

USTA SHREVEPORT BOSSIER REGULATIONS

For USTA League Tennis Adult and Mixed Divisions; USTA Southern Combo Division and Tri Level Division League Year 2020

(Note: Paragraphs included herein are numbered according to pertinent paragraphs of the 2020 USTA League Tennis Regulations).

1.00 GENERAL The Regulations in 1.00 General in conjunction with USTA National, USTA Southern and USTA Louisiana regulations shall apply to all USTA League Divisions (Adult and Mixed) as well as USTA Southern Combo and Tri-Level.

1.02 Governance

1.02A Waiver of Rules and Procedures Prohibited Printed below are the USTA Shreveport - Bossier Regulations as authorized by the USTA National League Regulations, USTA Southern Section Regulations, and USTA Louisiana Regulations.

1.02B Amendments Local League Coordinators may amend these NWLACTA Local League Regulations with approval from the Local League Council.

1.02C Written Interpretation The Local League Coordinator, in conjunction with the NWLACTA League Council shall have the authority to interpret the Shreveport Bossier Regulations.

1.04B Administration

1.04B(3)c Local League Coordinators Local league administrators who include Local Coordinators and Board of Directors of the local Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association are responsible for administering and promoting the USTA League Programs in their area.

1.04B(3)c(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(3)c(ii) League Coordinator Responsibilities USTA League Tennis Regulations (National, Southern Section, State, Local) are available on www.nwlacta.com prior to the start of local league competition.

1.04B(3)c(iii) A mandatory team captain's meeting must be held prior to the start of league play for each local league program. Topics to be covered include local regulations (provide internet links to National, Sectional, State regulations), championships eligibility requirements, and deadlines. Local league coordinators should review all regulations and procedures with new team captains.

1.04C Official Information System

League	Registration Start Date (team registration opens)	Initial Roster Deadline (team registration Closes)	End Player Registration (Last day to add players to existing teams)	League Season Start Date	League Season End Date
18 & Over Adult	Dec 10, 2019	Jan 10, 2020	May 8, 2020	Jan 27, 2020	May 22, 2020
40 & Over Adult	Dec 10, 2019	Jan 10, 2020	April 3, 2020	Jan 27, 2020	April 17, 2020
55 & Over Adult	Dec 10, 2019	Jan 6, 2020	March 20, 2020	Jan 20, 2020	April 3, 2020
18 & Over Mixed Doubles	April 2, 2020	May 8, 2020	Aug 7, 2020	May 25, 2020	Aug 21, 2020
40 & Over Mixed Doubles	April 2, 2020	May 8, 2020	Aug 7, 2020	May 25, 2020	Aug 21, 2020
55 & Over Mixed Doubles	April 2, 2020	May 8, 2020	Aug 7, 2020	May 25, 2020	Aug 21, 2020
18 & Over Tri Level	March 27, 2020	April 15, 2020	July 24, 2020	May 4, 2020	Aug 7, 2020
40 & Over Tri Level	March 27, 2020	April 15, 2020	July 24, 2020	May 4, 2020	Aug 7, 2020
55 & Over Tri Level	March 27, 2020	April 15, 2020	July 24, 2020	May 4, 2020	Aug 7, 2020
18 & Over Combo	July 9, 2020	July 31, 2020	Oct 7, 2020	Aug 17, 2020	Oct 23, 2020
40 & Over Combo	July 9, 2020	July 31, 2020	Oct 2, 2020	Aug 17, 2020	Oct 16, 2020
55 & Over Combo	July 9, 2020	July 31, 2020	Oct 7, 2020	Aug 17, 2020	Oct 23, 2020

1.04C(1)a Team Registration Dates/ Deadlines The deadline date must be prior to the start of the local league season and must be no later than one (1) month prior to the state championship with local league schedules published . **See Chart Above**

1.04C(1)b Player Registration Dates / Deadlines – All player additions to existing registered team rosters must be made no later than 14 days prior to the state championship except for local leagues played during a state championship. **See Chart Above**

1.04C(1)c League Fees & Financial Statement

1.04C(1)d The local Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Associations is 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 coordinators, league assistants, and/or league secretary must be itemized on the financial report. These financial statements can be found on www.nwlacta.com under CTA minutes.

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1.04C(1)e Enrollment Fees The 2020 USTA Shreveport - Bossier league year enrollment fees.

Any increase to Local League head tax must be approved by the USTA Louisiana Adult League Council prior to the start of the leagues team registration.

