

2027 Integrated Florida Section and USTA National LEAGUE REGULATIONS

USTA League Regulations Q&A - Interpretations

USTA LEAGUE

MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2027

1. **Mixed Exclusive Players are eligible to be NTRP dynamically disqualified.***
2. **Electronic line calling may be used in USTA League play (2.01E).**
3. **Dynamic ratings will be calculated for Adult 65 & Over and Mixed 55 & Over leagues and are eligible to be NTRP dynamically disqualified (2.04A).***
4. **Players may now be dynamically disqualified through National Championships 2.04B(2).**
5. **NTRP grievance definition and applicability were revised (3.02 and 3.03).**

Note: 2027 regulation changes are indicated in red.

Will take effect after 2026 year end ratings are published.*

USTA Florida Regulation Summary of Changes for 2027

Below is a synopsis of the changes. Please see the regulations for the full language.

1. 1.04E(4) – Court monitors are allowed if stated in the local league rules.
2. 2.01C(6) – Fifteen minutes after the scheduled match time, unknown defaults will occur at the position in which the missing player was listed in the lineup.
3. 2.02A(1) – The second-place team shall be invited to the Sectional Championships if the first-place team declines the invitation.
4. 2.03A(5) – Removal of the reference to refunding of teams that withdraw from any championship after the schedule has been posted.
5. 2.03D(1) – No-ad scoring will be used for all Adult 18 & Over and Adult 40 & Over Sectional Championships.
6. 2.03E(3) – Teams must default the same individual position(s) throughout the same tier of full round robin play if they incur a default during the first team match.
7. 2.04B(2) - Dynamic disqualifications during the local league playoff will lead to a reversal of all individual matches played during the local league playoff.
8. 3.03B(1) – Increases the fee to file a General Grievance during local league play.
9. 3.03C(1) – Increases the fee to file a General Grievance during Championship play.
10. 6.58 – Teams must move-up/split up if they qualify for the Adult 65 & Over National Invitational.

VALID NTRP COMPUTER RATINGS FOR PARTICIPATION IN USTA LEAGUE IN 2027

Players who are 59 years or under during the 2027 League Year will have their most current computer rating displayed in TennisLink. They must self-rate if their NTRP rating is older than 3 years.

***** Exception: A player who receives a published (M), (T), or (A) Automatic Appeal– Mixed or Tournament rating and chooses to participate in the Adult Division will be required to self-rate even if the (M), (T), or (A) rating is less than 3 years old, unless such player has a valid Self (S) rating.

X indicates the years of valid computer rating in TennisLink for play in 2027

Players who will be 60 years or older during the 2027 League Year will have their most current computer rating displayed in TennisLink. They must self-rate if their NTRP rating is older than 2 years.

***** Exception: A player who receives a published (M), (T), or (A) Automatic Appeal Mixed or Tournament rating and chooses to participate in the Adult Division will be required to self-rate even if the (M), (T), or (A) rating is less than 2 years old, unless such player has a valid Self (S) rating.

X indicates the years of valid computer rating in TennisLink for play in 2027.

Last Year Computer Rating Received	2024	2025	2026
Age 59 or Under during 2027 League Year	X	X	X
Age 60 or Over during 2027 League Year		X	X

TennisLink will automatically remove expired computer and self-ratings thereby allowing individuals to self-rate. Players with expired ratings will not be allowed to self-rate at a lower level than their last valid NTRP rating. However, they will have the opportunity to file a self-rate appeal of the NTRP rating level assigned.

Computer ratings are valid based on this table.

Self-ratings are valid for 2 years from the date issued or until replaced by a dynamic or computer rating.

NTRP DYNAMIC DISQUALIFICATION

Each NTRP Level is followed by a letter indicating the type of rating.

Who *cannot* be NTRP dynamically disqualified?

NTRP Level followed by the letter:

C	Computer Rated Players *
T	Tournament Exclusive Players **

Who *can* be NTRP dynamically disqualified?

Participants in the Adult and Mixed Divisions:

NTRP Level followed by the letter:

A	Appealed – all granted appeals including Medical and Promoted Players 60 or Over
S	Self-rated Players
D	Dynamic or NTRP Grievance Disqualified Players
M	Mixed Exclusive Players
C	Exceptions to C year-end ratings as noted *

Players participating in the Adult or Mixed Divisions who are promoted as a result of NTRP dynamic disqualification will be immediately required to participate at their new NTRP level in all USTA League Programs.
Exceptions:

***** Players who entered an Early Start League at an NTRP Level lower than their current year-end rating are subject to NTRP dynamic disqualification.

****** Year-end (M), (T), and (A) Automatic Appeal–Mixed or Tournament rated players are required to self-rate to enter the Adult Division, automatically become (S) rated players and therefore become subject to NTRP dynamic disqualification.

MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR ADULT AND MIXED DIVISIONS

SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND BELOW			NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	
LOCAL MATCHES REQUIRED	**DEFAULTS THAT COUNT**		**TOTAL MATCHES REQUIRED THROUGH SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**	**DEFAULTS THAT COUNT**
To advance to **any** championship level through Sectional Championship	To advance to **any** championship level through Sectional Championship		To advance to National Championship	To advance to National Championship
2 matches on the same team	1 default received shall count		All players other than self-rated and computer-rated appealed players: 3 matches on the same team	1 default received shall count
USTA Florida requires Self-rated and computer-rated appealed down players to play 3 matches on the same team	USTA Florida does not allow defaults received to count toward eligibility		Self-rated and computer-rated appealed players 4 matches on the same team	No default received shall count

RETIRED matches shall count for all players.

THE USE OF THE NATIONAL TENNIS RATING PROGRAM

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NTRP COMPUTER RATINGS IN THE USTA LEAGUE

The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) is the official system for determining the levels of competition for the USTA League. The USTA NTRP Computer Rating System assigns ratings based on play in the local league and at championships and select NTRP tournaments.

1. The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) Guidelines define the characteristics of the various NTRP skill levels.

2. The USTA NTRP Computer Rating System is the official system to determine computer ratings for players throughout the country who participate in the USTA League. It is a mathematical system that assigns computer ratings to players by direct and indirect comparison of match results obtained from the USTA League and select NTRP tournaments.

3. A valid NTRP rating level is in effect for two years for individuals 60 years of age or older prior to, or during, the League Year and for three years for individuals 59 years of age or under, or until another valid NTRP rating level is generated. (See *Valid NTRP Computer Ratings Table*)

4. Players with a valid NTRP rating level must enter at that level or higher. (See *Valid NTRP Computer Ratings Table*)

5. Players in the USTA League without a valid computer rating must self-rate in accordance with the *General & Experienced Player Guidelines – Supplement to the NTRP Guidelines*. Factors such as a player's on-court performance, tennis background, and any additional information should be considered in the self-rating decision. When players are rating themselves, if they question at which level they should play, they should place themselves in the higher NTRP level of play.

   Note: Players who are good athletes or intend to spend a great deal of time taking lessons and practicing should be aware that their improvement may be significant enough to surpass their original self-rating during the local league season or championship play. To avoid NTRP Dynamic Disqualification, these players should enter at a higher NTRP level of play at the beginning of the local league season.

6. Players with a Mixed, Tournament or Self-rating who receive a new self-rating that places them at a higher NTRP level at which they are competing must immediately adjust to their new NTRP level. Prior team matches played are valid. Players shall not continue participating at the lower NTRP level.

7. Players who are granted an appeal up must immediately adjust to their new NTRP level. Prior team matches played are valid. Players shall not continue participating at the lower NTRP level.

8. In the USTA League Adult and Mixed National Championship Advancing Divisions and in the Adult 65 & Over and Mixed 55 & Over National Invitational Advancing Divisions, dynamic ratings will be calculated at regular intervals for all participants during local league competition, at the end of the local league season, and either during, or at the end of, District/Area through Sectional Championships.

9. At the USTA League Adult and Mixed National Championships and in the Adult 65 & Over and Mixed 55 & Over National Invitational, players will continue to generate dynamic ratings through their last match played, but there will be no NTRP Dynamic Disqualifications at National Championships.

10. After the USTA League Adult and Mixed National Championships, year-end NTRP published levels will be calculated using USTA NTRP Computer Rating System Procedures.

11. In the USTA League Mixed Division, an NTRP level will be calculated for participants who play in that Division exclusively. Year-end ratings will be based on the final dynamic rating generated from local league and championship level competition unless the player has a valid Computer (C) rating from a previous year.

USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS

2027 Championship Year

1.00 GENERAL

The Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL shall apply to all USTA League Divisions. Regulations apply to all National Championships. Regulations shall apply to National Invitationals and non-advancing leagues if specified in invitational/Section rules. Any authority delegated by these Regulations to the Section, unless otherwise stated, may be delegated by the Section to a lower authority.

If a Section, District/Area or Local League does not have a regulation in place to address an issue and there is a national regulation on that issue, the Section, District/Area or Local League must follow the national regulation.

1.01 NAME. The USTA Board of Directors has approved the adoption of rules and regulations for the USTA League that shall be known as the USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS.

1.02 GOVERNANCE. The USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS shall apply to the USTA League Program (USTA League). The FRIEND AT COURT - *The USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations*, including Wheelchair Rules of Tennis; or any other USTA regulations; shall apply to all matches played in the USTA League (unless modified by these USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS). In all matches played without officials, the USTA official publication, THE CODE, shall be observed. The USTA Point Penalty System shall be used at all championship levels.

1.02A Waiver of Regulations and Procedures Prohibited. Except where a waiver is specifically permitted by a USTA League Regulation or by a USTA League Procedure, no USTA League Regulation or USTA League Procedure shall be waived by any Sectional, District/Area or Local Association or by any Sectional, District/Area or Local League Coordinator**.** Any violation of this Regulation shall be subject to such penalties as may be imposed by the USTA League Committee. Such penalties are not subject to appeal.

1.02B Amendments. These USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS may be amended by the USTA League Committee with the approval of a committee comprised of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the USTA League Committee and the National League Administrator. All proposed amendments shall be in writing and shall be forwarded to the USTA League Committee at least 10 days before any meeting of the USTA League Committee. Without the approval of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the USTA League Committee and the National League Administrator, no amendments to these USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS shall become effective prior to January 1st of the next USTA League Year. (See *1.04D(2)*).

1.02C Written Interpretation. A committee comprised of the Chair and Vice Chair of the USTA League Committee and the National League Administrator has the authority and the responsibility to provide written interpretations of USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS in the *USTA League Questions and Answers (Interpretations)*.

1.02D Glossary of Terms. For purposes of these Regulations, certain words and phrases are defined in a glossary included herein. This glossary has been prepared as a reference to many terms included in these Regulations. The definitions provided have been drawn from these Regulations and, in some cases, other documents published by the USTA.

1.02E Committees. Each committee referenced in the USTA League Regulations shall consist of a minimum of three members, including a chair. All decisions shall be by majority vote. The members of a committee may be the same as, or different in whole or in part from, the committee first approved.

1.02F Safe Play Compliance. All participants in the USTA League Program may not appear on the Safe Play Disciplinary List.

1.03 NON-DISCRIMINATION. Discrimination in the USTA League is prohibited as specified in the Bylaws of the United States Tennis Association.

1.04 USTA LEAGUE.

1.04A USTA League Program. The USTA League is a team competition for men, women and mixed genders at specified National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) levels of play. The purpose of the USTA League Program is to provide organized recreational play, emphasizing local competition, with advancement for winning teams from local competition to District/Area, Sectional and National Championships to determine annually USTA League National Championship teams in each approved level of competition. The USTA League is approved by USTA without necessity of a sanction application (See *FRIEND AT COURT* XVII B). Sections may offer leagues that do not advance to a National Championship.

USTA LEAGUE PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL			
DIVISION	**AGE GROUP**	**LEAGUE FORMAT**	**NTRP LEVELS**
Adult	18 & Over	1 – Singles 2 – Doubles	2.5 women, 5.0
	18 & Over	2 – Singles 3 – Doubles	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5
	40 & Over	1 – Singles 4 – Doubles	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5
	55 & Over	3 – Doubles	6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0
Mixed	18 & Over	3 – Doubles	6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0
	40 & Over	3 – Doubles	6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0

1.04B Administration.

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

1.04B(2) USTA National League Administrator. The USTA National League Administrator shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the USTA League.

1.04B(3) Sectional Associations. The USTA has 17 Sectional Associations, the names and territories of which are defined in the USTA Bylaws. Each Sectional Association is responsible for the development and implementation of the USTA League within its geographic territory in accordance with the USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS.

1.04B(3)a Sectional League Coordinators. Each Sectional Association shall appoint a Sectional League Coordinator to implement and administer the USTA League.

FLORIDA - 1.04B(3) 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 League Committee. In the absence of the Chair of the League Committee, the Sectional League Coordinator may, if deemed necessary, issue an interim interpretation.

1.04B(3)b District/Area League Coordinators. Each District/Area may have a District/Area League Coordinator to implement and administer the USTA League. The District/Area shall have such geographic boundaries as the Sectional Association may determine.

1.04B(3)c Local League Coordinators. Each Local League may have a Local League Coordinator to implement and administer the USTA League.

FLORIDA - 1.04B(3)c Local League Coordinators. The Section Association shall appoint Local League Coordinators, called Local Play Coordinators, to implement and administer USTA leagues within USTA Florida. See the USTA Florida website for a listing of Local Play Coordinators.

1.04B(4) Team Captain. Each team shall appoint a captain to manage team activities and to represent the team in USTA League matters**.** Captains and non-playing captains shall conduct administration of their teams in an appropriate manner, including in their communications with other players, other captains, and league coordinators.

FLORIDA - 1.04B(4)a Team Captain. A team may not begin league play unless the captain is listed in TennisLink. The team captain or designee shall be the official spokesperson for the team. All communications will be directed to the team spokesperson.
FLORIDA - 1.04B(4)b An individual may captain or co-captain only one team in an NTRP level within an Age Group in the same local league during the same season. In local leagues where NTRP levels are divided into flights, an individual may not captain or co-captain in more than one flight.

