



USTA GEORGIA STATE REGULATIONS

for USTA League Tennis

Adult, Senior, Mixed Doubles, & Super Senior Divisions

2012 Championship Year – Revised (12/8/2011)

Major Regulation Changes for 2012

National Regulations:

1. **1.04E(1) Domicile and Residency Requirements**
Any Individual who competes in the USTA League must be domiciled within the boundaries of a USTA Section Association (or participate through a USTA direct Member Club). Resident of foreign countries who meet membership and age requirements may be invited by a USTA Section to participate in the program provided that all such matches are played within the Section. Sections may create residency requirement rules to encourage and foster local league play.
2. **2.05E Players 70 and Over Promoted at Year-End** Any player who is 70 years or older and promoted at year-end is eligible to appeal such rating based on his/her three most recent year-end ratings rather than on the three prior consecutive years.
3. **3.03A(6)** Regardless of any other regulation, a league coordinator, a member of the Championships Committee, a Grievance Committee, or a Grievance Appeal Committee, may file a grievance at any time, except for an NTRP Grievance.

Southern Regulations:

2. **2.01A Levels of Play.** USTA League levels are in accordance with the following table:

DIVISION	DIVISION LEVEL	CHAMPIONSHIP LEVEL	COMMENT
Adult	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0., 4.5, 5.0	Players cannot have a rating higher than the NTRP level in which the player is competing
Senior	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	
Mixed	Straight 2.5 and combined 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0	Straight 2.5 and combined 6.0, 7.0, 8.0,9.0, 10.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 2.0 and 2.5 rated players may play at the 2.5 level. • Using combined NTRP level, the combined NTRP level of the doubles team cannot exceed the combined NTRP ratings level entered. • The NTRP difference between members of an individual doubles team may not exceed 1.0
Senior Mixed <u>Not part of the Nat'l program</u>	Straight 2.5 and combined 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Straight 2.5 and combined 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	
Super Senior 60	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	
Super Senior 70 <u>Not part of the Nat'l program</u>	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0	

The USTA League Tennis National, USTA Southern and USTA Georgia Regulations have full force and applicability at all levels of play in USTA League Tennis in the State of Georgia and there is no authorization to modify, amplify or change them by Local League Coordinators, Grievance or Grievance Appeals Committees. The Director of Leagues, in conjunction with USTA Georgia Adult Leagues Committee Chairman, shall have the authority to interpret the USTA League Tennis Georgia State Regulations. USTA League Tennis Regulations (National, Southern and Georgia) are available on the USTA Georgia website: www.ustageorgia.com. The following USTA Georgia State League Regulations cover those items that the National and Sectional Regulations authorize Georgia to promulgate.

(Note: Paragraphs included herein are numbered according to pertinent and completed paragraphs of the 2011 USTA League Tennis National and Southern Regulations.)

1.00 GENERAL

1.02 GOVERNANCE

- 1.02B(1) Amendments.** These Georgia Regulations may be amended by the USTA Georgia Adult League Committee.

1.04 USTA LEAGUE

1.04B Administration

- 1.04B(1) Adult League Committee.** The USTA Georgia League Program shall be governed by the Adult League Committee appointed by the President of the USTA Georgia and subject to the control and direction of the USTA Georgia Board of Directors.

1.04C Official Information System

- 1.04C(1) Official League Registration.** Each local league must establish deadlines and procedures for registering teams on Tennis-Link.
- 1.04C(2) Official Score Reporting and Standings System.** Scores must be reported in TennisLink within 48 hours of the completed team match. TennisLink will automatically confirm scores 48 hours after the team match is initially reported in TennisLink if not confirmed by opposing captain.

1.04D Local League. (see addendum for definition of local league)

- 1.04D(1) Definition.** A local league is a team competition in a specified geographic area that applies specific local league regulations and consists of NTRP level(s) with a minimum of two or more teams per level. A local league may choose to divide any or all NTRP levels into flights. Where flights are used, a playoff structure **may** be established to determine a champion for each NTRP level. (See 2.01C – Competition Format)
- 1.04D(4) Local League Season.** All local leagues shall obtain approval of the State League Coordinator for the dates of the local league season(s).
- 1.04D(4)a Local League Competition.** Each local league may establish a maximum of two (2) league seasons during the league year.
- 1.04D(6) Team.** Local League(s) may limit the number of players that appear on a team roster and/or the number of players on that roster that are at a specific NTRP level.
- 1.04D(7) If an adult or senior division league consists of only two teams in a level of play, each team must maintain its roster with at least 60 percent of its players at the designated NTRP level of play.**

1.04E Player Requirements.