League	USTA Louisiana Head Tax	(Local League) Head Tax	TennisLink Fee	Enrollment Fee
18 & Over Adult	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$27.00
40 & Over Adult	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$27.00
55 & Over Adult	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$22.00
18 & Over Mixed Doubles	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$27.00
40 & Over Mixed Doubles	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$27.00
55 & Over Mixed Doubles	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$22.00
18 & Over Tri Level	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$27.00
40 & Over Tri Level	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$27.00
55 & Over Tri Level	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$22.00
18 & Over Combo	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$27.00
40 & Over Combo	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$27.00
55 & Over Combo	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$22.00
Flexible Format	\$2.00	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$14.00

1.04C(2) Official Score Reporting and Standings System –If completed match scores not recorded on TennisLink within 48 hours of the completion of the match, the Local League Coordinator may issue a warning via email to both team captains to enter match scores by a specified date and time. If scores are not entered on TennisLink by the specified date and time, the match may be recorded and confirmed on TennisLink as a double default. Local Area Team Default penalties may be applied.

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1.04D LOCAL LEAGUE

1.04D(3) Local League Season. All local league matches shall be completed two (2) weeks prior to the state championship.

- Any Local Leagues whose matches are published in TennisLink beyond the Local League deadline date set by the USTA Louisiana will be ineligible to advance to the leagues USTA Louisiana State Championship.

1.04D(4) Team. A team shall consist of players eligible to compete at a specific NTRP level of competition in accordance with the following table.

TEAM COMPOSITION				
DIVISION	Age Group	MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS	GENDER	NTRP LEVEL
Adult	18 & Over 2.5 women, 2.5men & 5.0+	5	Same Gender	A player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level except for 18 & Over 5.0+ and 40 & Over 4.5+.
	18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	8		
	40 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+	7		
	55 & Over Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 Combined Levels 9.0	6	Same Gender	When using straight NTRP rating levels, player's NTRP rating shall not exceed the team NTRP level.
	*65 & Over Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0			Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level.
				NTRP rating level 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.
Mixed	18 & Over Straight Level 2.5, Combined 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0	3 men 3 women	Men and Women	When using straight NTRP levels, player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed team NTRP level.
	40 & Over 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0			Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed team NTRP level.
	**55 & Over 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0			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.
Combo	18 & Over Straight Level 2.5, Combined 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0	6	Same Gender	When using straight NTRP rating levels, player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level
	40 & Over 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0			Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level.
	**55 & Over 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0			The maximum NTRP Level for: 5.5 is 3.0; 6.5 is 3.5; 7.5 is 4.0; 8.5 is 5.0; 9.5 is 5.5; 10.5 is 6.0
Tri Level	**18 & Over Div I – 2.5,3.0,3.5 (Women) Div II – 3.0, 3.5,4.0 Div III – 3.5,4.0,4.5	6	Same Gender	When using straight NTRP rating levels, player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level
	**40 & Over Div I – 2.5,3.0,3.5 Div II – 3.0, 3.5,4.0			NTRP rating level difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0
	**55 & Over Div II – 3.0, 3.5,4.0			

* Division, League Types and Levels that USTA Southern will use.

** League Types and Levels that USTA Louisiana will use.

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1.04D(6): Courts for Local League Play. “Home teams” will have the choice of court surface for which they wish to play their home matches. The use of tennis-related blended lines are permitted on courts used for local league matches. The use of other lines for another sport, such as Pickleball, are not permitted on courts used for local league matches.

1.04E Player Eligibility

1.04E(1) Domicile and Residency Requirements USTA Louisiana will have no residency requirements for local league play. Exception: Any team playing a local league at a state championship and/or advance directly to a state championship may have players from other areas as long as the majority of players reside in the State of Louisiana. Teams wishing to participate in the Shreveport-Bossier USTA Leagues programs must choose a recognized USTA facility. See addendum with list of local facilities.

1.04E(2) Electronic Devices. A player may not use electronic devices such as cell phones, smart watches, digital messaging systems, radios, mp3 players, or any device capable of receiving communication during USTA League (FAC USTA Comment 30.1.). If a cellphone rings during a point, the opponent may stop the point and claim the point based on deliberate hindrance (FAC USTA Comment 26.3).