1.04B(5) Championships Committees. A Championship Committee, one of whom may be a USTA Certified Referee or Umpire, shall govern each championship. At least one member of the Championship Committee shall be in attendance at all times during play. The Championship~~s~~ Committees, except for the National Championships, shall be appointed by the Sectional and District/Area Associations at their respective championships. The Chair of the USTA League Committee shall appoint the Championship Committees for the National Championships.

1.04C Official Information System. TennisLink is the official information system of the USTA League.
1.04C(1) Official League Registration. TennisLink is the official system for registering teams and players for the USTA League. A player's name must be listed on the team roster, as shown in TennisLink, prior to participation in any match. This includes any player who is added to a team roster after the commencement of local league play. Each Section shall establish deadlines and procedures for registering teams in TennisLink. Players shall not be added to the team roster during local league flight play-offs or at any championship.

FLORIDA - 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. TennisLink is the official system for reporting scores and providing standings for the USTA League. Each Section should establish deadlines and procedures for reporting scores in TennisLink. Unless otherwise established by a Section, the initial entry of match scores into TennisLink must take place within 48 hours of the completion of the match. After match scores have been entered in TennisLink, they must be confirmed by the opposing team within 48 hours of the initial entry or the initial score will automatically be considered valid.

FLORIDA - 1.04C(2) Official Score Reporting and Standings System. USTA Florida authorizes the following: Match results for local league and playoffs must be reported by either captain in TennisLink within 48 hours following the completion of the final individual match/position(s) in a team match. NTRP dynamic disqualification reviews, complaints, grievances, and/or appeals related to those scores will not be allowed by the opposing captain if they fail to confirm or dispute within 48 hours. An exception will be made only in those cases where an incorrect player was recorded in a match in TennisLink, in which case an LPC will be allowed to effect correction. Unless verification to the Section League Coordinator and League Committee Chair is established, and both concur, no match scores, changes to names of incorrect players, or changes to names of players who received defaults may be entered after the season end date as it appears in TennisLink. Changes made due to a dynamic disqualification review must follow 2.04C(1). Failure to comply with this regulation may lead to sanctions and/or the removal of match results in the TennisLink team standings calculations. However, those removed match results will still be used for rating and advancement purposes.

1.04D 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 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 *Reg. 2.01C Competition Format*). All local league playoff formats are considered Championship play.

FLORIDA - 1.04D(1) The League Committee is responsible for determining the composition of the league areas.

1.04D(2) USTA League Year. The League Year shall be January 1 through December 31, except that the USTA League Committee may authorize the commencement of a local league season prior to January 1, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Committee.

1.04D(3) Local League Season. Each Sectional Association shall determine the dates for the season(s) of the local leagues within its Section. The local league season ends on the date entered in TennisLink as the league season end date.

FLORIDA - 1.04D(3) Local League Season. The Local Play 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) Team. A team shall consist of players eligible to compete at a specific NTRP level of competition in accordance with the following table. A Section may limit the number of players on a team who have an individual NTRP level lower than the team NTRP level. A Section may also limit the number of players who appear on a team roster, but may not have fewer than the minimum number of players as shown in the following table:

FLORIDA - 1.04D(4) Team. Each team in a local league comprised of three (3) or more teams in the Adult Division, must maintain its roster with at least 75 percent of its players at the designated NTRP levels of play. The Local Play Coordinator may limit the number of players on a team roster, and/or establish a domiciliary requirement. If player-requested refunds occur post season and that creates a non-compliant team roster, a grievance will be filed against the captain and/or team. Teams must remain compliant in order to advance beyond their local leagues and remain as such through the conclusion of the championship event.

1.04D(5) Two Team Leagues. If any Adult Division Age Group consists of only two teams in a level of play, each team must maintain its roster with a minimum of 40 percent of its players at the designated NTRP level of play. A Section may increase the required minimum percentage. The Adult Division 55 & Over Age Group that uses combined NTRP rating levels will not be required to comply with this Regulation.

FLORIDA - 1.04D(5) Each team in a local league comprised of two (2) teams in the Adult Division, must maintain its roster with at least 50 percent of its players at the designated NTRP levels of play. The Local Play Coordinator may limit the number of players on a team roster, and/or establish a domiciliary requirement. If player-requested refunds occur post season and that creates a non-compliant team roster, a grievance will be filed against the captain and/or team. Teams must remain compliant in order to advance beyond their local leagues and remain as such through the conclusion of the championship event.

TEAM COMPOSITION				
DIVISION	**AGE GROUP**	**MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS**	**GENDER**	**NTRP LEVEL**
Adult	18 & Over 2.5 women & 5.0	5	Same Gender	A player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level.
	18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	8	Same Gender	
	40 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	9	Same Gender	
	55 & Over Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 **OR** Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	6	Same Gender	When using straight NTRP levels, a player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level. Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level. NTRP rating level difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0. The minimum NTRP Level for: 6.0 is 2.5; 7.0 is 3.0; 8.0 is 3.5; 9.0 is 4.0.
Mixed	18 & Over Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 **OR** Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0,10.0 40 & Over Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5,4.0,4.5 **OR** Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	3 men 3 women	Men and Women	When using straight NTRP levels, a player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level. Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level. NTRP rating level difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0. The minimum NTRP Level for: 6.0 is 2.5; 7.0 is 3.0; 8.0 is 3.5; 9.0 is 4.0; 10.0 is 4.5.

1.04E Player Eligibility.

1.04E(1) Domicile and Residency Requirements. Any individual who competes in the USTA League must be domiciled within the boundaries of a USTA Sectional Association or participate through a USTA Direct Member Club. Residents of foreign countries who meet membership and age requirements may be invited by a USTA Section to participate in the USTA League Program provided that all such matches are played within the Section. Sections may create residency requirement rules to encourage and foster local league play.

1.04E(2) Membership. All individuals who compete in the USTA League must be current USTA members in good standing through the local league season. Captains and non-playing captains must also be members in good standing. Any individual who progresses to a championship level in the USTA League must be a current USTA member through each championship progression. If a player's membership expires the membership must be immediately renewed or the player is ineligible. Individuals shall only have one USTA membership account/ USTA number. Individuals who obtain more than one USTA membership account/ USTA number may be subject to a grievance and such suspension penalties as outlined under the League Suspension Point System.

1.04E(3) Age. Players must be 18 years of age to be eligible to register and participate in the USTA League program. Each player over the age of 18 shall have reached the required minimum age prior to or during the calendar year in which such player registers and participates in their first local league.

1.04E(4) Player Agreement. All players participating in the USTA League, as a condition of said participation, agree to abide and be bound by the USTA Constitution and Bylaws; the USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS; the FRIEND AT COURT - *The USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations* including THE CODE and Wheelchair Rules of Tennis (unless modified by these USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS); any other USTA regulations (unless modified by these USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS); and the standards of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship.

FLORIDA - 1.04E(4) Captains, players, spectators, or coaches who interfere and/or are disruptive at team matches are considered to have violated the standards of good conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship. This includes conduct before, during and after the completion of the team match. As The Code states, spectators, players, teammates, or coaches may not volunteer advice on scoring, line calls or the conduct of the match. The exception to this is that court monitors are allowed if Local League Rules specifically state they are allowed, in accordance with the guidelines outlined in those Rules. It is the responsibility of each team to control spectators' conduct at all team matches.

1.04E(5) Waiver of Claims. Players participating in the USTA League acknowledge the risks associated with playing competitive tennis, accept those risks voluntarily, and in consideration of their acceptance in the USTA League Program, assume all risks for bodily injury, waive all claims for injury and property damage and release and hold harmless the USTA and the host facility, their officials, employees and agents with respect to any injury or loss caused by negligence or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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

1.04F(1) Entry. A player without a valid NTRP rating level in TennisLink, a returning player with an expired NTRP rating level, a Tournament Exclusive (T), Mixed Exclusive (M), or Automatic Appeal–Mixed or Tournament Exclusive (A) rated player who does not have a valid Computer (C) rating from a previous year, or does not have a valid Self (S) rating, and chooses to participate in the Adult Division, must self-rate to be assigned a new rating, reassigned to their last expired rating or a higher rating based on their playing history to enter the USTA League Program as shown in the following table:

1.04F(1)a Players with a Mixed, Tournament or Self-rating who receive a new self-rating that places them at a higher NTRP level at which they are competing must immediately adjust to their new NTRP level. Prior team matches played are valid. Players shall not continue participating at the lower NTRP level.

1.04F(1)b Players who are granted an appeal up must immediately adjust to their new NTRP level. Prior team matches played are valid. Players shall not continue participating at the lower NTRP level.

NTRP RATING LEVEL FOR ENTRY INTO LEAGUE PLAY		
DIVISION	**AGE GROUP**	**PLAYER'S NTRP RATING LEVEL**
ADULT	18 & Over 40 & Over 55 & Over Straight NTRP Levels	Current NTRP level and/or up to one level higher than the player's current NTRP level.
	55 & Over Combined NTRP Levels	Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level. NTRP rating level difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0. The minimum NTRP Level for: 6.0 is 2.5; 7.0 is 3.0; 8.0 is 3.5; 9.0 is 4.0
MIXED	18 & Over 40 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 Straight NTRP Levels	Current NTRP level and/or up to one level above the player's current NTRP level.
	18 & Over 40 & Over Combined NTRP Levels	Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed the team NTRP level. NTRP difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0. The minimum NTRP Level for: 6.0 is 2.5; 7.0 is 3.0; 8.0 is 3.5; 9.0 is 4.0; 10.0 is 4.5.

1.04F(1)c Rating levels are derived in accordance with the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System Procedures. Once a player is assigned a valid Computer (C) NTRP rating level, it is valid for the Adult and Mixed Divisions for all players 59 years of age or under for three consecutive years or until another NTRP published rating level is generated. For players 60 years of age or over, a valid Computer (C) NTRP rating level is valid to play in the Adult and Mixed Divisions for two consecutive years or until another NTRP published rating level is generated. (See *Reg.1.04F(1)b* and *c* and *Valid NTRP Computer Ratings Table*).

1.04F(1)d Mixed results will not be part of generating a player's year-end rating, except for those players who participate in the Mixed Division exclusively. A player who plays in the Mixed Division exclusively will receive a published Mixed Exclusive (M) or Automatic Appeal–Mixed (A) rating level at year-end unless they have a valid Computer (C) rating level from a previous year on file in TennisLink. A published (M) rating level is valid to play in the Mixed Division exclusively and will be in effect for players 59 years of age or under for three consecutive years and for players 60 years or older for two consecutive years or until another published NTRP rating level is generated.

A player who plays exclusively in the Mixed Division and subsequently chooses to participate in the Adult Division must enter by using a valid Computer (C) rating from a previous year, or a valid Self (S) rating. If a player has a valid Self (S) rating, at the time of registration for the Adult Division the player will be assigned an (S) rating at the level reflecting the higher of their (S), (M) or (A) rating. If such player does not have a valid (C) rating from a previous year, or a valid Self (S) rating, he or she must self-rate with the minimum NTRP rating level being the higher of the self-rate, valid Mixed Exclusive (M), or Automatic Appeal–Mixed (A) rating.

1.04F(1)e A player who plays exclusively in NTRP tournaments and subsequently chooses to participate in the Adult Division must enter that Division by using a valid Computer (C) rating from a previous year or a valid Self (S) rating. If a player has a valid Self (S) rating, at the time of registration for the Adult Division the player will be assigned an (S) rating at the level reflecting the higher of their (S), (T) or (A) rating. If such player does not have a valid (C) rating from a previous year, or a valid Self (S) rating, he or she must self-rate with the minimum rating being the higher of the self-rating, valid Tournament Exclusive (T), or Automatic Appeal–Tournament (A) rating.

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

1.04F(1)g Self-ratings are valid for two years from the date issued or until replaced by a dynamic or computer rating. If there is a change in their playing experience the player may appeal their rating up at that time or they may be promoted by the Sectional coordinator.

1.04F(1)h TennisLink will automatically remove expired computer and self-ratings thereby allowing individuals to self-rate. Players with expired ratings will not be allowed to self-rate at a lower level than their last valid NTRP rating level. However, when assigned an NTRP rating level by TennisLink, the player will have the opportunity to file a Self-Rate Appeal.

1.04F(1)i Each Sectional Association shall designate a committee to handle Self-Rate Appeals for those who appeal their assigned self-rating level. This committee may be the same, in whole or part, as the Sectional League Grievance Committee that handles NTRP Grievances. Players who appeal their rating and anyone acting on their behalf will abide by the Self-Rate Appeals Committee's decision without further right to appeal same, except that the Committee may reconsider its decision in the event there has been a clear factual error made by the Committee. Players granted an appeal of their self-rating may be subject to an NTRP Grievance if they failed to self-rate in accordance with USTA guidelines or omitted information regarding their history in either the self-rate questionnaire or self-rate appeal form.

1.04F(1)j Valid NTRP Computer Ratings: See *Valid NTRP Computer Ratings Table*.

1.04G Player Participation Eligibility.

1.04G(1) League players may play in the USTA League Adult and Mixed Divisions during the same local league season.

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

1.04G(3) A player may play on more than one team in an NTRP level within an Age Group in the same season provided it is in separate local leagues. The Section has the authority to accept or deny participation.

FLORIDA - 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, if they are playing in different designations such as Day/Night or Weekday/Weekend leagues; and they 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(4) A Section may authorize participation in more than one NTRP level within an Age Group in the same local league during the same season.

1.04G(5) A player may play up to one NTRP level higher than the player's current NTRP level**.**

1.04G(6) A player who qualifies to advance to championships on more than one team may be required by the Section to choose which team he or she will represent.

FLORIDA - 1.04G(6)a 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.

