



2016 UTAH DISTRICT LEAGUE REGULATIONS

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Welcome to the 2016 USTA League Season

The USTA League Regulations and Interpretations, the Utah District League Regulations (this document), The Code, the Rules of Tennis and the Emergency Care Guidelines 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 (In Italics) are numbered according to the pertinent paragraphs of the 2016 USTA National League Regulations.

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 towards 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 leagues or sanctioned tournament matches.

1.00 A Utah League Regulations may be amended with the approval of the Adult Programs Committee and or the Utah District League Coordinator.

1.00 B Interpretations of these regulations are the responsibility of the Adult Programs Committee.

1.00 C Complicit permission is not granted should any of these regulations not be enforced due to oversight of the District League Coordinator (Captains and league players are responsible to make the league coordinator aware of any regulation infractions).

1.01 UTAH ADULT LEAGUE PROGRAMS

1.01 A Utah Leagues bound by these Regulations

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

1.02 GENERAL MATCH REGULATIONS AND PLAYER PARTICIPATION

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

1.02 B 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.

1.02 C 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 on the team and the player's name must be listed on the team roster, as shown on TennisLink, prior to participation in any match.

1.02 D 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.

1.02 E Minimum Number of Players. A team roster must meet the minimum requirements by the 'team minimum registration deadline' for each league (*See the USTA Utah League Calendar Page 13*). The deadline will not be extended.

1.02 F Player 'In-Level' Requirement. There are no restrictions on the number of below level players registered on a team in USTA Leagues (a below level player is determined as a 2.5 player playing on a 3.0 team, a 3.0 player playing on a 3.5 team etc.).

1.02 F (1) Utah Tennis Association Leagues (Leagues that don't progress to Districts/Sectionals/Nationals) restrict below level players as follows:

Divisions with 5 lines: Can have 4 under level players playing in a team match.

Divisions with 4 lines: Can have 3 under level players playing in an individual match.

Divisions with 3 lines: Can have 2 under level players playing in an individual match.

1.02 F (2) Players cannot play below their recorded NTRP level with the exception of Adult 40 & Over, 4.5 teams may register three (3) 5.0 players. The restriction of two (2) 5.0 players in each team match still applies (*See USTA Reg. 2.01A*).

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UTAH DISTRICT LEAGUE TEAM COMPOSITION TABLE

LEAGUE AFFILIATION	DIVISION	LEAGUE TYPE & LEVELS	MINIMUM # OF PLAYERS	GENDER	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 W 2.5 & 5.0+ M 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 (90 minutes) 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	Weekday 7 Saturday 5	Same Gender	
		Fall Indoor (90 minutes) 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.

1.02 G MATCH FEES

1.02 G (1) Individual match fees are payable in full, including defaulted matches, at the original scheduled match time. The team fee equates to \$12.00 per player for scheduled outside play (\$4.25 to UTA/\$7.75 to Host Facility) and \$14.00 per player for play scheduled indoors (\$4.25 to UTA/\$9.75 to Host Facility). Matches scheduled outdoors that are played indoors may be subject to an additional charge of \$2 per player. Fees are payable to the host facility prior to taking the courts.

1.02 G (2) At unstaffed host facilities, the host captain will be responsible to collect all match fees and remit the amount in full (including defaulted matches see reg. 102 F (1)) to the Utah Tennis Association Office prior to the start of play (the captain or assigned party can pay by credit card over the phone). The Utah Tennis Office will distribute funds to the host facility.

1.02 G (3) Utah Tennis will bill staffed host facilities based on the match schedule. **Therefore, all matches must be played at the original host facility.**

1.02 H MATCH SITE each facility (including parks and high schools)

- Must Have a current USTA Organizational Membership in good standing through the end of the league season.
- Must have a minimum of (5) courts available for every two teams playing on the same day and time.
- Must have a minimum of (3) courts available and split the times.
- **Each** facility must be able to host 50% of host team's league matches.
- **Each** facility must provide balls, water and restroom facilities.

1.02 I LEAGUE SCHEDULE Primarily, matches will be scheduled as follows:

- o 2.5 Level Play Monday
- o 3.0 Level Play Wednesday
- o 3.5 Level Play Tuesday
- o 4.0 Level Play Thursday
- o 4.5 Level Plays Monday
- o 5.0 Level Plays Monday and/or Wednesday
- o All LEVELS Mixed Division Play Friday/and or Saturday

1.02 I (1) The league coordinator can schedule any level or division on any day if deemed necessary to accommodate scheduling.

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.

1.03 A PLAYING ON MORE THAN ONE TEAM Players playing in Adult Divisions may play on more than one team at the same NTRP level (one AM team one PM team & one Saturday Team). A player may play at their current NTRP rating and up a half level above the player's current NTRP rating.