- 1.04E(2) Membership.** All individuals who compete in the USTA League must be current members in good standing through the local league season, which includes local playoffs.
- 1.04E(3) Age.**
- In the Adult and/or Adult Mixed league, each player shall have reached the age of eighteen years prior to or during the calendar year in which such player plays in his/her first local league match.
 - In the Senior and/or Senior Mixed league, each player shall have reached the age of fifty years prior to or during the calendar year in which such player plays in his/her first local league match.
 - In the Super Senior (60's) league, each player shall have reached the age of sixty years and in the Super Senior (70's) league, each player shall have reached the age of seventy years prior to or during the calendar year in which such player plays in his/her first local league match.

1.04F Official League Rating Program. The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) is the official system for rating levels of competition for USTA League.

1.04F(1) Entry. A player without a computer rating must self-rate to enter the program. A player with a current NTRP computer rating must use that rating to enter the program.

1.04F(1)b Mixed Doubles results will not be part of generating a player's year-end rating, except for those players who play in the USTA League Mixed Doubles Division exclusively. Players who play exclusively in the USTA League Mixed Doubles Division and choose to participate in the USTA League Adult, Senior, and/or Super Senior Divisions the next year, must enter those divisions by self-rating with the minimum rating being the her of the self-rating or mixed exclusive rating.

1.04G Player Participation.

1.04G(2)a A player may play on one team in a NTRP level within this division in the **same** local league during the **same** season. In local leagues where NTRP levels are divided into flights, players may not play in more than one flight.

1.04G(2)b A player may play only one NTRP level above the player's current NTRP level.

1.04G(2)c A local league may authorize participation in more than one NTRP level within this division in the **same** local league during the **same** season.

1.04G(2)d A player may play on more than one team within this division in the same season provided it is in a separate local league.

1.04G(2)e Players who qualify for the Adult/Senior Georgia State Championship may advance on **(two) adult teams, but at different levels** and (one) senior team.

Players who qualify for the Mixed Doubles Georgia State Championship may advance on (one) adult and (one) senior team, but may not advance on (two) adult or (two) senior teams. If eligible players do not participate at the State Championship, they may participate in the Sectional and/or National Championships (3 matches played for Nationals).

Players who qualify for the USTA Georgia Super Senior State Championship may advance on (one) 60's and (one) 70's team, but may not advance on (two) 60's or (two) 70's teams. Players who participate in Super Senior 60 and Super Senior 70 divisions will not be accommodated in scheduling of event. If eligible (played one match locally) players do not participate at the State Championship, they may participate in the Sectional and/or National Championships (3 matches played for Nationals).

1.04G(2)h The local league may limit the number of players on a team roster with an NTRP rating below the level of the team.

1.04G(2)j Local leagues must accept area teams from outside its boundaries if the team meets all the requirements established of all teams in that league.

2.00 ADULT LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All USTA League Tennis Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL and 3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and the following procedures shall apply to the USTA League Tennis – Adult Division.

2.01 LOCAL LEAGUES

2.01A Levels Of Play. The levels of Adult league play are 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 and 5.5.

2.01A(1) Age. Each player shall have reached the age of eighteen years prior to or during the calendar year in which such player plays in his/her first local league match.

2.01A(2) Local Season. Local play, which qualifies local winners for the 2012 State Championships, will not begin play prior to the completion of the 2011 State Championships, nor conclude after April 8, 2012.

2.01C Competition Format.

2.01C(2) Team Match. Local League(s) may decide the combination of such number of individual matches of singles, doubles, or any combination thereof.

2.01C(3) Match Scoring. Each Local League may determine the method of scoring for Local league competition.

2.01C(3)a Each Local League may determine how to handle team defaults. If the Local League Regulations do not specify, the Championship Default Rule goes into effect.

