be made 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 league. S2.01C(5)a

**TEAM DEFAULTS:** A minimum of six (6) team members on the roster of their team must be available to compete. The Championship Tournament Committee, by majority vote, can reduce that number to not less than four (N2.03K) A team may default a maximum of one position in a match without defaulting the entire match. Said position shall be the lower doubles courts (N2.03K Chart). If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, then all matches of that team played or to be played shall be null and void. If all teams in contention for the Championships have already played the defaulting team in good

faith, the matches stand as played. The Tournament Committee (S2.03L) may impose further sanctions or penalties on said team. (N2.03L) A team forfeiting an entire team match during championship play may receive further penalties imposed by the tournament committee

**DEFAULTED LINE:** If a team has an unknown default, the opposing team will have the opportunity to take their scorecard back and resubmit a lineup. A team may default a maximum of one position in a match without defaulting the entire match. Said position shall be No.3 doubles (N2.03K Chart)

**CELLULAR PHONES:** The tournament referee has banned the use of cell phones during tournament matches. Players must turn off their cell phones prior to the start of their match. Cell phone rings during a match will result in a point penalty for the first offense, a game penalty for the second offense and a default for the third offense. No electronic devices are allowed on the court.

**SELF-RATE NTRP GRIEVANCES** filed after September 14, 2011 against anyone participating in the LA Local/State Championships will be administered after the state championships unless the USTA Southern Sectional Adult League Committee Chair, Vice-Chair and Sectional League coordinator authorize the administration of the grievance prior to that time. If the grievance is not administered until after the State Championships, points won by players will stand. Disqualified players and/or captains that are suspended will not be eligible to advance to the Sectional Championships.

**GRIEVANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** John Liles will serve as the Tournament Committee Grievance Chairman and Jay Boyd will serve as the Tournament Committee Appeals Chairman.