



## USTA LEAGUE MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2017

1. 2.03A4 and Inside Cover: allow one (1) default to count towards eligibility for National Championships.

2. Early Start Ratings are eliminated.

2.05B(3)a: Players moved up and are clearly above level must adjust to their new NTRP level immediately.

2.05B(3)b: Players will always use their most recent valid year-end rating to register for any early start leagues. Players moved up at year-end are not allowed to advance to any National Championship at the lower NTRP level

2.05B(3)c: There is an exception for players on a 2.5 team; they may continue through National Championships unless they are clearly above level.

3. 2.05E(2) Ratings for players 65&Over who are moved up will be published; automatic appeal will be granted upon request (through TennisLink auto- appeal function).

4. 3.01 Grievance Procedures: Sections may honor sanctions imposed in another Section.

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2.03A(1)

5. Local Leagues with **one or two teams** at NTRP levels within the same age division; Adult 18 & Over, Adult 40 & Over or Adult 55 & Over may join the “Combined Area” and play a local league. All teams must abide by all regulations for local league play, meeting all state deadlines for registration and last date for match play, as well as playing the required number of matches to qualify to advance to the Kentucky State Championships. Each team will advance to represent their local league area in the appropriate age division at their NTRP level. **If two teams from the same area join the combined league only the team finishing above the other in standings will advance to represent their area at the state championship.**

- **NOTE: If two teams from the same Local League join the Combined Area, they MUST both be compiled of players from that Local Area and/or surrounding Local Area. They must both be approved by the Local Adult League Committee of that Local League to be rostered to represent them in the Combined Area.**

## VALID NTRP COMPUTER RATINGS FOR 2017

2017 League Year	<p>Players who are 59 years or under during the 2017 League Year will have their most current computer rating displayed in TennisLink. They must self-rate if their NTRP rating is older than 3 years.</p> <p>*Exception: A player who receives a published (M) or (T) rating and chooses to participate in the Adult Division will be required to self-rate even if the (M) or (T) rating is less than 3 years old.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">X indicates the years of valid computer rating in TennisLink for play in 2017.</p>		
	<p>Players who will be 60 years or older during the 2017 League Year will have their most current computer rating displayed in TennisLink. They must self-rate if their NTRP rating is older than 2 years.</p> <p>*Exception: A player who receives a published (M) or (T) rating and chooses to participate in the Adult Division will be required to self-rate even if the (M) or (T) rating is less than 2 years old.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">X indicates the years of valid computer rating in TennisLink for play in 2017.</p>		
Last Year Computer Rating Received	2014	2015	2016
Age 59 or Under during 2017 League Year	X	X	X
Age 60 or Over during 2017 League Year		X	X
<p><b>TennisLink will automatically remove expired computer and self-ratings thereby allowing individuals to self-rate. Players with expired ratings will not be allowed to self-rate at a lower level than their last valid NTRP rating. However, they will have the opportunity to file a self-rate appeal of the rating assigned.</b></p>			
<p><b>Computer ratings</b> are valid based on the above table.</p>			
<p><b>Self-ratings</b> are valid for 2 years from the date issued or until replaced by a dynamic or computer rating.</p>			

## NTRP DYNAMIC DISQUALIFICATION

**Each NTRP Level is followed by a letter indicating the type of rating.**

**The following identifies who can and cannot be NTRP dynamically disqualified.**

### Who cannot be NTRP dynamically disqualified?

NTRP Level followed by the letter below:

	C	Computer Rated Players *
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Exception:

\* Players who entered an Early Start League at an NTRP Level lower than their current year-end rating are subject to NTRP dynamic disqualification.

	M	Mixed Exclusive Players **
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	T	Tournament Players **
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\*\* Year-end (M) and (T) rated players are required to self-rate to enter the Adult Division, automatically become (S) rated players and therefore become subject to NTRP dynamic disqualification.

### Who can be NTRP dynamically disqualified? Participants in the Adult Division:

NTRP Level followed by the letter below:

	<b>A</b>	Appealed – all granted appeals including Medical and Players <u>60</u> and Over Promoted
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	<b>S</b>	Self-rated Players
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	<b>D</b>	Dynamic or NTRP Grievance Disqualified
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	<b>E</b>	Dynamic rated Players for Early Start Leagues
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	<b>C</b>	Exceptions to C year-end ratings as noted above *
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Players participating in the Adult Division who are promoted as a result of NTRP dynamic disqualification will be immediately required to participate at their new NTRP level in all USTA League Programs.

## MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR ADULT AND MIXED\* DIVISIONS

SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND BELOW		NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	
LOCAL MATCHES REQUIRED	DEFAULTS THAT COUNT	TOTAL MATCHES REQUIRED THROUGH SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	DEFAULTS THAT COUNT
To advance to <b>any</b> championship level through Sectional Championship	To advance to <b>any</b> championship level through Sectional Championship	To advance to National Championship	To advance to National Championship
2 matches	1 default <u>received</u> shall count	3 matches	<b>One default received shall count</b>
<b>RETIRED matches shall count for all players.</b>			
<p style="color: green;">*Adult 65 &amp; Over requires 1 local or state match to advance to sectional championship play with 1 default counting. For teams that are advancing to the sectional championships through local or state play, the one match requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Tournament Committee for up to a maximum of two players per team.</p> <p style="color: green;">If there is no local and/or state competition offered for Adult 65 &amp; Over, one team per state per NTRP level may advance directly to the sectional championships.</p>			

## **USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS 2017 Championship Year**

### **APPLICATION**

The USTA League Tennis Regulations, Southern Regulations and USTA Kentucky Regulations shall have full force and applicability at all levels of play in USTA League Tennis in the state of Kentucky, and there is no authority to modify, amplify, or change them by Local League Coordinators, Community Tennis Associations, or committees.

USTA Kentucky has appointed the Kentucky State League Coordinator (SLC) to organize, coordinate and supervise all USTA League Tennis, Adult and Mixed Doubles activities at the state level. The SLC, in conjunction with the Kentucky Adult League Committee, has the authority to interpret the USTA Kentucky League Tennis Regulations.

The USTA Southern Section Kentucky League Program shall be governed by the Kentucky Adult League Committee appointed by the President of USTA Kentucky and subject to the control and direction of the USTA Kentucky Board of Directors. USTA Tennis Regulations (National and Southern) are available on the USTA Kentucky website: [www.ustaky.com](http://www.ustaky.com).

#### **1.0 GENERAL**

The Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL shall apply to all USTA Kentucky Age Groups. Certain authorities are delegated by these regulations to the local league.

**1.01 NAME.** The USTA Kentucky Board of Directors has approved the adoption of rules and regulations for Kentucky Leagues that shall be known as USTA Kentucky League Regulations.

**1.02 GOVERNANCE.** The Kentucky Adult League Committee (ALC), through recommendations from the Local League Coordinators, establishes and amends the Kentucky League Regulations. The Kentucky Adult League Committee and USTA Kentucky Board of Directors grants final approval of the USTA League Tennis Kentucky Regulations.

**1.02B(1) Amendments.** These USTA Kentucky League Regulations may be amended by the Kentucky Adult League Committee and approved by the USTA Kentucky Board of Directors.

**1.02C Written Interpretations.** The written interpretations of USTA Kentucky League Regulations is the responsibility of a committee comprised of the Chair and at least one member of the USTA Kentucky Adult League Committee and the State League Coordinator (SLC).

**1.02E Committees.** Each committee referenced in the USTA League Regulations shall consist of a minimum of three members, including a chair. All decisions shall be by majority vote. The members of a committee may be the same as, or different in whole or in part, from the committee first approved.

**1.03 NON DISCRIMINATION.** Discrimination in the USTA League is prohibited as specified in the Bylaws of the United States Tennis Association.

#### **1.04 USTA LEAGUE.**

**1.04A USTA League Program.** The USTA League is a team competition for men, women and mixed genders at specified National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) levels of play. The purpose of the USTA League Program is to provide organized recreational play, emphasizing local competition, with advancement for winning teams from local competition to District/Area, Sectional and/or National Championships to determine annually USTA League National Championship teams in each approved level of competition. The USTA League is approved by USTA without necessity of a sanction application (See *FRIEND AT COURT XVII B*).

USTA KENTUCKY LEAGUE PROGRAMS			
DIVISION	AGE GROUP	LEAGUE FORMAT	NTRP LEVELS
Adult	18 & Over	1 – Singles 2 – Doubles	2.5, 5.0+
	18 & Over	2 – Singles 3 – Doubles	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5
	40 & Over	2 – Singles 3 – Doubles	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+
	55 & Over 65 & Over	3 – Doubles	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, (combined 4.5) 9.0
Mixed	18 & Over	3 – Doubles	2.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0
	40 & Over	3 – Doubles	6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0
	55 & Over	3 – Doubles	6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0

### 1.04B Administration

**1.04B(1) USTA League Committee.** The USTA Kentucky League shall be governed by the Adult League Committee appointed by the USTA Kentucky Board President and subject to the control and direction of the USTA Kentucky Board of Directors.

