



## 2015 UTAH DISTRICT LEAGUE REGULATIONS

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### Welcome to the 2015 USTA League Season

The USTA League Regulations and Interpretations, the Utah District League Regulations (this document), The Code, Rules of Tennis, including Wheelchair Rules of Tennis are in effect for all regular season and post season league matches in Utah. It is the responsibility of the captains, coordinators, and players to read and observe all of the information included within this booklet, as well as, the other aforementioned rule and regulation booklets.

**NOTE:** Some paragraphs included herein are numbered according to the pertinent paragraphs of the 2015 USTA National League Regulations. The headers or numerals will be in *italic*.

## 1.00 GENERAL

Unless stated otherwise the regulations in 1.00 GENERAL shall apply to all Adult League programs in Utah. Match results in all leagues, except World Team Tennis and Fall Indoor League count toward NTRP ratings. USTA Mixed 18 & Over, USTA Mixed 40 & Over and ITA Fall Mixed results only count toward ratings for players who only have results in mixed doubles. Mixed doubles matches do not count toward ratings for players who play mixed doubles and other gender specific league or sanctioned tournament matches. Utah League Regulations may be amended with the approval of the Adult Programs Committee and/or the Utah District League Coordinator. Interpretations of these regulations are the responsibility of the Adult Programs Committee.

## 1.01 UTAH ADULT LEAGUE PROGRAMS.

### 1.01A Utah Leagues bound by these Regulations

**1.01A(1)** USTA Mixed 18 & Over, USTA Mixed 40 & Over, USTA 18 & Over, USTA 40 & Over, USTA 55 & Over, ITA Fall Mixed, USTA 65 & Over, Winter, Fall Indoor and Fall Outdoor

## 1.02 GENERAL MATCH REGULATIONS AND PLAYER PARTICIPATION.

**1.02A** Number of positions. A player may participate in only one individual match within each team match.

**1.02B** All individuals who compete in the USTA League must be current USTA members in good standing through the local season. Any individual who progresses to a championship level in the USTA League must be a current USTA member through each championship progression.

**1.02C** A team shall consist of players eligible to compete at a specific level of competition in accordance with the **UTAH DISTRICT LEAGUE COMPOSITION TABLE** found in these Operating Procedures. The player must be registered for the team and the player's name must be listed on the team roster, as shown on TennisLink, prior to participation in any match.

**1.02D** Any match played by a non-registered player will result in the match being declared a default. Players may be added to a team at any time during the local league season before the league end date. Players who have not played a league match may be moved to another team. Each league registration fee is \$17.00 plus the TennisLink user fee of \$3.00. Once the schedule has been published no refunds will be issued. Teams must have the required minimum number of players registered in TennisLink by a pre-established local area deadline.

## MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2015

**2.01C(1) Round Robin:** Include language to allow Sections to have the option to allow additional matches within a flight, additional randomly selected matches across flights and additional play-off round robins within a flight.

**2.01C(5) Team Line-ups:** Remove the word "card" and to emphasize that the line-ups shall be exchanged simultaneously.

**2.05E(2):** Include language to clarify that a player 65 or older moved up with an early start rating will retain the previous valid year-end rating.

**2.06A Move Up/Split Up:** Relax restrictions for Move Up/Split Up: - Teams are allowed to move up an NTRP team level and play in another age group within the same division - There is no restriction for crossover between Adult and Mixed Divisions. - Move Up/Split Up requirements apply only to players who participated in 3 or more matches, excluding defaults, for that team during the championship year. - Add table to clarify at what level players may participate

\*NOTE: This Regulation is applicable for play in the 2015 Championship Year for any team that advances to, or qualifies for, any 2014 National Championship.

**2.07:** Championship Benchmark (Rating Type "B") will no longer be published although process will remain unchanged. Championship players will not be allowed to appeal their ratings down for one year after playing in Championship matches but will be allowed to appeal their ratings up if they otherwise qualify.

## UTAH DISTRICT MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2015

### 1.07 MATCH AND MATCH SCORING PROCEDURES

#### Scoring

- All matches will be regular scoring in every league.
- In lieu of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set, all matches will play a 10 point Coman Match Tie-break.

#### Below Level Players Playing Up

- The district has put a limit on the number of players in a match who have an individual NTRP below the team NTRP level.
  - Teams with 5 lines: Can have 4 under level players playing at one time.
  - Teams with 4 lines : Can have 3 under level Players playing at one time.
  - Teams with 3 lines: Can have 2 under level players playing at one time.