1.03 A (1) 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 the Section Championship

1.03 A (2) In the event a player participates on more than one team, wins the local league, and advances to the District Championship, player may play on two teams at the same level.

1.03 B 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.

1.03 C at any National Championship, if a player qualifies for two or more teams at the same NTRP level, 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.

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.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION

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, 2016
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, 2016
USTA Adult 55 & Over	Leagues open to ages 55 & older. Players must have reached the age of 55 on or before December 31, 2016
USTA Adult 65 & Over	Leagues open to ages 65 & older. Players must have reached the age of 65 on or before December 31, 2016

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 2013, 2014 or 2015) 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.

1.05 MATCH PLAY PROCEDURES

1.05 A Team captains shall exchange their team line-up cards simultaneously prior to the beginning of the team match. Do not exchange the lineup until you have everyone present that is on the lineup. After the line-up is 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. Exception: Split time matches. No changes can be made to the playing position of players once the line-up has been exchanged. Failure to comply will result in the players having switched positions defaulting to the opposing team.

1.05 B 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.

1.05 C 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

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.

1.06 A 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.

1.06 B SUSPENDED OR RESCHEDULED MATCHES.

1.06 B (1) Unless agreed upon by both captains, all players must be present at match time, even if a rain out is obvious. Rained out or suspended matches are to be made up within two weeks of the original match schedule date or prior to the end of league date whichever comes first (the last scheduled match of the league may not provide a two week grace period), **NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE PROVIDED** beyond the end of league date.

1.06 B (2) When a match is rescheduled due to weather or a facility problem with courts not being available, you must inform the League Coordinator (**by email only**) of the delay within 24 hours of the original match schedule date. Failure to do so may result in a double default (both team captains share the responsibility to update the League Coordinator). The league Coordinator will acknowledge receipt and confirm the reschedule in writing. No matches can be rescheduled without written approval (**by return email**) from the league coordinator. **Please do not call.**

1.06 B (3) The Utah Tennis League Coordinator may record un-played matches as double defaults if team captains do not update the League Coordinator with rescheduled dates, do not complete their matches within two weeks of the original match schedule date, or prior to the end of league date, whichever comes first.

1.06 B (4) Once captains/player(s) have agreed upon a reschedule date and provided that information to the League Coordinator, that date and time becomes the official match schedule date and is subject to all rescheduling regulations moving forward.

1.06 B (5) When a match schedule date falls within the last two weeks of the league end date and an agreeable reschedule date cannot be reached between the team captains prior to the end of league deadline. The match date shall officially be scheduled for the day prior to the end of the league date (for that league) at 6:00pm. The location will be the same as originally scheduled (unless agreed upon otherwise by both captains and approved by the league coordinator).

Any team or player(s) unable to complete the match at that time will default that match.

1.06 B (6) Any matches not completed on the original match date and not rescheduled due to inclement weather (rain, snow, sleet, hail and lightening) or the tennis facility is overbooked, and the courts are not available, will be entered by the captain as a default. The local league coordinator can provide exceptions on a case by case basis i.e. conflict with league championships (must be requested one week in advance in writing), or emergencies. Approval to reschedule must be obtained in writing and rescheduled matches must be completed within two weeks of the original match date or prior to the end of league end date, whichever comes first.

1.06 B (7) Matches will **NOT** be rescheduled to accommodate player availability (**other than as detailed in 1.06 C (2)**). All waivers must be in writing from the league coordinator. If captains have outstanding matches and do not have a waiver in writing, they must enter team scores within 48 hours of the scheduled match time and record incomplete matches as defaults.

1.06 C (1) Local League Matches Conflicting with District Championships, Sectionals or Nationals. The USTA Utah League Department must be notified when there is a request to reschedule a match due to a conflict with a league championship. A one-week advanced notice must be given for requests to reschedule regular season matches due to league championship conflicts, penalties may be assessed if captains do not provide a one-week advanced notice (**1.06 C (2) Match Conflict Procedure must be followed**).

(2) Match Conflict Procedure must be followed.

1.06 C (2) Match Conflict Procedure. Only the individual match(es) affected need(s) to be rescheduled. Players not participating in the conflicting event, and are available to play, shall play at the originally scheduled match date and time. The line-up for the match(es) being rescheduled should be exchanged at the time of the rescheduling. The captain of the team that has players involved in a league championship needs to provide adequate notice to the opposing team of the need to reschedule. Both Captains are responsible to keep the Local League Coordinator updated with reschedule details. All rescheduled matches must be made up within two (2) weeks of the original match date or by the end of league date specified on the league calendar, whichever comes first. No extension requests will be granted.

