



USTA SOUTH CAROLINA LEAGUE TENNIS STATE REGULATIONS

Adult and Senior Divisions

League Year 2010-FINAL

0.0 INTRODUCTION

USTA League Tennis National and Southern Regulations have full force and applicability at all levels of play in USTA League Tennis in the USTA Southern Section and there is no authorization to modify, amplify or change them by local or State League Coordinators, or Grievance or Grievance Appeals Committees

0.01 USTA South Carolina has appointed the SC State League Coordinator to organize and coordinate all USTA League Tennis activities in the South Carolina State League and to interpret the South Carolina State USTA League Tennis Regulations.

0.02 All players, teams and Local Leagues must abide by USTA League Tennis, USTA Southern Tennis and USTA South Carolina Rules and Regulations.

0.03 Local Leagues may write regulations to govern local play. USTA League Regulations, USTA Southern Tennis Regulations and USTA South Carolina Regulations take precedence over Local League Rules and Regulations.

0.04 Local League Rules and Regulations must be approved by the State League Coordinator prior to the start of the Local League Season.

0.05 Local League Rules and Regulations must be distributed to Team Captains along with USTA League Regulations, Southern Tennis Regulations and USTA South Carolina Rules and Regulations before League Season begins.

0.06 Paragraph numbering for the following sections is done in accordance with the paragraph numbering format of USTA League Tennis Regulations and USTA Southern Regulations. Topics addressed in specific paragraphs of these USTA South Carolina Regulations relate to the same topics in the same paragraphs of the aforesaid regulations. National and Southern regulations have separate sections for Adult and Senior programs. However, Section 3.00 of these South Carolina Regulations relates to both programs.

0.07 New regulations or changes in regulations are underlined

1.00 GENERAL

1.11 Membership.

1.11B All local leagues must be current members of USTA. All players must be current members of USTA and USTA South Carolina through the Local League seasons, including local playoffs.

USTA South Carolina dues are \$6.00 per player per League year, and are paid through Local League dues. Dues must be paid for EACH LEAGUE (Adult, Senior, Super Senior, Mixed Doubles, Singles League and Southern Combo Doubles) played in during League season.

1.14 Registration. Rosters must be entered in TennisLink before League play begins. Players may not move to a different team once match play has begun for that level, unless approved by the State League Coordinator. Local Leagues will set deadlines for registering players and for adding players to rosters. Players may not be added to the team roster during local league flight playoffs or at any championship. The State League Coordinator will inform Local Leagues of add-on deadlines for State Championships.

2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES:

2.01 Committees. The State League Coordinator has the authority to appoint the persons who shall serve on Grievance and Grievance Appeals Committees in the place of those persons listed below in the case of conflict, absence or other inability to serve. Substitute appointments will come from members of the League Council.

2.01A Grievance Committees. Grievances will be handled by the appropriate Grievance Committee. See USTA Regulations 2.01A, Grievance Committee.

The South Carolina State League Grievance Committee is:

Bob Peiffer, Chairman
Mary Anna Scott, Member
Bonnie Sue Duncan, Member

2.01B Grievance Appeals Committees. Grievance appeals will be handled by the appropriate Grievance Appeals Committee. See USTA Regulations 2.01B, Grievance Appeals Committee.

The South Carolina State League Grievance Appeals Committee is:

Dee Vaughan, Chairman
Sam Hicks, Member
Joyce Harrison, Member

2.02 Grievance Complaints.

2.02B Self-Rate NTRP Grievances. Self-Rate NTRP grievances shall come under the jurisdiction of the Section Grievance and Grievance Appeals Committees. Grievance Complaints will be sent to the Local League Coordinator and then to the State League Coordinator to be forwarded to the Section Grievance Committee.

