



WESTERN NC USTA LEAGUE TENNIS 2017 LOCAL LEAGUE REGULATIONS

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A. AUTHORITY

The Western NC USTA Local League Regulations are subject to the governing bodies of the United States Tennis Association, Southern Tennis Association, North Carolina Tennis Association and the local Western NC CTA (currently known as Mountain League CTA).

The Local League Coordinator, in conjunction with the North Carolina Director of Adult League Tennis, shall have the authority to interpret the Western USTA League Tennis Rules.

a. NTRP Rating: The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) is the official system of rating levels of competition in USTA leagues. A player with a 2014, 2015 or 2016 computer rating must use that rating or above to participate in leagues. A player age 60 or above with a 2015 or 2016 computer rating must use that rating or above to participate in leagues. Players who do not have a valid NTRP rating or have never received an NTRP rating are required to self-rate according to the NTRP guidelines as shown on TennisLink. It is noted that the Local League Coordinator **does not** handle NTRP grievances. NTRP grievances should be forwarded to the address shown on www.nctennis.com. Players are alerted that omission of information regarding a player's tennis history may subject the player, the captain and/or others who condoned inaccurate self-rating to sanctions and/or disqualification.

b. Determining Winners

The League Champion will be determined by the team with the best record. Where applicable, playoffs will be played to determine the local champion.

Ties will be broken as follows: (First) - winner of the most individual matches; (Second) - winner of head to head match; (Third) - loser of the fewest number of sets; (Fourth) - loser of the fewest number of games; and (Fifth) to be decided by coin toss.

c. Grievances

The procedures for filing a grievance are outlined in the 2017 USTA League Tennis Regulations. The Western NC USTA League Tennis Grievance Committee and the Grievance Appeal Committee are formed as necessary using members of the Western NC Adult League Committee, executive board members of the Mountain League CTA and at large members of the Western North Carolina applicable USTA Leagues as selected by the Local League Coordinator.

B. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

a. USTA Membership: All players on a USTA league team must be a current member of the USTA. Please refer to the specific league for membership date requirements. Renewals are not allowed during the local league season. If a team progresses to a championship, players are required to have current USTA memberships through the championship.

b. Age Requirement: Players must reach the following ages by 12/31/2017 to compete in the USTA leagues listed as follows: 18 & over - 18 years; 40 & over - 40 years; 55 & over - 55 years; 65 & over - 65 years, 70 & over - 70 years.

C. USTA LEAGUE FEES & REFUND POLICY

a. **League Fees:** The local league fee is \$25 per player and is paid on TennisLink when registering for team. Fee includes \$6 NC State tax, \$3 Tennislink user fee and \$16 local league fee.

b. **League with Local League Play:** Refund requests for Local Fees and State Head Tax charges must be made to the Local League Coordinator prior to the team's first scheduled match. Requests must be made in writing. The TennisLink fee is non-refundable. The Local League Coordinator will hold all requests and submit one list to the State League Coordinator by the refund deadline.

c. **League with direct advancement to State Championships:** Refund requests for Local Fees and State Head Tax charges must be made to the Local League Coordinator prior to the Deadline to Add a Team Advancing Directly to State Championship as noted in the chart in II. F. in the 2017 USTA North Carolina League Tennis Regulations. Requests must be made in writing. The TennisLink fee is non-refundable. .

d. **State Championships:** Refund requests for registration fees to any 2017USTA North Carolina State Championship must be made in writing prior to the first scheduled match of the tournament, whether the level in question has begun play or not. Requests should be sent to Matt DiLasio at Matt@nctennis.com. All refunds will be credited to the credit card used to pay the registration fee. Refunds will be credited the week after the conclusion of the tournament.

D. FACILITY LEAGUE & TEAM POLICY

Players and facilities should be aware that multiple teams in certain flight levels that play on the same day and time and have limited courts will not have equal home/away matches. **Teams and facilities are required to make arrangements for use of optional courts or other facilities for more equitable home/away matches if the home facility is not available. Matches may be played on either clay or hard or a combination.**

REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL WNC USTA LEAGUES

A. MATCH PLAY FORMAT

(1) **Regulations:** Match play is governed by USTA League Regulations, Southern Tennis Association Regulations, North Carolina Tennis Association Regulations, "The Code" and the Western NC Local League Regulations.