**1.04A PLAYING ON MORE THAN ONE TEAM.** Players may play on more than one team at the same NTRP level (one AM team, one PM team or one AM team & one SAT team). A player may play at their current NTRP and up a half level above the player's current NTRP level.

In the event a player participates on more than one team, wins the local league and advances to a championship level, players may compete on more than one team at different NTRP levels through Section Championship.

**In the event a player participates on more than one team, wins the local league, and advances to a district championship level, player may not play on two teams at the same level.**

**USTA**

UTAH DISTRICT LEAGUE TEAM COMPOSITION TABLE					
LEAGUE AFFILIATION	DIVISION	LEAGUE TYPE & LEVELS	MINIMUM # OF PLAYERS	GENDE R	NTRP LEVEL
USTA	Adult	18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	8	Same Gender	Players NTRP rating level shall not exceed team NTRP level except 18 & Over 5.0+ and 40 & Over 4.5+
		18 & Over 2.5 & 5.0+	5	Same Gender	
		40 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.5, 4.5+	8	Same Gender	
		55 & Over 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	6	Same Gender	When using straight NTRP level a player's NTRP rating level shall not exceed the team NTRP level
		65 & Over 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	6	Same Gender	
	Mixed	18 & Over 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 9.0, 10.0	3 Men 3 Women	Men and Women	Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed team NTRP level. NTRP difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0. The minimum NTRP level for 6.0 is 2.5, 7.0 is 3.0 8.0 is 3.5, 9.0 is 4.0
	Mixed	40 & Over 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 & 9.0	3 Men 3 Women	Men and Women	
ITA	Mixed	Fall Mixed 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5	3 Men 3 Women	Men and Women	Combined NTRP rating levels of partners shall not exceed team NTRP level. NTRP difference between partners shall not exceed 1.0
UTAH	Adult	Winter 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0	Weekday 9 Saturday 6	Same Gender	Straight NTRP you can only play .5 above your NTRP level
		Fall Outdoor 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0	Saturday 5	Same Gender	
		Fall Indoor 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	Weekday 9 Saturday 5	Same Gender	
	WTT	WTT 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	2 Men 2 Women	Men and Women	The average of the top two men and top two women on the roster determines the NTRP rating of the team which shall not exceed the league NTRP level.

**All matches will be played regular scoring with a 10 point Coman match tie-break in lieu of the third set.**

**1.02E MATCH FEES.** Match fees are \$12.00 per player outside, \$14.00 per player per match inside and are payable to the host facility prior to taking the courts. At unstaffed host facilities, the host captain shall be responsible for collecting all match fees and remitting the Utah Tennis Association administration fee to the league office. Utah Tennis will bill the host facilities or independent teams based on the match schedule, therefore all matches must be played at the original host facility.

**1.02F MATCH SITE.** Each facility (including parks and high schools)

**1.02F(1)** Must have a current USTA Organizational Membership in good standing through the end of the league season.

**1.02F(2)** Must have a minimum of (5) courts available for every two teams playing on the same day and time.

**1.02F(3)** Must have a minimum of (3) courts available and split the times.

**1.02F(4)** Each facility must be able to host 50% of host team's league matches.

**1.02F(5)** Each facility must provide water and have available restroom facilities.

**1.03 THE PLAYER.** All players participating in leagues must have reached the age of participation prior to or during the calendar year in which such player participates in local league. Refer to the **PLAYER PARTICIPATION TABLE** found in these Operating Procedures.

**PLAYER PARTICIPATION TABLE**

LEAGUE AFFILIATION, DIVISION AND TYPE	NTRP LEVEL
USTA Adult 18 & Over USTA Mixed 18 & Over ITA Fall Mixed UTA Winter League World Team Tennis UTA Fall Outdoor UTA Fall Indoor	Leagues open to ages 18 & older. Players must have reached the age of 18 on or before December 31, 2015
USTA Adult 40 & Over USTA Mixed 40 & Over	Leagues open to ages 40 & older. Players must have reached the age of 40 on or before December 31, 2015
USTA Adult 55 & Over	Leagues open to ages 55 & older. Players must have reached the age of 55 on or before December 31, 2015
USTA Adult 65 & Over	Leagues open to ages 65 & older. Players must have reached the age of 65 on or before December 31, 2015