3.00 LEAGUE REGULATIONS

3.01 Local League.

3.01A Number of Teams. When a Local League does not have the required number of teams (two teams) to constitute a level, the State League Coordinator, in consultation with affected Local League Coordinators, shall either:

- (1) Assign the singleton team to another Local League, in which case, (a) the assigned team will register on TennisLink in the Local (host) League to which it is assigned and pay the fees and abide by the rules of the host league; (b) the host league will make the rule regarding travel for matches.
- (2) Group the singleton team with other singleton teams in the state and schedule a playoff among those teams to determine advancement to the State Championships. The State League Coordinator will decide on the date(s), playoff structure, and designate the site and Local (host) League.

3.01B Team. Local Leagues may limit the number of players that appear on a team roster and/or the number of players that appear on that roster that are at a specific NTRP level.

3.01D Entry.

3.01D(2) Players who do not have a computer rating on file in TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) Guidelines and complete the self-rating process on TennisLink when registering for a team. Failure to do so or omission of information regarding a player's tennis history will subject the player, the captain and/or others who condoned inaccurate self-rating to sanctions and disqualification.

3.01G Scoring and Rest. Local leagues have the option to use or not to use the Match Tiebreak (first to 10 by a margin of 2) in lieu of a third set in Local League play, including playoffs.

3.01H Competition Format.

3.01H(2) Team Match and Scoring.

- (a) Local Leagues may make a rule regarding the maximum number of defaults allowed teams during the Local League Season.
- (b) A Local League may set their policy for players' presence on court to receive a default.

3.01H(4) Team Lineups. Local Leagues may make a rule regarding rescheduling of matches due to inclement weather.

3.01H(5) Player Participation.

3.01H(5)b During the South Carolina Local League Season a player may play on more than one NTRP level in Adult and/or Senior divisions in the **same** Local League during the **same** season.

3.01H(5)c

- (1) A player may play at the **same** NTRP level in the same division (Adult or Senior) on teams in **separate** Local Leagues in South Carolina during the **same** season.
- (2) *A player from another state (as defined by the player's primary residence as listed in USTA records) may not participate in South Carolina without approval by the Local League Coordinator representing the area that is affected and the State League Coordinator. A player playing out of his/her home state without obtaining prior approval will be subject to sanctions, including, at a minimum, defaulting of all matches played prior to receiving approval. Sanctions may be applied to the team captain as well. A player from another state who previously received approval to play in South Carolina and who has played in South Carolina in every year since that approval was granted, need not reapply for approval to play in 2010 in the same local league and the same division (adult or senior) and same level as in 2009.*

3.01H(5)d Players who qualify for South Carolina Adult State Championships may advance on more than one Adult team in the 2010 League season, but not at the same level of play.

3.01H(5)e Players who qualify for South Carolina Senior State Championships may advance on more than one Senior team in the 2010 league season, but not at the same level of play.

3.02 Progression.

3.02A Local League Competition. Each Local League MUST complete their Local League Season prior to the South Carolina State League Championships.

3.02B State Championships.

- (1) The following number of teams per Local League will be qualified to go to the Adult State Championships at the 3.0 and 3.5 levels.

2 –20 teams	1 team
21 or more teams	2 teams

- (2) The following number of teams per Local League will be qualified to go to the Adult State Championships at the 4.0 and 4.5 levels.

2 – 8 teams	1 team
9 – 15 teams	2 teams
16 or more teams	3 teams

- (3) The State League Coordinator will determine the number of teams at the 2.5 and 5.0 levels to qualify for the Adult State championships when the adult team rosters for these levels have been submitted.

- (4) The following number of teams per Local League will be qualified to go to the Senior State Championships at the 3.0, and 4.0 levels.

2 – 08 teams	1 team
9 – 15 teams	2 teams
16 or more teams	3 teams

- (5) The following number teams per Local League will be qualified to go to the Senior State Championships at the 3.5 level:

2-19 teams	1 team
20 or more teams	2 teams

- (6) The Senior League Coordinator will determine the number of teams at the 4.5 level to qualify for the Senior State Championships when the senior rosters for this level have been submitted.

- (7) Play-offs may be required to determine advancement to State Championships between Local Leagues/levels that only have two teams in a level. This applies to both Adult and Senior Leagues.