1.07 DARKNESS

1.07 C (1) Any player may suspend play due to darkness. 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.

107 C (2) Both captains are responsible to contact (by email) the Local League coordinator and advise them of the suspended match.

1.07 C (3) Due to time restraints, captains/players should try to agree on a date/time to resume the match prior to leaving the facility and the league coordinator should be informed (by email) of the rescheduled match date.

1.07 C (4) If a suspended match is not completed prior to the next scheduled match it will be considered a double default. The local league coordinator can provide exceptions on a case by case basis i.e. conflict with district league championships, or emergencies. Approval to not complete a suspended match prior to the next league match must be obtained in writing (email) and matches still must be completed within two weeks of the original match date or prior to the end of league date whichever comes first.

1.07 D 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.

1.08 RETIREMENT

1.08 A Retirement occurs when an individual match has started and a player/doubles team is/are unable to continue due to injury, loss of condition, emergency or refusal to play.

1.08 B 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.

1.09 TEAM MATCH AND INDIVIDUAL MATCH SCORING PROCEDURES

1.09 A 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.

1.09 B Individual Match Scoring

1.09 B (1) All matches will be regular scoring in every league.

1.09 B (2) In lieu of a 3rd set, all matches will play a 10 point Coman Match Tie-break.

1.09 B (3) All National Teams (for all USTA Leagues) will need to form teams in accordance with the Move-Up/Split Up

1.09 B (4) All National Teams (for all Utah Tennis Leagues) will not need to use the Move-Up/Split rule.

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.

1.09 B (5) Following the completion of each match the scores must be entered into TennisLink within 48 hours of the scheduled match date and time (**See Reg. 1.10 B**). **No Extensions will be provided.**

1.10 A 90 minute timed matches

A (1) Play will be the best of three sets, regular scoring and a match tie-break in lieu of a third set.

A (2) With 15 minutes remaining, complete the game currently in progress.

A (3) If games are even, play a coman tie-break (first to 7 by 2) to determine the set.

A (4) If a team is ahead by one game, play another game. If a team is now ahead by two games, they win the set.

A (5) If sets are now tied at one all play a coman tie-break to determine the winner of the match (first to 10 by 2).

A (6) If you are tied, and completely out of time, play a sudden death point.

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 Single, Two Doubles	10 Point Coman Tiebreak in lieu of 3rd Set
		40 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 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, 10.0	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 Saturday 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	Weekday 3.0 - 4.0 One Single, Four Doubles Weekday 2.5 One Single, Two Doubles Weekday 4.5 One Single, Three Doubles Saturday 2.5 - 4.5 Three Doubles	10 Point Coman Tiebreak in lieu of 3rd Set 90 minute time limit
		Fall Outdoor 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
		Fall Indoor Weekday/Saturday 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	Weekday 3.0 - 4.0 One Single, Four Doubles Weekday 2.5 One Single, Two Doubles Weekday 4.5 One Single, Three Doubles Saturday 2.5 - 4.5 One Single, Two Doubles	10 Point Coman Tiebreak in lieu of 3rd Set 90 minute time limit
	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.

1.10 SCORE ENTRY AND STANDINGS

1.10 A Each league has a specific date identified on the league calendar by which all matches must be completed and scores entered into TennisLink®, this date also constitutes the end of the local league. To avoid a double default scores must be entered by 11.59pm on the last day of the local league. Both Captains share the responsibility of entering/confirming scores. Match results not entered by this deadline will not be included in the final standings. **NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

1.10 B the initial entry of match scores into TennisLink must take place within 48 hours of the original (or approved rescheduled) match, date and time. After match scores have been entered into TennisLink, they must be confirmed by the opposing team within 48 hours of the initial entry or the initial score will automatically be considered valid. Scores for suspended matches must be entered prior to the next scheduled match (**see Reg. 1.07 C (4)**) or rescheduled matches must be entered into TennisLink within 2 weeks of the original match date or by the score entry deadline (**see Reg. 1.06 B 3**), whichever occurs first (the last scheduled match of the season may not provide a 2 week make up window, in that case matches must be completed and scores entered by 11.59pm on the last day of the local league (**see Local League Date Table**)).

1.10 C 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 to do so:

A. Individual Matches. Winner of the most individual matches 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 other procedure to be announced prior to the commencement of championship competition..

1.11 PLAYERS & SPECTATORS

1.11 A 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.

1.12 DEFAULTS AND FORFEITS

1.12 A Individual match / position

1.12 A (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. Once a default has been declared matches cannot be rescheduled.

1.12 B Entire team default. Before entering an entire team default, the team captain must call the League Coordinator. The Adult Programs Committee may require the team match to be played.

