



REGION 2, JACKSONVILLE AREA  
**2009 LOCAL LEAGUE REGULATIONS**

2009 SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES UNDERLINED

**The USTA League Tennis Regulations.** The USTA National and Florida Sectional League Tennis Regulations, have full force and applicability in all divisions of play in USTA Jacksonville Area Tennis Leagues. Local Regulations **supplement** the USTA National and Sectional Regulations and may not contradict the National or Sectional established regulations. All regulations will be posted on the following web sites: [www.firstcoasttennis.com](http://www.firstcoasttennis.com) (Local Regulations) and [www.ustaflorida.com](http://www.ustaflorida.com) (Section Regulations and a link to National Regulations).

**Jacksonville Area Local Regulations.**

**All regulations in 1.0 General, 2.00 Grievance Procedures, and 3.00 Adult, Senior, and Super Senior apply to all USTA league divisions, except where noted.** Throughout these regulations, the word division(s) is defined as Adult, Senior, Super Senior, Super 70, Mixed Doubles-Adult & Senior, Combo Doubles-Adult & Senior, and Tri-Level. There are separate mens divisions and womens divisions within each of the above divisions, with the exception of Mixed Doubles.

**1.00 GENERAL**

**1.04 Team Registration.** In order to begin registering team members, the Captain or a team representative must receive a TennisLink team ID number from their respective League Coordinator (LC). A minimum of 8 players (Adult Divisions) and 6 players (all other Divisions) must be registered through TennisLink by the initial team registration deadline. After the initial registration for each division, players may be added anytime prior to the add-a-player deadline. The LC for each division will determine deadlines. There is no limit as to the number of players per team. All players must be registered in TennisLink, **prior** to playing in a team match (NO EXCEPTIONS).

**1.04A Team Fees.** \$18 total per player, per roster, for each registered player. For 2009, \$15 of the \$18 fee will be waived for Captains only. Team captains will be required to pay the \$3.00 TennisLink registration fee. Your respective LC will instruct team captains on the “special” registration procedure, which is different than a player’s registration procedure. **No player fees will be refunded after the League/Division schedules have been published.**

**1.04B Add-A-Player Exception.** The single exception to the add-a-player deadline will apply to a team accepting a player whose rating has exceeded their “beginning rating” (the rating they registered with initially) and is required to move to a higher level of play during the season.

**1.05 Official Score Reporting and Standings.** Match results must be reported in TennisLink **within 48 hours** following the completion of all individual matches 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 automatically be considered valid and no appeals will be allowed. An exception will be made in those cases where an incorrect player was recorded. In this case, the LC can make the correction. Any scoring disputes should be reported to the LC promptly.

**1.11B USTA Membership.** Registration for a team will only be accepted if the player’s USTA membership is valid through the entire local league season.

**1.20 Team Captain.** The team captain (or his designee) is the official spokesperson for the team. All communications are directed to the team captain via eMail. Team captains must have a valid email address, access to a computer, and be moderately computer literate to function as the team captain. The team captain, by accepting the position of captain, is held accountable to read/review and comply with all current Local, Florida Sectional, and National USTA regulations and to read/review and comply with the Code of Tennis, The Player’s Guide to Unofficial Matches.

**1.23 Local League Season.** The LC will determine and define the time frame of the local league season in order to meet section deadlines. Local league play concludes for each flight in each division upon completion of the last scheduled match in that flight’s local league round robin play.

## **2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES & COMPLAINTS**

For specific details on grievance complaints, including all procedures and appeal procedures, refer to National & Sectional Regulations 2.00 through 2.04 B.

**2.02E Self-Rate Grievances.** These are handled by the Section League Grievance Committee and have different time limits than other complaints. Refer to National Regulation 2.02E(1) through 2.02E(9) for procedures and time limits to file a self-rate grievance.

### **3.00 ADULT, SENIOR, AND SUPER SENIOR DIVISIONS**

**3.01B Team.** It is strongly recommended that each team maintain 50% of the roster at the NTRP level entered. This does not apply to teams that have advanced to a National Championship and move up as a team the following season.

**3.01B(1) Dress Code.** All players must wear proper tennis attire. Area clubs who have teams in USTA leagues have the right to enforce any specific dress code requirements they have at their facility.

