



2019 HIGHLIGHTS LEON USTA NATIONAL & FLORIDA SECTION RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL

All USTA Leagues will adhere to the USTA League National and Florida Section Regulations. Local rules are developed to supplement the National and Section Regulations. The National and Florida Section rules are available on the USTA Florida website: www.ustaflorida.com/leagues Link: *Adult Tennis (top menu)/USTA Leagues/More Info*

RAINOUT / RESCHEDULE POLICIES

1. Official rain-out time is 30 minutes after the original scheduled match time, unless both captains agree to declare a rainout sooner, or if the home facility has deemed the courts unplayable. Only the Captain or acting Captain of the home team may confirm that a match is cancelled. Before cancelling the match, consider (a) move to another location to continue the same day (b) try to obtain another site for the same day. Both captains must agree if either option is to be used.
2. For rained out matches, captains must set a reschedule date. The reschedule date must be within 14 days of the original date or at least 3 days before the end of the league season, whichever occurs first. In the event the rescheduled date is also rained out, the 14-day clock will reset.
3. The home team Captain will offer 2 alternate dates/times to the visiting Captain via email within 3 days following the rained-out match. The visiting Captain is to respond via email within 2 days selecting one of the dates. The League Coordinator is to be copied on the settlement reschedule date. Once both Captains agree on a make-up date, that date and time will become the official match and accorded the rules of a regularly scheduled match. If neither of the captains are able to agree on a new match date, the Local League Coordinator will set a new match date and time.
4. Cancellation policies for matches rescheduled for reasons **other than the weather or Sectionals conflicts** will include the following procedures.
 - a. The team requesting a reschedule will reach out to the other team requesting a new match date. *This request does not have to be honored.* If a reschedule is granted the LLC will be notified immediately so the posted schedule can be updated. Any complete team forfeit per USTA rules will result in removal from the round robin and all points during the round robin will become null and void.
5. All post season match times and venues will be determined by the LLC. Any changes to this schedule will require approval of the LLC

TEAM SCHEDULES

The official schedule will be posted on TennisLink approximately 7 days before play begins. Captains are responsible for clearing court availability for all matches and advise the League Coordinator of any conflicts prior to the first match.

1. Changes to the schedule are the prerogative of the League Coordinator. That would include any match time changes in accordance with court availability.
2. Teams must play ALL MATCHES on the schedule. The home team will provide one can of approved balls for each court appropriate for the court surface.

3. The home team Captain is to contact the Visiting Team Captain via email or phone to confirm the date, site and time of match 3 days before match day.
4. It will be the prerogative of the Local League Coordinator to determine if a flight in any division or age group will need to be flighted. In the event a division is flighted there may be a playoff with format and date to be decided by the Local League Coordinator prior to the start of that league season. It will also be the determination of the Local League Coordinator to set any format and playoff dates for all other divisions of play that are not flighted prior to the start of any league season.

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Changes to 2019 USTA Florida League Regulations & Procedures

2.01C(1) Round Robin. USTA Florida **authorizes additional randomly selected** matches, within the flight {NR 2.01C(1)a}, **and authorizes** the top teams in a flight to play an additional round robin to determine advancement; the remaining teams may play an additional round robin {NR 2.01C(1)c}.

2.01C(5)a Team Lineups. Known defaults must be disclosed to the opposing captain **prior** to the exchange of local league team line-ups **to allow Captains to change their lineup based on the default(s). Failure to disclose prior will still permit the opposing captain to make adjustments.** Team matches must proceed on court in the following order: The #1 singles must go on before the #2 singles (Adult Division). The #1 doubles must go on before the #2 doubles, and the #2 doubles must go on before the #3 doubles. Default time is defined as 15 minutes after the scheduled match time. Each local league shall include in its local rules appropriate procedures for rainouts or other adverse weather conditions.

2.04B(1) Local League NTRP Dynamic Disqualification. If a NTRP disqualification occurs during concurrent Adult Division local league seasons, the disqualification shall affect the matches played by the disqualified player in those age groups. If the seasons are not concurrent or over-lapping, the NTRP dynamic disqualification shall affect the matches played by the disqualified player in the season in which the NTRP dynamic disqualification occurred. Those matches played **in the Adult Division** by the NTRP dynamically disqualified player shall be considered losses and shall be considered wins for the opposing player or doubles team and scored as 6-0, 6-0. If a player is disqualified in the Adult Division while playing in any division using combined levels or any other sectional (non-National) age group below the sectional championship level, the player, upon receiving notification, shall play at the higher level.

