



2012 HIGHLIGHTS OF 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 Link: USTA Adult/Senior Leagues (top menu) / Captains Resource Page

PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

Each player must:

- have reached 18 years of age prior to, or during the calendar year in which the player plays his/her first local league match. (N.R. 1.04E(3)) Refer to chart on page 6 for additional age requirements.
- possess a current USTA membership through the entire league season. (N.R. 1.04E(2))
- have a NTRP rating which is appropriate to the team's level (N.R. 1.04F (1))
- player's name must be added to the TennisLink roster **prior** to player's participation in a match.

TEAM REQUIREMENTS

Adult, Senior and Super Senior team rosters must maintain at least 75% of its players at the NTRP designated team level (S.R. 1.04D(6))

	Total # of players on roster	Total # of players allowed at lower level
75/25 Reference Chart:	6-7	1
	8-11	2
	12-15	3
	16-19	4
	20-23	5

PLAYER/TEAM ADVANCEMENT

To participate in any local league playoff or championship level match each player must play at least two matches during the local league season, with only one match counted as a default. (S.R. 1.04G(2)e) Exception: Adult & Senior Combo league players must play at least two matches during the local league season, with no defaults counting. (S.R. 7.55)

A Senior Mixed Invitational is offered. A player must have participated in at least two team matches with no more than one default counting for eligibility.

No National Championship competition is available for Senior Mixed, and Adult & Senior Combo.

A *retired* match shall count for all participants.

SUSPENDED PLAY

Section Regulations 2.03C(1)(a), (b) and (c) govern local league play.

GRIEVANCES, APPEALS, COMPLAINTS & PROCEDURES

The National and Section 3.00 Grievance Procedures shall apply to all USTA League Tennis divisions. All grievances must be directed to the Local League Coordinator.

SCORE REPORTING

Match results must be reported in TennisLink within 48 hours following the completion of the final individual match 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 appeals will be allowed. (S.R. 1.04C(2))

TEAM DEFAULTS

Team Defaults: For each team match, a majority of the individual matches must be played or the entire team match must be defaulted. (N.R. 2.03K) Refer to table on page 13.

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 when determining standings. If all teams in contention for local /flight winner have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches stand as played. (N.R. 2.03L)



2012 LOCAL LEAGUE REGULATIONS REGION 2 /AREA DUVAL COUNTY

RAINOUT/SUSPENDED PLAY/RESCHEDULE REGULATIONS

Official rainout affirmation: Official rain out time is one hour after the original starting time, unless both Captains agree to declare a rain out sooner. For specific procedures in the event of a rainout/suspended play match, follow Section Regulations 2.03 C (1)(a), (b), and (c).

Reschedule date/timeline/deadline: Use the following alternatives: **(1)** move to the opponents' courts, so match can be played and/or continued 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 a maximum of 21 days from the original scheduled date or before the end of the local league season, whichever occurs first. The opponents will choose one of the two dates offered and confirm with home team captain via email per communication protocol below.**

Process for finalizing a disagreement among captains: The League Coordinator will determine a new match date/time if Captains cannot agree on a date and/or if rain occurs on the 21st day.

Communication protocol: The home team captain is to offer the two alternate dates/times to the visiting captain via email within 2 days following the match rainout/suspension. The visiting captain is to respond to home team captain via email within 2 days of receiving the offered rescheduled dates. **The LC is to be copied on all emails between the two team captains regarding ALL rescheduling (rainout, suspended play, other circumstances).**

Other Match Reschedule Requests: Matches are to be played according to the schedule. The only acceptable reasons to reschedule a match are

(1) weather (rain) related, (2) a USTA League Championship event, (3) a site change where the scheduled match is played on the same day, but at a different location; no rescheduling penalty will be assessed. In rare circumstances, a captain may receive a request from another team captain to reschedule a match for a reason other than the **three** mentioned above. In this case, the captain receiving the request to reschedule is under **NO OBLIGATION** to agree to the request. If the captain receiving the request agrees to reschedule the match, the following procedure **is to be** followed: The team requesting the reschedule will be assessed the following penalty: In a 3 position match, one position will be defaulted; in a 5 position match, two positions will be defaulted. These positions will be defaulted **when the rescheduled match is played.** The match will be rescheduled at the convenience of the team receiving and agreeing to the match reschedule. The match must be played **within 21 days of the original scheduled match date or before the end of the local league season, whichever occurs first.**

SCORING FORMAT

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 at any time during the match, including the 2-minute rest period between sets**
- The LC may introduce alternate scoring when and if necessary.

TEAM SCHEDULES AND MATCH INFORMATION

Schedules will be posted online approximately seven days before play begins. Captains should review the schedule, clear court availability for all matches and advise the LC of any conflicts **prior** to the first match. **Teams must play ALL MATCHES on the schedule by the end of the local league season.**

- Home Team to provide one can of approved new balls for each court appropriate for the court surface to be played on.
- The Home Team Captain contacts the Visiting Team Captain, via email or phone, to confirm the date, site and time of the match 4 days before match day.

- Match time to begin as designated on the schedule, subject to court availability at home facility. If home team captain needs to change match time because of court availability at their facility, they need to give the visiting captain 4 days advance notice. If courts are unavailable at the designated home facility, the match is to be played on the same date/time as original schedule at the visiting facility, if they have courts available.
 - Team captains exchange lineups simultaneously before the match begins, using a scorecard printed from TennisLink with both teams listed at bottom of scorecard, and captains are encouraged to retain a signed copy of the scorecard for personal records. Once lineups are exchanged, no changes are allowed with one exception. If a player in the lineup becomes ill/injured prior to the individual match starting (first service attempted), then a substitute player may be used in the same position in the lineup as the ill/injured player provided the substitute player is available and present at the match site. If substitution is made during warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five (5) minute warm-up.
- * Home team captain or his designee is responsible to enter scores in TennisLink within 48 hours after team match completion.

LOCAL LEAGUE DATES/DEADLINES/REGISTRATION

Registration: To begin registering team members, the Captain will receive a TennisLink team ID number from their respective League Coordinator (LC). Each player will pay a team fee of \$18 when registering online, using the Team ID number for the team, in TennisLink. **No refunds will be given after player has registered for the team in TennisLink.** Captains use a **unique captain ID number** to register online in TennisLink and the fee for team captain is \$3.00. A minimum of 8 players (Adult Division, except 2.5/5.0/5.5 where minimum is 5 players) 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 single exception to the add-a-player deadline will apply to a team accepting a player whose rating was NTRP disqualified or was self-rate promoted and is required to move to a higher level of play during the season. There is no limit as to the number of players per team.

Team Captain. 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.

Local League Season Dates: Dates for the beginning and end of the local league season and playoff dates, if applicable, for each division will be sent to all captains via email, prior to the beginning of the season for each division. This message will contain the dates for initial registration deadlines and add-a-player deadlines. The LC will notify captains via email if any changes are made to the local league season dates after the beginning of the season for any reason.

LOCAL LEAGUE WINNER

The winner of the local league will be determined as follows:

In divisions where specific NTRP level/s are **NOT** divided into flights, the team with the most team points, after at least one round robin of play, will win its level and advance to championship competition.

In divisions where specific NTRP level/s are divided into flights, e.g. 3.0 East, 3.0 West, a flight playoff, between the #1 teams in each flight, will be used to determine the winner of that level.

The respective LC for each division will determine if NTRP level/s will be divided into flights based on factors such as, but not limited to, number of teams per NTRP level, geographic areas, and time constraints of the local season.

National regulation 2.03H governs procedures in the event of a tie in team standings.

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