2.01C(5) Team Lineups. An individual match is started when the first ball is put in play. After the start of an individual match, if injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player occurs, the opponents will be awarded a default for that individual match only. The default principles in 2.03K, shall be applicable, with the State modifications that:

- 2.01C(5)a** In the event of illness, injury, disqualification, or no-show of a player prior to the start of an individual match (once the lineup has been exchanged), 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. If no such substitution can be made, the affected position only will be forfeited in local leagues.
- 2.01C(5)b** In the event that a team match must be re-scheduled and starting times are staggered, where opponents are not available and ready to play, forfeits will be awarded in the affected position only.
- 2.01C(5)c** Local League(s) will decide how to regulate rescheduling of team matches due to rain or inclement weather.
- 2.01C(5)d** Two players will play together in the higher position when both of their partners do not show in order to avoid two defaults.

2.01D Coaching. Coaching will be permitted during the rest period ONLY if the scoring method is the best of three tiebreak sets and there is a 10-minute rest period between the second and third sets.

2.02 PROGRESSION

2.02A Local League

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.

2.02A(1)a Two-Team Leagues. If a local league holds two seasons at a specific level, they must have a minimum of three teams participating in one of the two seasons at that level to receive two berths to the State Championships. Two team leagues in both seasons will only receive one berth to the State Championships. The local league will determine which team receives the berth.

2.02A(1)b Area Leagues. The State may authorize local league play for area teams (one team at any given level with no local opponents during the entire Championship Year) from which the winner may progress to the State Championships. An Area team MUST come from the season prior to the State Championship and the players MUST use their Year-End Rating.

2.02A(1)c Wildcards. The State may draw wildcards for the State Championships at any given level. The local league must publish its wildcard procedures in the event of the repeat winners, or if the league receives a wildcard.

2.02A(2) Local League Champions. At the conclusion of local league competition, the Local League Coordinator shall certify to the Director of Leagues the results of the local league competition and the name(s) and email address(es) of the team captain(s) and the team #. Local league competition must be concluded prior to the deadline set by USTA Georgia.

2.02E(1) USTA Georgia Adult League State Championships.

2.02E(1) Atlanta: Men, Women, and Business Women

- a. One berth for a maximum of 64 teams in any given level.
- b. Two berths for a maximum of 128 teams in any given level.
- c. Three berths for a maximum of 192 teams in any given level.
- d. Four berths for a maximum of 256 teams in any given level.
- e. Over 256 teams, up to each additional 64 teams added an additional berth is given

2.02E(2) All 4.5 Men & Women in Georgia, Including Atlanta

- a. One berth per season for up to 10 teams and an additional berth for each additional 10 teams. (2-10 teams, 1 berth; 11-20 teams, 2 berths; 21-30 teams, 3 berths; and so on)

2.02E(3) All other leagues in Georgia: Men, Women, and Business Women

- a. One berth per season for a maximum of 15 teams in any given level.
- b. Two berths per season for a maximum of 30 teams in any given level.
- c. Over 30 teams, up to each additional 15 teams, an additional berth is given.
- d. In local league(s) conducting separate playing schedules for Women's day/night or weekday/business leagues, the local league will determine which one team shall progress to the State Championships, except as noted in 2.02E(3)e.
- e. If the number of teams in both the Women's day/night and weekday/business leagues should reach a minimum of eight (8) teams at any given level, the local league may request additional representation at the State Championships.