6.50 ADULT 65 & OVER AGE GROUP, LEAGUE REGULATIONS.

6.56 Year-end Rating. A player playing exclusively in this league will generate a year-end rating. These players will not generate dynamic ratings throughout the season and will not be subject to dynamic disqualification.

TRILEVEL LEAGUE PROCEDURES.

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USTA LEAGUE Major National Regulation Changes for 2019

1. 1.04B(5) Sections may have a USTA Certified Referee or Umpire on the Championship Committee at Sectional and lower level championship events.
2. 2.05E Automatic appeals by 60 and 65 & Over players will be granted unless the player's year-end rating exceeds the clearly above level mark. Players whose appeals are granted will continue to receive "A" ratings and be subject to Dynamic Disqualification.
3. Local Playoff Glossary Definition is removed; Local Playoffs are championships, not part of the local season.

2019 USTA Florida League Regulations & Procedures

Note: 2019 substantive regulation changes are in red.

The USTA League Regulations have full force and applicability at all levels of play in USTA Florida League Tennis. Local Rules and Regulations may be developed to supplement the National and Sectional regulations but may not contradict the National or Section-established rules and regulations. USTA League Regulations (National and Sectional) are available on the USTA Florida website: www.ustafloida.com Printed below are the Sectional Regulations of USTA Florida covering those items that the National Regulations authorize the section to establish.

1.00 GENERAL

The regulations in 1.00 GENERAL shall apply to all USTA League divisions.

1.04B(3)a Sectional League Coordinator. The Sectional League Coordinator for USTA Florida is responsible for the day-to-day administration of all USTA League programs within USTA Florida. Interpretation of the USTA Florida League Regulations is a joint responsibility of the Sectional League Coordinator and the Chair of the Leagues Committee's Rules and Regulations Subcommittee. In the absence of the Chair of the Rules and Regulations Subcommittee, the Sectional League Coordinator may, if deemed necessary, issue an interim interpretation.

1.04B(3)c Local League Coordinators. The Sectional League Coordinator shall appoint Local League Coordinators/Contractors to implement and administer USTA Leagues within USTA Florida. See the USTA Florida website for a listing of Local League Coordinators/Contractors.

1.04B(4) Team Captain. The team captain or designee shall be the official spokesperson for the team. All communications will be directed to the team spokesperson.

1.04C(1) Official League Registration. *TennisLink* is the official system for registering teams and players, reporting scores, and providing standings for the USTA League Program. Each player's name must be listed on the team roster, as shown on *TennisLink*, prior to participation in any match. Each player will be required to pay the applicable league registration fee when registering for a team at the local level.

1.04C(2) Official Score Reporting and Standings System. Match results must be reported in *TennisLink* within 48 hours following the completion of the final individual match/position(s) in a team match. After match scores have been reported in *TennisLink*, the opposing team must either confirm or dispute the match within 48 hours of the initial entry or the initial score will be considered valid automatically; and, no NTRP dynamic disqualification reviews, complaints, grievances, and/or appeals related to those scores will be allowed. An exception will be made only in those cases where an incorrect player was recorded in a match in *TennisLink*; in which case, a League Coordinator/Contractor will be allowed to effect correction.

1.04D(3) Local League Season. The Local League Coordinator shall determine and define the time frame of the local league season in order to meet national/sectional deadlines and shall formulate local league regulations with final approval by the Sectional office.

1.04D(4)a Team. A *team* shall be defined as a group of individuals on a roster that meet the criteria for a team in a division and age group and have been issued an authorized *TennisLink* team number within a specific championship year. Each team in the Adult Division, 18 & Over, 40 & Over, and 55 & Over age groups, must maintain its roster with at least 75 percent of its players at the team level. For purposes of this 75 percent rule, the higher level players on teams in the Adult 18 & Over age group in the 5.0 Plus (+) NTRP Level, and the Adult 40 & Over age group in the 4.5 Plus (+) NTRP Level will be considered part of the given NTRP level. The Local League Coordinator/Contractor may limit the number of players on a team roster, and/or establish a domiciliary requirement.

1.04D(6) Cell Phones. All players communication devices must be turned off during match play. Any player or doubles team that violate (s) this regulation shall incur the following penalties: first offense – point; second offense – game; third offense – default.