When a player or team plays at this National Championship team level:	Maximum Number of players who can combine to play together at the same NTRP level	Adult 18&Over move up level	Adult 40&Over move up level if eligible	Adult 55&Over move up level if eligible	Mixed 18&Over Move up level	Mixed 40&Over Move up Level if eligible
Adult 18&Over 2.5	2	3.0	3.0	6.0	*	*
Adult 18 &Over 3.0	3	3.5	3.5	7.0	*	*
Adult 18 &Over 3.5	3	4.0	4.0	8.0	*	*
Adult 18 &Over 4.0	3	4.5	4.5+	9.0	*	*
Adult 18 &Over 4.5	3	5.0+			*	*
Adult 18 &Over 5.0+	2				*	*
Adult 40 &Over 3.0	3	3.5	3.5	7.0	*	*
Adult 40 &Over 3.5	3	4.0	4.0	8.0	*	*
Adult 40 &Over 4.0	3	4.5	4.5+	9.0	*	*
Adult 40 &Over 4.5+	3	5.0+			*	*
Adult 55 &Over 6.0 or 3.0	3	3.5	3.5	7.0	*	*
Adult 55 &Over 7.0 or 3.5	3	4.0	4.0	8.0	*	*
Adult 55 &Over 8.0 or 4.0	3	4.5	4.5+	9.0	*	*
Adult 55 &Over 9.0 or 4.5	3	5.0+			*	*
Mixed 18 &Over 2.5	3	**	**	**	6.0	6.0
Mixed 18 &Over 6.0	3	**	**	**	7.0	7.0
Mixed 18 &Over 7.0	3	**	**	**	8.0	8.0
Mixed 18 &Over 8.0	3	**	**	**	9.0	9.0
Mixed 18 &Over 9.0	3	**	**	**	10.0	
Mixed 18 &Over 10.0	3	**	**	**		
Mixed 40 &Over 6.0	3	**	**	**	7.0	7.0
Mixed 40 &Over 7.0	3	**	**	**	8.0	8.0
Mixed 40 &Over 8.0	3	**	**	**	9.0	9.0
Mixed 40 &Over 9.0	3	**	**	**	10.0	

**\*Adult Division players may play in the Mixed Division with no restrictions**

**\*\*Mixed Divisions may play in the Adult Divisions with no restrictions**

### **2.06B Section Options for Move-Up/Split-Up.**

**2.06B(1)** All Championships Below Nationals. Sections shall have the right to decide whether a team who competes at any championship level below the National Championships must move-up or disperse to form new teams for the following championship year and under what conditions.

**2.06B(2)** Sections shall have the option to restrict crossover between Adult and Mixed Divisions notwithstanding Section 2.06A.

**2.07 CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYERS.** A championship player's computer rating achieved as a result of play in District/Area, Regional, Sectional and/or National Championships may not be appealed down following the Championship Year it is received except as in Reg. 2.05D Medical Appeals and Reg. 2.05E Promotion of Players 60 or Over and 65 or Over.

**The MOVE-UP/SPLIT-UP RULE will not be applied to the Leagues administered by the Utah Tennis Association. All USTA Leagues will need to comply with the MOVE-UP/SPLIT-UP RULE (SEE CHART ON PAGE 20)**

**1.04 NTRP.** The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) is the official system for rating levels of competition for USTA League. A player with a current NTRP published level (from 2012, 2013 or 2014) must use that rating to enter the program. Players who do not have a valid NTRP rating level on file in TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with the General & Experienced Guidelines Supplement to the NTRP Guidelines and complete the self-rating process on TennisLink when registering for a team. Self-ratings are valid for two years from the date issued or until replaced by a dynamic or computer rating. A valid NTRP rating level is in effect for two years for individuals 60 years of age or older prior to, or during, the League Year and for three years for individuals 59 years of age or under, or until another valid NTRP rating level is generated.

**1.04A PLAYING ON MORE THAN ONE TEAM.** Players playing on more than one team at the same NTRP level (one AM team, one PM team or one AM team & one SAT team). A player may play at their current NTRP and up a half level above the player's current NTRP. Check league rules. Each league is different.

In the event a player participates on more than one team, wins the local league, and advances to a championship level, player may compete on more than one team at different NTRP levels through Section Championship.

In the event a player participates on more than one team, wins the local league, and advances to a championship level, player may not play on two teams at the same level.