1.04E(3) Age. Players must be 18 years of age prior to participating in the USTA League program. Each player over the age of 18 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

1.04F(1) Entry A player without a valid NTRP rating level in TennisLink, a returning player with an expired NTRP rating level, a Tournament Exclusive (T) rated player or a Mixed Exclusive (M) rated player who does not have a valid computer (C) rating from a previous year and chooses to participate in the Adult Division, must self-rate to be assigned a new rating, reassigned to their last expired rating or a higher rating based on their playing history to enter the USTA League Program. A player must enter league play in accordance with the following table.

NTRP RATING LEVEL FOR ENTRY INTO LEAGUE PLAY		
DIVISION	Age Group	PLAYER’S NTRP RATING LEVEL
Adult	Straight NTRP levels 18 & Over 40 & Over 55 & Over *65 & Over	Current NTRP rating level and/or up to one level <u>above</u> the player’s current NTRP level. 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.
	Combined NTRP levels 55 & Over *65 & Over	Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP Level. NTRP rating level difference between partners may 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
Mixed	18 & Over *2.5 Straight NTRP levels	Limited to 2.0 and 2.5 NTRP rated players
	18 & Over 40 & Over **55 & Over Combined NTRP Levels	Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level. NTRP rating level difference between partners may 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
*Combo	18 & Over 2.5 Straight NTRP level	Limited to 2.0 and 2.5 NTRP rated players
	18 & Over 40 & Over 55 & Over Combined NTRP Levels	Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level. The maximum NTRP Level for: 5.5 is 3.0; 6.5 is 3.5; 7.5 is 4.0; 8.5 is 5.0; 9.5 is 5.5; 10.5 is 6.0
Tri Level	**18 & Over Div I – 2.5,3.0,3.5 (Women) Div II – 3.0, 3.5,4.0 Div III – 3.5,4.0,4.5	Current NTRP rating level and/or up to one level above the player’s current NTRP level When using straight NTRP rating levels, player’s NTRP rating level shall not exceed the <u>court</u> NTRP level.
	**40 & Over Div I – 2.5,3.0,3.5 Div II – 3.0, 3.5,4.0	NTRP rating level difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0

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NTRP RATING LEVEL FOR ENTRY INTO LEAGUE PLAY		
DIVISION	Age Group	PLAYER'S NTRP RATING LEVEL
	**55 & Over Div II – 3.0, 3.5,4.0	
*Assigned and/or additional Divisions, Age Groups and Levels that USTA Southern will use. **Assigned and/or additional Divisions, Age Groups and Levels that USTA Louisiana will use.		

1.04G PLAYER PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY.

1.04G(6). Any player who qualifies to advance to the USTA Louisiana State Championship in the Adult, Mixed, Southern Combo or Tri Level division 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 the USTA Louisiana Championships for teams with players that may be competing on two or more teams during a state championship.

2.00 USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS All USTA League Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL and 3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and the following regulations in this section shall apply to all USTA League Divisions (Adult and Mixed) as well as USTA Southern Combo and Tri-Level except for Reg. 2.04 NTRP Dynamic Disqualification and Review Procedures which shall apply only to the USTA League Adult Division.

2.01A NTRP Levels of Play

- **Adult 18 and Over:** 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5 **40 and Over:** 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5+ **55 and Over:** 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 9.0 (men and women);
- **Tri-Level 18 and Over:** 2.5-3.0-3.5 (women only) 3.0-3.5-4.0 and 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 (men and women) **40 and Over:** 3.0-3.5-4.0 and 3.5-4.0-4.5 (men and women) **55 and Over:** 3.0-3.5-4.0 (men and women)
- **Mixed: 18 and Over:** 2.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 **40 and Over:** 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0, **55 and Over:** 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0
- **Combo 18 and Over:** 2.5, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5 and 9.5 **40 and Over:** 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5 and 9.5 **55 and Over:** 6.5, 7.5, and 8.5

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 Adult Division, 18 & Over and in the 4.5+ NTRP level of the Adult Division, 40 & Over. Adult Division, 18 & Over 5.0+ team rosters may include up to two (2) players from the next higher NTRP level. Adult Division, 40 & Over 4.5+ team rosters may include up to three (3) players from the next higher NTRP level.

In Plus (+) NTRP levels utilizing four or less individual matches constituting a team match:

- 2.01A(1)a** In Plus (+) NTRP levels utilizing four or less 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 a #1 position, either singles or doubles.
- 2.01A(1)b** In the 5.0+ level a player who is rated 4.5 is not eligible to play in the #1 singles position.
- 2.01A(1)c** In the 4.5+ level a player who is rated 4.0 is not eligible to play in the #1 singles position.