- a. Spectators may not aid in line calls or in determining the correct score.
- b. Each team must have a captain or acting captain present at every match. In the event of rescheduled matches where individual player(s) are playing a scheduled make-up match for their respective line only, and the match scorecards have already been exchanged between the captains, these lines may be played without a captain or acting captain present at the match.

(2) **FORMAT OF PLAY:** Team matches consist of the following:

- a. **Lines of Play** see specific league regulations for line of play information.
- b. **Match Play and Schedule Format**

Each team, in its entirety, must show up ready to play at the time of the match and forfeits will be decided at that time. Forfeits will be from the bottom up, line 3 doubles if a 3 court match or line 2 singles or line 3 doubles if 5 court match. **If BOTH captains agree in advance to reschedule a match they may do so as long as the match is completed and scores are entered in TennisLink BEFORE OR BY THE ORIGINAL MATCH DATE. Captains are responsible for cancelling the originally scheduled courts and for reserving courts for the rescheduled time. Matches may only be rescheduled after the original match date due to inclement weather or championship conflict. Any matches played after the original match date (unless due to inclement weather) will be scored as double-defaults. IT IS HEREBY NOTED that in matches not affected by inclement weather issues, captains DO NOT have to agree to reschedule individual lines.**

c. **Staggered Match Format**

A staggered match scheduled by the Local League Coordinator will have the following format:

5 court matches: Lines #1 and #2 singles and Line #1 doubles play first, then when court(s) become available, the #2 doubles and #3 doubles play.

3 court matches: (3 doubles format) Line #1 doubles and #2 doubles play first, then line #3 doubles when a court becomes available. (18 & O 2.5 & 5.0 format) Line #1 singles and #1 doubles play first, then line #2 doubles when a court becomes available.

The entire team must be present before an individual match may begin, EVEN IN STAGGERED MATCHES. The only exception allowed would be mutual joint agreement by both team captains 24 hours in advance in written email form allowing the following formats: 5 court matches would allow #2 and #3 lines to arrive one (1) hour later; 3 court matches would allow #3 line to arrive one (1) hour later.

d. Match Schedules - Travel Distance

Travel distances for teams in the Western NC league may be up to approximately 75 miles, more or less, depending on the participating teams in the flight. Captains in flights with team facilities more than 50 miles from each other should report to the Coordinator the status of their team's ability to drive to away matches. Coordinator will check with captains in flights with more than 50 miles to drive for matches and may offer the teams the following options:

Option (1): In flights with a minimum of six (6) teams in the flight, the Coordinator may choose to divide the flight into two sections if the number of teams allows for equitable distribution of teams. However, each section must contain the minimum of three (3) teams to be a valid section. Flights with less than six (6) teams may be offered Option 2 below. Section One shall consist of teams located in Rutherford, Polk, Henderson and Transylvania Counties and Section Two shall consist of teams located in Buncombe, Haywood and McDowell Counties. If Option 1 is used, a playoff between the champions of each section will determine the flight championship.

Option (2): Captains who have matches scheduled more than 50 miles from each team facility during the week may reschedule said matches to a weekend date of mutual agreement prior to the original match date or to a weekend date of mutual agreement up to two weeks after the original match. Said captains may also agree to play said match at a neutral location if desired. Said neutral location will be obtained and reserved by the captains.

(3) LINE DEFAULTS Defaults will be "from the bottom up", defaulting the lowest positions first. The chart below shows which courts are to be defaulted first in the different match types.

Match Type	Courts to be Defaulted First
2 Singles, 3 Doubles	#2 Singles or # 3 Doubles
1 Singles, 2 Doubles	#1 Singles or #2 Doubles
3 Doubles	#3 Doubles

A team must be able to field enough courts to win the match (field 3 courts for a 5 court match; field 2 courts for a 3 court match). If a team fails to do so, the entire match (all courts) are deemed defaulted.

When the combination of individual match defaults given by the two teams in the team match results, or would result, in a situation where the majority of the individual matches would not be played (not a "valid" team match):

The first course of action would be for both captains to agree on what individual matches, based on the number of players present, or to be present, can be played to constitute a valid team match. Once that is determined, both captains will re-exchange scorecards.