FLORIDA - 1.04G(6)b 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. Once the championship or local league flight playoff has concluded, the declaration is void and the player may advance with any team with which they have qualified to play.

FLORIDA - 1.04G(6)c 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.

1.04G(7) At any National Championship, if a player qualifies for two or more teams at the same NTRP level for an event, the individual must declare which team he/she will represent. In the absence of a declaration, the first match played will determine which team he/she will represent.

1.04G(8) A player may participate in only one individual match within each team match.

1.04G(9) A player who participates in the USTA League in violation of any provision of Section 1.04G *Player Participation Eligibility*, shall be subject to an Eligibility Grievance as defined in Section 3.02D *Eligibility Grievance*.

1.04 Official Ball. In USTA League matches, a standard Type 2 USTA approved ball shall be used. The use of any USTA "transition" ball is prohibited.

2.00 USTA LEAGUES REGULATIONS.

All USTA League Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL, 3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and the following Regulations in this section shall apply to USTA League Adult and Mixed Divisions.

2.01 LOCAL COMPETITION.

2.01A NTRP Levels of Play.

2.01A(1) When using straight NTRP levels, a player cannot have an NTRP rating higher than the NTRP level in which the player is competing.

2.01A(2) When using combined NTRP levels, the combined NTRP rating levels of the doubles team cannot exceed the combined NTRP level in which the players are competing.

2.01A(3) The NTRP difference between members of an individual doubles team may not exceed 1.0.

2.01A(4) USTA League NTRP levels in the local league and at championships are approved in accordance with the following table:

NTRP LEVELS OF PLAY				
DIVISION	**AGE GROUP**	**LOCAL LEAGUES**	**ALL CHAMPIONSHIPS BELOW NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**	**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**
Adult	18 & Over	2.5, 3.0, 3.5 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 & Above	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 & Above	2.5 women & 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0
	40 & Over	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5
	55 & Over	Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 **OR** Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 **OR** Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0
Mixed	18 & Over	Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 **OR** Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0	Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 OR Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0	Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0
	40 & Over	Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 **OR** Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0	Straight Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 OR Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Combined Levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0

FLORIDA - 2.01A(4)a NTRP Levels of Play. For the Adult 55 & Over age group, either a combined NTRP rating format (6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0) or a straight NTRP 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.

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.

FLORIDA - 2.01A(4)b A team that withdraws from any local league after schedule release may be subject to a grievance at the discretion of the Local Play Coordinator.

2.01B Men, Women and Mixed Doubles. Men's and women's leagues shall be separate at each approved NTRP level in the Adult Division. Leagues in the Mixed Division are comprised of a man and a woman who combine to play in each individual match. The local league shall determine which of these approved NTRP levels in Reg. 2.01A(4) shall be available for men, women and mixed genders in local league competition.

2.01C Competition Format.

2.01C(1) Full Round Robin. Each NTRP level within a local league may play at least one full round robin competition wherein every team plays every other team. When any NTRP level consists of only two teams, each team is required to play a minimum of three team matches, which is a triple round robin. When any NTRP level consists of only three valid teams, each team is required to play a minimum of four team matches, which is a double full round robin. Any NTRP level may be divided into flights and each team shall play every other team in its flight. The flight winners may enter a playoff structure to establish a local league champion for that NTRP level.

2.01C(1)a Each Sectional Association may permit additional matches, selected randomly, within a flight.

FLORIDA - 2.01C(1)a USTA Florida authorizes additional randomly selected matches within the flight.

2.01C(1)b Each Sectional Association may permit additional cross-flight matches in which each team in one flight plays an equal number of matches in the other flight, selected randomly if not a full round robin.

2.01C(1)c Each Sectional Association may permit the top teams in a flight to play an additional round robin to determine advancement, and the teams without a mathematical chance to advance may play an additional round robin.

FLORIDA - 2.01C(1)c USTA Florida authorizes the top teams in a flight to play an additional round robin to determine advancement and the remaining teams in the flight to play an additional round robin.

2.01C(2) Partial Round Robin. Each NTRP level within a local league may play a partial round robin competition wherein every team plays the same number of matches against randomly selected opponents. A minimum of the top two teams shall progress to a single elimination playoff to establish a local league champion for that NTRP level.

2.01C(3) Team Match. Each team match in a local league shall consist of such number of individual matches of singles, doubles, or any combination thereof as determined by the local league. Each team must have the minimum number of players available to play the majority of individual matches (for a team match utilizing a four-court format, two individual matches will be deemed a majority). If one team does not have the minimum number of players, the opposing team will be credited with a total team default, and will win each individual match 6-0 6-0. If neither team has the required minimum number of players, the match shall be scored as a double team default, and neither team will receive credit for a win. In the case of a team default or double team default any individual matches actually played will count only for NTRP ratings and eligibility for advancement and cannot count for determining standings.

If both teams have the minimum number of players available to play, but the combination of individual defaults by the two teams would result in the majority of matches not being played, the teams must follow the procedure(s) established by the Sectional Association, to ensure that a majority of individual matches are played.

Each Sectional Association shall establish procedures to determine the flight standings in the event of a team default or double team default. A Sectional Association may establish procedures to follow when the combination of individual defaults given by the two teams in the team match results, or would result, in a situation where the majority of the individual matches are not played. If no such procedures have been established, the match will result in a double team default.

FLORIDA - 2.01C(3)a Team Match Procedure: For team matches with three (3) court positions or four (4) court positions, two (2) positions must be played to be a valid match. For team matches with five (5) court positions, three (3) positions must be played to be a valid match.

FLORIDA - 2.01C(3)b Scoring of Full 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 in that tier by the defaulting team, within any of the round robin(s) or any of the randomly selected matches, will be null and void when determining standings. Each round robin or group of randomly selected matches will be a separate tier.

However, if all teams with a mathematical chance to advance have played the defaulting team in good faith, then those matches shall stand as played when determining standings. Those players from the team receiving the full team default will be credited with a default received for purposes of advancement.

The defaulting team will not be allowed to advance to any playoff or championship. A grievance may be filed by the Local Play Coordinator against the defaulting team. Under extenuating circumstances, the SLC & League Committee Chairperson may determine if the match should be rescheduled rather than remain as a full team default.

2.01C(4) Match Scoring and Formats. It is recommended that all matches be the best of three tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set. The match tiebreak shall be scored as one set and one game for tiebreak purposes. For play at or below the Sectional level, the Sectional Association may authorize the use of other USTA approved scoring methods and other scoring methods that are compatible with the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System. Other match formats include: best of three tiebreak sets with a set tiebreak at 6-all, pro-set matches, a single set with a set or match tiebreak at 6-all and timed matches. No-Ad scoring can be used with any of the scoring methods.

The method of awarding points in order to determine the winning team of a local league team match and the winner of the local league competition may be the same as that used in championship competition or may be another method compatible with the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System selected by the local league. (See *Reg. 2.03D Competition Format* and *Reg. 2.03E Team Match and Scoring* for championship competition.) The scoring in the event of a default or disqualification shall be 6-0, 6-0. Retirements shall be scored as described in *Reg. 2.03N Scoring of Retirements*.

FLORIDA - 2.01C(4) Match Scoring. USTA Florida authorizes only the following scoring methods for local league play: (1) best of three tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set or (2) best of three tie break 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.

> **2.01C(4)a Scoring of Retirements Below Championship Play.** A retirement occurs when an individual match has started and a player/doubles team is unable to continue due to injury, loss of condition, emergency, or refusal to play. If a full team retirement or combination of defaults and retirements occurs, a grievance may be filed. If the grievance is upheld, the match may be declared invalid and shall be scored following the local/sectional regulations. The Section and below may impose further penalties on the defaulting and/or retiring team. Such penalties must follow the League Suspension System (See Regulation 3.03A(7) and 3.03D(4)).

2.01C(5) Individual Match. An individual match is defined as any singles match or any doubles match played as part of a team match.

2.01C(6) Team Line-Ups. The team captain for each team shall exchange their team line-up simultaneously prior to the beginning of the team match. No substitution may be made in an individual match after the line-up has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player prior to the start of such match and except under such further circumstances as a Sectional Association may authorize. If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five-minute warm-up. The default principles in *Reg. 2.03K Team Defaults* and *2.03L Scoring of Team Defaults* shall be applicable.

FLORIDA - 2.01C(6) Team Lineups. Default time is defined as 15 minutes after the scheduled match time. Known defaults must be disclosed to the opposing captain prior to the exchange of local league team lineups to allow Captains to change their lineup based on the default(s). Failure to disclose prior to the exchange will permit only the opposing captain to make adjustments. In the event of a Known Default, team matches must proceed on court in accordance with the Order of Match Defaults Table in USTA League National Regulation 2.03K. An Unknown Default is said to have occurred when a player in the lineup has not arrived by 15 minutes after the scheduled match time. In the event of an Unknown Default, the Order of Match Defaults Table will not apply. The default will occur at the position in which the missing player was listed in the lineup, regardless of where that position is in the lineup.

2.01C(7) Order of Strength. Sections are not authorized to require line-ups to be in order of strength.

FLORIDA - 2.01C(7) Court Assignments. It is the captain's responsibility to present a written line-up for the exchange and then inform players of their assigned court and the names of their opponent(s). It is the responsibility of the players to make sure that they are on the correct court with the proper opponent(s) prior to starting play. If an error is discovered after starting play, the match will stand as played, unless it is later determined that a player(s) misrepresented their identity.

2.01D Coaching. Coaching is not permitted. Coaching is only allowed during the 10 minute rest period if the scoring format is the best of three tiebreak sets and a 10 minute rest period is provided between the second and third sets.

2.01E Electronic Line Calling. Each Sectional Association shall declare if it will allow the use of electronic line calling systems and shall establish procedures to follow. If no such procedures have been established, the Sectional Associations shall adhere to Friend at Court.

FLORIDA – 2.01E Electronic Line Calling. Tracking systems and/or video recordings may not be used to determine or verify line calls.

FLORIDA – 2.01F Electronic Devices. All players' electronic devices must be in a mode that does not allow communications for the entirety of the match. Notifications and communications are considered a hindrance and are not allowed at any time once a match has begun.

FLORIDA - 2.01G(1) Rainouts or Suspended Play. An individual match has officially started when the warm-up period has been completed and the first service attempt has occurred. Play is continuous until such time as the facility or either captain declares that play has been suspended. Each local league shall include in its Local League Rules appropriate procedures for rainouts or other adverse weather conditions.

FLORIDA - 2.01G(1)a No Individual Matches Have Started Play. If lineups have been exchanged and subsequently the team match has been declared suspended and no individual matches have started play, a new lineup may be presented at the start of the rescheduled team match. Any individual match indicated as a default on the initial lineup may be filled when the team match is rescheduled.

FLORIDA - 2.01G(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. Any individual match indicated as a default on the initial lineup will remain as a defaulted match. No player changes may be made.

FLORIDA - 2.01G(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 lineup may be presented for any individual match that has not started. Any individual match previously indicated as a default shall remain.

FLORIDA – 2.01H Medical Timeout in an Unofficiated League Match. A player is permitted to declare a single three-minute medical timeout in any individual match. Medical conditions include injury, illness, blister or heat related conditions such as cramping, vomiting and dizziness. No timeout is allowed for general fatigue. A timeout due to bleeding will be allowed for a maximum of 15 minutes to stop the bleeding, clean the court and dispose of contaminated items. Once the allotted time is reached, play must resume immediately, or the injured/ill player must retire.

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 if otherwise eligible.

FLORIDA - 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. If the winner of the local league at a specific NTRP level declines the invitation to advance to the Sectional Championships, then the second-place team from that local league shall be extended an invitation to attend in their place. 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 the winning team(s) declared after the completion of the round robin competition, within 45 days after the last originally scheduled local league match.

Championships beyond the local level will be determined administratively. If an area consists of fifteen (15) or more teams in a single season league flight offering in an Adult or Mixed Division, Age Group, NTRP level, Gender then two (2) teams will be eligible to advance to the next level of Championship competition representing the area. Each area may only advance a maximum of two (2) teams per level.

A wildcard team(s) may be added from the areas with the next three highest participation levels. If needed, the wildcard team(s) may be added up to the date of schedule publication.

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

2.02B Championships.

2.02B(1) District/Area Championships. Each Sectional Association shall determine and announce a method of progression suitable for its geographic boundaries for advancement of its local league teams to Sectional League Championships. Such progression may include one or more championships below the Sectional Championships.

2.02B(2) District/Area and Sectional Championship Events. Each Sectional Association shall determine the dates of the championships within the Section. Each championship event ends on the date entered in TennisLink as the championship end date. In the event a championship is not concluded on the date published in TennisLink, then the end date in TennisLink should be amended to reflect the date of the last match played.

2.02B(3) Sectional Championships. Each Sectional Association shall hold a Sectional League Championship in each National approved NTRP level for each Division and Age Group, on or before the date specified by the USTA League Leadership, to determine its Sectional champions. The winning team at each NTRP level and Age Group shall be allowed to compete in the USTA League National Championships if otherwise eligible. If the winning team at any NTRP level of competition is unable to compete further towards the National Championships, then the Sectional League Coordinator may select the second place team for such further competition, etc.

2.02B(4) National Championships. The team winning the National Championship in each NTRP level of competition in each Age Group of the Adult and Mixed Divisions shall be the USTA League National Champion.

2.03 DISTRICT/AREA, SECTIONAL AND NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

2.03A Eligibility.

2.03A(1) The District/Area or Section has the authority to determine the progression of teams to its championship competition by determining a champion of the preceding level of competition in its NTRP category. Champions of the preceding level of competition must be included in the progression if otherwise eligible.

FLORIDA - 2.03A(1) If the same two teams at the same NTRP level and in the same age group play in two separate areas in the same season, only one team may progress to a Championship.

2.03A(2) Participation. A player may participate in only one individual match within each team match.

