

USTA LEAGUE

MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2014

League Type: Changed the term “League Type” to “Age Group” throughout the Regulations.

1.04A USTA League Program: Added 40 & Over Age Group to the Mixed Division as a National Program for 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, and 9.0 Combined Levels. Scoring and other Regulations for the 40 & Over Age Group were added throughout the Regulations to be in alignment with the Mixed Division 18 & Over Age Group.

1.04D(5) Two Team Leagues: Reduced the required percentage of team members at the designated team NTRP level from 60% to 40%.

1.04F(1) Entry: Established minimum NTRP rating levels to be eligible to participate in Age Groups in the Adult and Mixed Divisions that use combined NTRP team levels.

2.01C(2) Team Match: Added new language to:

- require that for each local league team match, a majority of the individual matches must be played to constitute a valid team match;
- require each Sectional Association to establish a procedure to determine the actions to take when the combination of individual match defaults by the two teams in a team match results, or would result, in a situation where a majority of the individual matches would not be played.

2.03E Team Match and Scoring: Added new language to:

- require that for each championship team match, a majority of the individual matches must be played to constitute a valid team match;
- give authority to the Championship Committee to determine the actions to take when the combination of individual match defaults by the two teams in a team match would result in a situation where a majority of the individual matches would not be played.

2.03H Procedures in the Event of a Tie: Moved “Head-to-Head” below “Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition” and above “Loser of the fewest number of sets” in the order required to break a tie.

2.03L Scoring of Team Defaults:

- Revised language to state that when a team defaults an entire team match at a championship, that team is no longer eligible to continue to play at that championship.

2.05E Promotion of Players 60 & Over and 65 & Over

- 2.05E(1): Decreased the age from 70 to 60 for players who are promoted and granted an appeal if they have a history of being at the same or lower NTRP level, without benefit of appeal, for their three most recent year-end ratings;
- 2.05E(2): Added new language to state that no player 65 or over will be given a published year-end NTRP rating level higher than his/her most recent valid year-end NTRP rating level although the player may appeal to move up.

*NOTE: The changes above to Reg. 2.05E will be applicable for play in the 2014 Championship Year.

2.06A Move-Up/Split-Up:

- A total of three players (two for 2.5 and 5.0+) who were on the final roster of any team or combination of teams that advanced to, or qualified for, any National Championship, may play together on the same team the following year (if their individual NTRP Levels allow).
- These three (or two) players may be from any Team, Division, Age Group, or NTRP Level (straight or combined) OR, from any combination of these.
- The only EXCEPTION is if more than three (or two) players from the same team wish to play together again as a team, in whole or in part, they may do so if:
 - they move up one team NTRP Level (if their individual NTRP Levels allow)
 - AND
 - they do not combine with players who were rostered on any other team that advanced to, or qualified for, any National Championship the previous year.

***Note:** This Regulation is applicable for play in the 2014 Championship Year for any team that advances to, or qualifies for any 2013 National Championship

3.02B Administrative Grievances: Added language to clarify that captains and committee members are not subject to Administrative Grievances.

3.03 A(2): Added new Regulation to indicate who may file an Administrative Grievance.