*Note: No special consideration for match scheduling will be given. It is recommended that the player choose a "primary" team. Players rostered on more than one team advancing to National Championships will be subject to national regulations.*

**1.04D(5) Two Team Leagues.** If any Adult Division Age Group consists of only two teams in a level of play, each team must maintain its roster with at least 40 percent of its players at the designated NTRP level of play. The exception is the Adult Division 55 & Over Age Group that uses combined NTRP rating levels and will not be required to comply with this Regulation.

**1.04G(7) At any National Championship.** If a player qualifies for two or more teams at the same NTRP level for an event, the individual must declare which team he or she will represent. In the absence of a declaration, the first match played will determine which team he or she will represent.

## **1.05 MATCH PLAY PROCEDURES**

**1.05A** Team captains shall exchange their team line-up simultaneously prior to the beginning of the team match. Line-up should not be exchanged until all players on the roster are present. After line-ups are exchanged, team positions are set. No substitution may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player prior to the start of the match. If a substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five (5) minute warm-up.

**1.05B** Matches need to start at their scheduled match time. All players should arrive before match time. A default will be called when a player is not on the court 15 minutes after the established starting time. The Point Penalty System is NOT in effect for these un-officiated league matches.

**1.05C** Warm up is limited to 10 minutes including serves. Warm ups begin at the start of the scheduled match time. Warm-up with your opponents is mandatory. If courts are available teams may warm-up prior to the scheduled match start time which is not included in the 10-minute warm up period. (The facility might charge you.)

## **1.06 MATCH RESCHEDULING POLICY FOR 2015**

**As a general rule matches are NOT to be rescheduled except for inclement weather (rain, snow, sleet, hail and lightening) or the tennis facility is overbooked, and the courts are not available.**

**1.06A** Players signing up for tournaments which conflict with scheduled league matches must choose which match they will default should another team member not be available for the league match.

## **2.06 MOVE-UP/SPLIT-UP.**

### **2.06A National Championship Teams.**

**2.06A(1): Adult Divisions:** Teams and team members that advanced to, or qualified for, any Adult National Championship may play together as a team, in whole or in part, in any Age Group within the Adult Division if they move up one NTRP team level in accordance with the table below. These players may combine and play at any level for which they are eligible in the Mixed Division.

**2.06A(2) Mixed Divisions:** Teams and team members that advanced to, or qualified for, any Mixed Division National Championship may play together as a team, in whole or in part, in any Age Group within the Mixed Division if they move up one NTRP team level in accordance with the table below. These players may combine and play at any level for which they are eligible in the Adult Division.

**2.06A(3) All Divisions:** No more than 3 players (2 for Adult 2.5 and 5.0+) who were on the roster of any team or combination of teams, that advanced to, or qualified for, any National Championship the previous year may play together in any age group within the same Division and NTRP level or lower NTRP level as the National Championship team, if their NTRP rating allows. Move Up/Split Up requirements only apply to players who participated in three (3) or more matches (excluding all defaults) for that team during the championship year. If a Section has a regulation that limits the number of players on a roster that are at a specific level, the Section must suspend that regulation for one year for any team that advanced to, or qualified for, any National Championship the previous year and chooses to move up one NTRP team level.

## ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

**2.03A(3)** In the Adult and Mixed Divisions, a player is eligible to progress to championship level competition below National Championships if that player has played on the same team in at least two matches at the same NTRP level in the same Age Group during its local league season and is otherwise eligible. A maximum of one default received by the player during local league competition shall count for advancing. Retired matches shall count toward advancing for all players involved in both USTA League Divisions. **(See MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR ADULT AND MIXED DIVISIONS TABLE.)**

MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR ADULTS AND MIXED DIVISIONS			
SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND BELOW		NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	
LOCAL MATCHES REQUIRED	DEFAULTS THAT COUNT	TOTAL MATCHES REQUIRED THROUGH SECTIONAL	DEFAULTS THAT COUNT
To advance to <b>any</b> championship level through Sectional Championship	To advance to <b>any</b> championship level through Sectional Championship	To advance to National Championship	To advance to National Championship
2 matches on the same team	1 default <u>received</u> shall count	3 matches on the same team	NO defaults shall count
RETIRED matches shall count for all players.			

**1.06B SUSPENDED OR RAINED OUT MATCHES.** Unless agreed upon by both captains, all players must be present at match time, even if a rainout is obvious. Rained out or suspended matches are to be made up within two weeks of the originally scheduled match or prior to the end of the league date, whichever is first. The Utah Tennis League Coordinator may record un-played matches as double defaults if the teams do not complete the matches prior to the deadline.