- (8) Only one default will count as a qualifying match for Adult and Senior State Championships and Sectional Championships.

- (9) A default will not count for advancing to National Championships.

- 10) For all players involved, a retirement counts as a qualifying match for Adult and Senior State, Sectional and National Championships.
- 11) Local play occurring at the State Championships: Players will be permitted to play in the entire event but, if a disqualification occurs when the ratings are run at the conclusion of the tournament, those matches will be handled in the following manner: If the play is a Round Robin, matches for the DQ'd players are reversed. Matches played during a playoff, by winners advancing from multiple Round Robins are not reversed.
- (12) 2010 Adult and Senior State Championship winning teams will not be required to split up to play in 2011. "unless the winning team advances to a National Championship".
- (13) Teams that withdraw from the Championships after the roster/fee submittal deadline will forfeit fees. A team substituted for the withdrawing team will not be responsible for championship fees other than for those of players exceeding the number of players paid for by the withdrawing team. If fees were not paid by the withdrawing team, that team's Local League will pay fees. Recovery of championship fees will be up to the appropriate Local Leagues.
- (14) If a team withdraws from a championship after the draw has been published a grievance will be filed against all members on the team roster that is submitted for the championship. Sanctions against these team members may include that all members on the submitted roster be banned from participating in any playoff (state or higher) for a period of up to 11 months.
- (15) If an entire team defaults their match during a championship, a grievance will be filed against all members on the team roster that is submitted for the championship. Sanctions against these team members may include that all members on the submitted roster be banned from participating in any playoff (state or higher) for a period of up to 11 months.
- (16) The winner of each level at the State Championships will be allowed to advance to the Sectional Championships in Birmingham, AL, July 24- August 1, 2010.
- (17) **CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW:** The Championship Draw is a random draw done by the championship referee before league competition is completed. Where possible, however, teams from the same local league will be put in separate flights. The number of flights at a given level will depend on the number of teams eligible. A flight typically will have four teams and the referee may elect to add wildcard teams to balance out flights [see item (18)]. In the case of three flights, a wildcard will be drawn at random (from the numbers 1, 2, 3) by the referee on the final day of round-robin play to determine which flight's second place team will play in the semifinals. The wildcard team will play a team from another flight.

- (18) **WILDCARD PROCEDURE:** Wildcards will be chosen from a random draw based on the number of teams and positions by Area from the current spring season. The number of teams an Area has will be divided by the number of positions that Area qualifies for at the State Championships. This number will determine the total chances the Area will have in the random draw. An Area whose team is drawn for a Wildcard and used at a particular level will NOT BE ELIGIBLE to have a wildcard at the same level the following year unless there are not enough teams available to complete the draw. An Area whose team is named to replace a team that dropped out of the State Championship will remain eligible for a wildcard at that level the following year. Two-team levels will not be eligible for a wildcard.

Year-End NTRP Computer Ratings and Appeal Procedures.

3.05B(1) Players may appeal their 2009 year-end ratings on-line at any time during the 2010 league year. TennisLink will allow only one granted appeal. 2009 State, Area, Sectional and National benchmark players cannot appeal their 2009 year-end ratings except for medical reasons. Medical Appeals and appeals to move down from a self-rating must be submitted in writing, by fax, mail, or email and sent to Mary Goins, P.O. Box 386, Easley, SC 29641, emailed to mqgoins@charter.net or faxed to 864-859-4502. Medical Appeal forms can be found on the USTA South Carolina Tennis webpage at sctennis.com. Appeals must be done on an individual basis; no group appeals will be accepted.

3.05B(2) A Medical appeal of a disabling injury or illness for a player must be accompanied by THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S EVALUATION of the injury or illness, stating the extent and permanency of the injury or illness and any other substantiating information. The Southern Medical Review Committee will evaluate all medical appeals, and if the injury/illness is deemed permanently disabling, the appeal will be forwarded to the National Medical Review Committee for further review.