If both captains cannot come to an agreement on what lines will be played to constitute a valid team match, based on the number of players present, or to be present, then the following individual matches will be assigned in sequential order to be played:

Format	Required Matches in sequential order	Minimum # of Players Required for Each Team in Valid Team Match
2 singles, 3 doubles	#1 and #2 singles, and #1 doubles (priority); #2 doubles if enough players present	4
1 singles, 2 doubles	#1 singles and #1 doubles	3
3 doubles	#1 and #2 doubles	4

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If these procedures are not followed and the resulting scorecard shows an invalid team match, both teams will be charged a full team default.

If a team shows up without the minimum number of players required for the team match based on the number of players present, or to be present, it will be a full team default in favor of the opponents. Please refer to the National Regulation 2.03L on team default procedures.

(4) MATCH BALLS & HOME COURT The home team will supply new balls, labeled USTA approved. The home team has a choice of court surface and a mixture is acceptable. The home captain must notify the visiting captain, prior to the exchange of lineup, which positions will be played on which surface. **If indoor courts are used as part of the regularly scheduled courts for a match regardless of weather, it is the responsibility of the home team to pay for the indoor courts.** The home captain should notify the visiting captain in writing, one week in advance of the match, which positions will be played indoors. **IT IS NOTED that facilities, at their discretion, may change the location of matches (example, dual facilities may move a match from one location to the other to provide available courts. Notification of change of location should be made at last eight (8) hours ahead of the scheduled match(es) time. IT IS FURTHER NOTED that facilities, at their discretion, may move matches from clay courts to hard courts or vice versa, as needed.** For age divisions 55, 65 & 70 & over, if a match is moved to hard courts due to facility demand, teams may choose to use an alternate site, or reschedule within two weeks of the originally scheduled match. This reschedule option applies only to matches moved by the facility.

(5) MATCH SCORES: Captains should print and use a TennisLink scorecard for recording scores at USTA league matches. The match point will be awarded to the team winning the majority of positions within the match.

- a. Players should immediately report results of their match to their captains.
- b. After completion of the team match, the captains should confirm the player names and scores with each other and sign each other's scorecard to avoid disputed player or score reporting.
- c. **Winning captains should enter scores in the TennisLink system within 48 hours after the completion of the match. Losing captains should check the entry of scores and confirm the match in TennisLink.** Any disputes and notifications of errors must be made known via email to the Local League Coordinator and the captain of the opposing team no later than one week after the match was completed or the scores will stand.

The final league match of the season score must be entered within 24 hours of that match's completion and confirmed.

SETS: All tiebreaks played will use the Coman format where players shall change ends after the first point and thereafter after every four points. 1st and 2nd set tie-breaks will follow the Coman format and are first team to 7 points, win by 2. In lieu of the 3rd set, a first team to 10 points, win by 2 points Coman tie-break will be played.

BREAKS: There will be a two (2) minute break between sets. No coaching is allowed. A restroom break is permissible at any time, but preferably should take place on an odd game changeover, or between sets.

(6) CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES Cell phones are not permitted to be turned on during play. As per 2016 Friend at Court, the USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules & Regulations, The Code, page 40, item 36 states: "A ringing cell phone is a deliberate hindrance; if an opponent's cell phone rings during a point, the player may immediately stop and claim the point." There is no penalty stated for a vibrating phone.

(7) SCORECARDS

a. On Court Exchange: **Scorecards are to be exchanged when all players are on site and ready to play. At the scheduled match time, if a player is not on site, the captains have 3 options to proceed with the scorecard exchange:**

- a. **Wait until the missing player is on site and ready to play (prior to the 15 minute default time), exchange scorecards and play the match. At the default time, if the player is still not on site and ready to play, the missing player would be moved to a defaultable court (see chart in IV. J.), scorecards would then be exchanged and play would begin. Or**

- b. Captains can agree to exchange scorecards and begin play with the lineups as-is. Default rules will apply (See National Reg 2.03 K and Q&A). OR
- c. Substitute a missing player with an eligible player that is on site and ready to play, but is not listed on the original scorecard. Substitutions must be made prior to the 15 minute default time and can only be exchanged for the missing player in the original lineup.

b. Email Scorecard Exchange: The only time scorecards should be exchanged by email is in the event that a scheduled match is rained out and the teams do not have an agreeable date on which the players can meet to compete at the same time. It is allowable for captains to coordinate with their individual lines and exchange the date, time and location of the match and the number of the match (example: line 1 singles or doubles) to the other captain. Disclosure of players is not required, only the line # of the individual match. Copies of the email lineups should be forwarded to the coordinator to confirm the two week match makeup requirement as set out in Rescheduling of Matches paragraph below. Upon arrival at the agreed match location, the players would then exchange names for the lineup and the match is started, as per On Court Exchange, items a and b.