**1.06C DARKNESS.** Any player may suspend play due to darkness. Suspension of a match because of darkness should be done at the end of an even number of games in a set or at the end of the set. The match will need to be completed that evening if outdoor lights or indoor courts are available. When the match is suspended the score and who was serving and on which side needs to be noted. If the match cannot be completed that evening it needs to be finished before the next league match. Resume the match at an agreed day and time of both teams and/or players. If a date cannot be agreed upon the league coordinator will schedule the match. Otherwise, if the match is not played it will be considered a double default.

**1.06D OFFICIAL BALL.** In USTA League matches; a standard Type 2 USTA approved ball shall be used. The use of any USTA "transition" ball is prohibited.

**1.06E RETIREMENT.** A retirement occurs when an individual match has started and a player/doubles team is unable to continue due to injury, loss of condition, emergency or refusal to play.

**1.06F(1)** In case of a retirement, for the purpose of determining standings, the non-retiring player/doubles team shall be credited with such number of additional games as would have been won if the match was completed and the non-retiring player/doubles team won every subsequent game. For NTRP computer data entry in TennisLink, mark as retired and submit actual scores of match at the point of retirement.

## 1.07 MATCH AND MATCH SCORING PROCEDURES

### Scoring

- All matches will be regular scoring in every league.
- In lieu of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set, all matches will play a 10 point Coman Match Tie-break.
- The Coman Tie-break Procedure will be used for all set tie-breaks (first to 7 by a margin of two). This is used for either the first or second set that reaches 6 all. The 10 point Coman match tie-break will be used for matches that split sets. The match tie-break is the (first to 10 by a margin of two). The first server serves and the players change sides. The players change sides after every (4) points thereafter (i.e. points 1,5,9,13,17.) This tie-break procedure allows doubles players to continue serving from the same side of the court as they have been doing throughout the set. After the completion of each match the scores must be entered into TennisLink within 48 hours.

### Below Level Players Playing Up

- The district has put a limit on the number of players in a match who have an individual NTRP below the team NTRP level.
  - Teams with 5 lines: Can have 4 under level players playing at one time.
  - Teams with 4 lines: Can have 3 under level players playing at one time.
  - Teams with 3 lines: Can have 2 under level players playing at one time.

## LOCAL COMPETITION

**2.01A(1)** When using straight NTRP levels, a player cannot have an NTRP rating higher than the NTRP level in which the player is competing except in the 5.0+ NTRP level of the Adult Division, 18 & Over and in the 4.5+ NTRP level of the Adult Division, 40 & Over. All plus (+) level team rosters may include up to two players from the next higher NTRP level.

**2.01A(1)a** In Plus (+) NTRP levels utilizing three individual matches within a team match, no more than one Plus (+) level player shall be allowed to play in a team match and shall be required to play in the #1 position, either singles or doubles.

**2.01A(1)b** In Plus (+) NTRP levels utilizing four or more individual matches within a team match, two Plus (+) level players may play in a team match and shall be required to play in the #1 position, either singles or doubles.

**2.01A(2)** When using combined NTRP levels, the combined NTRP rating levels of the doubles team cannot exceed the combined NTRP level in which the players are competing.

**2.01A(3)** The NTRP difference between members of an individual doubles team may not exceed 1.0.



League (Minimum Roster)**	League Starts	League Ends	District League Playoffs	Sectional Playoffs
World Team Tennis	Friday November 7, 2014	Friday January 9, 2015	Qualifier March 6-8, Charleston, SC	Qualifier April 24-26, Las Vegas, NV
USTA 40 & OVER Mixed Doubles(6)**	Friday June 5	Saturday June 6	June 26-27 Salt Lake City, Utah	October 9-11 Location TBD
Winter League Weekday (9)** Saturday (6)**	Week Day: January 26 Saturday: January 31	Week Day: April 16 Saturday: April 18	No Advancement	No Advancement
USTA 18 & Over Mixed Doubles (6)**	March 27	May 22	June 12-13 Salt Lake City, Utah	July 17-19 Location TBD
USTA 18 & Over 2.5, 5.0 (5)** 3.0- 4.5 (8)**	April 27	June 18	July 30-Aug 1 Salt Lake City, Utah	August 21-23 Location TBD
Wild Card Qualifier	May 27	May 30	None	None
USTA 55 & Over (6)	April 27	June 18	July 10-11 Salt Lake City, Utah	September 25-27 Location TBD
USTA 40 & Over 3.0-4.5 (8)**	June 22	August 13	August 27-29 Salt Lake City, Utah	September 18-20 Location TBD
65 & Over Breakfast League (6)**	June 22	August 13	No Advancement	No Advancement
ITA Fall Mixed Doubles (6)**	August 7 & 8 Play will be Fri & Sat for first 2 weeks	September 25	October 2-3 Salt Lake City, Utah	October 30- November 1 Location TBD
Fall Outdoor (5)**	September 12	October 24	No Advancement	No Advancement
Fall Indoor Weekday (9)** Saturday (5)**	Week Day: November 2 Saturday: November 7	Week Day: December 17 Saturday: December 19	No Advancement	No Advancement
Registration/Roster Fee \$17 + \$3 = \$20 Match Fee: Indoors \$14 / pp / per match Outdoor Fees: Outdoors \$12 / pp / per match				