**1.04B(3)b District/Area League Coordinators.** The USTA Kentucky State League Coordinator under the employment of USTA Kentucky shall be responsible for the day to day administration of the USTA Kentucky League.

**1.04B(3)c Local League Coordinators.** Local League administrators, including Local League Coordinators and Community Tennis Associations, are responsible for the administration and the promotion of the USTA League Tennis Programs in their Local League area. Kentucky Community Tennis Associations (CTA's) are given the authority to be the local USTA Adult League program provider. Local League Coordinators are independent contractors paid and supported by their CTA.

**1.04B(4) Team Captain.** Local League Coordinators and/or Schedulers may not captain any USTA Kentucky League Tennis team. Local League Coordinators and/or Schedulers may be a non-playing captain, as long as it is at a different level than they are playing.

**1.04B(5) Championship Committees.** A Championship Committee of at least three members, one of whom is a USTA Certified Referee or Umpire, shall govern each championship. At least one member of the Championship committee shall be in attendance at all times during play.

### 1.04C Official Information System

**1.04C(1) Official League Registration.** TennisLink is the official system for registering teams and players for USTA Leagues.

Players who submit an appeal of their self-rating through the TennisLink System before their Local League deadline for registering players will be permitted to register up to seven days after the notification of their final self-rating.

**1.04C(1)a** For any team in which a player is deleted in TennisLink from the roster within 60 days after initial registration, the captain must submit the reason for removal in writing to the Local League Coordinator, who will then submit the statement to the SLC. The SLC has the authority to deny reimbursement of registration fees to the Local League in question. ***Refunds will not be issued after the 60 day period has expired.***

**1.04C(1)b** Players promoted to the next level of play are permitted to join another team. Local League Coordinators will provide assistance in placing promoted players on existing teams.

**1.04C(1)c** State and Local League fees, as well as Championship fees, shall be reviewed prior to each league year. Final fees shall be established by the USTA Kentucky Board of Directors acting upon the recommendation of the SLC and the Kentucky Adult League Committee.

2017 Minimum Fees:

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| I.   | USTA League Tennis Adult<br>18's, 40's & 55's and Over Local League         | \$22.00 (KY Head Tax <u>\$12.50</u> ) |
| II.  | USTA League Tennis Mixed Doubles<br>18's, 40's & 55's and Over Local League | \$20.00 (KY Head Tax <u>\$10.50</u> ) |
| III. | <b>USTA League Championships</b>  | \$33.00 Championship Entry Fee        |

**1.04C(1)e** A CTA may add a nominal fee to the state registration fee to cover costs that would be incurred by the players themselves, such as court rental, but the fee must first be approved by the SLC and the Kentucky Adult League Committee. Fees over and above the state registration fee may be requested only on those leagues that have a local league season (*this currently excludes 65 & Over*). The CTA must request in writing prior to the local regulations being published and prior to registration being opened for each league and/or season that it intends to add a nominal fee. CTAs must qualify and apply for the Community Development Local Membership Grant before requesting additional funds through league registrations. The written request must specify the amount and how it will be utilized. Once approved by the SLC and the ALC, the amount of the nominal fee as well as how the funds will be used must be published in the CTA's local league rules and regulations. At year end, accountability for how the funds were spent must be included in the local league annual budget/detailed accountability report.

**1.04C(2) Official Score Reporting and Standings System.** Scores must be reported in TennisLink within 48 hours of the completed team match. After match scores have been entered in TennisLink, they must be confirmed by the opposing team within 48 hours of the initial entry or the initial score will automatically be considered valid. Local Leagues may determine any penalty for a team not adhering to these guidelines.

## 1.04D LOCAL LEAGUE

**1.04D(1) Definition.** A local league is a team competition in a specified geographic area that applies specific local league regulations and consists of NTRP level(s) with a minimum of two or more teams per level. A local league may choose to divide any or all NTRP levels into flights. Where flights are used, a playoff structure may be established to determine a champion for each NTRP level (See Reg. 2.01C *Competition Format*). Local Leagues shall be approved by USTA Kentucky to administer USTA League Tennis. The approved Local Leagues for the 2017 season are: Ashland (ASH), Bowling Green (BG), Henderson (HEN), Pennyriple Area (HOP), Lexington (LEX), Louisville (LOU), Owensboro (OWB), Purchase Area (PUR), Paducah (PAD), and the Combined Area.

**1.04D(3) Local League Season.** All local leagues shall obtain approval of the SLC for the dates of the local league season(s). In the event a local league is not concluded on the date published in TennisLink, then the end date entered in TennisLink should be amended to reflect the date of the last match played.