1.04G PLAYER PARTICIPATION

1.04G(3) A player may participate on more than one team in an area at any NTRP level, within the same age group, and in the same season, provided that the teams will not play against each other in the local league flight play. If the teams play each other in a local playoff, any such player will be required to declare which team he or she will represent. In the absence of a declaration, the first match played will determine which team he or she will represent.

1.04G(6) A player is eligible to progress to a local league flight playoff if that player has played on that same team in at least two (2) matches during its local league season. A maximum of one (1) default received by the player during local league competition shall count for advancing. A retired match shall count for all players involved.

1.04G(7)a A player who qualifies on more than one team in two different NTRP levels entered in the same championship or local league flight playoff may participate on both teams; however, no scheduling consideration will be given to the player. A player may not participate on more than one team at the same NTRP level in the same championship or local league flight playoff; the player must declare which team is to be represented. In the absence of a declaration, the first match played will determine the team represented.

1.06 Medical Timeout in an Unofficial League Match. Any player whose physical condition does not permit continued play may take a medical timeout. Such a timeout may not exceed eight (8) minutes to include evaluation and treatment. At the end of this time period or upon completion of treatment, whichever first occurs, the player must either continue play or retire. Only one medical timeout is permitted per player in any individual match (including the warm-up period). No coaching is permitted during a medical timeout. Under this procedure, a re-warm-up period is not permitted.

2.00 USTA LEAGUES REGULATIONS

2.01A NTRP Levels of Play. For the 55 & Over age group of the Adult Division, a straight NTRP rating format (3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5) shall be used to determine the level of play in all local leagues and all championships within the section.

For the Mixed 18 & Over age group, either a combined rating format (6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, and 10.0) or a straight rating format (3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, and 5.0) may be used for local league play. All Championship levels of play are offered at the combined levels of play.

For the Mixed 40 & Over age group, and the Mixed 55 & Over age group, either a combined rating format (6.0, 7.0, 8.0, and 9.0) or a straight rating format (3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5) may be used for local league play. All Championship levels of play are offered at the combined levels of play.

2.01C(1) Round Robin. USTA Florida **authorizes additional randomly selected** matches, within the flight {NR 2.01C(1)a}, **and authorizes** the top teams in a flight to play an additional round robin to determine advancement; the remaining teams may play an additional round robin {NR 2.01C(1)c}.

2.01C(3) Match Scoring. USTA Florida authorizes only the following scoring methods for local league play: (1) best of two tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set or (2) best of three tiebreak sets with a set tiebreak at 6-all. The Coman tiebreak procedure shall be used for all tiebreaks. No-ad scoring may be used with- either of the above scoring methods.

In the event of a tie the method of determining the winner of the local league competition shall be:

Individual Matches. Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.

Head-to-Head. Winner of head-to-head match.

Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets.

Games. Loser of the fewest number of games.

2.01C(5)a Team Lineups. Known defaults must be disclosed to the opposing captain **prior** to the exchange of local league team line-ups **to allow Captains to change their lineup based on the default(s). Failure to disclose prior will still permit the opposing captain to make adjustments.** Team matches must proceed on court in the following order: The #1 singles must go on before the #2 singles (Adult Division). The #1 doubles must go on before the #2 doubles, and the #2 doubles must go on before the #3 doubles. Default time is defined as 15 minutes after the scheduled match time. Each local league shall include in its local rules appropriate procedures for rainouts or other adverse weather conditions.

2.01C(6) Team Match Procedure: In local league competition a team must have the minimum number of eligible players available to field the majority of positions required for play to constitute a team match. In the Adult 18 & over age group 2.5 & 5.0+ - two (2) of the three (3) positions must be played. The Adult 18 & Over age group 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, & 4.5 and the Adult 40 & Over age group - three (3) of the five (5) positions must be played. The Adult 55 & Over, the Adult 65 & Over, the Mixed 18 & Over, the Mixed 40 & Over, the Combo 18 & Over, and the Combo 50 & Over age groups must play two (2) of the three (3) positions. In the event of a default by both players or doubles team, both sides will be given a 0-6, 0-6 loss and neither receives credit for a win.

2.01C(7) Scoring of Team Defaults. If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during the local league season, then that match and any other matches played by the defaulting team in that round robin tier/segment shall be null and void when determining standings. Those players from the team receiving the team default will be credited with a default received for purposes of advancement. In the event of a default by both teams, no players will be credited with a default received.