**See the UTAH DISTRICT MATCH & MATCH SCORING COMPOSITION TABLE**

UTAH DISTRICT MATCH & MATCH SCORING COMPOSITION TABLE				
LEAGUE AFFILIATION	DIVISION	LEAGUE TYPE & LEVELS	NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL MATCHES	SCORING
USTA	Adult	18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	Two Singles, Three Doubles	10 Point Coman Tiebreak in lieu of 3rd Set
		18 & Over 2.5 & 5.0+	One Singles, Two Doubles	10 Point Coman Tiebreak in lieu of 3rd Set
		40 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.5, 4.5+	Two Singles, Three Doubles	10 Point Coman Tiebreak in lieu of 3rd Set
		55 & Over 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Three Doubles	10 Point Coman Tiebreak in lieu of 3rd Set
		65 & Over 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0	Three Doubles	10 Point Coman Tiebreak in lieu of 3rd Set
	Mixed	18 & Over 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 9.0, 10.0	Three Mixed Doubles	10 Point Coman Tiebreak in lieu of 3rd Set
		40 & Over 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 9.0, 10	Three Mixed Doubles	10 Point Coman Tiebreak in lieu of 3rd Set
ITA	Mixed	Fall Mixed 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5	Three Mixed Doubles	10 Point Coman Tiebreak in lieu of 3rd Set
UTAH	Adult	Winter Weekday 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 Saturday 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	Weekday 3.0 - 4.5 One Singles, Four Doubles Weekday 2.5 & 5.0 One Single, Two Doubles Saturday 2.5 - 4.5 Three Doubles	10 Point Coman Tiebreak in lieu of 3rd Set
		Fall Outdoor 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0	One Singe, Two Doubles	10 Point Coman Tiebreak in lieu of 3rd Set
		Fall Indoor Weekday/Saturday 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	Weekday 3.0 - 4.5 One Single , Four Doubles Weekday 2.5 One Single, Two Doubles Saturday 2.5 - 4.5 One Single, Two Doubles	10 Point Coman Tiebreak in lieu of 3rd Set
	WTT	WTT 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	Six No-Ad Sets	Each no-ad set is won by the first team to reach six games. A nine-point tiebreaker will be played at five games all in any set.

All matches will be played with regular scoring. The Coman Tiebreak Procedure will be used for the set tiebreak (first to 7 by a margin of two). Match tiebreak is first to 10 by a margin of two. Players will exchange ends of the court after the first point and then after every 4 points. This tiebreak procedure allows doubles players to continue serving from the same side of the court as they have been doing throughout the set.

## 1.08 SCORING, SCORE ENTRY AND STANDINGS

**1.08A.** A team format is used for all leagues. The team winning the majority of the individual positions will be awarded one team point in the standings.

**1.08B.** Each league has a specific date on the league calendar that is the last date to make up matches and input scores. This date also constitutes the end of the local league season. Any scores not entered by this date may be reported as a double default.

**1.08C.** In the event of a tie, whether in round robin or single elimination competition, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:

**A. Individual Matches.** Winner of the most individual matches the in the competition.

**B. Head-to-Head.** Winner of the head to head matches.

**C. Sets.** Loser of the fewest sets.

**D. Games.** Loser of the fewest games.

**E. A method to be determined by the Championship Committee:** Coin toss or procedure to be announced prior to the commencement of championship competition.

## 1.09 PLAYERS & SPECTATORS

**1.09A.** Other players and/or spectators (including team captains) may not officiate the match or help with scoring issues. All players are expected to abide by The Code.