(8) ENTIRE TEAM DEFAULTS

a. In the event a team defaults one (1) entire team match during league play, the Local League Coordinator will determine if this default has affected the local league standings in any way. If it is found that the local league standings have been affected, then the matches of that team may be ruled to be forfeited, null and void. If all teams in contention for advancement to the State championships have played the forfeiting team in good faith, the matches stand as played.

b. In the event a team defaults two (2) entire team matches in one season, the defaulting team is disqualified for the remainder of the league season and all matches (played and scheduled) may be ruled forfeits. An automatic grievance will be filed with the local Grievance Committee. The Grievance Committee will investigate and determine what action(s) need to be taken. Said Grievance Committee will decide what, if any, penalties may be imposed, including but not limited to the following: (1) captain may not captain a USTA team; (2) denial of re-entry (as a team) into the local league; or (3) the stipulation that no more than three (3) of the players that had played together on the disqualified team be allowed to play together on ANY level.

(9) INCLEMENT WEATHER

a. Prior to start of match: It is the responsibility of the home team captain to **TELEPHONE (not email or text)** the opposing captain when there is an inclement weather issue (rain, snow, sleet, severe storms) that may cause the courts to be unplayable. If the telephone contact is not made between the home and opposing team captains, **both teams must show up at the match site ready to play . Matches should not be called off until both captains are certain and agree that the courts will be unplayable at match time.**

If teams are present at the match site, scorecards are exchanged and the scheduled match is then completely rained out (play has not started on any court), any defaults on the scorecard are reinstated and may be made up. If however, one line of the match has started play (defined as first point played) and the match is interrupted due to inclement weather, all defaults stand and cannot be made up..

b. Postpone a match: Teams may postpone a match the day of the match if both captains agree that the weather predicted is going to prevent play. If a date, time and location have been determined for a team match (or individual match line) rescheduled due to inclement weather or another allowable circumstance, i.e. State Championship conflict, the match can only be suspended again due to inclement weather. Any team that cannot make the rescheduled match time will default any affected courts.

c. Matches cancelled due to inclement weather BEFORE any individual matches started: Captains may mutually agree to any of the following ways to play the match:

(1) Set one make-up date for the whole match. If the original match never began, a player who was not on the original scorecard may be substituted into the lineup;

(2) Arrange a location for each line/court without exchanging player names/line-ups. Captains may exchange the line that will play, (example: #1 singles, or #2 doubles), but will not exchange player names, they will be exchanged at the date, time and location of the rescheduled match; OR

(3). Exchange scorecards with player names in good faith and have the players contact each other to arrange their own matches and report results to their respective captains immediately.

d. Once the Match has started: If it begins raining once a team match is underway (defined as any match line started, first point played) and either captain feels that conditions merit stopping play, then the match should be stopped. Players should remain on site for thirty (30) minutes to confirm the match cannot be restarted due to weather conditions. If conditions allow, the match should be resumed from the point, game, and set score existing when the match was stopped. The players must remain the same on each line for the completion of the match. No substitutions of players may be made. If, due to inclement weather, the match will not be completed as started, for any court that has started play (defined as first point played), the lineups will stand. For any court that did not start play (still in warm-ups), teams may substitute players as long as the substitutions are not listed on the original scorecard.

(10) RESCHEDULING GUIDELINES FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

a. Un-played or incomplete matches should be made up within two (2) weeks of the originally scheduled match. Within four (4) days from the date of the originally scheduled match, the two captains need to determine a mutually agreeable time within the 2 week reschedule timeframe. **IF A RESCHEDULE DATE/TIME CANNOT BE AGREED UPON, then the captains are required** to notify the local league coordinator and the coordinator will then assign a date, time and location. All lines must be completed within the two week timeframe and when all lines have been played the winning captain enters the scores.

NOTE - If a rainout occurs at the end of the season (the last two (2) scheduled matches of the league season), the reschedule rule is changed to one week for completion of all the match lines with notification of reschedule agreement due to the coordinator within two (2) days.

