



2021 USTA Tennessee Tri-Level League Regulations

KNOXVILLE

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Adult 18& Over Adult 40 & Over Adult 55 & Over Adult 65 & Over Mixed Leagues Tri-Level Combo

Regulations written in BLUE text are specific to the KNOXVILLE leagues and may not apply in other local areas.

I. Dates

<u>League</u>	<u>Local Registration Opens</u>	<u>Local Team Registration Close (Deadline for legal team roster minimum)</u>	<u>Local Last Day to Add Individual</u>	<u>Local Schedule Released</u>	<u>Local Playoff Dates</u>	<u>Tennessee League Play Deadline</u>	<u>State Championship</u>
Tri-Level	January 1, 2021	January 4, 2021	February 7, 2021	January 6, 2021	TBD	August 25, 2021	Tri-Level All Divisions tbd

a. Play Dates are as follows:

January 8-10; 15-17; 22-24; 29-31; February 5-7; 12-14; 26-28 (if needed)

b. Match Balls:

- i. Balls will not be provided, each home team is responsible to bring a can of balls to the match.
- ii. However if all your teams are GKTA members please inform your Local League Coordinator to apply for ball sponsorship from GKTA in which case balls will be provided for your home matches.



- a. All local areas must end team registration on or before the State Team Registration deadline of **July 20, 2021**. Local areas that do not have a team signed up in a level of play have an additional two weeks from the Local Team Registration deadline to form a team in that level, or teams may be formed at the approval of the State League Coordinator and the Championship Committee to advance straight to the USTA Tennessee Tri-Level State Championship.

II. League Regulations

- a. Where not otherwise stated, USTA League National, Southern, and Tennessee Regulations have full force and applicability. Local regulations may be amended at any time by the USTA Tennessee Adult League Committee, or the Local Rules & Regulations Committee.
- b. USTA Tennessee authorizes Tri-Level leagues for 18 & Over, 40 & Over, and 55 & Over age divisions.
- c. There are four divisions in the Tri-Level league
 - i. 3.5, 3.0, 2.5
 - ii. 4.0, 3.5, 3.0
 - iii. 4.5, 4.0, 3.5
 - iv. 5.0, 4.5, 4.0
- d. Team matches will consist of three (3) doubles matches, played in order of NTRP Rating based on the division. For example, for the 3.5, 3.0, 2.5 division, the maximum NTRP rating for #1 Doubles is 3.5, for #2 Doubles is 3.0, and for #3 Doubles is 2.5.
- e. A player may play at their current NTRP level and/or up to one level above the current NTRP level.
- f. The minimum number of players for a legal team is six (6).
- g. USTA Tennessee will have no residency requirements for teams that are in leagues with local play.
 - i. For teams that advance directly to a State Championship or play their local league at a State Championship, USTA Tennessee requires that at least 2 players of the team be residents of the local area from which that team is advancing.
- h. USTA Tennessee limits the number of players that may appear on a team roster in the Tri-Level leagues to 18 players.
- i. All captains will use the following format when registering a team. For example:
TN/Nashville/Ontog

III. Individual Regulations

- a. Players must have a USTA Membership that is valid through the end of the local league season. If a player is advancing to the USTA Tennessee Tri-Level State Championship, the player must have a valid USTA Membership through the end of the Championship.
- b. All players must have a valid NTRP rating.

IV. League Play

- a. All matches will be the best of three sets and the set tiebreak (first to 7 by 2) shall be used at 6-all in each set. In lieu of a third set, a match tiebreak (first to 10 by 2) shall be played. There will be a two-minute set break at the end of each set with no coaching. All tiebreaks shall follow the Coman tiebreak procedure.



- b. All scorecards must be entered into TennisLink within 48 hours of the completion of the team match. All scorecards will be FINAL 48 hours after the team match is complete.
 - i. If scores are not entered into Tennislink within 48 hours, both captains may be subject to a local grievance and sanctions imposed by the Local Grievance Committee.
- c. If an area has more than one flight within a level, each local area will determine if playoffs will be required.
- d. If play is interrupted by weather, darkness or other factors beyond the control of players, completed individual matches will stand as played. In the event that rain or inclement weather forces the cancellation and/or re-scheduling of a local league team match, the line-up would stand only for those positions that had already started (first service attempt) their match. All other positions, even those that were in warm-up may be changed including defaulted courts.
 - i. Matches should be played as scheduled. ANY COURT COST ASSOCIATED WITH A RESCHEDULED MATCH WILL BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PLAYERS.**
- e. Lineups are to be exchanged at the scheduled match time, or before, if captains agree and are ready to play. In the event of illness, injury, or no-show of a player prior to the start of an individual match (once the lineup has been exchanged), a team may substitute a player in the affected position within the 15-minute default time, using a player not already listed in the lineup. There will be a 5 warm-up for the substituted player.
- f. If a captain knows ahead of time an entire team match will be forfeited, the captain must notify the LLC and the opposing team captain. If a team forfeits an entire team match and that forfeit affects the outcome of the local league, then all matches played by the forfeiting team will be removed from the standings. If the forfeiting team has no effect on the outcome of the local league, matches played by that team will stand.

V. Championships

- a. If there is local play, players must play in at least one (1) match to be eligible to compete at the USTA Tennessee League Tri-Level State Championship. A default may count as one match.
- b. The number of advancing from **Knoxville** is determined by the chart below:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Number Of Local Teams At A Specific NTRP Level</u>	<u>Number Of Local Teams Advancing to State League Championship</u>
All Tri-Level Leagues	1 - 9	1
	10-19	2
	20+	3

- c. If there is no local play, a team may advance directly to the USTA Tennessee Tri-Level State Championship.
- d. The 2021 USTA Tennessee Tri-Level State Championship will be held in **PENDING**.



VI. Grievances

- a. Self-rated players who enter the USTA League Tennis Program by misrepresenting their actual skill level are considered to have violated the standards of good conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship and may be subject to a grievance complaint and possible disqualification. A Captain, LLC, State League Coordinator or member of the State League Committee can file a NTRP grievance. A player with a valid NTRP Computer (C) rating, or granted an Automatic Appeal (A) rating of a Computer (C) rating is not subject to an NTRP Grievance. Any other player is subject to an NTRP Grievance.
- b. Grievances are filed with the LLC. Please submit via email, including a \$25.00 fee. Should the Grievance Committee find in favor of the person filing the grievance, the \$25.00 will be refunded. The LLC will give the grievance to the Local Grievance Committee. Forms for grievances may be obtained from the LLC.

I. Committees

- a. **Local Regulations Committee: Millicent Dunn, Jimmy Selph, Tiffany Webb**
- b. USTA Tennessee Grievance Committee: Terryann Nelson (Chair), Debbi Booton, Jackie Mills
- c. USTA Tennessee Grievance Appeals Committee: Roger Ross (Chair), Paul Fultz, Barbara Hooper
- d. Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committee members may change or individual members substituted at the discretion of the USTA Tennessee Adult League Committee Chairperson.

II. Other Resources

- a. USTA, USTA Southern, and USTA Tennessee Regulations - www.ustatn.com/adult-tennis/adult-leagues/
- b. USTA Tennessee Website - www.ustatn.com
- c. USTA Southern Website - www.southern.usta.com
- d. GKTA membership application:
http://www.gkta.usta.com/About/_Contact_GKTA/GKTAMEMBERSHIPAPPLICATION/