

**USTA SHREVEPORT BOSSIER REGULATIONS**  
**For USTA League Tennis Adult and Mixed Divisions; USTA Southern Combo Division and Tri Level Division**  
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(Note: Paragraphs included herein are numbered according to pertinent paragraphs of the 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 Coordinators, 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/](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.playtennisb.com](http://www.playtennisb.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. The captains meeting may be held by any of the following methods: in person, conference call, video call, webinar, or email communications.

**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 6 2022	Jan 8,2023	April 16 2023	January 28, 2023	April 16 2023
40 & Over Adult	Dec 6 2022	Jan 8,2023	April 16 2023	January 21 2023	April 16 2023
55 & Over Adult	Dec 6 2022	Jan 2 2023	March 30 2023	January 15 2023	March 30 2023
18 & Over Mixed Doubles	April 15 2023	May 14 2023	August 18 2023	June 1 2023	August 18 2023
40 & Over Mixed Doubles	April 15 2023	May 14 2023	August 11 2023	May 30 2023	August 11 2023
55 & Over Mixed Doubles	April 15 2023	May 14 2023	August 11 2023	June 1 2023	August 11 2023
18 & Over Tri Level	March 1 2023	March 27 2023	June 4 2023	April 10 2023	June 4 2023
40 & Over Tri Level	March 1 2023	March 27 2023	June 4 2023	April 10 2023	June 4 2023
55 & Over Tri Level	March 1 2023	March 27 2023	June 4 2023	April 10 2023	June 4 2023
18 & Over Combo	June 24 2023	July 23 2023	October 20 2023	August 10 2023	October 20 2023
40 & Over Combo	June 24 2023	July 23 2023	October 13 2023	August 10 2023	October 13 2023
55 & Over Combo	June 24 2023	July 23 2023	October 20 2023	August 10 2023	October 20 2023

**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**

**Team name format shall be as follows: Captain’s LAST NAME/AGE GROUP/LEVEL/LEAGUE/FACILITY (MAX 4 LETTERS).**

**Example: Smith/55/3.5/WD/ST**

**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 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 recaps can be found on [www.playtennisb.com](http://www.playtennisb.com) under CTA minutes.

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**1.04C(1)e Enrollment Fees** - The 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	\$12.00	\$3.15	\$30.15
40 & Over Adult	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$3.15	\$30.15
55 & Over Adult	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$3.15	\$25.15
18 & Over Mixed Doubles	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$3.15	\$30.15
40 & Over Mixed Doubles	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$3.15	\$30.15
55 & Over Mixed Doubles	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$3.15	\$25.15
18 & Over Tri Level	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$3.15	\$30.15
40 & Over Tri Level	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$3.15	\$30.15
55 & Over Tri Level	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$3.15	\$25.15
18 & Over Combo	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$3.15	\$30.15
40 & Over Combo	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$3.15	\$30.15
55 & Over Combo	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$3.15	\$25.15
Flexible Format	\$2.00	\$12.00	\$3.15	\$17.15

**1.04 C(1)f Local League Refunds:** Local League player refunds will only be issued for the following:

- League did not make, injury, illness, or permanent move from local league area.
- If player participated in a later league where registration could have been transferred, a refund will not be issued.
- Refund request must be made prior to the state championship for league in which refund is being requested.
- Refund request must be documented via email to the LLC and that request may be required for refund.
- Local league coordinators may move player registration to another league/team if player has not played any matches on team which requesting refund. Transfer of player registration can only be between 18/40 age group registrations to 18/40 age group team, 55 age group to 55 age group team.
- Refunds will be administered once a year in December for all qualifying refunds request that could not be transferred.

**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.

**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.

- All local leagues shall obtain the approval of the State League Coordinator for the dates of the local league season(s).
- 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. There is not a limit size on the team roster. For 2 team leagues 40% of roster must be at the NTRP level. A player may register to play their NTRP level and ½ point level up.