In the event the local league coordinator is requested to assign a date, time and location for a reschedule due to inability of team players and captains to agree on a reschedule date, **IT IS NOTED** that this reassignment date is **NON-NEGOTIABLE**. Further, if this assigned individual match is not completed, the match will be entered as a **default for both teams**.

b. It is recommended BUT NOT REQUIRED that both teams share the cost of indoor court rental for makeup matches. Captains and teams MAY ELECT to pay the cost without help from the opposing team. If indoor courts are provided, teams SHOULD play the matches to allow for timely completion of the season.

c. In the event teams cannot agree on responsibility of payment of indoor courts and use of said indoor courts for a makeup match, both captains are required to notify the local league coordinator who will then assign a non-negotiable date, time and location for said match. If said makeup match is not completed, the match in dispute will be entered as a default for both teams.

(11) CHAMPIONSHIP CONFLICTS

If a team has 4 or more players on a roster (3 for Singles League matches) who are playing or working at a League Championship at either the North Carolina State, Southern Section or National Levels and have a team match in conflict with these events, then the team can reschedule the match either by playing before the scheduled date or within 2 weeks after the scheduled match (as long as the makeup match occurs within the league season dates). The Captain of the team with the conflict must notify the opposing team captain and LLC of the conflict **no later than 1 week** before the scheduled match and work with both parties to reschedule the match within the above mentioned timeframe.

SPRING ADULT LEAGUE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

(1) Spring League REGISTRATION DEADLINE and LEVELS OFFERED

Team Creation: All teams must be registered and the minimum required players on TennisLink by Feb. 25, 2017. Maximum of 15 players allowed on team rosters.

Note: Teams that may advance directly to a State Championship must be added to TennisLink no later than April 15, 2017 with a minimum roster of players required to form a team. Captains are required to notify the Local League Coordinator if they qualify for this advancement.

Players: Team members may be added to the team rosters by the dates below:

- 18 & Over and 40 & Over - May 15, 2017
- 55 & Over - April 29, 2017
- 65 & Over - April 22, 2017

(2) Spring League NTRP INFORMATION AND LEVELS:

The following NTRP levels are offered:

DIVISION	LEAGUE TYPE	LOCAL LEAGUES
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Adult	18 & Over	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+ , 5.5
	40 & Over	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+
	55 & Over	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0
	65 & Over	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0

(3) Spring League PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

a. A player may play in more than one NTRP level within a division in the same local league during the same season. However, no scheduling provisions will be made for these players.

b. A player may not play on a team that is below their NTRP level. A player may play only one NTRP level above the player’s current NTRP rating (example: 3.5 may play on a 4.0, but not a 4.5 level).

c. Straight NTRP level teams may not have a player with an NTRP rating higher than the NTRP level in which the player is competing EXCEPT in the following examples: 5.0+ NTRP level of the 18 & over Adult Division, and the 4.5+ NTRP level of the 40 & over Adult Division. 18 & Over plus (+) level team rosters may include up to two (2) players from the next higher NTRP level. 40 & Over plus (+) level team rosters may include up to three (3) players from the next higher NTRP level.

d. In Plus (+) NTRP level play utilizing three (3) individual matches within a team match, no more than one Plus (+) level player shall be allowed to play in a team match and shall be required to play in the #1 position, either singles or doubles. In Plus (+) NTRP levels utilizing five (5) individual matches within a team match, two (2) Plus (+) level players shall be allowed to play in a team match and shall be required to play in the #1 positions, either singles or doubles.

e. In the 9.0 NTRP levels in the 55 & over and 65 & over leagues, the combined level of players on a team cannot be separated by more than 1.0 NTRP point, or exceed the 9.0 combined level.

f. North Carolina League Tennis Regulations state “Any player on two or more teams advancing to a North Carolina State Championships may play for a maximum of two of those teams, unless those teams are in the same NTRP level (ex. 2 adult 3.5 teams from different local leagues). *There will be NO special consideration in scheduling. *There is the possibility of several matches in 1 day. *The player is considered two (2) different people, which requires separate championship fees.”

(4) Spring League CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

Players must play in a minimum number of matches as follows to be eligible to advance to the State Championships (excepting players on teams advancing directly to the State Championships, as provided for in Rule II, Team Requirements, Item E, of the 2017 USTA North Carolina League Tennis Regulations):

18 & over, 40 & over, 55 & over - minimum matches - two (2). One (1) default may be included in the required match rule necessary to compete at State (if the player was present to accept the forfeit), and will not count for the forfeiting player.