In Plus (+) NTRP levels utilizing five individual matches constituting a team match:

- 2.01A(1)d** Two (2) Plus (+) level players may play in a team match and shall be required to play in either (i) both in the #1 doubles position or (ii) one player in the #1 singles position and one player in the #1 doubles position.
- 2.01A(1)e** In the 5.0+ level a player who is rated 4.5 is not eligible to play in either #1 position.
- 2.01A(1)f** In the 4.5+ level a player who is rated 4.0 is not eligible to play in either #1 position.

Note: If the NTRP ratings of the players available and on-site for a team match would result in an individual match default at the #1 position(s), a lower level player may play at the #1 position(s), provided no available at level player is playing below the #1 position(s). In such case(s) 2.01A(1)b, 2.01A(1)c, 2.01A(1)e, or 2.01A(1)f shall be waived.

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(1a) The local league coordinator may choose to permit additional matches if agreed by a majority of the league captains in the league that is to be scheduled. These matches will be selected randomly within the league or flight. If the captains voting is a tie to add the additional randomly selected matches, the Local League Council would vote to determine if the matches would be added to the league.

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2.01C(2) – Team Match.

DIVISION	AGE GROUP	LEAGUE FORMAT	Points Awarded For
Adult	18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5	2 Singles 3 Doubles	3 Individual Wins
	18 & Over 2.5 & 5.0+	1 Singles 2 Doubles	2 Individual Wins
	40 & Over	1 Singles / 3 Doubles	3 Individual Wins If tied 2-2, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following methods to do so: a) least sets lost; then least games lost; then game winning percentage; then winner of 1st court doubles.
	55 & Over	3 Doubles	2 Individual Wins
	65 & Over	3 Doubles	
Mixed	18 & Over	3 Doubles	2 Individual Wins
	40 & Over	3 Doubles	
	55 & Over	3 Doubles	
Combo	18 & Over	3 Doubles	2 Individual Wins
	40 & Over	3 Doubles	
	55 & Over	3 Doubles	
Tri Level	18 & Over	3 Doubles	2 Individual Wins
	40 & Over	3 Doubles	
	55 & Over	3 Doubles	

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. The following procedure should be used when the combination of individual match defaults given by the two teams in the team match results, or would result, in a situation where the majority of the individual matches would not be played.

The first course of action would be for both captains to agree on what individual matches, based on the number of players present, or to be present, that can be played to constitute a valid team match. Once that is determined, both captains will re-exchange scorecards.

If both captains cannot come to an agreement on what individual matches 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:

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

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. If a team shows up without the minimum # of players required for the team match based on the number of players present, or to be present, it will be a full team default in favor of the opponents. Please refer to national regulation 2.01C(5) on team default procedures.

2.01C(2)a- When the combination of individual match defaults given by the two teams in the team match results, or would result, in a situation where the majority of the individual matches would not be played, captains shall notify the Local League Coordinator who will reschedule the remaining un-played individual matches.

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2.01C(3) Match Scoring and Formats All matches in USTA Leagues and Southern Leagues shall be the best of three tiebreak sets with a set tie-break at 6-all. In the event of split sets, a match tie-break (10-point) shall be played in lieu of a third set with the two minute set break with no coaching allowed. The Coman tiebreak procedure shall be followed in all tiebreaks.

The team winning the majority of the individual matches shall be awarded one team point.

4 court match: If tied 2-2, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following methods to do so: a) least sets lost; then least games lost; then game winning percentage; then winner of 1st court doubles.

In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:

- (1): Individual Matches. Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.
- (2): Head-to-head. Winner of head-to-head match.
- (3): Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets.
- (4): Games. Loser of the fewest number of games.
- (5): Game Winning Percentage: Total games won divided by total games played
- (6): Coin Toss

2.01C(5) Team Lineups The team captains shall exchange their lineups simultaneously prior to the start of tem match. No substitution may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury, illness or no-show of a player prior to the start of an individual match. 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. The substitute player is entitled to a five (5) minute warm-up.

2.01C(5)c Rescheduling Matches due to Inclement Weather : A match will be rescheduled if the wind chill is below 39 degrees one hour before the match is scheduled to begin, or if the courts are unplayable due to weather related causes (rain, snow, sleet, ect.), one hour before the match is scheduled to begin, as determined by the Head or Assistant Tennis Pro at the host facility. It is the responsibility of the hosting team’s Captain to contact the Tennis Pro at the Host site to determine playability AND notify the Visiting Captain 1 hour before the match is scheduled to begin if the Match is to be rescheduled due to wind chill or weather. Cancelled matches cannot be rescinded.