2.03 USTA GEORGIA ADULT LEAGUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 2.03A Eligibility.** Players who play in a local league prior to January 1, 2012 and whose published rating at the time of registration was in level may advance to championship play with that team at that level unless their NTRP rating reaches the disqualification mark for that level.
- 2.03A(3)** In a local league where two league seasons are played, with a winner declared for each season, a player must have played two matches during the same local league season in which his/her team qualified for further competition. *One default received by the player during local competition shall count for advancing.* A retired match shall count toward advancing for all players involved. (see 2.03M) A team winning both seasons without identical rosters for both seasons must choose which season's roster of players will represent the local league at championship competition.
- 2.03A(5)** At the Adult State Championship, a minimum of eight team members 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. (2.5 and 5.0 levels must have a minimum of five team members available and eligible to compete) The Championship Tournament Committee may reduce that number to not less than four.
- 2.03C Scoring and Rest.** At the USTA Georgia State Championships, all matches will be the best of two sets and the Set tiebreak shall be used at 6-all in each set. In lieu of a third set, a Match tiebreak shall be played. There will be a two minute set break at the end of each set with no coaching. The Match tiebreak shall be scored as 1 set and 1 game for tiebreak procedures in the event of a tie. **All tiebreaks will be played using the Coman Tiebreak Procedure.**
- 2.03D Competition Format.** State Championship play shall be round robin in all levels of competition.
- 2.03E Team Match and Scoring.**
- 2.03E(1)** Adult 3.0 – 4.5 levels will play two singles and three doubles positions.
- 2.03E(2)** Adult 2.5 and 5.0 levels will play one singles and two doubles positions.
- 2.03F Substitutions.** No substitution may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player prior to the start of such match or **if a team has an unknown default (not enough players to field a complete team), the opposing team will have the opportunity to take their scorecard back and resubmit the lineup. If the opposing team has not turned their scorecard in, they will be notified of the line the default is taking place prior to turning their scorecard in.** If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five (5) minute warm-up.
- 2.03L Scoring of Team Defaults.** If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, then all matches of that team played or to be played, shall be null and void. If all teams in contention for the Championships have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches stand as played.
- 2.03L(1)** Teams that withdraw once the draw is published will forfeit their deposit, entry fee and a grievance may be filed by the referee to the appropriate committee.
- 2.03P Date and Location.** The 2012 USTA League Tennis Adult State Championships will be played as follows:
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| May 4 – 7, 2012 | USTA League Tennis Adult State Championships
(2.5 & 3.5 M&W) - Macon |
| May 11 – 15, 2012 | USTA League Tennis Adult State Championships
(4.0, 4.5 & 5.0 M&W) - Rome |
| May 18 – 21, 2012 | USTA League Tennis Adult State Championships
(2.0, 3.0 & 4.0 Low M&W) - Augusta |

2.10 SENIOR LEAGUE REGULATIONS.

All USTA League Tennis Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL, 2.00 ADULT LEAGUE REGULATIONS and 3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES, with the following exceptions allowed to the USTA Georgia Regulations, shall apply to the USTA League Tennis – Senior League Division.

2.11 LOCAL LEAGUES

- 2.11A LEVELS OF PLAY.** The levels of Senior league play are 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5.
- 2.11A(1) Age.** Each player shall have reached the age of fifty years prior to or during the calendar year in which such player plays in his/her first local league match.
- 2.11A(2) Local Season.** Local play, which qualifies local winners for the 2012 State Championships, will not begin play prior to the completion of the 2011 State Championships, nor conclude after **May 6, 2012.**
- 2.11C COMPETITION FORMAT.** (see 2.01C)
- 2.11D COACHING.** (see 2.01D)

2.12 PROGRESSION (see 2.02, with the following exceptions:)

2.12E(1) USTA Georgia Senior League State Championships.

2.12E(1) All leagues in Georgia: Men and Women

- a. One berth per season for a maximum of 9 teams in any given level.
- b. Two berths per season for a maximum of 18 teams in any given level.
- c. For each additional 9 teams, one more berth is given.
- d. If the number of teams in both, the Women's day/night and the weekday/business leagues should reach a minimum of (5) teams at any given level, the local league may request additional representation at the State Championships.

2.13 USTA GEORGIA SENIOR LEAGUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS. (see 2.03, with the following exceptions:)

2.13A Eligibility.

2.13A(5) At all championships, a minimum of six (6) team members 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. The Championships Tournament Committee, by majority vote, may reduce that number to not less than four.

2.13E Team Match and Scoring. In all championships after local league competition, the team match format will consist of three (3) doubles matches. The team winning the majority of those three individual matches will be awarded one team point.

2.13F Substitutions. No substitution may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player prior to the start of such match or **if a team has an unknown default (not enough players to field a complete team), the opposing team will have the opportunity to take their scorecard back and resubmit the lineup. If the opposing team has not turned their scorecard in, they will be notified of the line the default is taking place prior to turning their scorecard in.** If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five (5) minute warm-up.

2.13L Scoring of Team Defaults. If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, then all matches of that team played or to be played, shall be null and void. If all teams in contention for the Championships have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches stand as played.