**1.04D(3)a** Last date of play for all local leagues is as follows:

- Adult 18 & Over – **June 11, 2017**
- Adult 40 & Over – **June 25, 2017**
- Adult 55 & Over – **July 16, 2017**
- Mixed Doubles – **August 27, 2017**

**1.04D(4) Team.** A team shall consist of players eligible to compete at a specific NTRP level of competition in accordance with the table below. A local league may limit the number of players that appear on a team roster. A local league may also limit the number of players at a specific NTRP level.



<b>TEAM COMPOSITION</b>				
<b>DIVISION</b>	<b><u>AGE GROUP</u></b>	<b>MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS</b>	<b>GENDER</b>	<b>NTRP LEVEL</b>
Adult	18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	8	Same Gender	Player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed team NTRP level except 18 & Over 5.0+ and 40 & Over 4.5+
	18 & Over 2.5 & 5.0+	5	Same Gender	
	40 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+	8	Same Gender	
	55 & Over Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and combined 9.0  65 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and combined 9.0	6	Same Gender	When using straight NTRP levels, player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed team NTRP level  9.0 Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed team NTRP level. NTRP difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0
Mixed	18 & Over Straight 2.5 and Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0  40 & Over Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0  55 & Over Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	3 men 3 women	Men and Women	When using straight NTRP levels, player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed team NTRP level  9.0 Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed team NTRP level. NTRP difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0  The minimum NTRP Level for: 6.0 is 2.5; 7.0 is 3.0; 8.0 is 3.5; 9.0 is 4.0; 10.0 is 4.5

**1.04D(4)a** All teams participating in the 2017 USTA Kentucky League Tennis season must have the minimum required number of players registered in TennisLink according to the following table. Local Leagues have the authority to set this date earlier to align with their local season.

DIVISION	STATE INITIAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS REQUIRED MUST BE REGISTERED NO LATER THAN THIS DATE
ADULT 18 & OVER ADULT 40 & OVER ADULT 55 & OVER ADULT 65 & OVER	May 14, 2017 May 28, 2017 June 18, 2017 September 13, 2017
MIXED DOUBLES 18 & OVER MIXED DOUBLES 40 & OVER MIXED DOUBLES 55 & OVER	July 30, 2017 July 30, 2017 July 30, 2017

**1.04D(5) Two Team Leagues.** If any Adult Division Age Group consists of only two teams in a level of play, each team must maintain its roster with at least 40 percent of its players at the designated NTRP level of play. The exception is the Adult 55 & Over Age Group that uses combined NTRP rating levels and will not be required to comply with this Regulation. This will not apply to the Adult 65 & Over Age Group.

#### **1.04E PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

**1.04E(1) Domicile and Residency Requirements.** Local Leagues may create residency requirement rules to encourage and foster local league play.

**1.04E(2) Membership** All individuals who compete in the USTA League must be current USTA members in good standing through the local league season. Any individual who progresses to a championship must be a current USTA member through each level of championship progression.

**1.04E(3) Age.** Each player shall have reached the required minimum age prior to or during the calendar year in which such player participates in his or her first local league.

**1.04F Official League Rating Program.** The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) is the official system for rating levels of competition for USTA League.

**1.04F(1) Entry.** A player without a valid NTRP rating level in TennisLink must self-rate to enter the USTA League Program.

<b>NTRP RATING LEVELS FOR ENTRY INTO LEAGUE PLAY</b>		
<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>AGE GROUP</b>	<b>PLAYER NTRP RATING LEVEL</b>
Adult	18 & Over 40 & Over 55 & Over 65 & Over Straight NTRP Levels	Current NTRP level and/or up to one level above the player's current NTRP level.  The 18 & Over 5.0+ level may have up to two players from the next higher NTRP level on a team roster. 40 & Over 4.5+ level may have up to three players from the next higher NTRP level on a team roster.
	55 & Over, 9.0 Combined NTRP Levels  65 & Over, 9.0 Combined NTRP Levels	Combined NTRP levels of partners shall not exceed team NTRP level.  NTRP difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0. The minimum NTRP Level for <u>9.0 is 4.0</u>
Mixed	18 & Over 2.5 Straight NTRP Levels	Limited to 2.0 and 2.5 NTRP rated players
	18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0	Current NTRP level and/or up to one level above the player's current NTRP level.
	18 & Over Combined NTRP Levels  40 & Over Combined NTRP Levels  55 & Over Combined NTRP Levels	Combined NTRP levels of partners shall not exceed team NTRP level.  NTRP difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0. The minimum NTRP Level for 6.0 is 2.5; 7.0 is 3.0; 8.0 is 3.5; 9.0 is 4.0; 10.0 is 4.5