Rescheduled matches should be made up within 2 weeks of the scheduled match date, unless the state deadline date for the league is prior to 2 weeks, then matches need to be completed prior to the state deadline date. Both captains are responsible for ensuring matches are completed within the 2 week period. If match is not made up within the 2 week period or prior to state deadline dates, a league administrator may schedule the match. The host captain is responsible for reserving courts at the facility where the match was originally scheduled. It is recommended the details for all rescheduled courts be documented in writing/email (i.e. date/time) between the 2 captains. Once both captains agree on make-up date(s) and times, it is considered a scheduled match and default principles shall be applicable. In the event of continuous inclement weather, which causes make-up matches to back up, the pro may make a decision to allow matches to be rescheduled at sites different from the originally scheduled site. If this decision is made, the pro will notify the local league coordinator. The host team will be responsible for any extra court fees due to change in location. When rain or inclement weather forces the cancellation and re-scheduling of a team match, line-ups would stand only for those individual courts that have already started (first serve attempt) their match. All other individual courts, even those that were in warm-up may be changed including defaulted courts. When determining weather, related to a match cancellation, go to www.nwllacta.com and click on the weather channel icon located on the bottom of the home page. You must enter the host facility zip code, which can be found on the link called Facility Map on the left side of the home page. This will be the universal weather source used by local facilities and pros.

2.01C(5)c(i) Rescheduling of Matches - Advancing Teams. A Local League match shall be rescheduled upon request if 50% of the minimum required players for the match are registered players on a team attending a National, Sectional or State Championship (See Chart Below). Consideration will be given for appropriate travel time to the Championship. All scheduled courts not affected should be played as scheduled. It is recommended to reschedule matches prior to the originally scheduled date and the two (2) week make up regulation will apply.

Division	Age Group	Minimum # of Players	# Players = 50% Minimum Required Players
Adult	18 & Over: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	8	4
	18 & Over: 2.5 and 5.0+	5	2
	40 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+	7	4
	55 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0 combined	6	3
Mixed	All Age Groups/Levels	3 men and 3 women able to combine and compete	1 man or 1 women
Combo	All Age Groups/Levels	6 players able to combine and compete	1 player from any NTRP
Tri-Level	All Age Groups/Levels	6 players able to combine and compete	1 player from any NTRP

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2.01C(5)e. When a team default (As defined by 2.03K Team Default regulation) occurs in local league play the Local League Coordinator shall submit to the State League Coordinator a recommendation on how the default should be handled. Exception for two team leagues: No team may advance beyond local league play if a team default occurs regardless of the number of team matches scheduled.

The recommendation should support the answer to the following question:

Should the team default stand (scored as a 6-0, 6-0 loss on each individual match forfeited) thus allowing the team to remain eligible to advance beyond local competition?

If the answer is yes:

The default will stand, allowing the team to advance beyond local play.

If the answer is no:

- For leagues playing a single round robin:
 - The team will be removed from standings in round robin play unless all teams with a mathematical chance to advance have already played the defaulting team in good faith, in which case, the matches shall stand as played when determining standings.
- For leagues playing multiple round robins (choose one):
 - The team will be removed from standings in the affected round only, or
 - The team will be removed from standings in all round robins

The defaulting team may be ineligible to advance beyond local league but remains obligated to play the remainder of all local league matches. These matches will be recorded in TennisLink for the purposes of satisfying match play requirements for opponents and NTRP calculations for all players involved

The State League Coordinator, upon review of the facts and circumstances presented by the Local League Coordinator shall approve or deny the local league recommendation.

2.02 Progression

2.02A(1) Local Competition All local matches should be completed two (2) weeks prior to the USTA Louisiana State Championship.

If a Local League has a playoff, championship procedures must be used in the event of a tie. Please refer to national regulation 2.03H.

The team with the most team points shall be declared the local league winner. All local matches should be completed two (2) weeks prior to the state tournament.

2.02A(2) Local Champion Advancing teams are required to register and pay entry fee for at least the leagues minimum number of players online through the championship website 10 days prior to the start of the state championship to guarantee spot in the state championship draw. See USTA Louisiana Championship Website for additional details and deadline dates for player registration.