**1.09B.** The Point Penalty System is in effect for the Districts and the Sectionals. USTA Officials will be present.

## 1.10 DEFAULTS AND FORFEITS

**1.10A.** Individual match / position

**1.10A(1).** Prior to the match, if a captain notifies the opposing captain that he/she will be defaulting any of the Individual matches, then the default stands.

**1.10B.** Entire team default. Before entering an entire team default, the team captain must call the League Coordinator. The

**1.14B League Flights-Five Teams or More.** The first and second place teams will advance to the District Championship.

**1.14C Intent to Play.** The District League Coordinator will contact all teams eligible to advance to the District Championship. Should teams that are eligible decline, the opportunity shall be offered to the second place team. If a team cannot field enough players for each team match, the invitation to participate should be declined which would allow another team to participate, or the slot would be left vacant, if necessary. The League Championship Committee reserves the right to invite a wild card team to the District Championships as deemed necessary.

**1.14D** Teams that agree to participate in District Championships are obligated to participate in the entire event, playing all scheduled matches even if the outcome has already been determined. Any team withdrawing early may have all matches played and to be played in the District Championships removed from the standings if it is determined to affect the standing for any team in contention.

**1.14F** If a team gives notice that it will participate in District Championships but then fails to do so, the Championship Committee may impose sanctions against some or all players on the defaulting team, depending upon the circumstances presented. The maximum penalty, to be administered in egregious situations only, is disqualification of that individual or individuals from all USTA league play for a period of up to eleven months the year following any such failure to participate. In the event the Championship Committee recommends disqualification from USTA League play for any period of time, the Adult Programs Committee will review the findings and recommendation of the Championship Committee and make recommendation to the Board of Directors, who will determine the sanction to be imposed.

Adult Programs Committee may require the team match to be played.

NTRP Dynamic Disqualification
Each NTRP Level is followed by a letter indicating the type of rating. The following identifies who can and cannot be NTRP dynamically disqualified
Who <u>cannot</u> be NTRP dynamically disqualified? NTRP Level followed by the letter below: C Computer Rated Players*
*EXCEPTION: Players who entered an Early Start League at an NTRP Level Lower than their current year-end ratings are subject to NTRP dynamic disqualification.
M Mixed Exclusive Players** / T Tournament Players**
**EXCEPTION Year-end (M) and (T) rated players are required to self-rate to enter the Adult Division, automatically become (S) rated players and therefore become subject to NTRP dynamic disqualification
Who <u>can</u> be NTRP dynamically disqualified? Participants in the Adult Division: NTRP level followed by the letter below: A Appealed – all granted appeals including Medical and Promoted Players <u>60</u> or Over S Self-rated Players D Dynamic or NTRP Grievance Disqualified Player E Dynamic rated Players for Early Start Leagues C Exceptions to C year-end ratings as noted above*
Players participating in the Adult Division who are promoted as a result of NTRP disqualification will be immediately required to participate at their new NTRP level in all USTA League Programs.

**If a player meets the criteria for NTRP Dynamic Disqualification while playing DISTRICTS:**

- A.** If the dynamic calculations are run during the championship event, the player will be notified **and the appropriate matches will be reversed.**
- B.** If the dynamic calculations are run following the conclusion of the championship event and players meet the disqualification criteria then they will be NTRP Disqualified. **Matches will stand.**

**1.14 PROGRESSION TO DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**1.14A League Flights-Less than Five Teams.** Only the winning team will advance to District Championship.

**1.10C.** For local league matches, if a team defaults an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, then all matches of that team played or to be played, shall be null and void when determining standings. If all Teams in contention for the Championship have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches stand as played. The Adult Programs Committee might impose further sanctions or penalties on said team.

**1.10C(1).** “In contention” is defined as “Any team that has a mathematical chance to win or place second in the event at the time the default occurs.”

**1.10C(2).** Further Explanation of Team Defaults: If defaulted match scores are entered it could give the non-defaulting team a distinct advantage and could have a profound effect on the team standings. In order to be fair to teams in contention, removing all matches played, or to be played, by the defaulting team levels the playing field. It should be viewed as a penalty and is not automatic. Removing scores will only be necessary if it affects the final standings in the flight.

**1.10C(3). Team Match.** For each local league team match, a majority of the individual matches must be played to constitute a valid team match. If both teams fail to play a majority of the individual matches, it will be considered a Team Default for both teams.