**1.04F(1)a** Rating levels are derived in accordance with the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System Procedures. Once a player is assigned a valid Computer (C) rating level, it is valid for the Adult and Mixed Divisions for all players 59 years of age or under for three consecutive years or until another NTRP published rating level is generated. For players 60 years of age or over, a valid Computer (C) or Benchmark (B) NTRP rating level is valid to play in the Adult and Mixed Divisions for two consecutive years or until another NTRP published rating level is generated. See Reg. 1.04F(1)b and c and Valid NTRP Computer Ratings Table)

**1.04F(1)b** Mixed results will not be part of generating a player's year-end rating, except for those players who participate in the Mixed Division exclusively. A player who plays in the Mixed Division exclusively will receive a published Mixed Exclusive (M) NTRP rating level at year-end unless they have a valid computer (C) rating from a previous year on file in TennisLink. A published (M) NTRP rating level is valid to play in the Mixed Division exclusively and will be in effect for players 59 years of age and under for three consecutive years and for players 60 years or older for two consecutive years or until another NTRP published level is generated. A player who plays exclusively in the Mixed Division and subsequently chooses to participate in the Adult Division must enter by using a valid computer (C)

rating from a previous year. If such player does not have a valid (C) or (B) rating from a previous year, he or she must self-rate with the minimum rating being the higher of the self-rating or valid Mixed Exclusive (M) rating.

#### **1.04G Player Participation Eligibility.**

**1.04G(3)** A player may play on more than one team in an NTRP level within a Age Group in the same season provided it is in separate local leagues.

**1.04G(4)** A player may play on more than one NTRP level within a Age Group in the same local league during the same season.

**1.04G(5)** A player may play up to one NTRP level above the player's current NTRP level.

**1.04G(6)** Kentucky has the authority to regulate advancement on more than one adult team to the State Championships. A player may advance on any team for which he/she is registered and meets the qualifications. There will be no scheduling concessions for those choosing to play multiple divisions.

Players who qualify for Southern Sectional in an Adult 18 & Over, Adult 40 & Over, Adult 55 & Over and/or Adult 65 & Over teams(s) may advance on more than one team within an age group only if they are different NTRP levels. Players who qualify for a Mixed Doubles 18 & Over and/or Mixed Doubles 40 & Over team(s) may advance on more than one team within an age group only if they are different NTRP levels. No accommodations for scheduling will be made at Sectional Championships for teams with players that may be competing on two or more teams during a sectional championship.

**1.05 OFFICIAL BALL.** In USTA League matches, a standard Type 2 USTA approved ball shall be used. The use of any USTA "transition" ball is prohibited.

## **2.00 USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS**

**All USTA League Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL, 3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and the following Regulations in this section shall apply to USTA Kentucky League Adult and Mixed Divisions except for Reg. 2.04 NTRP DYNAMIC DISQUALIFICATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURES which shall apply only to the USTA League Adult Division.**

### **2.01 LOCAL COMPETITION**

#### **2.01A NTRP Levels of Play.**

**2.01A(1)** When using straight NTRP levels, a player cannot have an NTRP rating higher than the NTRP level in which the player is competing except in the 5.0+ NTRP level of the 18 & Over Adult Division, and in the 4.5+ NTRP level of the 40 & Over Adult Division. 5.0+ NTRP level of the 18 & Over Adult Division may include up to two (2) players from the next higher NTRP level. 4.5+ NTRP level of the 40 & Over Adult Division may include up to three (3) players from the next higher NTRP level.

**2.01A(1)a** In Plus (+) NTRP levels utilizing three individual matches within a team match, no more than one Plus (+) level player shall be allowed to play in a team match and shall be required to play in the #1 position, either singles or doubles.

**2.01A(1)b** In Plus (+) NTRP levels utilizing four or more individual matches within a team match, two Plus (+) level players may play in a team match and shall be required to play in the #1 position, either singles or doubles.