2.03A(2)a Rest Period. If a player elects to play on multiple teams (within the same or a different division) during League play, the player automatically waives the minimum rest period under USTA Regulation III.C.1. and as specified in Table 11 (see Friend at Court). Regardless, if a player elects to play on multiple teams, the Recovery Rule stays in effect.

FLORIDA - 2.03A(2)a Rest period. In Championship Competition at the Sectional level and below, when playing the best of three tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set, any player playing multiple matches in a day for the same team, will be entitled to a minimum rest period of one hour between matches.

2.03A(3) Below National Championships

2.03A(3)a In the Adult and Mixed Divisions, a player is eligible to progress to championship level competition below National Championships if that player has played on the same team in at least two matches at the same NTRP level in the same Age Group during its local league season and is otherwise eligible. A maximum of one default received by the player during local league competition shall count for advancing. Retired matches shall count toward advancing for all players involved in both USTA League Divisions. (See *Matches Required to Advance to Championships Table.)*

2.03A(3)b Sections shall have the option to require, for eligibility to progress to championship level competition below National Championships, Self-Rated and Valid Computer Rated Appealed down players to play up to four matches, on the same team at the same NTRP level in the same Age Group during its local league season and is otherwise eligible. Sections shall also have the option to declare if one default received by the player during local league competition shall or shall not count for advancing. Sections must have the same requirement for both Self-Rated and Valid Computer Rated Appealed down players.

FLORIDA - 2.03A(3)b USTA Florida shall require, for eligibility to progress to Sectional level competition, Self-rated, (S), Valid Computer Rated Appealed (A) and Tournament Exclusive (T) -players to play three (3) matches on the same team at the same NTRP level in the same Age Group during its local league and/or playoff and is otherwise eligible. Defaults received by the player during local league and/or playoff competition shall not count for advancing to the Sectional Championship. This is applicable for any National advancing Divisions/Age Groups:

Adult 18 & Over, Adult 40 & Over, Adult 55 & Over, Mixed 18 & Over and Mixed 40 & Over. (This excludes Adult 40 & Over 5.0 & Adult 18 & Over 5.5, as these Divisions/Age Groups will follow the non-National advancing requirements). All other non-National advancing league Divisions and Age Groups that progress to Sectional Championships will require Computer-rated (C) players to have played in two (2) matches, one of which may be a default, and Self-rated (S) and Computer-rated Appealed (A) players to have played in two (2) matches, no defaults counting. (See Match Requirement Table Reg 5.01).

2.03A(4) In the Adult and Mixed Divisions, all players other than Self-Rated and Valid Computer Rated Appealed Players are eligible to advance to National Championship competition if that player has played on the same team in at least three matches at the same NTRP level in the same Age Group through Sectional Championships and is otherwise eligible. A maximum of one default received by the player during local league or championship competition shall count for advancing.

All Self-Rated and Valid Computer Rated Appealed down players are eligible to progress to National Championship competition if that player has played on the same team in at least four matches at the same NTRP level in the same Age Group through Sectional Championships and is otherwise eligible. No defaults received by the player during local league or championship competition shall count for advancing.

Retired matches shall count toward advancing for all players involved in both USTA League Divisions. (*See Matches Required to Advance to Championships Table.*)

2.03A(5) At all Championships, a minimum number of team members as shown in the following table, who were on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play, must be available and eligible to compete or to combine and compete, as appropriate. The required minimum number of team members may be reduced with an approved waiver, but to not less than the minimum as noted in the following table. At Sectional Championship level and below, the Championship Committee may grant such a waiver. At the National Championships a committee comprised of the USTA League Chair, Vice-Chair and the National League Administrator may grant such a waiver. Waivers are only intended for extreme circumstances.

MINIMUM NUMBER OF TEAM MEMBERS REQUIRED AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

DIVISION	AGE GROUP	MINIMUM NUMBER AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	MINIMUM NUMBER WITH APPROVED WAIVER AT ALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Adult	18 & Over 2.5 women & 5.0	5	3
	18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	8	4
	40 & Over	9	5
	55 & Over	6	4
Mixed	18 & Over 40 & Over	3 Men 3 Women	2 Men 2 Women

FLORIDA - 2.03A(5) Team Eligibility and Entry Fees. Teams participating in Sectional championships must have the minimum number of team members eligible, registered, and available to combine and compete (see chart below). This requirement will not be waived. A team that withdraws from any championship after the tournament schedule is first published or does not have the minimum number of players available to compete for their first team match, resulting in at least one default, shall be subject to a grievance. The grievance shall include their entire championship registered roster and any non-registered players who made a commitment to participate in the championship. The fees for championships, which are assessed per player per team, will be determined administratively and announced in the specific championship information.

Division and Age Group	Minimum Number of Available Players
Adult 18 & Over 2.5W & 5.0	5
Adult 18 & Over 3.0/3.5/4.0/4.5	8
Adult 40 & Over	9
Adult 55/65 & Over	6
Mixed 18/40/55 & Over	3 Men / 3 Women
Combo 18/50 & Over	6
Tri-Level	6

2.03B Official League Championships Entry.

2.03B(1) At National Championships, a captain shall not represent more than one team in the same age group and NTRP level. The captain will be required to only represent one team and must identify which team prior to the start of the championship. All captains must be declared prior to the start of the championship.

2.03B(2) For championship play at or below the Sectional level, the Sectional Association may authorize a captain to represent more than one team.

2.03B(3) An official copy of the final USTA TEAM ROSTER FOR LEAGUES shall be submitted by the team captain or coordinator to the Championship Committee at each level of league championships prior to the deadline announced for entry into the event.

2.03C Scoring. It is recommended that all matches be the best of three tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set. The tiebreak shall be scored as one set and one game for tiebreak purposes. For championship play at or below the Sectional level, the Sectional Association may authorize the use of other USTA approved scoring methods and other scoring methods that are compatible with the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System. Other match formats include: best of three tiebreak sets with a set tiebreak at 6-all, pro-set matches, or a single set with a set or match tiebreak at 6-all. No-Ad scoring may be used with any of these scoring methods**.**

FLORIDA - 2.03C(1) Scoring, Rest and Suspended Play. All championship matches shall be the best of three tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set. The Coman tiebreak procedure shall be used for all tiebreaks. The Championship Committee may authorize any other approved USTA format or method of scoring compatible with the USTA NTRP Computer System, including no-ad and/or short scoring with the best of three tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set.

FLORIDA - 2.03C(2) Suspended Play and Rainouts. 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. The principles applied in Section regulations 2.01E(1) a-c will also be applied to Championships.

2.03D Championship Competition Formats.

2.03D(1) Championship Competition Format at Section Level Events and Below. The Sectional Association shall determine the competition, team match and scoring formats for the championship competitions.

FLORIDA - 2.03D(1) Championship Competition. For all Adult 18 & Over and Adult 40 & Over Sectional Championships, a no-ad scoring format shall be used throughout the entire event. For all other Sectional Championships, in the event the heat index is predicted to reach 105°F or higher during that Sectional, a no-ad scoring format for the entire event shall be used. Additionally, due to circumstances beyond our control, the championship format, number of team matches and scoring format may be changed by the Championship Committee. Alternate sites and court surfaces may also be used in order to complete play on schedule. Please refer to the Sectional Championships Event Guide for more information.

2.03D(1)a To establish the champion of a local league that utilized a full round robin competition under 2.01C(1), the Sectional Association shall determine the competition format for the championship competition.

2.03D(1)b To establish the champion of a local league that utilized a partial round robin competition under 2.01C(2), the competition format shall be a minimum of a single elimination playoff between the top two teams at the conclusion of the partial round robin to establish a local league champion for that NTRP level.

2.03D(2) Competition Format at National Championships. The USTA League Committee shall determine the competition, team match and scoring formats for National Championships.

2.03E Team Match and Scoring. A team match will consist of the matches as shown in the following table. The team winning the majority of individual matches will be awarded one team point at National Championships. Sectional Associations may either follow the National Championships scoring format or determine a method of awarding points in order to determine the winning team of a championship competition. For each team match, a majority of the individual matches must actually be played by the two teams to constitute a valid team match. The Championship Committee has the authority to determine the actions to take when the combination of individual match defaults given by the two teams in the team match would result in a situation where the majority of the individual matches would not be played.

2.03E(1) For Championships below the National Championships that use a four-court format, a match shall be considered valid if two courts (one of which must be #1 doubles) have been played. When only two courts are played and there is a 1-1 tie, the following tiebreak process shall be used:

a) Sets: Loser of the fewest number of sets
b) Games: Loser of the fewest number of games
c) Game Winning Percentage: Total games won divided by total games played
d) Winner of No.1 Doubles.

TEAM MATCH AND SCORING AT ALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS		
DIVISION AND AGE GROUP	**TEAM MATCH**	**ONE TEAM POINT AWARDED FOR**
Adult 18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	2-Singles 3-Doubles	3 individual matches won
Adult 40 & Over	1-Singles 4-Doubles	3 individual matches won
Adult 18 & Over 2.5 women & 5.0	1-Singles 2-Doubles	2 individual matches won
Adult 55 & Over Mixed 18 & Over Mixed 40 & Over	3-Doubles	

FLORIDA – 2.03E(1) Team Match and Scoring at all Sectional Championships.

TEAM MATCH AND SCORING AT ALL SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS		
DIVISION AND AGE GROUP	**TEAM MATCH**	**ONE TEAM POINT AWARDED FOR**
Adult 18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	2-Singles 3-Doubles	3 individual matches won
Adult 40 & Over	1-Singles 4-Doubles	3 individual matches won
Adult 18 & Over 2.5 women & 5.0	1-Singles 2-Doubles	2 individual matches won
Adult 55 & Over Mixed 18 & Over Mixed 40 & Over	3-Doubles	

FLORIDA - 2.03E(2) Official Score Reporting – Sectional Championships. USTA Florida authorizes the following: Match results must be reported by either captain in the Virtual TD app within one hour of the completion of the final individual match/position(s) in a team match. Scoring discrepancies for a team match must be communicated via the Virtual TD app within one hour of completion of the final individual match/position to be reviewed and adjusted or modified during the Sectional Championship. Scoring discrepancies communicated after the one-hour deadline will be reviewed after the Sectional Championship. Unless verification to the Section League Coordinator and League Committee Chair is established, and both concur, changes to names of players who received defaults are not permitted after the actual start time of the team match in which the default occurred.

FLORIDA - 2.03E(3) In full round robin formats, if a team defaults at least one individual match during their first team match of the Sectional Championship, the team shall default the same individual position(s) during every other match of that tier of full round robin play.

2.03F Substitutions. No substitution may be made in an individual match after the line-up has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player prior to the start of such match, and except under such further circumstances as the Championship Committee may authorize. If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five-minute warm-up.

FLORIDA - 2.03F(1) Court Assignments. Once the Captain receives the match line-up from the tournament desk, it is their responsibility to ensure that players are aware of their court assignments and opponent's name(s). It is the responsibility of the players to make sure that they are on the correct court with the proper opponent(s) prior to starting play. If an error is discovered after starting play, the match will stand as played, unless it is later determined that a player(s) misrepresented their identity.

2.03G Coaching. Coaching is not permitted. Coaching is only allowed during the 10 minute rest period if the scoring format is the best of three tiebreak sets and a 10 minute rest period is provided between the second and third sets.

2.03H Procedures in the Event of a Tie. In the event of a tie, whether in round robin or single elimination competition, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:

2.03H(1) For Sectional Championships and below, in the event of a tie, the Sectional Association has the authority to determine the order of the following procedures that will be used to break the tie. The tiebreak procedure order will be published by the Sectional Association. If a Section, District/Area or Local League does not have a regulation in place to address a tie, the Section, District/Area or Local League must follow the National Championship regulation 2.03H(2).

FLORIDA - 2.03H(1) In the event of a tie in full round robin and partial round robin formats, (when no individual or full team defaults have been recorded), USTA Florida authorizes for Sectional championships and below, that the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:

FLORIDA - 2.03H(1)a Individual Matches. Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.
FLORIDA - 2.03H(1)b Head-to-Head. Winner of head-to-head match only if all tied teams have played each other and one team defeated all the teams that are tied.
FLORIDA - 2.03H(1)c Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets.
FLORIDA - 2.03H(1)d Games. Loser of the fewest number of games.
FLORIDA - 2.03H(1)e Highest game winning percentage, as shown in TennisLink.
FLORIDA - 2.03H(1)f #1 Doubles. Winner of #1 doubles only if all teams tied have played each other and one team defeated all tied teams at #1 doubles.
FLORIDA - 2.03H(1)g #1 Doubles. Most wins at #1 doubles in the entire competition.
FLORIDA - 2.03H(1)h #2 Doubles. Most wins at #2 doubles in the entire competition.

2.03H(2) For National Championships, in the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:

2.03H(2)a Individual Matches. Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.
2.03H(2)b Head-to-Head. Winner of head-to-head match only if all tied teams have played each other and one team defeated all the teams that are tied.
2.03H(2)c Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets.
2.03H(2)d Games. Loser of the fewest number of games.
2.03H(2)e Game Winning Percentage: Total games won divided by total games played
2.03H(2)f A Method to be Determined by the Championships Committee. Procedure to be announced prior to commencement of championship competition.

2.03I Individual Defaults. An individual default occurs when a player fails to appear on time, or is disqualified by a tournament official for misconduct.

2.03J Scoring of Individual Defaults. For the purpose of determining standings, individual defaults will be scored as a 6-0, 6-0 win for the player or doubles team receiving the default and a 0-6, 0-6 loss for the player or doubles team that defaulted the match. In the event of a default by both players or doubles teams, both sides will be given a 0-6, 0-6 loss and neither receives credit for a win. If a double default results in a tie, the tiebreak procedure shall be the same as in Reg. 2.03H *Procedures In the Event of a Tie* in order to determine a winner of that team match.