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2.03A Eligibility

2.03A. At all Championships, a minimum number of team members as shown in the table below, who were on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play must be available and eligible to compete or to combine and compete, as appropriate. The required minimum number of team members may be reduced with an approved waiver, but to not less than the minimum as noted in the following table. At Sectional Championship level and below, the Championship Committee may grant such a waiver.

2.03A(4) Eligibility to advance to National Championships for self-rated and computer-rated appealed players requires playing at least four (4) matches on the same team at the same level in the same Age Group. No defaults received count.

MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIPS					
		Sectional Championships and Below		NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	
Divisions	Age Group	Local Matches Required for State and Section Championship	Default received counting to advance	Minimum Matches through Section Championship	Defaults received counting to advance
Adult	18 & Over	2	1	All players other than self-rated and computer-rated appealed players: 3 matches on the same team.	All players other than self-rated and computer-rated appealed players: 1 default received shall count
	40 & Over				
	55 & Over				
Mixed	18 & Over	2	1	Self-rated and computer-rated appealed players 4 matches on the same team	Self-rated and computer-rated appealed players No default received shall count
	40 & Over	2	1		
Minimum matches to advance to Section Championships for States with 2 or more teams					
Adult	65 & Over	1	1	Not Part of National Program	
Combo	18 & Over	1	1	Not Part of National Program	
	40 & Over				
	55 & Over				
Mixed	55 & Over	1	1	Not Part of Sectional or National Program	
Tri Level	18 & Over	1	1	Not Part of National Program	
	40 & Over				
	55 & Over				
A RETIRED match shall count for all players					

2.03B. Teams defaulting at least one court/line throughout the championship without requesting waiver outlined in 2.03A may be subject to grievance procedures. Penalties may include but are not limited to monetary fines and/or suspension from league play.

2.05C Appeal of Year-End Ratings.

Year-end NTRP valid computer rating levels may be appealed or denied through TennisLink except for 2.05D *Medical Appeals*.

3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES The Regulations in 3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES shall apply to all USTA League Divisions (Adult and Mixed) as well as USTA Southern Combo and Tri-Level.

3.01 ADMINISTRATION.

A \$100 filing fee will be required for all General/Sportsmanship, Championship and/or Administrative Grievance and Grievance Appeals that are heard at the USTA Louisiana state level. The filing fee will only be returned to the grieving party if a penalty is imposed. The filing fee will take effect on the date the Louisiana State Regulations are approved by the USTA Louisiana Executive Board.

3.01A(1) Local Grievance Committee Grievance committees will be chosen from the list of NWLACTA USTA League Players listed at end of these regulations. Additional members may be added as needed. State Associations will appoint or approve members for a Local League Appeal Grievance Appeal Committee.

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3.01B(1) Local Grievance Appeals Committee Grievance appeal committees will be chosen from the list of NWLACTA USTA League Players listed at end of these regulations. Additional members may be added as needed. State Associations will appoint or approve members for a Local League Appeal Grievance Committee.

3.03 Grievance Complaints

3.03B(1) Local League Procedures All local grievances, appeals and NTRP complaints and appeals will be submitted in writing or by email to the local coordinator. See USTA National League Tennis Regulations 3.00 for procedures that must be followed to file local grievances, appeals and NTRP complaints. (see list of coordinators and email addresses below)

3.03E(4) NTRP Grievance Complaint. NTRP Grievances shall be filed in writing with the Local/District/Area League Coordinator or designee having jurisdiction. NTRP Grievances shall be administered by the USTA Southern NTRP Grievance Committee

2020 USTA Shreveport -Bossier League Committees:

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Shreveport-Bossier Local League Administrator: Tammie Harris- Adult Spring and Mixed, Rhonda Rubben-Combo

Shreveport-Bossier League Finance Administrator: John Liles

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Grievance Committee Chair: Danny Roemer

Grievance and Grievance Appeals Committees will be chosen from the following: Terri Bianca, Jay Boyd, Kaye Cochran, Mike Correal, Bonnie Cox, Tammie Harris, Gary Killen, Todd Killen, Rachel Lawler, John Liles, Becky Mire, Bob Patterson, Gary Procell, Christi Pylant, Anthony Spano, Grady Wilson

Local League Council Members: Tammie Harris, chair, Sue Allender, Mike Correal, Bonnie Cox, Bob Patterson, Dede Plette and Gary Procell.