

**USTA/Midwest Section  
USTA League Standing Orders  
Questions and Answers**



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The questions and answers in this document are interpretations or clarifications of the USTA/Midwest Section USTA League Standing Orders and new USTA Regulations. The districts are required to abide by these interpretations.

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3/24/15	<p><b>What is the procedure a DLC must follow when an ineligible player has played in a match?</b></p>	<p>The DLC must use the player DQ function in TennisLink and make the player ineligible (as well as DQ the player; both boxes must be checked) for that particular match.</p>
4/9/11	<p><b>1.04D(4)a, 1.04D(6)a and Tri-Level Section 2 # b</b></p> <p>What happens if a player registers on a team roster after the local league roster deadline has passed?</p>	<p>The player must be removed from the team since he/she was ineligible and any match(es) played will be defaulted to the opposing team.</p>
<p>revised 5/7/15</p>	<p><b>Two Team Leagues: 1.04D(5) 40% Rule for Adult 18 &amp; Over and Adult 40 &amp; Over.</b></p> <p>If a lower NTRP level player registers right before match play and makes the team with less than 40% of in level players, is it considered an illegal team and the whole match is defaulted?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prior to each time a match is played, the captains must validate that they meet the 40% minimum in level for players rostered on a team.</li> <li>2. What if your opposing team is illegal with this 40% minimum and you are unaware. Your players matches are defaulted....so the responsibility of reviewing 40% minimum must be for your team and opposing team?</li> <li>3. Is USTA going to give out any waivers for this rule....those who have small areas. The only automatic waiver I see is if a team went to nationals and WHOLE team moves up.</li> <li>4. What happens to a team, if their roster does not meet the 40% in level rule during a local league match?</li> </ol>	<p><u>These decisions are from the National USTA League office by email on 3/13/11.</u></p> <p><u>Yes...illegal match with entire match defaulted.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes</li> <li>2. Yes</li> <li>3. No Waiver</li> <li>4. It is a "Total Team Default". The DLC must follow their local rule on "Total Team Default" or if no rule, follow the USTA Regulation 2.03L</li> </ol> <p><b>USTA recommends that if a district has a Two Team Adult 18&amp;O and Adult 40&amp;O local league that team registration should be closed before a schedule is made to ensure rule is being followed.</b></p>
<p>Updated 3/5/15</p> <p>4/13/13</p>	<p><b>1.04D(3)b ESL Year End Rating and Playoffs Eligibility?</b></p> <p>May an ESL Player who has moved up a level as a result of their Year End Rating, play in the Local League Playoff?</p> <p><b>ESL and Year End ratings:</b> If a player's rating moves up or down what rating do players use?</p>	<p><b>No</b>, as stated in the USTA/Midwest Section Standing Order USTA League Section 1.04D(3)b "For early start leagues, a player who receives a year-end rating at a higher NTRP level may complete the local early start league, however, the player is not exempt from dynamic NTRP Disqualification (DQ) procedures at the lower NTRP level if applicable. <b><u>The player will not be eligible for playoffs at the lower NTRP level.</u></b> This player must then play at their new year end NTRP level.</p> <p>2.05B(3)c Players who are found to have valid computer ratings, after the appeal process, that place them above the NTRP level at which they are competing may continue their participation at the lower NTRP level through the conclusion of any Early Start League in progress or until such</p>