2.03K Team Defaults. In all championships after local league competition, a team must have a minimum number of eligible players available for play in each team match in accordance with the following table or the entire match must be defaulted. The maximum number of positions that may be defaulted without defaulting the entire match is also noted. When defaults are necessary, the defaults shall be determined by the defaulting team captain in accordance with the following tables:

ALLOWABLE DEFAULTS AT ALL CHAMPIONSHIPS				
DIVISION	**AGE GROUP**	**MINIMUM NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE PLAYERS REQUIRED TO BE AVAILABLE PER MATCH**	**MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POSITIONS THAT CAN BE DEFAULTED**	**REQUIRED POSITION(S) AND ORDER OF MATCH DEFAULTS**
Adult	18 & Over 2.5 women & 5.0	3	1	No. 1 Singles **Or** No. 2 Doubles
	18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 (using 5-court format of 2-Singles 3-Doubles)	4	2	Singles: No. 2 Singles before No. 1 Singles Doubles: No. 3 Doubles before No. 2 Doubles, and No. 2 Doubles before No. 1 Doubles
	40 & Over 3.0, 3.5 4.0, 4.5 (using 5-court format of 1-Singles 4-Doubles)	5	2	No. 1 Singles **And/Or** Doubles: No. 4 Doubles before No. 3 Doubles, No. 3 Doubles before No. 2 Doubles
	40 & Over 3.0, 3.5 4.0, 4.5 (using 4-court Format of 1-Singles 3-Doubles)	5	1	No. 1 Singles Doubles: No. 3 Doubles before No. 2 Doubles, and No. 2 Doubles before No. 1 Doubles
Adult	55 & Over	4 players who are eligible to combine and compete	1	No. 3 Doubles
Mixed	18 & Over 40 & Over			

2.03K(1) The Championship Committee has the authority to file a grievance when multiple individual match default(s) are given by one team resulting in a situation that may materially impact the championship's standings. (See *Regulation 3.03A(7) and 3.03D(4))*

2.03L Scoring of Full Team Defaults. If a team defaults an entire team match for any reason that team is ineligible to continue play at that championship. All matches of the defaulting team already played shall be null and void when determining standings but will be used for individual player ratings and individual player advancement purposes. If all teams with a mathematical chance to advance have played the defaulting team in good faith, those matches shall stand as played when determining standings. The Sectional Association may impose further penalties on the defaulting team. If such penalties include a suspension from League play, they must follow the League Suspension Point System, including the filing of a grievance and assessment of suspension points (See *Regulation 3.03A(7) and 3.03D(4)).*

FLORIDA - 2.03L All captains/players on a championship team not playing all matches in good faith or defaulting an entire team match shall be subject to a grievance. This includes registered and non-registered players who made a commitment to participate in the championship.

2.03M Retirement. A retirement occurs when an individual match has started and a player/doubles team is unable to continue due to injury, loss of condition, emergency, or refusal to play. If a full team retirement or combination of defaults and retirements occurs, the Championship Committee has the authority to file a grievance and to follow 2.03O if authorized by the Section. The Sectional Association may impose further penalties on the defaulting team. If such penalties include a

suspension from League play, they must follow the League Suspension Point System, including the filing of a grievance and assessment of suspension points (See *Regulation 3.03A(7) and 3.03D(4)).*

2.03N Scoring of Retirements. In case of a retirement, for the purpose of determining standings, the non-retiring player/doubles team shall be credited with such number of additional games as would have been won if the match was completed and the non-retiring player/doubles team won every subsequent game. For NTRP computer data entry in TennisLink, mark as *retired* and submit actual scores of the match at the point of retirement.

2.03O Unforeseen Circumstances. Should any situation occur, which could potentially result in invalid matches or the postponement, rescheduling, or cancellation of a National Championship, a committee composed of the Tournament Director, National staff and National League Committee member(s) will determine the best course of action. This may include, but not be limited to, changes to the format, number of matches, and scoring. In certain extreme situations, National Co-Champions may be awarded. Sections may add additional language to their regulations or Championship Procedures to cover similar unforeseen circumstances.

FLORIDA - 2.03P Postponement, Rescheduling or Cancellation. Should any event occur, which potentially could result in the postponement, rescheduling, or cancellation of a championship, the Championship Committee in conjunction with the League 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, the Championship Committee in consultation with the League Committee shall determine the teams advancing to the next championship level.

2.04 NTRP DYNAMIC DISQUALIFICATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURES.

2.04A Applicability. The Regulations in this section are applicable only to the USTA League Adult and Mixed National Championship Advancing League Divisions and to the Adult 65 & Over and Mixed 55 & Over National Invitational Advancing Divisions.

2.04B NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Procedures. Dynamic ratings will be calculated for all Adult and Mixed National Championship Advancing League Division players and all Adult 65 & Over and Mixed 55 & Over National Advancing Invitational League Division players during local league competition and at every level of championship competition including National Championships to determine if any players have reached the NTRP Dynamic Disqualification criteria stated in the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System Procedures. Players subject to NTRP Dynamic Disqualification, as described in the *NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Table* will be dynamically disqualified if they reach the disqualification level three times based on all matches except retirements received.

FLORIDA - 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. Players who are NTRP dynamically disqualified will be notified by the Sectional League Coordinator or designee and have the right to a review in accordance with the procedures in Reg. 2.04C – *NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Procedures*.

FLORIDA - 2.04B(1) Local League NTRP Dynamic Disqualification. If an NTRP dynamic disqualification occurs, then in addition to those individual matches played in the local league in which the disqualification occurred, all individual matches played at the disqualified NTRP level in any other concurrent local leagues, where league dates overlap by at least one day, shall also be affected. If the local leagues are not concurrent, then only individual matches played in the local league in which the NTRP disqualification occurred shall be affected. Those individual matches played 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 while playing in any Division using combined levels, 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.

FLORIDA - 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 individual matches played by the NTRP dynamically disqualified player during the local league playoff shall be considered losses, and shall be considered wins for the opposing player or doubles team and scored as 6-0, 6-0.

2.04B(2) Championship NTRP Dynamic Disqualification. Players who are NTRP dynamically disqualified during National Championships shall be notified by the National staff, who shall follow 2.04B(2)a and 2.04C(2). Players who are NTRP dynamically disqualified during any other championship shall be notified by the Sectional League Coordinator or designee and have the right to a review in accordance with procedures in Reg. 2.04C *NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Procedures*. The Section shall choose one of the following options for NTRP Dynamic Disqualifications at each Sectional Championship and below:

2.04B(2)a Run dynamic calculations and produce ratings throughout the championship. Through the conclusion of the championship event, notify and disqualify any player who meets the criteria for NTRP Dynamic Disqualification and reverse appropriate matches played. (See *Regs. 2.04E(2)a* and *b* for championship scoring procedures when NTRP Dynamic Disqualifications are done throughout the championship competition.)

FLORIDA - 2.04B(2)a USTA Florida will run dynamic calculations and produce ratings throughout the championship. Players who have met the criteria for NTRP dynamic disqualification will be disqualified. All appropriate tier matches played by that player during that championship shall be considered losses and those matches shall be considered 6-0, 6-0 wins for the opposing player(s).

2.04B(2)b Run dynamic calculations after the conclusion of the championship and disqualify those players who meet the criteria for NTRP Dynamic Disqualification. Matches played will stand. (See *Reg. 2.04E(2)c* for championship scoring procedures when NTRP Dynamic Disqualifications are done after the conclusion of championship competition.

2.04B(3) After an NTRP Dynamic Disqualification, the player may not play at the disqualified NTRP level of play or any lower NTRP level of play in either singles or doubles for the remainder of the Championship Year and for the succeeding Championship Year including any subsequent National Championships the player is qualified for. In any Division using combined levels, the combined NTRP rating of the disqualified player and partner may not surpass the level of competition. A player who has been moved up as a result of an NTRP

Dynamic Disqualification in either the Adult or Mixed Divisions must immediately adjust their NTRP level of play in both the Adult and Mixed Divisions.

2.04B(4) Players who are NTRP dynamically disqualified may be allowed to move up and participate on another team at a higher NTRP level during that same local league season provided registration has not closed.

2.04B(5) Individuals who receive their third strike while participating in an Early Start League (ESL) must immediately adjust their NTRP level of play. Such players may not participate at the disqualified NTRP level in a previous year's championship for which they may have qualified.

2.04B(6) In the local leagues and at District/Area or Sectional Championships, if the NTRP Dynamic Disqualification of a player is not upheld by the NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Committee, a second NTRP Dynamic Disqualification will be considered if warranted by additional data.

2.04B(7) Players who are NTRP dynamically disqualified at any Adult 65 & Over or Mixed 55 & Over National Invitational will be notified by the Sectional League Coordinator or designee and have the right to a review in accordance with procedures in Reg. 2.04C NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Procedures.

2.04C NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Procedures.

Reviews are based solely on missing or incorrect data.

FLORIDA - 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)a] will not be considered for NTRP dynamic disqualification review purposes for any player who is NTRP dynamically disqualified. A request for an 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. The regulations in this section are applicable only to the 18 & Over, 40 & Over and 55 & Over Age Groups of the Adult Division.

2.04C(1) Local. If the team captain or the player disqualified in the local league desires a review of the NTRP Dynamic Disqualification, a written request must be submitted to the Sectional League Coordinator or designee asking for a review before the NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Committee of the nearest jurisdiction, within the deadline set by the administrator. The written request for a review shall be delivered by the recipient to the Chair of the NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Committee. A review shall be held as soon as reasonable.

2.04C(2) Championship. If the team captain or the player disqualified during or after the conclusion of championship competition desires a review of the disqualification, a written request must be submitted to the Tournament Director, Sectional League Coordinator or designee, asking for a review before the NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Committee of the nearest available jurisdiction within the deadline set by the Chair of the Championships Committee or designee. The written request for a review shall be delivered by the recipient to the Chair of the NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Committee. A review shall be held as soon as reasonable.

2.04D NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Committees.

2.04D(1) The Sectional Association shall appoint an NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Committee at the Sectional level and at championships below the National Championships to consider reviews of NTRP Dynamic Disqualifications. The Sectional Association may delegate such authority to the District/Area which may not be further delegated. The committees shall be appointed with the approval of their respective League Coordinator.

2.04D(2) The members of any NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Committee may be the same as, or different in whole or in part from, the members of any other Sectional, District/Area Committees or Championship Committees below the National level.

2.04D(3) The Committee Chair or designee shall immediately notify the affected players and team captains in writing of its decision.

2.04D(4) There shall be no further right of appeal of the decision of any NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Committee.

2.04D(5) The NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Committees for all local leagues and championships shall observe the review and disqualification procedures approved by the USTA League Committee.

2.04E Scoring Procedures.

2.04E(1) Local. In the event of an NTRP Dynamic Disqualification from a particular level of play, the Section shall determine and publish in its regulations what matches, if any, shall be considered losses. The disqualified matches shall be considered 6-0, 6-0 wins for the opposing player or doubles team.

2.04E(2) Championship.

2.04E(2)a NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Done Throughout Championship Competition When Using a Round Robin Format or Segment. If the Section chooses to calculate dynamic ratings and disqualify throughout the championship, all matches specific to that championship where the NTRP Dynamic Disqualification occurred shall be considered losses and those matches shall be considered 6-0, 6-0 wins for the opposing player or doubles team.

2.04E(2)b NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Done Throughout Championship Competition When Using a Single Elimination or Segment. If the Section chooses to calculate dynamic ratings and disqualify throughout the championship, the last individual match played by a dynamically disqualified player at the specific championship where the disqualification occurred shall be considered a loss and that individual match shall be considered a 6-0, 6-0 win for the opposing player or doubles team.

2.04E(2)c NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Done After Conclusion of Championship Competition. If the Section chooses to calculate dynamic ratings and disqualify after the conclusion of the championship, all points earned by dynamically disqualified players at the championship will stand but the disqualified players will not be allowed to advance.

2.05 YEAR-END NTRP COMPUTER RATINGS AND APPEAL PROCEDURES.

2.05A Applicability. Regulations in this section are applicable to the Adult and Mixed Divisions.

2.05B Year-end Computer Ratings. When year-end NTRP computer ratings are determined in accordance with the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System Procedures for players, such ratings shall be the minimum NTRP rating levels of players.

2.05B(1) A year-end NTRP computer rating is valid for three consecutive years or until a new valid NTRP level is published for players who are 59 years of age or under through the League year, except for players with a published Mixed Exclusive "M" or Tournament "T" rating who choose to participate in the Adult Division. (See *Valid Computer Ratings Table*).

FLORIDA - 2.05B(1) 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 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. (See National USTA Adult NTRP Ratings Frequently Asked Q & A for further information).

2.05B(2) A year-end NTRP computer rating is valid for two consecutive years or until a new valid NTRP level is published for players 60 years of age or older prior to or during the League year, except for players with a published Mixed Exclusive "M" or Tournament "T" rating who choose to participate in the Adult Division. (See *Valid Computer Ratings Table*).

2.05B(3) Early Start League players must abide by the following procedures when they receive a year-end computer rating that places them at a higher NTRP level at which they are competing:

2.05B3(a) Players who are found to have valid computer ratings, after the appeal process, that place them at the *clearly above level* mark must immediately adjust to their new NTRP level. Prior team matches played are valid.

2.05B3(b) Players who are found to have valid computer ratings, after the appeal process, that place them at a higher level at which they are competing may continue their participation at the lower NTRP level through the conclusion of any Early Start League in progress or until such other date or championship level as determined by the Section. They shall not be permitted to advance to any National Championship at the lower NTRP level. Prior team matches played are valid.

FLORIDA - 2.05B(3)b 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. Year-end NTRP valid computer rating levels may be appealed or denied through TennisLink except for 2.05D *Medical Appeals*. **A dynamically disqualified player is ineligible for appeal.**

FLORIDA - 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. If an intervening, permanently disabling injury or illness indicates that a player's current NTRP computer rating level may be too high, the player may request a medical appeal of such rating level in accordance with *USTA League NTRP Medical Appeal Procedures – Questions and Answers*

FLORIDA - 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.