65 & over - minimum match - one (1) if local league play. One (1) default may be included in the required match rule necessary to compete at State (if the player was present to accept the forfeit), and will not count for the forfeiting player.

(5) Spring League LEVELS, LINES OF PLAY & FORMAT OF PLAY

18 & over

- 18 & over - 2.5 - 1 single, 2 doubles
- 18 & over - 3.0 - 2 singles, 3 doubles
- 18 & over - 3.5 - 2 singles, 3 doubles
- 18 & over - 4.0 - 2 singles, 3 doubles
- 18 & over - 4.5 - 2 singles, 3 doubles
- 18 & over - 5.0+ - 1 singles, 2 doubles

40 & over

3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+ - 3 doubles - Western NC local level play
(Note - teams advancing to the State Championship will play 2 singles, 3 doubles)

55 & over

3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0 - 3 doubles matches

9.0 level team that uses combined NTRP rating is exempted from 40% Rule for two team leagues. The highest level player allowed on a 9.0 level team is 5.0 NTRP and the minimum allowed NTRP rating is 4.0. Doubles team cannot exceed 9.0 level combined and players may not be separated by more than 1.0 NTRP point.

65 & over

3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0 - 3 doubles matches

9.0 level team that uses combined NTRP rating is exempted from the 40% Rule for two team leagues. The highest level player allowed on a 9.0 level team is 5.0 NTRP and the minimum allowed NTRP rating is 4.0. Doubles team cannot exceed 9.0 level combined and players may not be separated by more than 1.0 NTRP point.

MIXED DOUBLES LEAGUE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

(1) Mixed Doubles League REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Team Creation: All teams must be registered and the minimum required players on TennisLink by May 20, 2017. Maximum of 15 players allowed on team roster.

Note: Teams that may advance directly to a State Championship must be added to TennisLink no later than July 15, 2017 with a minimum roster of players required to form a team. Captains are required to notify the Local League Coordinator if they qualify for this advancement.

Players: Players may be added to team rosters for all age levels by July 23, 2017.

(2) Mixed Doubles League NTRP INFORMATION AND LEVELS:

NTRP Levels Offered:

- 18 & over - 2.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0
- 40 & over - 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0
- 55 & over - 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0
- 65 & over - 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0

a. A player may play in more than one NTRP level within a division in the same local league during the same season. However, no scheduling provisions will be made for these players.

b. The individual team level of partners may not be separated by more than 1.0 NTRP point (example: 8.0 team allows a 4.5 and 3.5 to play together, but a 5.0 and 3.0 may not play together). The combined levels of each doubles pair cannot exceed the team level.

Adult & Mixed Combined Level	Minimum Rating a Player May Have
5.0	2.5
6.0	2.5
7.0	3.0
8.0	3.5
9.0	4.0
10.0	4.5

c. North Carolina League Tennis Regulations state “Any player on two or more teams advancing to a North Carolina State Championships may play for a maximum of two of those teams, unless those teams are in the same

NTRP level (ex. 2 adult mixed team 18 and over 7.0 teams from different local leagues). *There will be NO special consideration in scheduling. *There is the possibility of several matches in 1 day. *The player is considered two (2) different people, which requires separate championship fees.”

d. Players may compete on more than one team except if the teams are on the same level, the same age division and in the same local league.

(3) Mixed Doubles League PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Championship Play: Players must play in a minimum number of matches as follows to be eligible to advance to the State Championships (excepting players on teams advancing directly to the State Championships, as provided for in Rule II, E, of the 2017 USTA North Carolina League Tennis Regulations):

18 & over, 40 & over - minimum matches - two (2). One (1) default may be included in the required match rule necessary to compete at State (if the player was present to accept the forfeit), and will not count for the forfeiting player.

55 & over, 65 & over - minimum match - one (1) if local league play. One (1) default may be included in the required match rule necessary to compete at State (if the player was present to accept the forfeit), and will not count for the forfeiting player.

TRI-LEVEL LEAGUE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

(1) Tri-Level League REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Team Creation: All teams must be registered and have at least 6 players on TennisLink by May 28, 2017. Maximum of 15 players allowed on team roster.