**2.01a(4)** USTA League NTRP levels are in accordance with the table below:

<b>NTRP LEVELS OF PLAY</b>				
<b>DIVISION</b>	<b><u>AGE GROUP</u></b>	<b>LOCAL LEAGUES</b>	<b>ALL CHAMPIONSHIPS BELOW NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	<b>NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>
Adult	18 & Over	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+	2.5W, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+
	40 & Over	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+
	55 & Over	Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and Combined Level 9.0	Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 And Combined Level 9.0	Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0
	65 & Over	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0 combined	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0 combined	NA
Mixed	18 & Over	Straight Level 2.5 <b>AND</b> Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0	Straight Level 2.5 <b>AND</b> Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0	Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0
	40 & Over	6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0
	55 & Over	6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Invitational	N/A

### 2.01C Competition Format

**2.01C(1) Round Robin.** Each NTRP level within a local league shall play at least one round robin competition wherein every team plays every other team. When any NTRP level consists of only two teams, each team is required to play a minimum of three team matches which is a triple round robin. When any NTRP level consists of only three teams, each team is required to play a minimum of four team matches which is a double round robin. Any NTRP level may be divided into flights and each team shall play every other team in its flight. The flight winners may enter a playoff structure to establish a local league champion for that NTRP level.

2.01C(1)a Each Sectional Association may permit additional matches, selected randomly, within the flight.

2.01C(1)b Each Sectional Association may permit additional cross-flight matches in which each team in one flight plays an equal number of matches in the other flight, selected randomly if not a full round robin.

2.01C(1)c Each Sectional Association may permit the top teams in a flight to play an additional round robin to determine advancement and the teams without a mathematical chance to advance may play an additional round robin.

A state may authorize the use of 2.01C(1)a, 2.01C(1)b and/or 2.01C(1)c within its local leagues. Kentucky authorizes local leagues to implement the use of 2.01C(1)a, 2.01C(1)b and/or 2.01C(1)c.

**2.01C(1)a** Any Local League divided into flights must establish playoff regulations and the format for determination of local league winners. Playoff regulations must be published prior to start of the league season. Each local league shall determine dates of the championship within the local league. Each championship end date shall be published in TennisLink as the championship end date. In the event a

championship is not concluded on the date published in TennisLink, then the end date must be amended in TennisLink to reflect the date of the last match played.

**2.01C(2) Team Match.** Each team match in a local league shall consist of such number of individual matches of singles, doubles, or any combination thereof as determined by the local league. For each team match, a majority of the individual matches must actually be played to constitute a valid team match.

If both captains cannot come to an agreement on what lines (courts) will be played to constitute a valid team match, based on the number of players present, or to be present, then the following individual matches will be assigned in sequential order to be played:

<b>Format</b>	<b>Required Matches in sequential order</b>	<b>Minimum # of Players Required for Each Team in Valid Team Match</b>
<u>2 singles, 3 doubles</u>	<u>#1 and #2 singles, and #1 doubles (priority); #2 doubles if enough players present</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>1 singles, 3 doubles</u>	<u>#1 singles and #1 doubles and #2 doubles (priority)</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>1 singles, 4 doubles</u>	<u>#1 singles #1 and #2 doubles (priority); #3 doubles if enough players present</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>2 singles, 2 doubles</u>	<u>#1 singles and #2 singles and #1 doubles (priority)</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>1 singles, 2 doubles</u>	<u>#1 singles and #1 doubles</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>3 doubles</u>	<u>#1 and #2 doubles</u>	<u>4</u>

If both teams have enough players to play the match and it's discovered after-the-fact that a majority of the matches were not played to constitute a valid team match, both captains need to come to an agreement of what lines will be played to make the team match valid. If captains cannot come to an agreement, then the individual match(es) to be played will be assigned in sequential order in the above-mentioned table. If a captain does not comply with this regulation, then it may be considered a full-team default in favor of the opponents.

**2.01C(3) Match Scoring and Formats (See Southern Regulation for Recommended Procedures in the Event of a Tie for Local Play)**

**2.01C(3)a** It is recommended that all matches be the best of three tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set. The match tiebreak shall be scored as one set and one game for tiebreak purposes. USTA Kentucky approved the following shortened formats; 8 game pro-sets, short sets and no-ad scoring. Shortened formats should only be played when approved by the Local League with stated stipulations regarding when such change can occur. All tiebreaks will be played using the Coman Format.

**2.01C(3)b** The team winning the majority of individual matches shall be awarded one team point.

**2.01C(5) Team Line-Ups.** The team captain for each team shall exchange their team line-up simultaneously prior to the beginning of the team match. No substitution may be made in an individual match after the line-up has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player prior to the start of such match and under such further circumstances as the Section authorizes. If the

substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five minute warm-up. The default principles in USTA National Regulation 2.03K *Team Defaults* and 2.03L *Scoring of Team Defaults* shall be applicable, with such modifications as the Southern Section may authorize.:

- a. 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 a 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 defaulted in local leagues.
- b. In the event that a team match must be re-scheduled and starting times are staggered, where opponents are not available and ready to play, defaults will be awarded in the affected position only.
- c. Local Leagues shall determine and publish the procedures and/or penalties for rescheduling team matches including inclement weather procedures.
- d. Two players will play together in the higher position when both of their partners do not show in order to avoid two defaults.
- e. All matches of a defaulting team played or to be played shall be null and void unless all teams in contention for advancement to further competition have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches will stand as played.
- f. Local leagues shall determine and publish the procedures and/or penalties if a team forfeits an entire team match during local league play.