2.02 PROGRESSION

2.02A(1) Local League Competition. Each team that wins a specific level of local league competition shall be entitled to advance to the next level of competition. When an area has multiple season flights at the same NTRP level and gender in the same Division and Age Group, that area must have a flight playoff (if the winning team player rosters are not identical in make-up) or the team captain (s) may choose the advancing team roster. All local league playoffs must be completed and winning teams declared after the completion of the round robin competition and prior to the commencement of the next local league season of play. Championships beyond the local level will be determined administratively.

In an area that consists of eleven (11) or more teams in an Adult or Mixed Divisions, Age Group, NTRP level, Gender, and Season-two (2) teams will be eligible to advance to the next level of championship competition representing the area. If an area has three (3) or more seasons of play the first place teams must playoff to determine advancement. When a team wins multiple seasons without an identical roster, the teams may play-off, or the Team Captain(s) may choose the advancing team roster. If, after completion of any Local League Playoff, the second advancing team has not been determined, any equally qualified second place teams must playoff to determine advancement.

2.03 CHAMPIONSHIPS

2.03A Team Eligibility and Entry Fees. At all championships, the minimum number of team members required at a National championship [refer to National regulation 2.03A(5)], who were on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play, must be available and eligible to combine and compete. This requirement cannot be waived. Entry fees will not be refunded to teams that withdraw from any championship after the tournament schedule is first published. The fees for championships, which are assessed per player per team, will be determined administratively and announced in the specific championship information.

2.03B Postponement, Rescheduling or Cancellation. Should any event occur, which potentially could result in the postponement, rescheduling, or cancellation of a championship, tournament officials in conjunction with the Leagues Committee shall review, time permitting, the issues and circumstances causing the potential postponement, rescheduling, or cancellation; make appropriate decisions based on the facts; and communicate such in a timely manner. If a championship cannot be completed for any reason, tournament officials in consultation with the Leagues Committee may determine the teams advancing to the next championship level.

2.03C Scoring, Rest and Suspended Play. All championship matches shall be the best of two tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set. The Coman tiebreak procedure shall be used for all tiebreaks. No coaching is allowed at any time. If an emergency or other condition dictates, tournament officials may authorize any other approved USTA format or method of scoring compatible with the USTA NTRP Computer System or use alternate sites and court surfaces in order to complete play on schedule. If a player plays multiple matches in a day at a championship, that player is entitled to a minimum rest period between matches: The 18 & Over and 40 & Over age group of the Adult and the Mixed divisions and the Combo 18 & Over League Type - 30 minutes. The Adult and Mixed divisions, 55 & Over age group, the Combo 50 & Over League Type, and the Adult 65 & Over age group and all other league programs - one hour.

2.03C(1) Rainouts or Suspended Play. Play is continuous until such time as tournament officials declare that play has been suspended. Players should not leave the championship site until the tournament officials have officially issued a statement as to when play will be resumed. An individual match has officially started when the warm-up period has been completed and the first service attempt has occurred.

2.03C(1)a No Individual Matches Have Started Play. If line-ups have been submitted to the tournament desk and subsequently the team match has been declared suspended by tournament officials and no individual matches have started play, a new line-up may be presented at the start of the rescheduled team match.

2.03C(1)b Match Started, Suspended, and Resumed – Same Day.

If the team match has started and play has been suspended and will be resumed on the same day, at a rescheduled time, match play will resume with the same players in the same positions, where play stopped at the exact score, set and game point (any point played is always counted and never replayed). All completed games, sets and individual matches will stand as played.

2.03C(1)c Match Started, Suspended, and Resumed – Another Day. If the team match has started and play has been suspended and rescheduled for another day, a new line-up may be presented for any individual match that has not started and for any individual match indicated as a default on the initial line-up. Individual matches that started will resume play at the point play was suspended.

2.03K Team Defaults. Unless there is a valid excuse, any player or team leaving a championship tournament without completing all matches could face suspension from league play for the following season (s).

2.04 NTRP DYNAMIC DISQUALIFICATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURES

2.04B NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Procedures. Player dynamic NTRP ratings are automatically calculated in the National database throughout the season using the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System procedures. In general, year-end computer-rated (C) players are not subject to NTRP dynamic disqualification (Refer to the NTRP Dynamic Disqualification table in the National regulations for exceptions.). Players with other rating types are subject to NTRP dynamic disqualification if they reach the disqualification level three times based on all matches reported in the National database.

