2015 USTA North Carolina League Tennis Regulations

(Covering USTA Adult League, USTA Mixed Doubles, Southern Combo Doubles, Tri-Level and NCTA Singles Leagues)

Only the NC Director of Adult League Tennis, in conjunction with the USTA North Carolina Adult League Committee Chair and Vice Chair, shall have the authority to interpret these Regulations.

USTA LEAGUE
MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2015
National Regulations in Red, Southern Regulations in Green

1.04G(6) Players who qualify for an Adult 18 & Over, Adult 40 & Over, Adult 55 & Over and/or Adult 65 & Over teams(s) may advance on more than one team within an age group only if they are different NTRP levels. Players who qualify for a Mixed Doubles 18 & Over and/or Mixed Doubles 40 & Over team(s) may advance on more than one team within an age group only if they are different NTRP levels. No accommodations for scheduling will be made at Sectional Championships for teams with players that may be competing on two or more teams during a sectional championship.

2.01C(1) Round Robin: Include language to allow Sections to have the option to allow additional matches within a flight, additional randomly selected matches across flights and additional playoff round robins within a flight.

2.01C(5) Team Line-ups: Remove the word “card” and to emphasize that the line-ups shall be exchanged simultaneously.

2.05E(2): Include language to clarify that a player 65 or older moved up with an early start rating will retain the previous valid year-end rating.

2.06A Move Up/Split Up: Relax restrictions for Move Up/Split Up:
- Teams are allowed to move up an NTRP team level and play in another age group within the same division
- There is no restriction for crossover between Adult and Mixed Divisions.
- Move Up/Split Up requirements apply only to players who participated in 3 or more matches, excluding defaults, for that team during the championship year.
- Add table to clarify at what level players may participate.

NOTE: This Regulation is applicable for play in the 2015 Championship Year for any team that advances to, or qualifies for, any 2014 National Championship.

2.07: Championship Benchmark (Rating Type “B”) will no longer be published although process will remain unchanged. Championship players will not be allowed to appeal their ratings down for one year after playing in Championship matches but will be allowed to appeal their ratings up if they otherwise qualify.
I. GENERAL
   A. The United States Tennis Association (USTA), Southern Tennis Association (STA) or the North Carolina Tennis Association (NCTA) are the governing bodies of these League programs.

   B. Play is governed by THE RULES OF TENNIS in *The Friend at Court*, *The Code*, the USTA League Tennis National Regulations, STA Regulations and these NCTA Regulations.

   C. **USTA League programs are** team competitions for men and women with NTRP levels of 2.5 to 5.5. Winning local teams advance to the NC State Championship. Winners of the NC State Championship advance to the Southern Sectional Championships (except in the case of the Singles League and the 65 & over divisions of Mixed Doubles and Combo Doubles). With the exception of Tri-Level, teams are formed in four divisions: 18 & over, 40 & over, 55 & over and 65 & over.

   D. To play in the following divisions, players much reach the minimum age for those divisions by December 31, 2015:

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<tr>
<th>Age Division</th>
<th>Minimum Age</th>
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<tr>
<td>18 &amp; over</td>
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<td>40 &amp; over</td>
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<td>55 &amp; over</td>
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<td>65 &amp; over</td>
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   E. All players must be current members of the USTA through the respective league seasons. **No renewals are allowed during the local league season.**

   F. The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) is the official system of rating levels of competition in these programs. A player with a 2012, 2013 or 2014 computer rating must use that rating or above to participate in these leagues. A player age 60 or above with a 2013 or 2014 computer rating must use that rating or above to participate in these leagues. Players who do not have a valid NTRP rating or have never had an NTRP Rating are required to self-rate according to the NTRP Guidelines.