**1.11 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES (Standards of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship)**

**1.11A.** Administration. All grievances within the USTA League shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of this section.

**1.11B.** All Grievance Committees shall consist of no less than three persons including a chairman, to adjudicate grievances. The members of the committee may be the same as or different in whole or part, from the committee first approved.

**1.11C.** Utah Tennis Local League Management (Grievance) Committee: A team captain can file a complaint to the grievance committee. The filing captain/player(s) involved with the complaint must agree with the grievance. Complaints must be reported prior to the next scheduled match or within 24 hours of the end-date of the league season, whichever comes first. The

Grievance Committee may instigate a complaint at any time. Complaints should be concise and provide information on any available witnesses. Grievances may be forwarded to **League Coordinator, jbruderer@utahtennis.com**

**1.11D.** Upon receipt of the complaint the Utah Tennis Local League Management (Grievance) Committee will send a letter stating the complaint to the parties against who the complaint has been filed. In addition, upon receipt of the complaint, the Utah Tennis Local League Management (Grievance) Committee shall, as soon as reasonable,

- (a) cause such investigation of the alleged violation to be made as the committee deems appropriate; and, if it deems the same to be necessary,
- (b) shall arrange for a hearing at which the parties involved shall have the right to appear personally and present evidence. The committee shall prepare a written decision setting forth the basis for its decision and the deadline for any written appeal and promptly deliver copies to the parties involved. The decision of the committee shall be by majority vote.

**1.11E. Grievance Appeal Committees.** All Grievance Appeal Committees shall consist of no less than three persons, including a committee chair, to consider appeals of grievance committees' decisions. No member of a Grievance Appeal Committee may be a member of a Grievance Committee. The members of the committee may be the same as or differ in whole or part, from the committee first approved.

**1.11F.** Any party to the complaint may appeal the decision of the Utah Tennis League Management (Grievance) Committee within the time fixed by the committee. Upon the receipt of an appeal the Utah Tennis Local League Appeals Committee shall act promptly to resolve the appeal. If the Utah Tennis Local League Management (Grievance) Committee did not hold a hearing, the Utah Tennis Local League Appeals Committee shall do so, provided any party involved in the complaint so requests in writing. A copy of the Utah Tennis League Appeals Committee's written decision setting forth the basis of its decisions shall be final and binding.

## **1.12 NTRP GRIEVANCES**

All NTRP Grievances shall be administered by the Section League Grievance Committee. NTRP Grievances shall be filed in writing with the Local League Coordinator or designee having jurisdiction. In addition, an

administration fee of \$50 made out to the Intermountain Tennis Association shall be included. The District will forward the grievance on to the Section. The Section League Grievance Committee decision may be appealed in accordance with USTA League Regulations.

## **1.13 NTRP DISQUALIFICATION**

A Computer (C) player is not eligible for a NTRP grievance. A (S) self-rated player is eligible for a NTRP grievance. For USTA League Adult division (18 & Over, 40 & Over and 55 & Over), Computer (C) ratings are **NOT** subject to dynamic disqualification. Other players **ARE** subject to dynamic disqualification.

**2.04B NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Procedures.** Dynamic ratings will be calculated for all Adult Division players during local league competition and at every level of championship competition below National Championships to determine if any players have reached the NTRP Dynamic Disqualification criteria stated in the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System Procedures. Players subject to NTRP Dynamic Disqualification, as described in the NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Table – (see **NTRP DYNAMIC DISQUALIFICATION TABLE**) will be dynamically disqualified if they reach the disqualification level three times based on all matches except retirements received.

### **2.04B(1) Local League NTRP Dynamic**

**Disqualification.** Players who are NTRP dynamically disqualified will be notified by the Section League Coordinator or designee and have the right to review in accordance with the procedures in *REG.204C-NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Procedures*

**2.04B(2) Following.** An NTRP Dynamic Disqualification, the player may not play at the disqualified NTRP level of play or any lower NTRP level of play in either singles or doubles for the remainder of the championship year and for the succeeding championship year. In any Division using combined levels, the combined NTRP rating of the disqualified player and partner may not surpass the level of competition. A player who has been moved up as a result of an NTRP Dynamic Disqualification in the Adult Division must immediately adjust his/her NTRP level of play in the Mixed Division.

**2.04B(3) Players.** Who are NTRP dynamically disqualified may be allowed to move up and participate on another team at a higher NTRP level during that same local league season provided registration has not closed.