

Spring 2023 MEETING INFORMATION

<u>DAYS OF PLAY</u>	<u>LEAGUE & LEVEL</u>
<u>MONDAY</u>	18 & Over 4.0 and 40 & Over 3.0
<u>TUESDAY</u>	18 & Over 2.5 and 18 & Over 3.5
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	18 & Over 3.0 and <u>40 & Over 4.0</u>
<u>THURSDAY</u>	40 & Over 3.5 and 40 & Over 4.5
<u>SATURDAY</u>	55 & Over 3.5,4.0,4.5
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>55 & Over 3.0</u> and 18 & Over 4.5

Match START-TIMES “WILL” VARY from 6pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm - 9am, 10am, and 11am on Saturdays and 2pm, 3pm or 4pm on Sundays

NOTE- Fridays will be used for additional play days as need this year

18 & Over 2.5 Teams ONLY	2 Courts Doubles/1 Court Singles
18 & Over	3 Courts Doubles/2 Courts Singles
40 & Over	3 Courts Doubles/1 Court Singles
55 & Over	3 Courts Doubles

There is **NOT** a 2.5 Level in 40 & Over or 55 & Over Leagues - 65 & Over and 70 & Over play their Local @ State

DAYS OF PLAY for Women’s 18 & Over DAY League

<u>TUESDAY</u>	18 & Over 3.0	*3 Courts Doubles for local league
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	18 & Over 2.5	2 Courts Doubles/1 Court Singles
<u>THURSDAY</u>	18 & Over 4.0	*3 Courts Doubles for local league
<u>FRIDAY</u>	18 & Over 3.5	*3 Courts Doubles for local league

***At STATE you will be required to play 3 Doubles & 2 Singles Courts**

Morning Match START-TIMES WILL VARY from 9am, 10am, 10:30 or 11am

NOTE- For 18 & Over Day and Night Teams – Players WILL have to choose what team they play for @ state should both Day and Night team win for same NTRP level (see regulation 1.04G(6)).

18 & Over	Team Registration Ends w/ min 8 Players (6 players for 2.5 & Day League) Last Day Player to Register Season Play Dates: State State - ODD & 5.0 State State - EVEN	Jan 8th April 16th Jan 28—April 16 th (12 weeks) June 2-5 Baton Rouge June 9-12 Shreveport/Bossier
40 & Over	Team Registration Ends w/ min 7 Players Last Day Player to Register Season Play Dates: State State - EVEN State State - ODD	January 8th EVEN - April 7th/ODD – April 16th EVEN - Jan 21st – April 7 th (12 weeks) ODD - Jan 21st – April 16 th (13 weeks) May 5-8 Shreveport/Bossier May 19-22 Lafayette
55 & Over	Team Registration Ends w/ min 6 Players Last Day Player to Register Season Play Dates State	January 2nd March 30th January 15—March 30 th (10 weeks) April 14-17 Lafayette

1.04C(2) Official Score Reporting and Standings System—Matches should be recorded in Tennis Link within 48 hours of the completion of the match.

If completed match scores not recorded on Tennis Link 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 Tennis Link by the specified date and time, the match may be recorded and confirmed on Tennis Link as a double default. Local Area Team Default penalties may be applied.

1.04D LOCAL LEAGUE If you have a rain out or a reschedule, please send an email to the Combo Coordinator

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

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 is 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 advances 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).

NTRP RATING LEVEL FOR ENTRY INTO LEAGUE PLAY

DIVISION	Age Group	PLAYER'S NTRP RATING LEVEL
Adult	Straight NTRP levels	Current NTRP rating level and/or up to one level above the player's current NTRP level.
	18 & Over	<i>The Adult 18 & Over 5.0 level will no longer allow 5.5 players on it. The format remains 1S, 2D.</i>
	40 & Over	<i>The Adult 40 & Over 4.5 league will no longer allow 5.0 players on it. Format remains 1S, 3D.</i>
	55 & Over	
	*65 & Over	
	Combined NTRP levels	Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP Level.
	55 & Over	NTRP rating level difference between partners may not exceed 1.0
	*65 & Over	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

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.

2.01A(1) NTRP Levels of Play

- National Championships in the Adult 18 & Over Age Group will be held at the 5.0 level. Championships below National Championships, and Local Leagues, will be held at the 5.0 level and may be held at the Open level (5.0 & higher).
- National Championships in the Adult 40 & Over Age Group will be held at the 4.5 level. Championships below National Championships, and Local Leagues, will be held at the 4.5 level and may be held at the 5.0 level.
- Conforming changes made to the following regulations: 1.04A; 1.04D(4); 1.04F(1); 2.01A(4); 2.03A(5); 2.03E; 2.03K; 3.03B(3)a; Glossary – Team Match

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 Day/Night 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.
	18 DAY and 55 & Over	3 Doubles	2 Individual Wins
	65 & Over	3 Doubles	

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.

Team Line Ups, Weather, Rescheduling & Defaults and Lateness

2.01C(5) Team Lineups The team captains shall exchange their lineups simultaneously prior to the start of team 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.