Note: All Tri-Level Teams may advance directly to the State Championship, if they are the only team in their flight, and the team must be added to TennisLink no later than July 15, 2017.

Players: Team members may be added to the team rosters until July 30, 2017.

(2) Tri-Level League NTRP INFORMATION AND LEVELS:

NTRP Levels Offered:

18 & over - Men - 3.0/3.5/4.0

18 & over - Men - 3.5/4.0/4.5

18 & over - Men - 4.0/4.5/5.0

18 & over - Women - 2.5/3.0/3.5

18 & over - Women - 3.0/3.5/4.0

18 & over - Women - 3.5/4.0/4.5

18 & over - Women - 4.0/4.5/5.0

a. A player may play in more than one NTRP level within a division in the same local league during the same season. However, no scheduling provisions will be made for these players.

b. A player may not play on a team that is below their NTRP level. A player may play only one NTRP level above the player’s current NTRP rating (example: 3.5 may play up on a 4.0 level, but not a 4.5 level).

c. North Carolina League Tennis Regulations state “Any player on two or more teams advancing to a North Carolina State Championship may play for a maximum of two of those teams, unless those teams are in the same NTRP Tri-Level. *There will be NO special consideration in scheduling. *There is the possibility of several matches in 1 day. *The player is considered two (2) different people, which requires separate championship fees.”

(3) Tri-Level League PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Championship Play: Players must play in a minimum number of matches as follows to be eligible to advance to the State Championships (excepting players on teams advancing directly to the State Championships, as provided for in Rule II, E, of the 2017 USTA North Carolina League Tennis Regulations):

18 & over tri-level - minimum matches - 1 (one), if local league play. One (1) default may be included in the required match rule necessary to compete at State (if the player was present to accept the forfeit), and will not count for the forfeiting player.

(4) Tri-Level League Specific Regulations

a. Defaults

Defaults are not required from the bottom up as per general league regulations. Tri-Level teams play the highest level available at court 1, the next level at court 2, and the lowest level at court 3. (Example - line 1 players and line 3 players are available, but no line 2, then line 2 is defaulted).

70 & OVER LEAGUE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

(1) 70 & Over League REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Team Creation: All teams must be registered and have at least 6 players on TennisLink by June 25, 2017. Maximum of 12 players allowed on team roster. **Note - Local Play is required to advance to the state championships.**

Players: Team members may be added to the team rosters until September 3, 2017.

(2) 70 & Over League NTRP INFORMATION AND LEVELS:

NTRP Levels Offered: 70 and Over - 6.0, 7.0, 8.0

a. A player may play in more than one NTRP level within a division in the same local league during the same season. However, no scheduling provisions will be made for these players.

b. A player may not play on a team that is below their NTRP level. A player may play only one NTRP level above the player's current NTRP rating (example: 3.5 may play up on a 4.0 level, but not a 4.5 level).

c. North Carolina League Tennis Regulations state "Any player on two or more teams advancing to a North Carolina State Championships may play for a maximum of two of those teams, unless those teams are in the same NTRP level (ex. 2 adult 3.5 teams from different local leagues). *There will be NO special consideration in scheduling. *There is the possibility of several matches in 1 day. *The player is considered two (2) different people, which requires separate championship fees."

(3) 70 & Over League PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Championship Play: Players must play in a minimum number of matches as follows to be eligible to advance to the State Championships:

70 and Over - minimum matches - Two (2) matches.. One (1) default may be included in the required match rule necessary to compete at State (if the player was present to accept the forfeit), and will not count for the forfeiting player.

(4) 70 & Over League FORMAT OF PLAY

(a) Team Matches - Lines of Play: Line 1 doubles - men; Line 2 doubles - women; Line 3 doubles - mixed. Team Matches are combined ratings levels of 6.0, 7.0 or 8.0. In the NCTA 70 & Over league, players in each level cannot exceed the maximum rating allowed for that level. See Chart below:

70 & Over Combined Level	Highest Rating a Player May Have
6.0	3.5
7.0	4.0
8.0	4.5

(b) Defaults - Defaults are not required from the bottom up as per general league regulations. 70 and over teams play the men available at court 1, women available at court 2, and a mixed team at court 3. (Example - line 1 players and line 3 players are available, but no line 2, then line 2 is defaulted).