		<p>other date as determined by the Section. They shall not be permitted to advance to any championship level. Prior team matches played are valid.</p> <p>Players who are found to have valid computer ratings, after the appeal process, that place them below the NTRP level at which they are competing may continue their participation at the lower NTRP level through the conclusion of any Early Start League in progress or until such other date as determined by the Section. They will be permitted to advance to any championship level. Prior team matches played are valid.</p> <p>Note: Players with lower or higher NTRP levels due to their new year-end rating may be at risk due to the 1.0 NTRP limit difference between partners and/or their inability to combine and compete with other team members.</p>
4/23/12	<p><b>2.03 A(5) Minimum Team Requirement:</b></p> <p>When does a District League Coordinator /Local League Coordinator or Tournament Director stop trying to replace a team who has pulled out of an event/championship?</p>	<p>If a team withdraws from a championship event, the LLC, DLC, or Tournament Director must be notified. The LLC, DLC and TD may replace team up to 48 hours prior to the championship event.</p> <p>If the withdrawal is less than the 48 hours prior to the championship event, no attempt will be made to replace the team.</p> <p>Then if there is a revision to the schedule, a verbal and e-mail exchange must be made with each attending captain to ensure they know of the schedule revision.</p> <p>The USTA/Midwest Section and the Championship is not responsible for any expenses incurred due to a withdrawal of a team.</p>
4/9/11	<p><b>2.06 A Move Up/Split Up Rule</b></p> <p>If a team has more than the eligible amount of players who played on a team who went to nationals the previous year, may the captain/players choose who to delete?</p>	<p>USTA Regulations mandate the following: Adult 18&amp;O, Adult 40&amp; O, Adult 55 &amp; O and Mixed 18 &amp; Over may only have three (3) players on the same team at the same NTRP level.</p> <p>The last player to register who was on the same previous National Championship team that made the present team ineligible will be removed from the team. The captain/player may not choose.</p>
3/5/15	<p><b>3.00 Grievance Procedures</b></p> <p><b>Is there a filing fee for filing grievances at the Section Level?</b></p>	<p><b><i>Any grievance type heard by the Midwest League Grievance Committee requires a \$50 fee if filed before July 15. From July 15 and on the fee is \$100 in Championship season. The fee is refunded if the grievance is upheld. This fee may not be waived.</i></b></p>
4/9/11	<p><b>4.03 Staff plays in Local playoffs, District, State and Section Championships.</b></p> <p>May tournament staff, LLCs, DLCs, SLCs and officials play at the championships in which they are serving in an official capacity?</p>	<p>No one who is working during a championship may play on a team.</p>

	<p>If the divisions are split so that only one division is playing:  Example: Adult 40 &amp; O: Friday Adult 18 &amp; O; Saturday and Sunday</p>	<p>If a LLC, DLC or SLC is running the event, they may not participate at any level.</p>
4/30/11	<p><b>4.03</b> Tournament staff, including the Local, District and Section Coordinators. At Local Playoff, District, State, and Sectional Championships, including, but not limited to, site directors. USTA Section and District staff, referees and umpires, may not play in Championships in which they are serving in an official capacity.</p>	<p>This rule does not apply to your “Volunteers” who are ONLY serving on the Tournament Championship Committee, Grievance, Grievance Appeal and NTPR Review Committee.</p> <p>We will NOT eliminate those who volunteer on championship committee as long as they are not tournament staff, referees or umpires. These championship committee volunteers <i>must recuse</i> themselves if there is a conflict of interest in that particular championship grievance, appeal or NTRP review.</p>
3/5/15	<p><b>Combo Doubles</b>  Is there a 1.0 difference rule between partners on a Combo team?</p>	<p>No. Combo doubles was set up to embrace the disparity of levels between partners. Districts may not override this rule when setting up progressing combo programs. Example: a 3.0 player may play with a 4.5 player to make up a 7.5 combo team.</p>
11/22/11	<p><b>Combo Mixed Doubles Set Up</b></p> <p>If districts want to offer Combo as a mixed doubles option, what division should be selected when setting up the league tree? Should it be Combo, Mixed, or Other?</p>	<p>If the district is following the 1.0 limit between partners rule, then the division must be mixed doubles.</p>
Revised 3/5/15	<p><b>League and Championship</b></p> <p>If a player has been dynamic disqualified in the following championship year, are they eligible to play in a Combo local league or championship match from the previous championship year.</p> <p><i>Example:</i> John Doe self rated as 3.0 on 11-3-10 registers and plays on Combo. John Doe then registers for 2011 ESL or Winter Adult team, he plays three matches and is DQd. May he still play on Combo team since it is a 2010 championship year?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
Updated 3/5/15	<p><b>Combo Doubles Playoff/Championship Eligibility?</b></p> <p>If a player registers on a Combo team prior to the Year End NTRP Rating, must they play in the playoff/ championship with their new Year End NTRP Rating?</p>	<p>NO.</p> <p>A player who registers on a Combo-team prior to new Year End NTRP Ratings is not affected by the new Year End NTRP Ratings. Those players are completing the current championship year and may play by their rostered rating.</p> <p>A player who registers on the team AFTER the new Year End NTRP Ratings have been published, must play with their current rating as</p>

		<p>stated in the <b>Midwest Standing Orders Section 1(D) Entry</b>. A player without a computer rating must self-rate to enter the program. A player who has a current NTRP computer rating must use his or her current NTRP rating on the day of registration to enter the program (see Valid Computer Rating Chart in USTA League Regulations.)</p>
<p><b>Revised 3/24/15</b></p>	<p><b>State Championship Tournament Director Reporting:</b></p> <p>Since the USTA/Midwest Section is no longer is supporting the district hosting the event, why is the final expense and revenue report required?</p>	<p>The USTA/Midwest Section governs the State Championships.</p>