2.13L(1) Teams that withdraw once the draw is published will forfeit their deposit, entry fee and a grievance may be filed by the referee to the appropriate committee.

2.13P Date and Location. The 2012 USTA League Tennis Senior State Championships will be played as follows:
June 1 – 4, 2012 USTA League Tennis Senior State Championships
(2.5 – 4.5 M&W) - Columbus

2.20 MIXED DOUBLES (ADULT & SENIOR) LEAGUE REGULATIONS.

All USTA League Tennis Regulations in **1.00 GENERAL, 2.00 ADULT LEAGUE REGULATIONS** and **3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**, with the following exceptions allowed to the USTA Georgia Regulations, shall apply to the USTA League Tennis – Mixed Doubles Division.

2.21 LOCAL LEAGUES

2.21A LEVELS OF PLAY. The levels offered will be straight 2.5 and combined (6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0 Adults and 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 Seniors) where each individual player's NTRP rating may be no more than 1.0 apart (i.e. a 3.0 player and a 4.0 player may play 7.0). The 2.5 level is a straight level and players may not combine levels (i.e. a 2.0 player and a 3.0 player may not play together).

2.21A(1) Age. In the Adult Mixed League, each player shall have reached the age of eighteen years and in the Senior Mixed League, each player shall have reached the age of fifty years prior to or during the calendar year in which such player plays in his/her first local league match.

2.21A(2) Local Season. Local play, which qualifies local winners for the 2012 State Championships, will not begin play prior to the completion of the 2011 State Championships, nor conclude after **July 15, 2012.**

2.21A(3) Mixed Doubles results will not be part of generating a player's year-end rating, except for those players who play in the USTA League Mixed Doubles Division exclusively. **Players who play exclusively in the USTA League Mixed Doubles Division and choose to participate in the USTA League Adult, Senior, and/or Super Senior Divisions the next year, must enter those divisions by self-rating with the minimum rating being the her of the self-rating or mixed exclusive rating.**

2.21C COMPETITION FORMAT. (see 2.01C)

2.21D COACHING. (see 2.01D)

2.22 PROGRESSION (see 2.02, with the following exceptions:)

2.22E(1) USTA Georgia Adult & Senior Mixed Doubles League State Championships.

2.22E(1) All leagues in Georgia: Men and Women

- a. One berth per season for a maximum of 15 teams in any given level.
- b. Two berths per season for a maximum of 20 teams in any given level.
- c. Up to each additional 10 teams, one more berth is given.

2.23 USTA GEORGIA ADULT AND SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES LEAGUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

(see 2.03, with the following exceptions:)

2.23A Eligibility.

2.23A(3)

In a local league where two league seasons are played, with a winner declared for each season, a player must have played two matches during the same local league season in which his/her team qualified for further competition. *One default received by the player during local competition shall count for advancing.* A retired match shall count toward advancing for all players involved. (see 2.03M) A team winning both seasons without identical rosters for both seasons must choose which season's roster of players will represent the local league at championship competition.

Senior Mixed Doubles Divisions: Players must play in at least one local match in order to advance to the Senior Mixed Doubles State Championships. If there is no local competition offered during the entire Championship Year, a team may advance directly to the State Championships. (see 2.02A(1)b)

2.23A(5)

At all championships, a minimum of six (6) team members 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. The Championships Tournament Committee, by majority vote, may reduce that number to not less than four.

2.23E Team Match and Scoring. In all championships after local league competition, the team match format will consist of three (3) doubles matches. The team winning the majority of those three individual matches will be awarded one team point.

2.23F Substitutions. No substitution may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player prior to the start of such match and **if a team has an unknown default (not enough players to field a complete team), the opposing team will have the opportunity to take their scorecard back and resubmit the lineup. If the opposing team has not turned their scorecard in, they will be notified of the line the default is taking place prior to turning their scorecard in.** If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five (5) minute warm-up.

2.23L Scoring of Team Defaults. If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, then all matches of that team played or to be played, shall be null and void. If all teams in contention for the Championships have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches stand as played.

2.23L(1) Teams that withdraw once the draw is published will forfeit their deposit, entry fee and a grievance may be filed by the referee to the appropriate committee.