**3.01B(2) Cell Phones.** All player cell phones must be turned **OFF** during match play. Penalties for violation of this regulation per Sectional Regulation 3.01B(2).

**3.01E Levels of Play. 3.0-3.5-4.0-4.5** - each team will field two courts of singles and three courts of doubles for each match. **2.5-5.0-5.5** - each team will field one court of singles and two courts of doubles for each match. **For super senior division, a straight NTRP rating format (3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 will be used to determine level of play in all local leagues.** Additional details for super seniors level of play, refer to section regulation 6.01E. Senior and Super Senior divisions field three courts of doubles for each match.

**3.01G Scoring & Rest.** Each court will play the best of two tiebreak sets, with a 7-point set tiebreak at 6-all, and a 10-point match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set, if first two sets are split. **The COMAN TIEBREAK Procedure will be the official procedure used in all set tiebreaks and the match tiebreak.**

- A two-minute rest period may be taken at the conclusion of any set.
- No coaching during the match, including the 2 minute rest period between sets.
- The LC may introduce alternate scoring when and if necessary.
- One point will be awarded to the team winning the most individual matches.
- For procedures in the event of a tie, refer to National Regulation 3.03I.

**3.01H(2) Team Match Information and Scoring.** Schedules will be posted online approximately seven days before play begins. Captains should review the schedule, reserve courts for all matches and advise the LC of any conflicts prior to the first match.

- Home Team to provide courts, one can of approved new balls for each court appropriate for the court surface to be played on.
- Matches are to be played according to the schedule. Other than a rainout no matches are to be rescheduled.
- **The Home and Visiting Team Captains should contact one another to confirm the date, site and time of the match four days (96 hours) before match day. All individual matches are to be played concurrently.**
- Match time to begin as designated on the schedule. Up to a 10-minute warm-up period may be taken. A forfeit may be declared if play does not begin within 15 minutes of the designated or agreed match start time.
- Teams always exchange lineups before the match begins and retains a signed copy of the match results for personal records.

**3.01H(2)a Local League Winner.** The winner of the local league will be determined in one of two ways. In some divisions/levels/flights a playoff structure will

be used to determine the local league winner. Use of a playoff structure will be determined by the respective LC and depends upon how many teams are registered in each level/flight and the time constraints of the local league season.

In divisions/level/flights with no playoff structure, the team with the most team points will win its level/flight and advance to championship competition. Refer to national regulation 3.03I for procedures in the event of a tie in team standings.

**3.01H(4) Team Lineups.** Individual matches must proceed on court as referred to in Section Regulations 3.01H4. Default time is defined as 15 minutes after the scheduled match time. Teams are encouraged to field teams in order of strength. **A team must have a minimum of four eligible players available to play in each match or the entire match must be forfeited.** The #2S must be forfeited before the #1S. The #3D must be forfeited before the #2D, and the #2D must be forfeited before the #1D.

Any ineligible player/doubles team in a lineup will be disqualified. No advance notification is required to be given (See national reg 2.02B(3)a).

The scoring of an eligibility disqualification during the local league season and up to 24 hours after the end of the local league season is as follows: all matches played by the ineligible player shall be considered defaults and shall be considered wins for the opponent and scored (6-0, 6-0). (See National regs 2.02B(4)a, 2.02B(4)b, and 3.01H(2) for additional details).

**3.01H(4)a RainOut or Suspended Play Procedures.** Official rain out time is one hour after the original starting time, unless both Captains agree to declare a rain out sooner. An individual match has officially started when the warm-up period has been completed, and the first service attempt has occurred.

**3.01H(4)b RainOut Declared During or Before Play Starts.** Use the following alternatives: **(1)** move to the opponents courts, so match can be continued and played on the same day and at the same time as originally scheduled ; **(2)** try to obtain another site for the same day and approximate time as originally scheduled.

If the above is not possible, **the HOME team will offer 2 dates within the following 15 days from the original scheduled date**, with appropriate and reasonable start time for the opponents to choose from; taking into consideration the travel distance. The League Coordinator will determine a new match date if Captains cannot agree on a date and/or if rain occurs on the 15th day.