SINGLES LEAGUE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

(1) Singles League REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Team Creation: All teams must be registered and have at least 3 players on TennisLink by June 18, 2017. Maximum of 9 players allowed on team rosters.

Singles teams may advance directly to the State Championship, if they are the only team in their flight, and the team must be added to TennisLink no later than August 15, 2017.

Players: Team members may be added to the team rosters until August 13, 2017.

(2) Singles League NTRP INFORMATION AND LEVELS:

NTRP Levels Offered:

- 18 & over - Men - 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+
- 18 & over - Women - 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+
- 40 & over - Men - 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+
- 40 & over - Women - 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+

a. A player may play in more than one NTRP level within a division in the same local league during the same season. However, no scheduling provisions will be made for these players.

b. A player may not play on a team that is below their NTRP level. A player may play only one NTRP level above the player's current NTRP rating (example: 3.5 may play up on a 4.0 level, but not a 4.5 level).

c. North Carolina League Tennis Regulations state "Any player on two or more teams advancing to a North Carolina State Championships may play for a maximum of two of those teams, unless those teams are in the same NTRP level (ex. 2 adult 3.5 teams from different local leagues). *There will be NO special consideration in scheduling. *There is the possibility of several matches in 1 day. *The player is considered two (2) different people, which requires separate championship fees."

(3) Singles League PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Championship Play: Players must play in a minimum number of matches as follows to be eligible to advance to the State Championships (excepting players on teams advancing directly to the State Championships, as provided for in Rule II, E, of the 2017 USTA North Carolina League Tennis Regulations):

18 & over, 40 & over - minimum matches - 1 (one), if local league play. One (1) default may be included in the required match rule necessary to compete at State (if the player was present to accept the forfeit), and will not count for the forfeiting player.

SOUTHERN COMBO DOUBLES LEAGUE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

(1) Combo Doubles League REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Team Creation: All teams must be registered and have at least 6 players on TennisLink by July 24, 2017. Maximum of 15 players allowed on team rosters.

Note: Teams that may advance directly to a State Championship must be added to TennisLink no later than September 15, 2017. Teams qualifying for this direct advancement are Southern Combo Doubles teams as follows: all 55 and over; all 65 & over; 18 and over levels 5.0, 5.5 and 9.5 teams; 40 and over 5.5 and 9.5 teams that are the only team in their respective flight levels. Captains are required to notify the Local League Coordinator if they qualify for this advancement.

Players: Team members may be added to the team rosters until September 30, 2017.

(2) Combo Doubles League NTRP INFORMATION AND LEVELS:

NTRP COMBO Levels Offered in Western NC:

- 18 & over - 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5
- 40 & over - 6.5, 7.5, 8.5
- 55 & over - 6.5, 7.5, 8.5
- 65 & over - 6.5, 7.5, 8.5

a. A player may play in more than one NTRP level within a division in the same local league during the same season. However, no scheduling provisions will be made for these players.

b. The combined levels of each doubles pair in Combo Doubles **CANNOT** exceed the team level. **The 1.0 NTRP point difference does not apply in Combo doubles.** The highest rating a player may have to play on a Combo combined level is as follows:

Combo Combined Level	Highest Rating a Player May Have
5.0	2.5
5.5	3.0
6.5	3.5
7.5	4.0
8.5	5.0
9.5	5.5
10.5	6.0

c. North Carolina League Tennis Regulations state “Any player on two or more teams advancing to a North Carolina State Championships may play for a maximum of two of those teams, unless those teams are in the same NTRP level (ex. 2 adult 3.5 teams from different local leagues). *There will be NO special consideration in scheduling. *There is the possibility of several matches in 1 day. *The player is considered two (2) different people, which requires separate championship fees.

(3) Combo Doubles League PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Championship Play: Players must play in a minimum number of matches as follows to be eligible to advance to the State Championships (excepting players on teams advancing directly to the State Championships, as provided for in Rule II, E, of the 2017 USTA North Carolina League Tennis Regulations. (See also WNC Local Regulations, page 1, Team Creation, Note).

All age flights - minimum required match play - one (1). Note - one (1) default may be included in the required match rule necessary to compete at State (if the player was present to accept the forfeit), and will not count for the forfeiting player.

Match Format of Play: Team matches consist of the following:

a. Lines of Play - all age divisions - 3 doubles.