2.23P Date and Location. The 2012 USTA League Tennis Adult and Senior Mixed Doubles State Championships will be played as follows:

August 10 – 13, 2012

USTA League Tennis Mixed Doubles State Championships
(Adult 2.5, 6.0-10.0) (Sr. 2.5, 6.0-9.0) – Augusta

2.30 SUPER SENIOR LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All USTA League Tennis Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL, 2.00 ADULT LEAGUE REGULATIONS and 3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES, with the following exceptions allowed to the USTA Georgia Regulations, shall apply to the USTA League Tennis – Super Senior Division.

2.31 LOCAL LEAGUES

2.31A LEVELS OF PLAY. The levels of play for Super Senior 60's are 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 levels and Super Senior 70's are 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 levels.

2.31A(1) Age. In the Adult Mixed League, each player shall have reached the age of eighteen years and in the Senior Mixed League, each player shall have reached the age of fifty years prior to or during the calendar year in which such player plays in his/her first local league match.

2.31A(2) Local Season. Local play, which qualifies local winners for the 2012 State Championships, will not begin play prior to the completion of the 2011 State Championships, nor conclude after **September 23, 2012.**

2.31A(3) Super Senior 60's match results will be included during the calculation of a player's year-end rating.

2.31C COMPETITION FORMAT. (see 2.01C)

2.31D COACHING. (see 2.01D)

2.32 PROGRESSION. (see 2.02, with the following exceptions:)

2.32E(1) USTA Georgia Super Senior League State Championships.

2.32E(1) All leagues in Georgia: Men and Women

- a. One berth per season for a maximum of 5 teams in any given level.
- b. Two berths per season for a maximum of 10 teams in any given level.
- c. Up to each additional 5 teams, one more berth is given.

2.33 USTA GEORGIA SUPER SENIOR LEAGUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS. (see 2.03, with the following exceptions:)

2.33A Eligibility.

2.33A(3) In a local league where two league seasons are played, with a winner declared for each season, a player must have played one match during the same local league season in which his/her team qualified for further competition. *One default received by the player during local competition shall count for advancing.* A retired match shall count toward advancing for all players involved. (see 2.03M) If there is no local competition offered during the entire championship year, a team may advance directly to the USTA Georgia Super Senior State Championships. (see 2.02A(1)b) The one match requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Tournament Committee for players advancing to the State Championships. A team winning both seasons without identical rosters for both seasons must choose which season's roster of players will represent the local league at championship competition.

Players who qualify for the USTA Georgia Super Senior State Championship may advance on (one) 60's and (one) 70's team, but may not advance on (two) 60's or (two) 70's teams. Players who participate in Super Senior 60 and Super Senior 70 divisions will not be accommodated in scheduling of event. If eligible (played one match locally) players do not participate at the State Championship, they may participate in the Sectional Championships.

2.33A(5) At all championships, a minimum of six (6) team members 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. The Championships Tournament Committee, by majority vote, may reduce that number to not less than four.

2.33E Team Match and Scoring. In all championships after local league competition, the team match format will consist of three (3) doubles matches. The team winning the majority of those three individual matches will be awarded one team point.

2.33F Substitutions. No substitution may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player prior to the start of such match or **if a team has an unknown default (not enough players to field a complete team), the opposing team will have the opportunity to take their scorecard back and resubmit the lineup. If the opposing team has not turned their scorecard in, they will be notified of the line the default is taking place prior to turning their scorecard in.** If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five (5) minute warm-up.

2.33L Scoring of Team Defaults. If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, then all matches of that team played or to be played, shall be null and void. If all teams in contention for the Championships have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches stand as played.

2.23L(1) Teams that withdraw once the draw is published will forfeit their deposit, entry fee and a grievance may be filed by the referee to the appropriate committee.

2.33P Date and Location.

The 2012 USTA League Tennis Super Senior State Championships will be played as follows:

Oct. 19 – 21, 2012

USTA League Tennis Super Seniors State Championships

(60's division: M&W 2.5-4.5) (70's divisions: M&W 3.05-4.0) – Savannah

2.04 LEAGUE NTRP DISQUALIFICATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURES

The Regulations in this section apply only to the USTA League Tennis – Adult, Senior, Mixed Doubles and Super Senior Divisions.