2.05D(1) Each Sectional Association shall designate a Medical Review Committee(s) to evaluate medical appeals. The members of the Committee are to be approved by the Sectional League Coordinator.

2.05D(2) The Section designated Medical Review Committee shall have the authority to deny the appeal and such decision shall be final and binding. If said Committee deems the medical appeal should have further consideration, it will be forwarded to the National Medical Appeal Committee for a final decision.

2.05D(3) The Chair of the USTA League Committee shall appoint a National Medical Appeal Committee to evaluate all medical appeals forwarded from the Sectional Associations. No member of the National Medical Appeal Committee shall have been a member of the Section designated Medical Review Committee who forwarded the medical appeal.

2.05D(4) The National Medical Appeal Committee shall have the authority to either grant or deny the appeal. All decisions of the Committee are final and binding.

2.05D(5) An NTRP rating level received from a granted medical appeal will be valid until a new NTRP computer rating level is published or the player is eligible to self-rate.

2.05E Age Related Appeals of Players 60 or Over. A player may appeal their rating at any time if they have reached the minimum age.

A player who will reach the minimum age during the next calendar year and appeals their rating without registering at the same time for a team that will begin play in the next Championship Year, will have their appeal evaluated based on their current age.

A player who will reach the minimum age during the next calendar year and appeals their rating when registering for a team that will begin play in the next Championship Year, will have their appeal evaluated based on reaching the minimum age. Such player shall have reached the required minimum age prior to or during the calendar year in which such player participates in their first local league per 1.04E(3).

2.06 MOVE-UP/SPLIT-UP.

2.06A National Championship Teams.

2.06A(1): Move-Up – Teams and team members that advanced to, or qualified for, any National Championship may play together as a team, in whole or in part, if they move up one NTRP team level.

2.06A(1)a: A majority of the team members that advance to, or qualified for a National Championship, must move up in order to be exempt from the 40% designated level requirement for a two team league. See regulation 1.04D(5).

2.06A(2): Split-Up – No more than three (3) players who were on the roster of any team that advanced to, or qualified for, any National Championship team the previous year may play together in the same Division, same Age Group and at the same NTRP team level as the National Championship team(s), if their NTRP rating allows. Split-Up requirements only apply to all players other than Self-Rated and Valid Computer Rated Appealed Players who participated in three (3) or more matches (one default received shall count) and Self-Rated and Valid Computer Rated Appealed players who participated in at least four matches (no default received shall count), for that team during the championship year.

2.06A(3): If a Section has a regulation that limits the number of players on a roster that are at a specific level, the Section must suspend that regulation for one year for any team in the same Division, same Age Group that advanced to, or qualified for, any National Championship the previous year and chooses to move up one NTRP team level.

2.06B Section Options for Move-Up/Split-Up.

2.06B(1) All Championships Below Nationals. Sections shall have the right to decide whether a team who competes at any championship level below the National Championships must move-up or disperse to form new teams for the next championship year and under what conditions.

2.06B(2) Sections shall have the option to restrict crossover between Adult and Mixed Divisions and/or between some or all Age Groups notwithstanding Section 2.06A.

2.07 CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYERS.

A championship player's computer rating generated as a result of play in the Adult 18 & Over and Adult 40 & Over Sectional or National Championships may not be appealed down after the Championship Year it is received except as in Reg. 2.05D *Medical Appeals* and Reg. 2.05E *Age Related Appeals of Players 60 or Over*.

3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES.

The Regulations in 3.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES shall apply to all USTA League Divisions.

3.01 ADMINISTRATION. All grievances within the USTA League shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of this section.

3.01A Grievance Committees.

3.01A(1) Local. Each local league shall appoint a Local League Grievance Committee.

3.01A(2) Sectional and District/Area. Each Sectional Association shall appoint a Sectional Association League Grievance Committee and each District/Area shall appoint a District/Area League Grievance Committee.

3.01A(3) Championships Grievance Committees.

3.01A(3)a Sectional and District/Area Championships. Each Sectional Association shall appoint a Sectional Association League Championship Grievance Committee and each District/Area shall appoint a District/Area League Championship Grievance Committee.

3.01A(3)b National Championships. The Chair of the USTA League Committee shall appoint National League Championship Grievance Committees. The members may be the same as, or different in whole or in part from, the members of the National League Championship Committees.

3.01B Grievance Appeal Committees. No member of a Grievance Committee may serve as a member of a Grievance Appeal Committee that is considering an appeal of a grievance that was adjudicated by the Grievance Committee on which that person served.

3.01B(1) Local. Each local league shall appoint a Local League Grievance Appeal Committee.

3.01B(2) Section and District/Area. Each Sectional Association shall appoint a Sectional Association League Grievance Appeal Committee and each District/Area shall appoint a District/Area League Grievance Appeal Committee.

3.01B(3) National. The Chair of the USTA League Committee shall appoint a National League Grievance Appeal Committee.

3.01B(4) Championship Grievance Appeal Committees.

3.01B(4)a Section and District/Area Championships. Each Sectional Association shall appoint a Sectional Association League Championship Grievance Appeal Committee and each District/Area shall appoint a District/Area League Championship Grievance Appeal Committee.

3.01B(4)b National Championships. The Chair of the USTA League Committee shall appoint National League Championship Grievance Appeal Committees. The members may be the same as, or different in whole or in part from, the members of the National League Championship Committees.

3.02 GRIEVANCE TYPES.

3.02A General Grievance. Any grievance, other than those defined in Regulation 3.02B *Administrative Grievance*, 3.02C *National League Grievance,* 3.02D *Eligibility Grievance* and 3.02E *NTRP Grievance*, alleging a violation of (i) the USTA Constitution and Bylaws; (ii) the USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS; (iii) the FRIEND AT COURT – *The USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations* including THE CODE and Wheelchair Rules of Tennis (unless modified by these USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS); (iv) any other USTA regulations (unless modified by these USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS); or (v) the standards of good conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship, shall constitute a General Grievance.

3.02B Administrative Grievance. Any grievance pertaining to administration of the League Program at any level shall constitute an Administrative Grievance. Captains and committee members are not subject to Administrative Grievances.

3.02C National League Grievance. The only National League Grievance that can be filed is an Administrative Grievance against the National League Administrator**.**

3.02D Eligibility Grievance. Any grievance, other than an NTRP Grievance, contending that a player and/or team has failed to meet eligibility requirements to participate in the USTA League, shall constitute an Eligibility Grievance.

3.02E NTRP Grievance. Any grievance contending that a player failed to self-rate in accordance with the USTA guidelines or omitted information regarding the player's history shall constitute an NTRP Grievance. (See *Reg. 3.03E(1) Players Subject to NTRP Grievances.*)

3.03 GRIEVANCES.

3.03A General Procedures.

3.03A(1) Any grievance alleging a violation of (i) the USTA Constitution and Bylaws; (ii) the USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS; (iii) the FRIEND AT COURT – *The USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations* including The Code and Wheelchair Rules of Tennis (unless modified by these USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS); (iv) any other USTA regulations (unless modified by these USTA LEAGUE REGULATIONS); or (v) the standards of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship, shall be filed in writing with the USTA League Grievance Committee responsible for enforcement. Exceptions to filing a grievance with the USTA League Grievance Committee responsible for enforcement are noted in Regs. 3.03A(3) and 3.03A(4) regarding filing a grievance against a Sectional League Coordinator or the National League Administrator and in Regs 3.03B(3)a regarding eligibility.

3.03A(2) An Administrative Grievance at the District/Area level or below shall be filed at the next level with the Sectional Association being the final authority. An Administrative Grievance may be filed by a captain, Local, District/Area League Coordinator, Sectional League Coordinator or a member of a Championship Committee. An Administrative Grievance shall be filed within 90 days of the incident leading to the grievance, or the grievance shall be barred.

FLORIDA - 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 League Grievance Subcommittee.

3.03A(3) Any Administrative Grievance against a Sectional League Coordinator shall be filed in writing to the committee or sub-group appointed by the Sectional Association to oversee the section league program. The decision of the committee or sub-group appointed by the Sectional Association shall be final and binding.

FLORIDA - 3.03A(3) An administrative grievance against the Sectional League Coordinator and/or a section-level league coordinator shall be filed in writing with the Chair of the section's League Committee. The decision of the section's League Committee shall be final and binding.

3.03A(4) Any Administrative Grievance against the National League Administrator shall be filed in writing with the USTA League Committee. The decision of the USTA League Committee shall be final and binding. An Administrative Grievance against the National League Administrator shall be filed within 90 days of the incident leading to the grievance, or the grievance shall be barred.

3.03A(5) Any grievance with regard to any aspect of the USTA League, except those governed by Regs. 3.03A(3) or 3.03A(4) regarding a grievance against a Sectional League Coordinator or the National League Administrator, or in Reg. 3.03B(3)a regarding eligibility, shall be processed through the USTA League Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees at the appropriate level (i.e., Local, District/Area, Sectional or National). Decisions of Grievance Appeal Committees shall be final and binding except with regard to suspensions of individuals or teams for a period of 12 months or more. (See *Reg. 3.04B(4)*)

3.03A(6) Any grievance against an individual or team may only be filed by (a) the team captain of the team who has competed in the match where the alleged violation occurred, (b) a league coordinator or (c) a member of a Championship Committee, except for Administrative Grievances, Eligibility Grievances and NTRP Grievances, which may be filed as stated in *Regs. 3.03A(2), 3.03B(3), 3.03C(3) and 3.03E(2)*.

3.03A(7) Regardless of any other regulation, a league coordinator or a member of a Championship Committee may file a grievance at any time, except for Administrative Grievances and NTRP Grievances. (See *Regs. 3.03A(2) and 3.03E(3)).*

3.03A(8) Play During Grievance Procedures. An individual or team may continue to play during a grievance investigation and hearing but must understand that if upheld, all matches played during that time may be reversed.

3.03B Local League Procedures.

3.03B(1) Any grievance alleging a violation by an individual or team during local league competition shall be filed in writing with the Local or District/Area League Coordinator or designee having jurisdiction. The grievance must be filed prior to the commencement of whichever occurs first: (a) the involved team's next match in that flight, whether or not the involved player participates or (b) within 24 hours after the end of the local league season, except for Administrative Grievances (See Reg. 3.03A(2), Eligibility Grievances (See *Reg. 3.03B(3)*, and NTRP Grievances (See *Reg. 3.03E(3*)).

FLORIDA - 3.03B(1) All General Grievances filed during local league competition must include a $100 credit card payment. The filing fee will be returned if the grievance is upheld or at the discretion of the USTA Florida League Grievance Committee. There is no charge for filing an Administrative, Eligibility or NTRP Grievance.

3.03B(2) Upon receipt of the grievance, the Local or District/Area League Coordinator or designee shall immediately send a copy to the Chair of the appropriate League Grievance Committee, or other Committee as designated in these USTA League Regulations, and to the party(ies) against whom the grievance has been filed.

3.03B(3) Any grievance regarding failure to meet eligibility requirements may be filed by a team captain, league coordinator or member of a Championship Committee at any time.

3.03B(3)a For eligibility matters of simple fact (e.g., age, USTA membership, TennisLink registration, misrepresented name or domicile, violation of grievance or grievance appeal decision), a Section League Coordinator may declare a player ineligible, disqualify that player and reverse matches in accordance with 3.03B(4) and 3.03C(4) without filing a grievance. If a player wishes to dispute any actions under this section, the player's captain may file an administrative grievance against the applicable coordinator. In addition, players may be subject to a grievance and suspension points as outlined under the League Suspension Point System.

3.03B(3)b All other grievances must go to the appropriate League Grievance Committee or other Committee as designated in these USTA League Regulations.

3.03B(4) Scoring of Eligibility Disqualification in Local League. In the event of an eligibility disqualification during the local league season and up to a maximum of 14 days after the end of the local league season, but prior to any playoff, all matches played by the disqualified player shall be considered defaults and those matches shall be considered wins for the opposing players or doubles teams and scored 6-0, 6-0 for determining standings. Sections must determine the timeframe between 24 hours and 14 days. The ineligible player will not be allowed to continue or advance. In case of an eligibility disqualification in single elimination, the last individual match played by the disqualified player shall be considered a win for the opposing player or doubles team and scored 6-0, 6-0 for determining standings. If a double disqualification results in a tie, the local tiebreak procedure shall be used to determine the winner of the team match.

If no such local tiebreak procedure exists, Reg. 2.03H Procedures in the Event of a Tie shall be used in order to determine a winner of the team match.

FLORIDA - 3.03B(4) If an eligibility disqualification occurs up to 14 days after the end of the local league season, all matches played by the disqualified player shall be considered defaults and those matches shall be considered wins for the opposing players or doubles teams and scored 6-0, 6-0 for determining standings.

3.03C Championship Procedures.

3.03C(1) Any grievance alleging a violation during championship competition shall be in writing and delivered to the duly appointed site director or designee prior to whichever occurs first: (a) within 30 minutes of the completion of the involved team's match or (b) the commencement of the involved team's next match, whether or not the involved player participates, except for Administrative Grievances (See *Reg. 3.03A(2)),* Eligibility Grievances (See *Reg. 3.03B(3))* and NTRP Grievances (See Reg. 3.03E(3)).

FLORIDA - 3.03C(1) All General Grievances filed at a championship must include a $100 credit card payment. The filing fee will be returned if the grievance is upheld or at the discretion of the USTA Florida League Grievance Committee. Unless otherwise determined by the Championship Committee, General Grievances received during a championship will not be processed until after the conclusion of the event. There is no charge for filing an Administrative, Eligibility, or NTRP Grievance.