2.04B(1) Local League NTRP Dynamic Disqualification. If a NTRP disqualification occurs during concurrent Adult Division local league seasons, the disqualification shall affect the matches played by the disqualified player in those age groups. If the seasons are not concurrent or over-lapping, the NTRP dynamic disqualification shall affect the matches played by the disqualified player in the season in which the NTRP dynamic disqualification occurred. Those matches played **in the Adult Division** by the NTRP dynamically disqualified player shall be considered losses, and shall be considered wins for the opposing player or doubles team and scored 6-0, 6-0. If a player is disqualified in the Adult Division while playing in any division using combined levels or any other sectional (non-National) age group below the sectional championship level - the player, upon receiving notification, shall play at the higher level.

If a player is competing in more than one NTRP level, results from the higher level matches are considered in dynamic ratings and may cause strikes disqualifying a player at the lower NTRP level. In this case, if a player is NTRP dynamically disqualified from playing the lower level, all matches played at the lower level will be considered losses and shall be considered wins for the opposing player or doubles team.

Players who are NTRP dynamically disqualified may be allowed to move up and participate on another team at a higher NTRP level during the same league season provided the local league allows additions to the roster during the season. At the time of registration for the new team, the player will be required to pay the applicable league registration fee and any other applicable local league fees.

2.04B(2) Championship NTRP Dynamic Disqualification. During a local league playoff, dynamic calculations will be run following the conclusion of the playoff; and, players who have met the criteria for NTRP dynamic disqualification will be disqualified. All matches played by that player during the local league playoff will stand; however, the player may not advance. During championships beyond local league playoffs, dynamic calculations will be run throughout the championship and players who have met the criteria for NTRP dynamic disqualification will be disqualified. All matches played by that player during that championship shall be considered losses; and, those matches shall be considered wins for the opposing player or doubles team and scored as 6-0, 6-0.

2.04C NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Procedures. NTRP dynamic disqualification reviews are considered based solely on missing or incorrect data. Any match confirmed by the 48-hour rule [See 1.04C(2)] will not be considered for NTRP dynamic disqualification review purposes for any player who is NTRP dynamically disqualified. A request for a NTRP dynamic disqualification review must be in writing to the Sectional League Coordinator. The review will be conducted by the section's NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Committee, whose decision is final and binding.

2.05 YEAR-END NTRP COMPUTER RATINGS AND APPEAL PROCEDURES.

2.05B Year-end Computer Ratings. Year-end NTRP computer ratings are effective upon incorporation into the TennisLink system. Each year a player who plays three (3) or more matches in the Adult Division, except for the 65 & Over and 70 & Over age groups, will generate a year-end computer NTRP rating.

A Mixed Exclusive year-end NTRP rating will be generated for players who participate in the Mixed Division only. To generate a rating, at least three (3) matches must be played.

2.05B(3)d Early Start Leagues. Early start league players who receive a computer year-end rating (after having completed the electronic appeal process), that places them above the NTRP level at which they are competing, must adjust to their new NTRP level January 1st of the Championship year. Prior team matches played are valid.

2.05C Appeal of Year-end Ratings. Players who wish to appeal a computer rating may do so through TennisLink. If the

player does not appeal or the appeal is denied, the player must play at the higher rating. The player may not play at the prior, lower, rating until the appeal has been granted.

2.05D Medical Appeals. Players who wish to appeal because of an intervening permanent disabling injury or illness must file a written appeal, in accordance with the appeal guidelines, with the USTA Florida office. Such an appeal must be accompanied by a \$50.00 processing fee which is nonrefundable.

3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The regulations in 3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES shall apply to all USTA League programs.

3.03A(2) Administrative Grievances. A grievance pertaining to the administration of a local league shall be filed in writing with the Sectional League Coordinator and processed by the section's Leagues Grievance Subcommittee. A grievance against the Sectional League Coordinator and/or a section-level leagues coordinator shall be filed in writing with the Chair of the section's Leagues Committee -filed at a championship, except NTRP grievances, must be accompanied by a nonrefundable, cash payment of \$50.00. There is no charge for filing a NTRP grievance. The decision of the section's Leagues Committee shall be final and binding.

3.03A(2)a Grievances at Championships. All grievances

3.03B Local League Procedures.

3.03B(1)a Local League Grievances. All local league grievances filed, must be accompanied by a nonrefundable, \$50.00 check or money order. There is no charge for filing a NTRP grievance.