2.04B NTRP Disqualification Procedures.

2.04B(2) Championship NTRP Disqualification.

2.04B(2)b. Dynamic ratings will be calculated following the USTA Georgia Adult and Senior State Championships and the USTA Southern Adult and Senior Sectional Championships. Points earned by disqualified players will stand. The disqualified player will not be eligible to advance to the next level of competition.

2.04B(4) Local League Procedures. Disqualified players may register on a higher-level team if a team agrees and there is time to register prior to the end of local round robin competition. Local League regulations for deadlines and roster limits may be waived if a team is found and time permits.

2.04E Scoring Procedures

2.04E(1) Local. If a self-rated player or a player with a granted medical appeal is disqualified for that particular level of play, all matches played by that individual player shall be considered losses and scored (6-0, 6-0). All players who have computer rated appeals (A) or early start ratings (E), who are subject to disqualification, will not be subject to match reversal if disqualified. Players not disqualified by conclusion of local league round robin play will be eligible to compete in the entire local playoff. Dynamic ratings will be calculated at the end of the local playoff to inform any disqualified players that they may not advance to the state championships. Points earned by disqualified players will stand. Local play occurring at the State Championships: Players will be permitted to play in the entire event, but if a disqualification occurs when the ratings are run at the conclusion of the tournament, those matches will be handled in the following manner: If the play is a Round Robin, matches for the DQ'd players are reversed. Matches played during a playoff, by winners advancing from multiple Round Robins are not reversed.

2.04E(2) Championship.

2.02E(2)c. Dynamic ratings will be calculated following the USTA Georgia Adult and Senior State Championships and the USTA Southern Adult and Senior Sectional Championships. Points earned by disqualified players will stand. The disqualified player will not be eligible to advance to the next level of competition.

2.05 YEAR-END NTRP COMPUTER RATINGS AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

Players may appeal their NTRP rating in accordance with the procedures of the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System and their State Appeal Procedures. Match results from NTRP Tournaments in TennisLink will NOT be included in the 2011 year-end ratings.

2.05B USTA National Year-end Computer Ratings & Georgia Early Start League Ratings.

2.05B(1) Year-end ratings are valid for three (3) consecutive years or until a new NTRP computer rating is generated for individuals who are less than 60 years of age through the championship year.

2.05B(2) Year-end ratings are valid for two (2) consecutive years or until a new NTRP computer rating is generated for individuals 60 years of age prior to or during the championship year.

2.05B(3) Georgia Early Start League Ratings will be published in accordance with USTA Regulations in the beginning of March for the Summer Early Start Leagues and August, following the Sectional Championships for the Fall/Winter Early Start Leagues.

2.05B(4) Year-end NTRP computer ratings of all leagues will be published in November, following the National Championships.

2.05C Appeal of Year-end and Early Start League Ratings

2.05C(1) Year-end NTRP published computer ratings may be appealed or denied through TennisLink, except for those noted in 2.05C(2) below.

2.05C(2) Any player who is 70 years or older prior to, or during, the calendar year in which such player plays his/her first local league match and has achieved the same rating level or lower for the three prior years, without benefit of appeal, will be granted an appeal if they are promoted at year end.

2.05D Medical Appeals

2.05D(1) USTA Southern shall utilize a Section Appointed Medical Review Committee to evaluate all medical appeals; and, if the injury/illness is deemed permanently disabling, the appeal will be forwarded to the National Review Committee through the Section League Coordinator for a final decision. The medical appeal committee will review all medical appeals, which must include the attending physician's written evaluation of the player's condition, including the nature of the condition; and the expected permanent loss of motion, mobility, and strength. Such evaluation must be presented on the physician's letterhead stationary or on the Attending Physician's Form.

2.07 BENCHMARK 2012 YEAR END RATINGS – A Championship Benchmark (B) computer rating may not be appealed the championship year it is received, except for a Medical Appeal (See 2.05D)

3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES (Refer to the National Regulations)

All local league regulations will include the names of grievance and grievance appeal committee members and will be distributed to captains prior to beginning of the local league season. Distributions via captains' packets and/or websites are acceptable. Each State shall approve all Local League Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees.