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TEAM COMPOSITION				
DIVISION	AGE GROUP	MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS	GENDER	NTRP LEVEL
Adult	18 & Over 2.5 women, 2.5 men, 5.0	5	Same Gender	A player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level
	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 *2.5 Straight Level	3 men 3 women	Men and Women	Limited to 2.0 and 2.5 NTRP rated players
	18 & Over 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0			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.  NTRP difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0.
	**55 & Over 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0			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	6	Same Gender	Limited to 2.0 and 2.5 NTRP rated players
	18 & Over 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0			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, 4.5 (Women) Div II – 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 Div III – 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	6	Same Gender	Current NTRP rating level and/or up to one level above the player's current NTRP
	**40 & Over Div II – 2.5, 3.0, 3.5 Div III – 3.0, 3.5, 4.0			When using straight NTRP rating levels, player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level
	**55 & Over Div II – 3.0, 3.5, 4.0			NTRP rating level difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0

\*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.

**1.04D(6): Courts for Local League Play.** 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 advance directly to a state championship **(if applicable)**

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**for the Adult 65 & Over league) and/or play in a single-weekend local league tournament** may have players from other areas as long as the majority of players reside in the State of Louisiana.

Below is table for geographic areas/facilities permitted for local league play:

Bossier Tennis Center	1651 Mondello Way	Bossier City LA 71111	318-213-2108
Cockrell Tennis Center	4109 Pines Road	Shreveport LA 71119	318-673-7790
*Eastridge Country Club	1000 Steward Drive	Shreveport LA 71106	318-751-3331
Indoors	8201 Tennis Court Lane	Shreveport LA 71106	318-869-3303
*Pierremont Oaks Tennis Club	578 Spring Lake Drive	Shreveport LA 71106	318-868-8118
Querbes Tennis Center	3507 Beverly Place	Shreveport LA 71104	318-673-7787
Southern Hills Tennis Center	1000 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop	Shreveport LA 71118	318-673-7784
*Southern Trace Country Club	200 Southern Trace Pkwy	Shreveport LA 71106	318-798-8302

**\*It is the team captain's responsibility, when choosing a private facility to host matches, to verify requirements and membership from that facility, before inviting players or listing said facility on Tennis Link. A private club may request non-members to be removed from a roster or not to play any remaining matches if said club becomes aware of infractions against their club rules/policies currently in place.**

**Once team registration ends a team may not change facilities as their home court.**

**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).

#### 1.04F Official League Rating Program

**1.04F(1) Entry** Players who do not have a valid NTRP rating level on file in TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with the General & Experienced Player Guidelines – Supplement to the NTRP Guidelines and complete the self-rating process on TennisLink when registering for a team. Players who allow someone else to complete the self-rating process for them will be ultimately responsible and held accountable for information submitted or omitted. Failure to self-rate in accordance with the Guidelines, or omission of information regarding a player's tennis history, will subject the player as well as the captain and/or others who completed, assisted, condoned and/or approved an inappropriate self-rating to penalties under the League Suspension Point System. Players whose self-ratings are determined to be inaccurate or inappropriate shall be disqualified. (See Reg. 3.03E(1)a).

**Self-ratings** are valid for two years from the date issued or until replaced by a dynamic or computer rating. If there is a change in their playing experience the player may appeal their rating up at that time or they may be promoted by the Sectional coordinator.

#### 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.

#### 2.01 A NTRP Levels of Play

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

**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

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**2.01C(3) – 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
	18 & Over 3.0,3.5,4.0 Women's DAY	3 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(3)a 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
<u>3 doubles</u>	<u>#1 and #2 doubles</u>	<u>4</u>

**2.01C(3)b-** 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(4) 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.
- A 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.
  - For a 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.
- 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. At the end of the Local League Season
- In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so: Winner of the most individual matches (courts); then winner of Head-to-head (only if all tied teams have played each other and one team defeated all the teams that are tied); then least sets lost; then least games lost; then highest game winning percentage; then a coin toss.
- USTA Southern permits each local league to continue using the same local league team format through local league playoffs. Said team format for local league playoff structure shall be listed in each applicable local league regulations. All other requirements for “championship” play must be followed for local league playoffs.

**2.01C(6) 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’s name must be listed on the team roster, as shown in TennisLink, prior to participation in any match.

**2.01C(6)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, etc.), 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.

When determining weather, related to a match cancellation, go to [www.playtennisb.com](http://www.playtennisb.com) and click on **CHECK THE WEATHER** located on in the center blue of the homepage. You must enter the **host facility zip code**. This can also be found on the website by clicking **Clubs and Facilities** on the home page. This will be the universal weather source used by local facilities and pros.