## 2.02 PROGRESSION

### 2.02B Championships.

**2.02B(1) District/Area Championships.** Teams will advance to USTA Kentucky State Championships based on the below listed number of teams participating at the local level. Teams should expect to play on any USTA approved surface.

<b>Adult 18 &amp; Over 40 &amp; Over</b>		<b>Adult 55 &amp; Mixed Doubles</b>	
2 teams	1 team	2-5 teams	2 teams
3-5 teams	2 teams	6-10 teams	3 teams
6-10 teams	3 teams	11+ teams	4 teams
11-15 teams	4 teams		
16+	5 teams		

## 2.03 DISTRICT/AREA, SECTIONAL AND NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 2.03A Eligibility.

**2.03A(1)a** A team cannot advance to Championship level without playing a local league. Local leagues that enroll less than the required two teams per NTRP level may compete in the regular USTA league tennis program by joining another existing local league or the “Combined Area”.

1. The LLC shall assign a team to a local league or the “Combined Area” and move the team to the appropriate league within TennisLink.

2. The assigned team will be required to travel to all matches within the existing local league they are assigned, unless the other teams within that local league agree to share the traveling.

3. The assigned team must abide by the local league regulations and deadlines of the local league in which the team is assigned or the State Regulations dates and deadlines for the "Combined Area".

4. In the case that two one team leagues join together, both teams will be required to travel equally.

5. Local Leagues with **one or two teams** at NTRP levels within the same age division; Adult 18 & Over, Adult 40 & Over or Adult 55 & Over may join the "Combined Area" and play a local league. All teams must abide by all regulations for local league play, meeting all state deadlines for registration and last date for match play, as well as playing the required number of matches to qualify to advance to the Kentucky State Championships. Each team will advance to represent their local league area in the appropriate age division at their NTRP level. **If two teams from the same area join the combined league only the team finishing above the other in standings will advance to represent their area at the state championship.**

- **NOTE: If two teams from the same Local League join the Combined Area, they MUST both be compiled of players from that Local Area and/or surrounding Local Area. They must both be approved by the Local Adult League Committee of that Local League to be rostered to represent them in the Combined Area.**

6. Local League prior to State Championships will be played if there are two or more teams from different local areas that were not able to join another local league. Teams must have all players registered following the local league registration deadlines to be eligible for local prior to state. Teams would arrive one day prior to the State Championships to play the required number of round robins to ensure that all players are qualified to advance to the State Championships.

**2.03A(1)b** The Tournament Committee will determine the number of teams needed to complete the draw. If it is determined that additional teams are needed to complete the draw in any level, a blind draw will be made to determine which local league area will receive the wildcard. However, the "Host City" for any tournament will be given first consideration for providing a wildcard for any level if they have a team available in that level, and assuming a wildcard is needed.

**2.03A(3)** In the Adult and Mixed Divisions, a player is eligible to progress to championship level competition below National Championships if that player has played on the same team in at least two matches at the same NTRP level in the same Age Group during its local league season and is otherwise eligible. A maximum of one default received by the player during local league competition shall count for advancing. Retired matches shall count toward advancing for all players involved in both USTA League Divisions.

2.03A(4) In the Adult and Mixed Divisions, a player is eligible to advance to **National Championship** competition if that player has played on the same team in at least three matches at the same NTRP level in the same Age group through Sectional Championships and is otherwise eligible. **A maximum of one default received by the player during local league or championship competition shall count for advancing.** Retired matches shall count toward advancing for all players involved in both USTA League Divisions. (see matches required to advance to championships table).

**2.03B Official League Championship Entry.** An official copy of the final USTA TEAM ROSTER FOR LEAGUES shall be submitted by the team captain or coordinator to the Championship Committee at each level of league championships prior to the deadline announced for entry into the event.

**2.03B(1)** A copy of the official entry form and team roster along with all fees and required information shall be submitted by the team captain prior to the announced deadline for entry into the event. The captain is responsible for reviewing all information pertaining to the league championships. All championship information may be accessed at [www.ustaky.com](http://www.ustaky.com).