3.01 ADMINISTRATION.

3.01A Grievance Committees. All Grievance Committees shall consist of no less than three persons, including a chairman, to adjudicate grievances. The members of the Committee may be the same as or different in whole or part, from the committee first approved.

3.01A(1) Local. With the approval of the State Association, each local league may appoint a Local League Grievance Committee. The members of the Committee are to be approved by the Director of Leagues.

3.01B Grievance Appeal Committees. All Grievance Appeal Committees shall consist of no less than three persons, including a chairman, to consider appeals from the Grievance Committees. No member of a Grievance Appeal Committee may be a member of a Grievance Committee. The members of the Committee may be the same as or different in whole or part, from the committee first approved.

3.01B(1) Local. With the approval of the State Association, each local league may appoint a Local League Grievance Appeal Committee. The members of the Committee are to be approved by the Director of Leagues.

3.02 GRIEVANCE TYPES

3.02B NTRP Grievance. A grievance contending that a player's stated NTRP level is lower than the actual skill level shall constitute a NTRP Grievance. Players who enter the USTA League Tennis Program by inappropriately self-rating at an NTRP level lower than their actual skill level, and captains and others who condone such inappropriate self-rating, are considered to have violated the standards of good conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship. NTRP Grievance may be filed against the players and/or captains and others that assisted or otherwise condoned the inappropriate rating.

3.03 GRIEVANCE COMPLAINTS

3.03B Local League Procedures.

3.03B(5) NTRP Grievances filed within two weeks of the start date of the player's and/or captain's State Championships will be administered after the event unless the section authorizes the administration of the grievance prior to that time. If the grievance is not administered until after the event, points won by players will stand. Disqualified players and/or captains that are suspended will not be eligible to advance to the next level of championship play.

USTA Georgia mandates that the party(ies) that file(s) the NTRP grievance complaint must provide the documentation to support their complaint at the time of their filing.

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* Grievance Committee members are subject to change due to a conflict of interest or availability.

Addendum

USTA Georgia

Requirements for a Local League

- (1) **A Community Tennis Association (CTA) must be established.**
 - (1a) CTA must be incorporated as a non-profit organization in Georgia.
 - (1b) CTA must be an USTA organizational member.
 - (1c) CTA must be registered as a Community Tennis Association with the USTA.
 - (1d) CTA must provide USTA Georgia with the following: By-laws; Organizational Chart; Financial Statement; Articles of Incorporation.

- (2) **The Community Tennis Association must petition the USTA Georgia Adult Leagues Committee in writing to begin a new local league. The Adult League Committee will then make the recommendation to the USTA Georgia Executive Committee, which will have final approval.**
 - (2a) CTA must establish geographical (counties) boundaries in which league matches are played.
 - (2b) CTA must petition USTA Georgia in writing to include a facility outside its geographical boundaries. In no instance shall a local league include a facility outside its geographical boundaries without written permission from USTA Georgia
 - (2c) Sites beyond the geographical boundaries of the local league that are not included in another CTA's local league geographical boundaries may participate in that league's play until such time a new CTA and local league is formed that includes that site in its geographical boundaries.

- (3) **Appointment of Local League Coordinator**
 - (3a) CTA must submit the name of a candidate for their Local League Coordinator to the Director of Leagues.
 - (3b) Director of Leagues shall forward the name of the candidate, as well as a recommendation to the appropriate committee. The committee shall have final authority in the selection of the Local League Coordinator.
 - (3c) Local League Coordinator will report to both their CTA as well as the Director of Leagues. Both the CTA as well as the committee have authority to remove the Local League Coordinator.

- (4) **Local League Regulations**
 - (4a) All Local League Regulations must be submitted to the Director of Leagues for approval. The Director of Leagues will then forward them to the Section League Coordinator for Final Approval.
 - (4b) CTA and Local League Coordinator must establish a committee to determine and/or make any changes to their Local League Regulations.
 - (4c) CTA and Local League Coordinator must establish at least three (3) people for their League Grievance Committee as well as at least three (3) people for their League Grievance Appeal Committee.
 - (4d) All Local League Regulations must be in conjunction with the State, Section and National Regulations.
 - (4e) All Local League Regulations must be posted on the CTA's website to be available to the players.