A Player MUST be registered in Tennis Link BEFORE lineup is exchanged and play begins

Clarification of Above-

You exchange line up before all players are present and at scheduled time of play, let's say 6:30, you call and realize a player isn't coming. You have another player there to watch or that lives 5 minutes away. Can you between 6:30-6:45 (15-minute default time) and BEFORE play has begun take no show player out and put that player in? **Yes, you can substitute a player before the 15-minute default.**

If you do exchange line up and someone is a no show on court 1 and you must default a court. Does court 2 become court 1 and court 3 become court 2? Is the default court always court 3? **Courts remain the same. If court #1 defaults court #1 is listed as a default in tennis link. If you know it's a default before the match, then you would default 3rd court.**

Known Defaults- In the spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play, it is recommended that the opposing team should be advised of a known default as soon as it is known and before players are driving to the match. If a captain fails to inform the opposing captain of a known default, a warning could be given and/or the Local League Council could file a grievance against the captain.

2.01C(5)e. Team Defaults – Captains NEED to let the Local League Coordinator know when a TEAM default occurs

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 Tennis Link 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.

Procedures in the Event of a Tie for Local Play

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): Coin Toss

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					
Divisions	Age Group	Sectional Championships and Below		NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	
		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:	All players other than self-rated and computer-rated appealed players:
	40 & Over				
	55 & Over				
Mixed	18 & Over	2	1	3 matches on the same team.	1 default received shall count
	40 & 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
Minimum matches to advance to Section Championships for States with 2 or more teams					
Adult	"Open" Divisions	0	0	Not Part of National Program	
	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				
<p style="text-align: center;">A RETIRED match shall count for all players</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adult 18 & Over "Open" and Adult 40 & Over "Open": State associations have authority to mandate advancement requirements to their applicable state championship. For 2021 only, one "Open" team per state will be permitted to advance directly to the Southern championships if there was no local or state play.</p>					

Tennis Center Names and Site # INFO when registering Teams

POTC 919359301 ERCC 919359719 Cockrell 920202902 So Hills 919367641
 STCC 919367674 BTC 2002314601 Querbes 919664305

When you register your team you now have a choice as follows:

Closed – THIS IS WHAT TENNISLINK Defaults

Closed but Seeking While your team is closed, you have the option to receive emails about players that are looking to join a team at your level in your area.

OPEN-ANY player can see your team and directly register without YOU giving them a team number

Naming a Team Format: Last Name, Facility, SB, AgeGender/Level Example: Rubben, QTC, SB, 40WN/7.5

Rescheduling A Match

IF a match is rescheduled it is the home captain's responsibility to notify the facility of cancelled date AND schedule the court for the new date. Also let the league coordinator know and it can be moved in Tennis Link.

If a match is not completed due to weather, etc., please let the league coordinator know. Use the Last DATE and TIME played for the last court for the match date and time when entering the scores.

When Exchanging the Line Up

If your player goes by another name that is NOT in USTA please let the captain know so when they are entering scores they will know the correct name to use.

Entering Scores:

Typically, the winning team enters the scores

Make sure you have the correct NAMES when entering players and

Make sure you have the correct SCORES when entering players

How to record a Retirement

Enter names and scores up to retirement, Click Retirement instead of Completed

Default courts-

Notify the opposing captain as soon **as you are aware** and if possible **before players leave for the courts.**

If court is defaulted just prior to match opposing team has opportunity to re-arrange their line up

The captain receiving the default may use any name on their roster for the defaulted court – be sure and get these names before entering the match.

To enter – Enter names of the team receiving the default, Click Default, it will automatically enter the 6-0 scoring

When submitting email for coordinator to correct score/players always include:

Age, Level and League, Date of Match, all players and information and match number if possible

If YOU or TEAM PLAYER rating changes mid-season

If your rating changes or a team player rating changes **they MUST** contact a local league coordinator so it can be submitted to the LTA for it to be changed on the Roster

Women's 18 & Over DAY and NIGHT Teams – Players **must choose which team they want to play on** should both teams in same NTRP level advance to state – Please check with your players so you can add to team if needed. (**Regulation 1.04G(6)**).

Poll your team up front to know of any known dates they cannot play AND poll about the state dates so you can add players to your roster IF needed.

IF/WHEN Tennis Link glitches, back all the way out, and log back in and try again. IF that doesn't work use a laptop or wait until the next morning.

Current Championship Information Links

USTA LOUISIANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - <https://louisianatennis.com/adult-state-tournaments>

USTA SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIPS - <https://southernchampionships.com/>

USTA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - <https://www.usta.com/en/home/play/adult-tennis/programs/national/usta-league-nationals-schedule.html>

USTA Louisiana Tennis Rules & Regulations Link: <https://louisianatennis.com/rules-and-regulations>

USTA Southern League Rules & Regulations Link:

http://s3.amazonaws.com/ustaassets/assets/638/15/usta_southern_league_regulations_2021.pdf?intloc=headernavsub2

USTA National League Rules & Regulations Link: <https://www.usta.com/en/home/about-usta/who-we-are/national/officiating-rules-and-regulations.html>