   G. Mixed Exclusive (M) ratings are only valid for future Mixed Doubles play. In the USTA League Mixed Division, an NTRP level will be calculated for participants who play in that Division exclusively. Year-end Mixed Exclusive ratings will be based on the final dynamic rating generated from local league and championship level competition. If a player has a valid computer (C) or benchmark (B) rating from a previous year, then a player will not receive a Mixed Exclusive rating.
H. Matches played in these leagues may be used in the calculation of NTRP Ratings as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>League</th>
<th>Results used to Calculate Rating?</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>USTA League 18 &amp; over, 40 &amp; over and 55 &amp; over</td>
<td>Always</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>USTA League 65 &amp; over</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>USTA League Mixed Doubles 18 &amp; over and 40 &amp; Over</td>
<td>Only when player does not play USTA Adult 18 &amp; over, 40 &amp; over, 55 &amp; over or 65 &amp; Over AND does not have a previous Year end C rating.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>USTA League Mixed Doubles 55 &amp; over and 65 &amp; over</td>
<td>Never</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Southern Combo Doubles</td>
<td>Never</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NCTA Singles League</td>
<td>Never</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tri-Level</td>
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II. TEAM REQUIREMENTS

A. Roster Requirements for each league:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>League</th>
<th>Season</th>
<th>Minimum number</th>
<th>Maximum Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>USTA League 18 &amp; over</td>
<td>Spring</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>15</td>
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<tr>
<td>USTA League 18 &amp; over 2.5, 5.0+ &amp; 5.5</td>
<td>Spring</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>15</td>
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<tr>
<td>USTA League 40 &amp; over</td>
<td>Spring</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>USTA League 55 &amp; over</td>
<td>Spring</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>USTA League 65 &amp; over</td>
<td>Spring</td>
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<td>15</td>
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<tr>
<td>USTA League Mixed Doubles</td>
<td>Summer</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>15</td>
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<tr>
<td>Southern Combo Doubles</td>
<td>Fall</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>15</td>
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<tr>
<td>NCTA Singles League</td>
<td>Varies</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tri-Level</td>
<td>Varies</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
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</table>
B. When using straight NTRP levels, a player cannot have an NTRP rating higher than the NTRP level in which the player is competing except in the 5.0+ NTRP level of the Adult Division, 18 & Over; and the 4.5+ NTRP level of the Adult Division, 40 & Over. All plus (+) level team rosters may include up to two players from the next higher NTRP level.

- In Plus (+) NTRP levels utilizing three 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 four or more individual matches within a team match, two Plus (+) level players may play in a team match and shall be required to play in the #1 position, either singles or doubles.

C. NTRP Levels of Play

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DIVISION</th>
<th>LEAGUE TYPE</th>
<th>LOCAL LEAGUES</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Adult</td>
<td>18 &amp; Over</td>
<td>2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+, 5.5</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>40 &amp; Over</td>
<td>3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+</td>
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<td>55 &amp; Over</td>
<td>3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0</td>
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<td>65 &amp; Over</td>
<td>3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mixed</td>
<td>18 &amp; Over</td>
<td>2.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0</td>
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<td>65 &amp; Over</td>
<td>6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Combo</td>
<td>18 &amp; Over</td>
<td>5.0, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, 10.5</td>
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<td>40 &amp; Over</td>
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<td>Singles</td>
<td>18 &amp; Over</td>
<td>2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+</td>
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<td>55 &amp; Over</td>
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<td>Tri-Level</td>
<td>18 &amp; Over</td>
<td>Men 3.0/3.5/4.0, 3.5/4.0/4.5 and 4.0/4.5/5.0</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Women: 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</td>
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</table>

D. In the USTA League Adult divisions and Tri-Level Leagues, a player may play only one level above his or her current NTRP Rating (For example, a 3.5 player can play up on a 4.0 team, but cannot play up on a 4.5 team).
E. A local league shall consist of a minimum of 2 teams at a specific level of competition. Advancement to a State Championship is not permitted if this requirement is not met, except for the following:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>League</th>
<th>Levels permitted to advance to State Championships if they are the only local team</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>USTA League Adult</td>
<td>18 &amp; over 5.5 teams, all 65 &amp; over teams</td>
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<tr>
<td>USTA League Mixed Doubles</td>
<td>All 55 &amp; over and 65 &amp; over teams</td>
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<tr>
<td>Southern Combo Doubles</td>
<td>All 55 &amp; over and 65 &amp; over teams, 18 &amp; over 5.0, 5.5, and 9.5 teams, 40 &amp; Over 5.5 and 9.5 teams</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NCTA Singles League</td>
<td>All Levels</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tri-Level</td>
<td>All Levels</td>
</tr>
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II. E. (1): Teams that may advance directly to a State Championships must be added to TennisLink no later than the dates in the chart below. If the team is not added prior to the Initial Roster Deadline of the Local League, the LLC must contact the SLC to notify that a team has been added. Failure to notify the SLC may result in the team not being added to the State Championship schedule.