**Rescheduled matches should be scheduled and played within 2 weeks of the originally scheduled match and must be completed prior to the state deadline date. Both captains are responsible for ensuring matches are completed. If match is not made up one week prior to state deadline date, a league administrator may schedule the match. The host captain is responsible for cancelling the courts for the originally scheduled match and reserving courts for the rescheduled match 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.

**Under Special Circumstances - If both captains agree, a match may be rescheduled with the approval of the local league coordinator. It is recommended to reschedule the match at least two weeks prior to the end of the season.**

**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)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.

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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
	18 & Over Women Day 2.5,3.0,3.5,4.0	6	3
	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

**2.01 C(5)e. Team Defaults** - USTA Louisiana adopts the following regarding teams defaulting an entire team match during local league competition:

- The defaulting team may be ineligible to advance beyond local league as determined by the State League Coordinator based upon the facts and circumstances presented by the local league coordinator.
- Team 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.
- All matches of a defaulting team may be removed from the stats and standings in TennisLink (if multiple round robins, the defaulting team may be removed from that round of play) UNLESS:
  - All teams with a mathematical chance to advance have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches shall stand as played when determining standings.
  - Extenuating circumstances presented by the Local League Coordinator may be considered by the USTA Louisiana Adult League Council prior to the team being removed from standings.
  - The local league coordinator may recommend the filing of a grievance with the local grievance committee.

**2.01 Progression**

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

The team with the most team points as recorded in TennisLink shall be declared the local league winner.

**2.02 A (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.

- Please refer to the 2023 USTA Louisiana Championship Procedures for full championship details including registration information, dates, location, and procedures.

**2.03 A 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.

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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
<b>Adult</b>	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				
<b>Mixed</b>	18 & Over	2	1	3 matches on the same team.  Self-rated and computer-rated appealed players  4 matches on the same team	1 default received shall count  Self-rated and computer-rated appealed players  No default received shall count
	40 & Over	2	1		
Minimum matches to advance to <b>Section Championships</b> for States with 2 or more teams					
<b>Adult</b>	65 & Over	1	1	Not Part of National Program	
<b>Combo</b>	18 & Over	1	1	Not Part of National Program	
	40 & Over				
	55 & Over				
<b>Mixed</b>	55 & Over	1	1	Not Part of Sectional or National Program	
<b>Tri Level</b>	18 & Over	1	1	Not Part of National Program	
	40 & Over				
	55 & Over				
A RETIRED match shall count for all players					

**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 the 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.**

**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.

**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.

**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 league 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



**USTA SHREVEPORT BOSSIER REGULATIONS**  
**For USTA League Tennis Adult and Mixed Divisions; USTA Southern Combo Division and Tri Level Division**  
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**USTA Shreveport -Bossier League Committees:**

**NWLA Community Tennis Association [www.nwlacta.com](http://www.nwlacta.com)**

**Shreveport-Bossier Local League Administrator:** Tammie Harris, Mixed; Rhonda Rubben, Spring & Combo  
**Coordinators**

**League Administrator:** Rhonda Rubben/ 318-423-3259 / [rrubben8@gmail.com](mailto:rrubben8@gmail.com)

Women's Coordinator: Rhonda Rubben/ 318-423-3259 / [rrubben8@gmail.com](mailto:rrubben8@gmail.com)

Women's DAY Coordinator: Dede Plette/ 318-426-2345/[daplettcta@gmail.com](mailto:daplettcta@gmail.com)

Men's Coordinator: Tad Peters/ 318-465-7355 / [tadpeters0826@gmail.com](mailto:tadpeters0826@gmail.com)

Flex League Singles Coordinator Rhonda Terracciano /318-347-8052/[jterracciano@yahoo.com](mailto:jterracciano@yahoo.com)

Tri Level Coordinator: Kirita Windham/ 318-560-1206 / [kfwindham@gmail.com](mailto:kfwindham@gmail.com)

Mixed Coordinator Tammie Harris / 318-426-6327 / [tammiegharris@gmail.com](mailto:tammiegharris@gmail.com)

Women's Combo Coordinator: Rhonda Rubben/ 318-423-3259 / [rrubben8@gmail.com](mailto:rrubben8@gmail.com)

Men's Combo Coordinator: Tad Peters/ 318-465-7355 / [tadpeters0826@gmail.com](mailto:tadpeters0826@gmail.com)

**Grievance Committee Chair:** Danny Roemer

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

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