**2.03B(2)** Any team dropping out of the championship after the schedule has been published on [www.ustaky.com](http://www.ustaky.com) will be required to pay a \$300.00 penalty. Any registration fees paid up to that point will not be refunded. If the fine is assessed, players will not be eligible to play league tennis until the fine is paid in full. *(at the discretion of the tournament committee)*

**2.03C Scoring.** All matches at the Kentucky State Championship will be the best of two tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of the third set. A set tiebreak shall be used at 6-all in each set. In lieu of the third set, a Match tiebreak shall be played (the first to 10 winning by 2). 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 set plus 1 game for tiebreak procedures. All tie-breaks will be played in the Coman tiebreak format.

**2.03D Competition Format** State Championships format shall be round robin in all levels of competition. Each team shall play every other team in its flight and the team with the most team points shall be champion in its flight. Levels with two or more flights will play a single elimination match to determine the team(s) that advances to the finals. Flight A vs. Flight C and Flight B vs. Best of Record will be used for levels with three flights. Best of Record will be determined based on percentage of matches won if flights do not have the same number of teams. If all flights are equal, Best of Record will be determined based on the following procedures in 2.03H.

**2.03H Procedures in the Event of a Tie.** In the event of a tie, whether in round robin or single elimination competition, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:

**2.03H(1) Individual Matches.** Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.

**2.03H(2) Head-to-Head.** Winner of head-to-head match.

**2.03H(3) Sets.** Loser of the fewest number of sets.

**2.03H(4) Games.** Loser of the fewest number of games.

**2.03H(5) A Method to be Determined by the Championships Committee.** Procedure to be announced prior to commencement of championship competition.

**2.03L Scoring of Team Defaults.** If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, that team is ineligible to continue play at that championship. All matches of the defaulting team already played shall be null and void when determining standings but will be used for ratings and advancement purposes. If all teams with a mathematical chance to advance have played the defaulting team in good faith, those matches shall stand as played when determining standings. Any team not complying may be subject to grievance procedures.

**2.04 NTRP DYNAMIC DISQUALIFICATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURES** – *Please see USTA Southern Section Regulations.*

**2.05 YEAR-END NTRP COMPUTER RATINGS AND APPEAL PROCEDURES** –*Please see USTA Southern Section Regulations.*

**2.05D Medical Appeals.** If an intervening, permanently disabling injury or illness indicates that a player's current NTRP computer rating level may be too high, the player may request a medical appeal of such rating level in accordance with *USTA League NTRP Medical Appeal Procedures – Questions and Answers*. Medical Appeal directions, forms and Q & A are available on [www.ustaky.com](http://www.ustaky.com) under "USTA League Tennis", "NTRP Ratings and Appeals".

**2.05D(2)** The Section designated Medical Review Committee shall have the authority to deny the appeal and such decision shall be final and binding. If said Committee deems the medical appeal should have further consideration, it will be forwarded to the National Medical Appeal Committee for a final decision.

**2.05E Promotion of Players 60 or Over and 65 or Over**

**2.05E(1)** Any player who is 60 years of age or older prior to, or during the calendar year in which such player plays his or her first local league match and has achieved the same rating level or lower for his or her three most recent year-end ratings, without benefit of appeal of the player's year-end rating, will be granted an appeal if promoted.

**2.05E(2)** All players age 65 or over, if promoted, will automatically be granted an appeal (A rating) of their current rating back to their previous valid year-end rating. NTRP Dynamic Disqualification procedures as outlined in 2.04B(3) apply.

**2.06 MOVE-UP/SPLIT-UP. (See National Regulation)**

**3.0 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES.**

The Regulations in 3.0 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES shall apply to all USTA League Divisions.

**3.01 ADMINISTRATION.** All grievances within the USTA League shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of this section. Any Section may, but shall not be required to honor the sanction(s) imposed in another Section (at the conclusion of the original Section's grievance period and process). Sections choosing to honor the sanction(s) of another Section shall mirror the original sanction exactly; no appeals of any kind will be accepted in the honoring Section(s).

**3.01A Grievance Committees.** All grievance committees shall consist of no less than three persons, including a committee chair, to adjudicate grievances. The members of the committee may be the same as, or different in whole or part from, the committee first approved.

**3.01A(1) Local Committees** Each local league shall appoint a Local League Grievance Committee. All local league regulations will include the names of Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committee members and will be distributed to captains prior to beginning of the local league season. The SLC shall approve all Local League Grievance and Appeal Committees.

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Kentucky Grievance Committees & Grievance Appeal Committees are formed as necessary first utilizing members of the ALC and Subcommittees and then other league members selected by the ALC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson and approved by the SLC.