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<tr>
<th>League</th>
<th>Deadline to add a team advancing directly to State Championship</th>
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<tr>
<td>USTA League Adult</td>
<td>April 15</td>
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<tr>
<td>USTA League Mixed Doubles</td>
<td>July 15</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tri-Level</td>
<td>July 15</td>
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<tr>
<td>USTA-NC Singles League</td>
<td>August 15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Southern Combo Doubles</td>
<td>September 15</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

F. If a level of USTA League Adult 18 & over, 40 & over or 55 & over consists of only two teams in a level of play, each team must maintain its roster with at least 40 percent of its players at the designated NTRP level of play. This rule does not apply to the Adult 55 & Over and 65 & Over 9.0 league.

G. In levels where a team is advancing directly to the state championships as provided for in Rule II. E., players may be added to the TennisLink roster until 2 weeks prior to the start of that League's State Championship. After that, no changes may be made to the TennisLink roster.

H. In the Southern Combo Doubles League, where there is no local 40 & Over 9.5, 55 & Over or 65 & Over Combo league, a local league may allow a 40 & Over 9.5 team to play in the 18 & Over division, a 55 & Over team to play in an 18 & over or 40 & over division or a 65 & over team to play in an 18 & over, 40 & over or 55 & over division.

- The team will be moved into the Age Division with the least number of duplicate players on a single team.
- The matches are to be entered in TennisLink to determine the standings.
- The team will be eligible to advance directly to the next level of their division and may not advance as the winner of the division in which they have been placed for local competition.

I. In USTA League Adult 55 & Over 9.0, Adult 65 & Over 9.0, Mixed Doubles and Southern Combo Doubles, the combined levels of each doubles pair cannot exceed the team level.
J. In USTA League Adult 55 & Over 9.0, Adult 65 & Over 9.0 and Mixed Doubles, on no individual team may the partners be separated by more than 1.0 NTRP point (ex. On an 8.0 team, a 4.5 and a 3.5 may play together, but a 5.0 and a 3.0 may not).

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<th>Adult &amp; Mixed Combined Level</th>
<th>Minimum Rating a Player May Have</th>
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<td>5.0</td>
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<td>7.0</td>
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<td>9.0</td>
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<td>10.0</td>
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K. In the Southern Combo Doubles League, players in each level cannot exceed the maximum rating allowed for that level. See chart below:

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<th>Combo Combined Level</th>
<th>Highest Rating a Player May Have</th>
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III. PROMOTED PLAYERS

A. Players with certain rating types are subject to promotion and possible match reversal during the USTA League Adult season (for the 18 & over, 40 & over and 55 & over divisions). These promotions are monitored by the NTRP computer rating system and are based on match play during the season. Players with the following rating types are subject to promotion and the associated penalties:

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<th>Rating Type</th>
<th>Abbreviation</th>
<th>Subject to Match Reversal?</th>
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<td>Self</td>
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<td>Medical Appealed</td>
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<td>Appealed</td>
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<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dynamic</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>No</td>
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B. If a self-rated player is promoted from a level of play, all matches played by that individual player (in the level that the player is being promoted from) shall be considered losses and scored (0-6, 0-6). If a player with a granted medical appeal is promoted from a level of play, all matches played by that individual player (in the level that the player is being promoted from) shall be considered losses and scored (0-6, 0-6). All players who have computer rated appeals (A) or Dynamic Ratings (D) who are subject to promotion, will not be subject to match reversal if promoted. Players not promoted by the conclusion of local league round robin play will be eligible to compete in the entire local playoff. Dynamic ratings will
be calculated at the end of the local playoff to inform any promoted players that they may not advance to the state championships. Points earned by the promoted players in the local playoffs will stand.