3.03C(2) At the time a grievance is filed, a copy of the grievance shall be sent by the Championship Committee to the party(ies) against whom the grievance has been made.

3.03C(3) Any grievance regarding failure to meet eligibility requirements may be filed by a team captain, league coordinator or member of a Championship Committee at any time.

3.03C(4) Scoring of Eligibility Disqualification for Championships.

3.03C(4)a Eligibility Disqualification That Occurs Prior To a Championship Event. In the event of an eligibility disqualification before the deadline established by the Section in 3.03B(4) in a round robin format, all matches played by the disqualified player shall be considered defaults and those matches shall be considered wins for the opposing players or doubles teams and scored 6-0, 6-0 for determining standings. The team will remain eligible to participate, subject to the adjusted standings, but the ineligible player will not be allowed to continue or advance.

In the event of an eligibility disqualification before the deadline established by the Section in 3.03B(4) in a single elimination format, the last individual match played by the disqualified player shall be considered a win for the opposing player or doubles team and scored 6-0, 6-0 for determining standings. The team will remain eligible to participate, subject to the adjusted standings, but the ineligible player will not be allowed to continue or advance. If a double disqualification results in a tie, the local tiebreak procedure shall be used to determine the winner of the team match.

In the event of an eligibility disqualification after the deadline established by the Section in 3.03B(4), the team will remain eligible to participate and retain points received up to the disqualification, but the ineligible player will not be allowed to continue or advance.

3.03C(4)b Eligibility Disqualification That Occurs During a Championship Event When Using a Round Robin Format or Segment. In the event of an eligibility disqualification in a round robin format during the championship event, the player will not be allowed to continue or advance on that team and all matches played by the player shall be considered losses and those matches shall be considered wins for the opposing players or doubles teams and scored 6-0, 6-0 for determining standings. If a double disqualification results in a tie, the tiebreak procedure shall be the same as in Reg. 2.03H *Procedures in the Event of a Tie,* in order to determine a winner of that team match.

3.03C(4)c Eligibility Disqualification That Occurs During a Championship Event When Using a Single Elimination Format or Segment. In case of a disqualification in single elimination format during the championship event, the player will not be allowed to continue or advance on that team and the last individual match played by the player shall be considered a win for the opposing player or doubles team and scored 6-0, 6-0 for determining standings. If a double disqualification results in a tie, the tiebreak procedure shall be the same as in Reg.2.03H *Procedures in the Event of a Tie,* in order to determine a winner of that team match.

3.03C(4)d Eligibility Disqualification That Occurs After the Conclusion of a Championship Event. In the event of an eligibility disqualification after the conclusion of a championship event, the team will remain eligible to participate and retain points received up to the disqualification, but the ineligible player will not be allowed to continue or advance.

3.03 D Grievance Committee Action.

3.03D(1) Upon the receipt of a grievance and as soon as reasonable, the League Grievance Committee shall investigate the alleged violation as it deems appropriate. Parties are entitled to review all information provided to support any grievance, except to the extent that the League Grievance Committee has determined that the information is privileged or confidential. If the Committee deems necessary, it shall arrange for a hearing at which the parties involved shall have the opportunity to present evidence.

3.03D(1)a A USTA local League Grievance Committee may refer a grievance to the Sectional League Grievance Committee for resolution.

3.03D(2) The USTA League Grievance Committee shall have the power to dismiss or deny the grievance or to direct the correction of any violations by reasonable means, including the suspension of an individual or team. This is applicable to any party to the grievance as long as such party has been given the opportunity to review and present evidence.

3.03D(3) The USTA League Grievance Committee shall prepare a written decision setting forth the basis for its decision and the deadline for any written appeal and promptly send copies to the parties involved. The date the decision is sent by the League Grievance Committee will be the effective date of any penalty imposed.

3.03D(4) The decision of the USTA League Grievance Committee, excluding for an Administrative Grievance, shall conform to the USTA League Suspension Point System, which shall be established prior to each League Year by the USTA National League Committee.

3.03E NTRP Grievances.

3.03E(1) Players Subject to NTRP Grievances.

3.03E(1)a Any player who has failed to self-rate in accordance with the USTA guidelines or omitted information regarding the player's history is subject to an NTRP Grievance; in the case of Computer (C), Mixed (M), and Automatic Appeal (A) rated players, such NTRP Grievances much be filed within three years from the date of their most recent self-rate questionnaire.

3.03E(1)b If an NTRP Grievance Committee determines that the self-rated player has an inaccurate or inappropriate self-rating, the player shall be disqualified and have their NTRP level adjusted by the NTRP Grievance Committee. Scoring of matches played by the disqualified player, per Reg. 3.03E(6), may be administered in accordance with Reg. 3.03B(4) Scoring of Eligibility Disqualification in Local League and Reg. 3.03C(4) Scoring of Eligibility Disqualification for Championships.

3.03E(1)c The NTRP Grievance Committee may impose other penalties against a player who has inappropriately self-rated, under the League Suspension Point System. Also, a captain or others who have completed, assisted, condoned or approved inappropriate self-rating will be subject to such penalties as the NTRP Grievance Committee may decide, under the League Suspension Point System.

3.03E(2) Any league captain, coordinator or member of a Championship Committee may file an NTRP Grievance.

3.03E(3) NTRP Grievances may be filed against a player at any time. NTRP Grievances will be adjudicated after National Championships.

3.03E(4) Local League Competition. NTRP Grievances shall be filed in writing with the Local/District/Area League Coordinator or designee having jurisdiction. NTRP Grievances shall be administered by the Sectional League NTRP Grievance Committee of the player against whom the NTRP Grievance was filed.

3.03E(5) Championship Competition. NTRP Grievances shall be filed in writing with the duly appointed site director or designee having jurisdiction. NTRP Grievances shall be administered by the Sectional League NTRP Grievance Committee of the player against whom the NTRP Grievance was filed. Each Section shall have the option to adjudicate NTRP Grievances prior to, during or after a championship event.

3.03E(6) NTRP Grievance disqualifications occur when the Sectional League NTRP Grievance Committee reaches such decision and sends notification to the parties involved. The date and time that the Sectional League NTRP Grievance Committee sends notification controls the assessment of penalties, including the scoring of matches, which may be administered in accordance with USTA League Regulations 3.03B(4) *Scoring of Eligibility Disqualification in Local League* and 3.03C(4) *Scoring of Eligibility Disqualification for Championships.*

3.03E(7) After an NTRP Grievance Disqualification, the player may not play at the disqualified NTRP level of play or any lower NTRP level of play in either singles or doubles for the remainder of the Championship Year and for the succeeding Championship Year. In any Division using combined levels, the combined NTRP rating of the disqualified player and partner may not surpass the maximum permitted combined level for that Division. A player who has been moved up as a result of an NTRP Grievance Disqualification in either the Adult or Mixed Divisions must immediately adjust their NTRP level of play in both the Adult and Mixed Divisions.

3.03E(8) After an NTRP Grievance Disqualification in an Early Start League (ESL), the player must immediately adjust their NTRP level of play. The player may not participate at the disqualified NTRP level in a previous year's championship for which the player may have qualified.

3.03E(9) The Sectional League NTRP Grievance Committee decision may be appealed in accordance with USTA League Regulation 3.04 *GRIEVANCE APPEALS*.

3.04 GRIEVANCE APPEALS.

3.04A General Procedures.

3.04A(1) Any party(ies) to the grievance may appeal the decision of the Grievance Committee within the time fixed by the Grievance Committee. Upon receipt of an appeal of the decision of the Grievance Committee, the Grievance Appeal Committee shall act promptly to resolve the appeal.

3.04A(2) The party(ies) appealing shall file a written notice of appeal with the appropriate coordinator or designee, who shall send it to the Chair of the appropriate Grievance Appeal Committee, the Chair of the Grievance Committee whose decision is being appealed, the Local, District or Sectional League Coordinator, and to the other party(ies) involved in the grievance.

3.04A(3) The party(ies) appealing shall have an opportunity to submit, in writing, facts and arguments in support of their respective positions. All information submitted shall be provided to all parties.

3.04A(4) Play During Grievance Appeal Procedures.

3.04A(4)a If the grievance was upheld, the individual is subject to all penalties imposed by the Grievance Committee during the appeal process.

3.04A(4)b If the grievance was dismissed or denied and then appealed, the party(ies) may participate during the appeal process but must understand that the decision of the Grievance Committee may be remanded for reconsideration.

3.04B Grievance Appeal Committee Action.

3.04B(1) The Grievance Appeal Committee shall not be required to hold any hearing except as provided in Reg. 3.04B(2). Its decision may be based entirely on the findings of fact by the Grievance Committee whose decision is being appealed and on the facts and arguments submitted in writing by the party(ies) to the appeal.

3.04B(2) If the Grievance Committee did not hold a hearing, the Grievance Appeal Committee shall do so, provided any party involved in the grievance so requests in writing. However, the committee may hear such further evidence as it, in its absolute discretion, deems appropriate.

3.04B(3) The Grievance Appeal Committee shall have the power to affirm, modify, remand for cause, or reject the decision of the Grievance Committee. The Grievance Appeal Committee shall not impose a harsher penalty than that imposed by the Grievance Committee. For the purpose of clarification, should the Grievance Committee elect to not impose a penalty, the Grievance Appeal Committee may not impose a penalty; however, the Grievance Appeal Committee may, for cause, remand the matter to the original Grievance Committee or a new Grievance Committee for reconsideration. The grievance and appeals process shall restart on remanded appeals.

> 3.04B(3)(a) On appeal, unless new information is received, the Grievance Appeal Committee's review shall be limited to whether the Grievance Committee erred in applying the facts, the regulations, the Suspension Point Table, the proper procedures or acted arbitrarily in its decision.

3.04B(4) A copy of the Grievance Appeal Committee's written decision setting forth the basis of its decision shall be promptly sent to all parties. Such decisions shall be final and binding. The following exception shall apply: any individual or team suspended by any Local, District/Area, or Sectional Grievance Appeal Committee for a period of 12 months or more may appeal the final decision of the Grievance Appeal Committee to the National League Grievance Appeal Committee within the deadline established by the Grievance Appeal Committee.

3.04C National League Grievance Appeal Committee Action.

3.04C(1) The National League Suspension Group (Chair and Vice Chair of the USTA League Committee and Chair of the National League Regulation Subcommittee) serves as the National League Grievance Appeal Committee and shall hear appeals from individuals/teams suspended for a period of 12 months or more by a Local, District/Area, or Sectional League Grievance Appeal Committee. Upon receipt of an appeal of the decision of the Grievance Appeal Committee, the National League Grievance Appeal Committee shall act promptly to resolve the appeal.

3.04C(2) The National League Grievance Appeal Committee shall have the power to conduct such investigation as deemed necessary by the Committee in its absolute discretion and to affirm, modify, remand for cause or reject the decision of the Grievance Appeal Committee, but may not impose a harsher penalty. (*See Reg. 3.04B(3)*.) However, the National League Grievance Appeal Committee may, for cause, remand the matter to the original Grievance Committee or a new Grievance Committee for reconsideration.

3.04C(3) A copy of the National League Grievance Appeal Committee's written decision setting forth the basis of its decision shall be promptly sent to all parties. Such decision shall be final and binding.

3.05 GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR GRIEVANCE AND GRIEVANCE APPEAL COMMITTEES.

3.05A Teleconference Participation. If one or more members of a Grievance Committee or Grievance Appeal Committee cannot be present at a hearing, such members may, at the discretion of the chair, participate by means of a telephone conference call, video teleconferencing, or other

approved remote participation. If any witness cannot be present at a hearing to present evidence, such witness may, at the discretion of the chair, be permitted to do so by means of a telephone conference call, video teleconferencing or other approved remote participation.

3.05B Written Requirement. The requirement that a notice or other document be in writing is satisfied if it is sent by mail, fax, e-mail or equivalent communication.

FLORIDA – SECTIONAL (NON-NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP) LEAGUE PROGRAMS

5.01

This table applies to all Florida non-national leagues that advance to a Sectional and/or a National Invitational including, but is not limited to: Combo, Tri-Level, Adult 65 & Over, and Mixed 55 & Over Leagues.		
To advance to a Sectional Championship		
	Local Matches Required	Defaults That Count
Computer-rated (C)	2	1
Self-rated (S) and Computer-rated Appealed Players (A)	2	No defaults shall count
RETIRED matches shall count for all players		

5.02 – Championship play. For a given Local League Championship year, in any Local League Championship play that begins after the date year-end rating are published in TennisLink, a player shall complete at the rating at which that player originally registered for the League unless that player:

1) received a valid year-end Computer rating at the "clearly above level" mark, or

2) was promoted two or more NTRP levels as a result of the current year-end rating, or

3) has been dynamically disqualified under the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System.

If a player meets any of the above criteria (1, 2, or 3), that player shall play at their new rating in any Local League Championship play.

5.50 MIXED Division - 55 & OVER AGE GROUP
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 this 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 Entry. Players participating exclusively in these leagues who do not have a valid computer rating (C) or mixed exclusive rating (M) will need to self-rate.

5.53 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.

5.54 Levels of Play. 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

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

5.56 Disqualification Procedures. If dynamically disqualified while playing in concurrent local leagues, then all individual matches played by the dynamically disqualified player shall be considered losses if the partnership exceeds the stated level of play. After the dynamic disqualification, if the combined NTRP ratings of the players does not exceed the allowed rating in any individual match, that match shall stand as played. The player, upon receiving notification, shall compete at the higher level.

6.50 ADULT Division - 65 & OVER AGE GROUP
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 Entry. Players participating exclusively in these leagues who do not have a valid computer rating (C) will need to self-rate.

6.53 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.

6.54 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.

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

6.56 Disqualification Procedures. If dynamically disqualified while playing in concurrent local leagues, then all individual matches played by the dynamically disqualified player shall be considered losses if the partnership exceeds the stated level of play. After the dynamic disqualification, if the combined NTRP ratings of the players does not exceed the allowed rating in any individual match, that match shall stand as played. The player, upon receiving notification, shall compete at the higher level.

