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2019 USTA Tennessee Local 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 CITY leagues and may not apply in other local areas.

These regulations only apply for Knoxville Tri-Level Women.

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>State League Play Deadline</u>	<u>State Championship</u>
All Tri-Level Leagues	January 1, 2019	January 8, 2019 (18+;40+) 55+ TBD	February 15, 2019 (18+; 40+) 55+ TBD	January 9, 2019 (18+; 40+) 55+ TBD	TBD	tbd	tbd

- a. Play Dates for 18+ and 40+ are as follows:
January 11-13; 18-20; 25-27 and February 1-3; 8-10; 15-17

Play Dates for 55+ TBD

II. League Regulations

- a. Where not otherwise stated, USTA League National, Southern, and Tennessee Regulations have full force and applicability.
- b. **Knoxville** defines itself as **Knox County and outlying areas within 50 miles of Knox County**. Teams competing in the **KNOXVILLE** Local Leagues must play in facilities that reside within the defined area.



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- c. All participants must be current members of the USTA and have reached the minimum age for league type within the calendar year. Each player shall have reached the required minimum age prior to or during the calendar year in which such player participates in his or her first local league. Each player must pay a **\$30** league fee for each team that he/she is joining. This will be paid at the time of registration. There will also be a \$3 fee paid to TennisLink at the time of registration. Total fee on TennisLink will be **\$33** per registrant per team.
- d. USTA Tennessee authorizes Tri-Level leagues for 18 & Over, 40 & Over, and 55 & Over age divisions.
 - i. USTA Tennessee offers three divisions in each age group
 - 1. 2.5/3.0/3.5
 - 2. 3.0/3.5/4.0
 - 3. 3.5/4.0/4.5
- e. Team matches will consist of three (3) doubles matches, played in order of NTRP Rating based on the division. For example, for the 2.5/3.0/3.5 division, the maximum NTRP rating for #1 Doubles is 3.5, for #2 Doubles is 3.0, and for #3 Doubles is 2.5.
- f. **18+ and 40+ matches will be scheduled indoors and SHOULD BE PLAYED AS SCHEDULED. In the event a match is rescheduled, COURT FEES WILL BE PAID**
- g. **AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PLAYERS.**

III. Team Regulations

- a. The minimum number of players for a legal team is six (6).
- b. USTA Tennessee limits the number of players on a Tri-Level team roster to 14 players.
- c. USTA Tennessee does not have any residency requirements for Tri-Level teams that play a local league.
 - i. For teams that advance directly to the State Championships, USTA Tennessee requires that at least **XXXX%** of the team be residents of the local area that the team advances from.
- d. **All captains will use the following format when registering team TN/Knoxville/Captain's Last Name.**

IV. 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 League 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.
- c. A player may play at their current NTRP level and/or up to one level above the current NTRP level.



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V. League Play

- a. All matches will be the best of three sets and the set tiebreak shall be used at 6-all in each set. In lieu of a third set, a match tiebreak 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 with 48 hours of the completion of the team match. All scorecards will be FINAL 48 hours after the team match is complete.
- c. If an area has more than one flight within a level, each local area will determine if playoffs will be required.
- d. 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 on the lineup. There will be a **5-minute warmup allowed**.
- e. If a captain knows ahead of time an entire team match will be forfeited, the captain must notify the Local League Coordinator 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.

VI. 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. If there is no local play, a team may advance directly to the USTA Tennessee League Tri-Level State Championship.
- c. The 2019 USTA Tennessee League Tri-Level State Championship will be held September 6-8, 2018 in Memphis, Tennessee.

VII. 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, Local League Coordinator, 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.



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- b. Grievances are filed with the Local League Coordinator. 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 Local League Coordinator.

VIII. Local Committees

- a. **Rules & Regulations Committee – Sherry Norris, Mike Pappas, Tiffany Webb**
- b. **Grievance Committee – Millicent Dunn, Amanda Smith, Jeremy Tanarungsekul**
- c. **Grievance Appeals Committee – Neal Arwood, Karen Kelly, Jennifer Lea**

IX. Other Resources

- a. **USTA, USTA Southern, and USTA Tennessee Regulations –**
- b. **USTA Tennessee Championship Procedures –**
- c. **USTA Tennessee Website – www.ustatn.com**
- d. **USTA Southern Website – www.sta.usta.com**