**3.01H(4)c No Individual Matches Have Started Play.** If Captains have exchanged line-ups and subsequently the team match has been declared a rainout, and no individual matches have started play, a new line-up may be presented at the start of the rescheduled team match.

**3.01H(4)d Match Play Has Started.** If the team match has started and play has been suspended, and play 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. Any individual match indicated as a forfeit on the initial line-up will remain as a forfeited match. No player changes may be made.

**3.01H(4)e Some Individual Matches Have Not Started.** If the team match has started and play has been suspended, and play has been 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 forfeit on the initial line-up. Individual matches that started will resume play at the point play was suspended.

**3.01H(4)f Team Forfeits.** If a team forfeits two (2) matches (all positions) for any reason during the schedule, then all matches played by that team in that round-robin shall stand for NTRP purposes only. The team will be disqualified from the league and remaining matches removed from the schedule. Team and individual match points will be deleted or adjusted whichever method the LC feels is in the best interest of the League. **No fees will be refunded.**

If teams in contention for the local league flight winner and/or local league playoffs have already played the defaulting team(s) who have not completed matches, the matches stand as played. BUT in the event all teams in contention have not played the defaulting team(s), that round-robin would be removed. The prior completed round-robin would determine the winner.

**3.01H(5)a** A player may play only one NTRP level above the player's current NTRP level.

**3.01H(5)f** A player may not play in more than one position within the same match.

**3.01J Medical Time-Out in an Unofficial Match.** Refer to Section Regulations 3.01J. If the medical time-out occurs during the warm-up period, and the injured or ill player cannot continue, another player may be substituted for the injured or ill player, provided the substitute player is available and present on site.

**3.03A Eligibility for Local League Playoffs.** For match requirements needed to advance to championship events, including local league playoffs, refer to the chart in your Captain's kit for specific details for each division.

**3.03A(4)** Each ADULT DIVISION team, except 2.5 & 5.0 levels, qualifying for local league playoffs must have a minimum of six (6) players who are available and eligible to compete in local playoff matches.. ALL OTHER DIVISION teams, including 2.5 & 5.0 levels, must have a minimum of four (4) available and eligible players for their playoff matches.

**3.04 NTRP Disqualification Procedures.** Refer to USTA Florida Sectional and National Regulations, beginning with 3.04A for these procedures. No dynamic disqualification of Year-end Computer (C) or Benchmark (B) players.

### **3.05 Year End NTRP Computer Ratings and Appeal Procedures.**

Refer to Florida Sectional and National Regulations beginning with 3.05 for specific details. Combo division matches are not used in calculating a player's NTRP rating. Mixed doubles division matches are only used to calculate a player's NTRP rating if mixed doubles is the **only** division of USTA league they play.

For Appeal procedures, refer to National and Sectional Regulations 3.05B and the appeals section of your Captain's Kit for specific details.

**District/Area, Region, Section and National Championship.** Year-end benchmark ratings may not be appealed the first year received.

Medical appeals need to be submitted in writing to the Florida section office along with a \$50.00 non-refundable processing fee.

## **5.00 MIXED DOUBLES, ADULT & SENIOR**

Refer to National and Sectional regulations 5.00 through 5.52 for specific details.

**5.01E Levels of Play.** There will be a 2.5 level of play this year in mixed doubles; this is a straight level and may not be combined to form 5.0 teams.

## **6.00 SUPER SENIOR DIVISION**

Refer to National and Sectional Regulations beginning with 6.00 through 6.04 for specific details.

**6.01E Levels of Play.** Straight NTRP 3.0-3.5-4.0-4.5 levels of play will be used this year in Super Senior division local league play.

## **6.50 SUPER 70 DIVISION**

Refer to Sectional Regulations 6.50 through 6.54 for specific details.

## **7.00 TRI-LEVEL DIVISION**

Refer to Sectional Regulations 7.00 through 7.02.

## **7.50 COMBO DOUBLES, ADULT AND SENIOR DIVISIONS**

Refer to Sectional Regulations 7.50 through 7.54 for specific details.

**This year the NTRP ratings difference between combo doubles partners may not exceed 0.5 differential.**

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