SECTIONAL (NON-NATIONAL) LEAGUE PROGRAMS

5.50 MIXED 55 & OVER AGE GROUP, LEAGUE REGULATIONS.

All USTA League Regulations and USTA Florida League Regulations apply to these leagues with the following exceptions:

5.51 Age. The minimum age for participation in the Mixed 55 & Over Age Group, shall be age 55. Each player shall have reached the appropriate age prior to or during the calendar year in which such player plays the first local league match.

5.52 Team. A team shall consist of a minimum of six team members (three women and three men) who are eligible to combine and compete at a specific level of competition.

5.53 Levels of Play. For the Mixed 55 & Over Age Group, either a combined rating format (6.0, 7.0, 8.0, and 9.0) or a straight rating format (3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5) may be used for **local league play**. All championship levels of play are offered at the combined levels of play. The combined NTRP ratings of each doubles team may not exceed the level in which they are competing; and, the NTRP rating difference between the members of an individual doubles pair may not exceed 1.0.

5.54 Format. Each team match will consist of three doubles matches.

5.55 Disqualification Procedures. None, unless that player has been dynamically disqualified in the Adult Age Division under the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System while playing in the Mixed 55 & Over Age Group, or any other sectional (non-National) age group below the sectional championship level. The player, upon receiving notification, must be able to combine and compete at the new rating level.

5.56 Move-up/Split-up. There is no move-up/split-up rule for these league types.

6.50 ADULT 65 & OVER AGE GROUP, LEAGUE REGULATIONS.

All USTA League Regulations and USTA Florida League Regulations apply to this league with the following exceptions:

6.51 Age. The minimum age for participation in this Age Group shall be 65. Each player shall have reached the age of 65 prior to or during the calendar year in which such player plays the first local league match.

6.52 Team. A team shall consist of a minimum of six team members of the same gender eligible to combine and compete at a specific level of competition.

6.53 Levels of Play. The levels of local league play shall be offered at the straight NTRP levels of 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5, OR the combined NTRP levels of 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, and 9.0. The combined NTRP ratings of each doubles team may not exceed the level in

which they are competing; and, the NTRP rating difference between the members of an individual doubles pair may not exceed 1.0. All championship levels of play are offered at the combined levels of play.

6.54 Format. Each team match will consist of three doubles matches of the same gender.

6.55 Disqualification Procedures. None, unless that player has been dynamically disqualified in the Adult Age Division under the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System while playing in the Adult 65 & Over Age Group, or any other sectional (non-National) age group below the sectional championship level. The player, upon receiving notification, must be able to combine and compete at the new rating level.

6.56 Year-end Rating. A player playing **exclusively in this league** will generate a year-end rating. These players will not generate dynamic ratings throughout the season and will not be subject to dynamic disqualification.

6.57 Move-up/Split-up. There is no move-up/split-up rule for this age group.

7.50 ADULT 70 & OVER AGE GROUP, LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All USTA League Regulations and USTA Florida League Regulations apply to this league with the following exceptions:

7.51 Age. The minimum age for participation in this Age Group shall be 70. Each player shall have reached the age of 70 prior to or during the calendar year in which such player plays the first local league match.

7.53 Levels of Play. The levels of local league play shall be offered at the straight NTRP levels of 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0, OR the combined levels of 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, and 8.0, or 5.5, 6.5, and 7.5. The combined NTRP ratings of each doubles team may not exceed the level in which they are competing; and, the NTRP rating difference between the members of an individual doubles pair may not exceed 1.0.

7.54 Format. Each team match shall consist of three doubles matches of the same gender.

7.55 Disqualification Procedures. None, unless that player has been dynamically disqualified in the Adult Age Division under the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System while playing in the Adult 70 & Over Age Group, or any other sectional (non-National) age group below the sectional championship level. The player, upon receiving notification, must be able to combine and compete at the new rating level.

7.56 Year-end Rating. A player playing exclusively in this league will not generate a year-end rating. The player will need to self-rate as required if participating exclusively in this league.

8.50 COMBO 18 & OVER, AND COMBO 50 & OVER AGE GROUPS, LEAGUE REGULATIONS.

All USTA League Regulations and USTA Florida League regulations apply to these leagues with the following exceptions:

8.51 Age. The minimum age for participation in the Combo 18 & Over Age Group shall be age 18. The minimum age for participation in the Combo 50 & Over Age Group shall be 50. Each player shall have reached the appropriate age prior to or during the calendar year in which such player plays the first local league match.