6.57 Year-end Rating. A player playing exclusively in this league will generate a year-end rating.

6.58 Move-Up. Teams and team members who advanced to, or qualified for, the Adult 65 & Over National Invitational may play together as a team, in whole or in part, if they move up one NTRP team level.

6.59 Split-Up. No more than 50% of the players on the roster of any team that advanced to, or qualified for, the Adult 65 & Over National Invitational the previous year may play together in Adult 65 & Over at the same NTRP team level as the National Invitational team(s), if their NTRP rating allows. These Split-Up requirements only apply to players who participated in at least two matches (one default received shall count), for that team during the championship year.

6.60 Roster Limit Allowance. If an area has a regulation that limits the number of players on a roster at a specific level, the area must suspend that regulation for one year for any team that advanced to, or qualified for, the Adult 65 & Over National Invitational the previous year and chooses to move up one NTRP team level.

7.50 ADULT Division - 70 & OVER AGE GROUP

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.

7.52 Entry. Players participating exclusively in these leagues who do not have a valid computer rating (C) will need to self-rate.

7.53 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.

7.54 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.

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

7.56 Disqualification Procedures. If dynamically disqualified while playing in concurrent local leagues, then all individual matches played by the dynamically disqualified player shall be considered losses if the partnership exceeds the stated level of play. After the dynamic disqualification, if the combined NTRP ratings of the players does not exceed the allowed rating in any individual match, that match shall stand as played. The player, upon receiving notification, shall compete at the higher level.

7.57 Year-end Rating. A player playing exclusively in this league will not generate a year-end rating.

8.50 COMBO Division –18 & OVER AND 50 & OVER AGE GROUPS

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 Combo 18 & Over shall be 18. The minimum age for participation in Combo 50 & Over 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 Entry. Players participating exclusively in the Combo division who do not have a valid computer rating (C), a Mixed Exclusive (M) or a Tournament (T) will need to self-rate.

8.53 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.

8.54 Levels of Play. A combined NTRP rating format is used to determine the level of play. In Combo 18 & Over, the combined levels of play are 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5 and 10.5. In Combo 50 & Over, 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

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

8.56 Disqualification Procedures. If dynamically disqualified while playing in concurrent local leagues, then all individual matches played by the dynamically disqualified player shall be considered losses. The player, upon receiving notification, shall compete at the higher level.

8.57 Year-end Rating. A player playing exclusively in the Combo division will generate a year-end rating if they play a minimum of three (3) matches: no defaults counting.

8.58 Sectional Championships. 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 the winning team(s) declared after the completion of the round robin competition, within 45 days after the last originally scheduled local league match.

Championships beyond the local level will be determined administratively. If an area consists of fifteen (15) or more teams in a single season league flight offering in an Adult or Mixed Division, Age Group, NTRP level, Gender then two (2) teams will be eligible to advance to the next level of Championship competition representing the area. Each area may only advance a maximum of two (2) teams per level.

A wildcard team(s) may be added from the areas with the next three highest participation levels. If needed, the wildcard team(s) may be added up to the date of schedule publication.

In order to advance to a Local League Playoff all players must have played in two (2) matches, one of which may be a default. In order to advance to the Combo Sectional Championship, Computer-rated (C) players must have played in two (2) matches, one of which may be a default, and Self-rated (S) and Computer-rated Appealed (A) players must have played in two (2) matches, no defaults counting. A retired match shall count for all players involved.

9.50 FLORIDA TRI-LEVEL Division
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 Tri-Level 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 Entry. Players participating exclusively in the Tri-Level division who do not have a Computer NTRP rating (C), a Mixed Exclusive (M) or a Tournament (T) will need to self-rate.

9.53 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. A minimum of two (2) players are required to be at level for each designated level.

9.54 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. A valid Computer rating (C) is required for advancement to the USTA Tri-Level National Invitational.

9.55 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 individual doubles matches.

9.56 Disqualification Procedures. If dynamically disqualified while playing in concurrent local leagues, then all individual matches played by the dynamically disqualified player shall be considered losses. The player, upon receiving notification, shall compete at the higher level.

9.57 Year-end Rating. A player playing exclusively in the Tri-Level division will generate a year-end rating if they play a minimum of three (3) matches: no defaults counting.

9.58 Sectional Championships. 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 the winning team(s) declared after the completion of the round robin competition, within 45 days after the last originally scheduled local league match.

Championships beyond the local level will be determined administratively. If an area consists of fifteen (15) or more teams in a single season league flight offering in an Adult or Mixed Division, Age Group, NTRP level, Gender then two (2) teams will be eligible to advance to the next level of Championship competition representing the area. Each area may only advance a maximum of two (2) teams per level.

A wildcard team(s) may be added from the areas with the next three highest participation levels. If needed, the wildcard team(s) may be added up to the date of schedule publication.

In order to advance to a Local League Playoff all players must have played in two (2) matches, one of which may be a default. In order to advance to the Tri-Level Sectional Championship, Computer-rated (C) players must have played in two (2) matches, one of which may be a default, and Self-rated (S) and Computer-rated Appealed (A) players must have played in two (2) matches, no defaults counting. A retired match shall count for all players involved.

9.59 Move Up/Split Up. There is no move up/split up rule for the Tri-Level division.

GLOSSARY

Area: See District.
Appeal: Request for reconsideration of a previous decision, determination or finding.
Championship Level: Any USTA League competition held after local league competition.
Championship Year: The timeframe beginning with the first local league including Early Start League and ending with the conclusion of the National Championship.
Coman Tiebreak Procedure: An alternative procedure that may be used with the Set Tiebreak or Match Tiebreak where ends are changed after the first point, then after every four points, and at the end of the Tiebreak. The scoring is the same as a traditional Set or Match Tiebreak. Beneficial in doubles as players continue to serve from the same side as during the set. (See F*RIEND AT COURT – Part 3: USTA Reg. I.E.(1)c.*)
Competition Format: Round robin, unflighted, single elimination or a combination of these.
Computer Rating: A rating assigned to players that reflects level of ability.
Competitive: A match where the outcome is unpredictable.
Compatible: A match where the outcome is predictable, with the higher rated player winning routinely.
Default: When a player or team fails to appear or is removed by an administrator or tournament official for misconduct or violation of regulations.
Disqualification: Action taken to remove from a team, a player deemed ineligible to participate.
District: Geographic boundaries fixed by a Sectional Association within their Section that represents a subdivision of the Sectional Association. This term may be interchanged with the terms Area, State, Region and Territory**.**
District/Area/Local League Coordinator: The person(s) appointed by the Sectional Association, District Association, or Designee as the individual(s) responsible for the implementation and administration of the USTA League. Specific titles are at the discretion of Sections, Districts, or Designee(s) and may vary.
Division: National League Programs (Adult and Mixed) offered and administered by the USTA and any other USTA League sanctioned program offered in a Section, District or Area, identified as part of TennisLink and entered as part of the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System.
Domicile: A legal concept involving residency. It is that place where a person has a true, fixed permanent home or that person's home for the indefinite future. A person can only have one domicile at a time.
Dynamic Rating: A rating associated with a player that has the potential to change with every match played by the player.
Early Start League: A local league season that commences prior to January 1 of the League Year.
Eligibility: Requirements to play.
Flight: A group of teams competing at a specified NTRP level within a local league or championship competition where every team in that group plays every other team to declare a winner. When flights are established, a playoff must be held at championship level to determine a champion in that NTRP level.
Forfeits: See Default
Full Round Robin: Each team plays every other team in its flight.
Grievance: A written formal complaint regarding an alleged violation of a regulation or procedure.
Inaccurate self-rating: A self-rating that occurred as a result of no willful intent on behalf of the player whether by the player or one acting on behalf of the player (i.e., captain, coach, etc.).
Inappropriate self-rating: A self-rating that occurred as a result of willful intent to misrepresent a player's level of play, whether by the player or one who condones or acts on behalf of the player (i.e., captain, coach, etc.).
Individual Match: Any singles or doubles match played as part of a team match.
Invalid Match: A team match where a majority of individual matches aren't played due to defaults and/or retirements given by one or both teams. In this case, neither team will be awarded the match result for advancement purposes.
League Coordinator: A person appointed or hired to implement and administer USTA Leagues.
League Progression: Local league team winners have the opportunity to advance through District/Area, Sectional and National Championships competition.
Level of Play: NTRP skill levels offered in the USTA League Program.
Local: Geographic boundaries fixed by a District within their District.
Local League: A team competition in a specified geographical area that applies specific local league regulations and consists of NTRP level(s) with a minimum of two or more teams per NTRP level. A local league may choose to divide any or all NTRP levels into flights. Where flights are used, a local playoff structure may be established to determine a champion.
Local Playoff: A playoff to determine a Local league champion; and are considered Championship play, not a continuation of Local play.
Local Team Match: Number of individual singles and doubles matches or any combination determined by the local league.
Match Tiebreak: First to 10 by a margin of 2. (See *FRIEND AT COURT – Part 3: USTA Reg. I.E.1.b.)*
May: A term used in USTA League Regulations that implies a certain action is optional.
Mixed: A team comprised of a man and woman who combine to play.
Must: A term used in USTA League Regulations that implies a certain action is mandatory.
National Championship Advancing League Divisions: Adult 18 & Over, Adult 40 & Over, Adult 55 & Over, Mixed 18 & Over and Mixed 40 & Over.

National Championship Team Match: Adult 18 & Over Age Group (3.0, 3.5, 4,0, 4.5 Levels) – 2 singles, 3 doubles; Adult 18 & Over Age Group (2.5 women & 5.0 NTRP levels) - 1 singles, 2 doubles; Adult 40 & Over Age Group (3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 Levels) – 1 singles, 4 doubles; Adult 55 & Over Age (6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 or 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 NTRP Levels) – 3 doubles; Mixed 18 & Over (6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 and 10.0 NTRP Levels); 40 & Over (6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 NTRP Levels) Age Groups - 3 doubles.
New Player: An individual who is playing in the Championship Year of their first year of competition in the League Program.
NTRP: National Tennis Rating Program
NTRP Level: Generic term advising the minimum NTRP level in increments of .5 at which a player may participate.
NTRP Disqualification Criteria: Having reached disqualification level three times, as designated in the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System Procedures, during the local league competition and/or any level of championship competition below the National Championships in all USTA Adult and Mixed National Championship Advancing League Divisions.
NTRP Computer Methodology Procedures: The document establishing procedures governing the *USTA NTRP Computer Rating System*.
Partial Round Robin: Each team plays the same number of matches against randomly selected opponents in their flight.
Player: The individual USTA Member who registers on a team.
Promotion: Action taken prior to publication of year-end computer ratings, to increase the self-rating of a player who only plays at the NTRP level higher than their self-rating and demonstrates a competitive ability at the higher level.
Rating: See Computer Rating, Dynamic Rating, NTRP Level, Self-Rating.
Ranking: Ranking is a static concept. A player's "final" position at the end of a ranking period. It does not change at the end of the specified period.
Remand: To send the grievance back to either the original Grievance Committee or a new Grievance Committee, as the Grievance Appeal Committee deems appropriate, for reconsideration.
Residency: A place where a person is actually living, as distinguished from the person's domicile, or a place where one temporarily lives. Domicile and residence may coincide. A person can have more than one residency while he or she can have only one domicile.
Rest Period: A maximum of 10 minutes with coaching permitted between the second and third set when playing best of three tiebreak sets.
Retirement: Occurs when an individual match has started and a player is unable to continue due to injury, loss of condition, emergency or refusal to play. Retirements are entered in TennisLink with the final game count for NTRP calculation purposes (e.g., 2-6, 1-3) and the system will automatically credit the individual receiving the retirement with sufficient games as to make them the winner of the match (i.e., 2- 6, 6-3, 1-0 or 2-6, 6-3, 6-0 depending on scoring format) for determining standings.
Returning Player: An individual who has played in a previous Championship Year and is now going to play in the current Championship Year.
Section League Coordinator: The person(s) appointed by the Sectional Association as the individual(s) responsible for the implementation and administration of the USTA League. Specific titles are at the discretion of Sections and may vary.
Self-Rating: A rating for a new player entering the program determined in accordance with the *National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) Guidelines* during the on-line player registration process.
Set Break: The 2 minute period between the completion of the last game of a set and the beginning of a succeeding set.
Set Tiebreak: First to 7 by a margin of 2. (See *FRIEND AT COURT – Part 3: USTA Reg. I.E.1.a.*)
Shall: A term used in USTA League Regulations that implies a certain action is followed based on the process or decision outlined.
Start of a Match: First service attempt on an individual court.
Team: Individuals rostered together including non-playing captains.
Tiebreak Procedures: Process to determine the winner of a team competition if the teams are tied.
Transition ball: Any Stage 3 (Red), Stage 2 (Orange) and Stage 1 (Green) ball.
USTA League Leadership: A committee comprised of the Chair and Vice Chair of the USTA League Committee and the National League Administrator.
USTA Section: One of 17 defined areas that comprise the USTA.
Valid Computer Rating: An NTRP computer rating that has not expired or has been replaced by a more recent rating and is based on accurate player history.
Valid Match: In a team match, a majority of the individual matches must be actually played by the two teams to constitute a valid team match, per 2.03E. For a League using Points Per Position, please refer to your Section/Local Regulations.
Waiver of Claims: As a condition of participation, each player gives up the right to any demand for injuries sustained in traveling to or from or participating in the USTA League Program.
Waiver of Rules: Except where specifically permitted, no USTA League Regulation or Procedure may be disregarded.
Willful Intent: An act is done willfully and knowingly when the individual intends to do it and knows the nature of the act will achieve the intended result.
Year-End Rating Level: A published NTRP level generated after the Adult Division National Championships each year.