C. A promoted player during local league play may request moving to another team providing there is a team available and time permits. If that team is full, the promoted player may request a waiver regarding number of players on a roster. The NC Director of Adult League Tennis must approve this waiver.

D. Teams losing a player to NTRP Promotion may be provided an exception to allow for adding a player to their roster in the following cases:

   a. If Registration has closed
   b. Their team had the maximum number of players allowed on the roster
   c. The player may not be a self rated player.
IV. LEAGUE PLAY

A. A round robin format shall be played where each team will play every other team at least once (exceptions may be requested in NCTA Singles League only). 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 teams, each team is required to play a minimum of four team matches which is a double round robin.

B. A league schedule may only consist of full round robins (exceptions may be requested in NCTA Singles League only).

C. The Local League Coordinator will determine the schedules.

D. If multiple flights in an NTRP level exist, at least 1 team from each flight will advance to a playoff to determine the winner of that level. This rule does not prohibit a playoff for single flight leagues.

E. Local League Coordinator will determine the playoff format.

F. A team’s lineup does not have to be listed in order of strength, except in plus (+) leagues, where, by regulation, the plus (+) players are restricted to play on designated courts (see NC Regulation II.B.) and in the Tri-Level Leagues, where the highest NTRP level must play on the #1 court, the 2nd highest NTRP level must play on the #2 court and the lowest NTRP level must play on the #3 court. Example: in the 2.5/3.0/3.5 leagues, the 3.5 rated players play on the #1 court, the 3.0 players on the #2 court and the 2.5 players on the #3 court.

G. The scoring format for all leagues will be best 2 out of 3 sets with a 10-point match tiebreaker used in lieu of the third set. An exception may be requested for 2-team leagues. Exception requests must be made in writing to the State League Coordinator prior to the beginning of league play for approval.

H. The Coman Tiebreak format will be used for all tiebreakers.

I. Coaching is not permitted at any point during a match.

J. 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. If a player is not on site when scorecards are to be exchanged (5 minutes before the scheduled match time, unless otherwise stated in local league regulations), any missing players must be moved to a defaultable court. The only exceptions are for the latter courts in staggered matches and Tri-Level matches.

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<tr>
<th>Match Type</th>
<th>Courts to be Defaulted First</th>
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<tr>
<td>2 Singles, 3 Doubles</td>
<td>#2 Singles or #3 Doubles</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 Singles, 2 Doubles</td>
<td>#1 Singles or #2 Doubles</td>
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<tr>
<td>3 Doubles</td>
<td>#3 Doubles</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
K. 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:

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

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

M. 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 must notify the opposing team captain and LLC of the conflict before the scheduled match and work with both parties to reschedule the match within the above mentioned timeframe. Local Leagues may add a requirement that teams represent their local league to reschedule local matches and/or regarding rescheduling Local League Playoffs.
N. To win a Team match, a team must win at least a majority of the individual courts played. If the match ends in a tie, it will be broken by:
   1. The team with the fewest sets lost.
   2. The team with the fewest Games lost.
   3. Toss of coin.

O. The winner of each local level will be the team having won the most team matches, unless there is a playoff within the level. In this case, the winner of the playoff would be the winner of the local level.

P. In Local Leagues at the end of round robin play, if the season ends with a tie for first place, the tie shall be broken according to the following tiebreakers, unless otherwise specified in local league regulations:
   1. Winner of the most individual matches.
   2. Winner of head-to-head match.
   3. Loser of the fewest number of sets.
   4. Loser of the fewest number of games.
   5. Toss of coin.

*Exceptions allowed in NCTA Singles Leagues not using full round robin format.

Q. All scores must be posted on TennisLink within the prescribed time listed in the local league rules. NOTE: Where there are no local league rules, the scores must be posted within 48 hours by the winning captain and confirmed within 48 hours of the match by the losing captain. If the score has not been posted and confirmed within the 48 hours after the match, the Local League Coordinator will determine if there is a winner by the information s/he has.

V. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. Each local league will be extended one invitation per level of play for a team to go to the State Championships. The top two teams will be automatically invited when a level has the following number of teams:

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<tr>
<th>League</th>
<th>Season</th>
<th>Min # of teams on a Level</th>
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<td>USTA League Adult</td>
<td>Spring</td>
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<tr>
<td>USTA League Mixed Doubles</td>
<td>Summer</td>
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<td>Southern Combo Doubles</td>
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<td>NCTA Singles League</td>
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<td>Tri-Level</td>
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B. Wildcards, will be offered, if needed, to local leagues according to the chart in Appendix A of these State Regulations. The SLC will notify the LLC of each league of the initial wildcards, if any, that are being offered.

C. If the first place team from a local league cannot attend the State Championships, the second place team from that local league’s particular NTRP level will be asked to represent the local league. If the second place team is unable to attend, the Local League Coordinator must contact the NC Director of Adult League Tennis to discuss the possibility of a lower finishing team attending in its place. If not, the offer will go to another Local League, as determined by the Wildcard chart in Appendix A of these State Regulations, if a team is needed to fill the draw.
D. The following is the minimum number of team members who were on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play who must be available and eligible to compete at the State Championships:

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<th>League</th>
<th>Season</th>
<th>Minimum number</th>
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<tr>
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<td>Spring</td>
<td>8</td>
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<tr>
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<td>Varies</td>
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*Those 6 players must be able to combine to form 3 eligible teams.

E. Teams must have played in a minimum of three local matches, except in cases where a team is advancing directly to the State Championships, as provided for in Rule II. E.

F. Players must play in a minimum number of matches to be eligible to advance to the State Championships (players on teams advancing directly to the State Championships, as provided for in rule II. E., are exempt from the following):

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<th>Minimum Required Matches Played</th>
<th># of defaults that may count as a match played</th>
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<td>Spring</td>
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G. Team Matches at the State Championships will consist of:

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H. Any team defaulting a court at the State Championships will incur a $100 penalty for each court defaulted. The fine is payable prior to the team’s next match or, if it is their last match, before they leave the tournament. If a team does not pay the fine, no members of that team will be allowed to play in any future league tennis until the fine is paid.

I. Any team withdrawing from a State Championship after the published withdrawal date will incur a $300 penalty. These dates will be published in the Captain’s Information in each State Championship’s Tournament information, posted at www.ncleaguetennis.com. The penalty is payable within 1 week after the team notifies either their LLC or the SLC that they will not participate in the tournament after which all members of the team will be suspended from league play until the penalty has been paid. Any registration fees paid will not be returned.

- Teams who accept a wildcard after the published withdrawal date and then later withdraw will be subject to the same penalties.
- Any team that fails to show up at a State Championship will be subject to the same penalties as a team that withdraws after the published withdrawal date.
- Teams may be subject to a grievance by the Tournament Committee.

J. Any player on two or more teams advancing to a North Carolina League State Championship 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 2 different people, which requires separate championship fees.

K. If a round robin ends with a tie for first place in Championship Play, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that breaks the tie:

1. Winner of the most individual matches.
2. Winner of the Head-to-Head match.
3. Loser of the fewest number of sets.
4. Loser of the fewest number of games.
5. Toss of coin.

L. If a player's team wins at the State Championship but s/he did not play at the State Championships, that player is still eligible to play at the Section Championship provided he or she had met the requirements to qualify for the State Championship.
## 2015 State Championships

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<td>June 11-14</td>
<td>Lake Norman</td>
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<td>Winston Salem</td>
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<td>Sept 10-13</td>
<td>Asheville</td>
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<td>Raleigh</td>
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## COMMITTEES

*Grievance committees for both State and Championship grievances will consist of 3 persons from the current Local League Coordinators and/or Adult League Committee.*
Appendix A

2014 Wildcards

Rules Governing Wildcards

The list below will be used to determine the order that wildcards are offered, if wildcards are needed, for a particular level.

Areas automatically sending two teams for a level, will move to the bottom of the list for that level

Except in cases of 2 team leagues, areas whose second place teams have records below .500 will not be considered before an area whose second place team has a record at or above .500.