8.52 Team. A team shall consist of a minimum of six team members of the same gender eligible to combine and compete at a specific level of competition.

8.53 Levels of Play. A combined NTRP rating format is used to determine the level of play. In the Combo 18 & Over Age Group, the combined levels of play are 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, and 10.5. In the Combo 50 & Over Age Group, the combined levels of play are 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, and 8.5. The combined NTRP ratings of each doubles team may neither exceed the level nor be more than 1.0 less than the level in which they are competing. The NTRP rating difference between the members of an individual doubles pair may not exceed 0.5.

8.54 Format. There shall be a men's age group and a women's age group in both the Combo 18 & Over Age Group and the Combo 50 & Over Age Group. Each team match will consist of three men's or women's doubles matches.

8.55 Disqualification Procedures. None, unless that player has been dynamically disqualified in the Adult Age Division under the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System while playing in the Combo 18 & Over, or the Combo 50 & Over Age Group, or any other sectional (non-National) age group below the sectional championship level. The player, upon receiving notification, must be able to combine and compete at the new rating level.

8.56 Year-end Rating. A player playing exclusively in these leagues will not generate a year-end rating. The player will need to self-rate as required if participating exclusively in these leagues.

8.57 Sectional Championships. In an area that consists of eleven (11) or more teams in a Combo 18 & Over, and the Combo 50 & Over Age Group, NTRP level, Gender, and Season- two (2) teams will be eligible to advance to the next level of championship competition representing the area. If an area has three (3) or more seasons of play the first place teams must playoff to determine advancement. When a team wins multiple seasons without an identical roster, the teams may play-off, or the Team Captain(s) may choose the advancing team roster. If, after completion of any Local League Playoff, the second advancing team has not been determined, any equally qualified second place teams must playoff to determine advancement. In order to advance to either a local league flight playoff or the Combo Sectional Championships, the player must have played on that same team in at least two (2) matches during its local league season. One (1) default received during local league competition shall count for advancing. A retired match shall count for all players involved.

9.50 TRI-LEVEL LEAGUE REGULATIONS.

All USTA League Regulations and USTA Florida League regulations apply to these leagues with the following exceptions:

9.51 Age. The minimum age for participation in the Tri-Level League shall be age 18. Each player shall have reached the minimum age prior to or during the calendar year in which such player plays the first local league match.

9.52 Team. A team shall consist of a minimum of six team members of the same gender eligible to combine and compete at the specified levels of competition.

9.53 Levels of Play. Local Leagues may utilize various combinations of three (3) doubles matches including the following NTRP levels: 2.5/3.0/3.5; 3.0/3.5/4.0; 3.5/4.0/4.5; and 4.0/4.5/5.0. Local and Sectional play requires straight NTRP levels and gender to gender competition. Sectional Championships may be held for each combination of levels referenced above. Advancement to the National Invitational Tournament is limited to the 3.5/4.0/4.5 combination, and requires a valid Computer (C) NTRP rating without exception.

9.54 Format. There shall be a men's or women's designation in Tri-Level divisions. Each team match will consist of three men's or women's doubles matches.

9.55 Disqualification Procedures. None, unless that player has been dynamically disqualified in the Adult Age Division under the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System while playing in the Tri-Level league, or any other sectional (non-National) age group below the sectional championship level.

9.56 Year-end Rating. A player playing exclusively in these leagues will generate a year-end rating provided that they play a minimum of three matches. Players who do not have a Computer NTRP rating (C) will need to self-rate as required if participating exclusively in these leagues.

9.57 Sectional Championships. In an area that consists of eleven (11) or more teams in a Tri-Level League, NTRP level, Gender, and Season- two (2) teams will be eligible to advance to the next level of championship competition representing the area. If an area has three (3) or more seasons of play, the first-place teams must playoff to determine advancement. When a team wins multiple seasons without an identical roster, the teams must play-off, or the Team Captain(s) may choose the advancing team roster. If, after completion of any Local League Playoff, the second advancing team has not been determined, any equally qualified second place teams must playoff to determine advancement. In order to advance to either a local league flight playoff or the Tri-Level Sectional Championships, the player must have played on that same team in at least two (2) matches during its local league season. One (1) default received during local league competition shall count for advancing. A retired match shall count for all players involved.

9.58 Move Up/Split Up. There is no move up/split up rule for these league types.

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