1.12 C (1) 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.

1.12 C (2) 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.

1.13 CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

1.13 A (1) Communication. Notify each team member that the local and national league regulations are available on www.utahtennis.com

1.13 A (2) Insist the players take the responsibility to know the league rules and regulations, as well as be familiar with The Code and Friend at Court.

1.13 A (3) Ensure that the players arrive at the proper time and place for their match each week.

1.13 A (4) To avoid problems, the home team captain SHOULD contact the opposing team captain at least 24 hours before each match to confirm match times, court availability, court surfaces, restrooms and other pertinent information.

1.13 A (5) Keep the League Coordinator updated (by email) of ALL rescheduled or suspended matches (**see Reg. 106 B (2)**).

1.13 B (1) Team Line-ups. Exchange line-ups simultaneously prior to the beginning of the match. All players must be present prior to line-ups being exchanged. (*see USTA Reg. 2.01C (5)*).

1.13 B (2) The line-up is considered official after both captains exchange line-ups on site.

1.13 B (3) For rescheduled matches, any eligible player can participate in the match unless line-ups were exchanged previously (**see Reg. 2.03 F**).

1.13 B (4) Prior to the match, it is recommended for captains to login to TennisLink and print the scorecard that contains the opposing team's rostered players.

1.13 B (5) The captain is responsible to ensure that the 'below level' and 'above level' player regulations are followed (**see Reg. 1.02 F and 1.02 F (1)**).

1.13 B (6) Each captain should keep a copy of the match scorecard with line-ups and scores in case of a discrepancy. Both captains should sign the scorecards at the completion of the team match.

1.13 C (1) Score Entry Upon completion of the match, Scores must be reported within 48 hours (48 hours from the scheduled match start time). Failure to report scores within 48 hours may result in penalties to include loss of match or double default (**see Reg. 1.10 B**).

1.13 C (2) It is the responsibility of both team captains to make sure scores have been reported and confirmed by the 48-hour deadline. This responsibility should be discussed when line-ups are exchanged. If a score is disputed, it is the responsibility of the captain disputing the match to notify the League Coordinator (by email) of the reason for the dispute.

1.13 D (1) Captaining more than one team. A team captain or co-captain cannot manage more than one team at the same level in any Division. (If you captain or co-captain a 4.0W 18 & Over day league team in flight A, you cannot captain or co-captain a team in the day B flight, or the evening flight). Non playing facility coordinators are exempt from this regulation.

1.13 D (2) Teams must be managed independently. Captains, co-captains have a responsibility to always have their team's best interest in mind. Captains should NEVER put themselves in a position where they have influence over any other team's line-up that is competing at the same level in the same division. Any violation of this will be viewed as poor sportsmanship and a violation of 'The Code'. Non playing facility coordinators are exempt from this regulation.

1.13 E Sportsmanship and Fair Play. Captains and co-captains are expected to be the example and set the standard for their team to follow with regard to Sportsmanship and Fair Play.

1.13 F Removal. UTA Utah retains the right to remove any person from the role of captain or co-captain if it is deemed advisable to do so.

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

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

1.13 B 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 differ in whole or part, from the committee first approved.

1.13 C Utah Tennis Local League Management (Grievance) Committee: All grievance complaints must be filed by the team captain in writing on the proper grievance form. The filing captain/player(s) involved with the complaint must agree with the grievance. Complaints must be filed prior to the next scheduled match or within 24 hours of the end-date of the league season, whichever comes first. The League Coordinator may file a complaint at any time. Complaints should be concise, and include a remedy for the alleged violation. Grievance forms may be viewed and printed on-line at www.utahtennis.com or call the Utah District League Office at (801)944-8790. Grievance forms must be filed with the League Coordinator via email jbruderer@utahtennis.com. Or mail to League Coordinator c/o Utah Tennis Association 2469 E. Fort Union Blvd. Suite 104, Salt Lake City, UT, 84121.

1.13 D Upon receipt of the complaint the League Coordinator will send a copy of the complaint to the parties against whom the complaint has been filed and a copy to the members of the Utah Tennis Local League Management (Grievance) Committee. Following the 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, shall (b) 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.

1.13 E Grievance Appeal Committee: All Grievance Appeals 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.

1.13 F 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.

1.14 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.

1.15 NTRP DISQUALIFICATION

2.04A Applicability. The Regulations in this section are applicable only to the USTA Adult Division..

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. 2.04C NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Procedures.

2.04B (2) Championship NTRP Dynamic Disqualification. There will be no NTRP Dynamic Disqualifications at National Championships. Players who are dynamically disqualified at any championship below Nationals will be notified by the Sectional League Coordinator or designee and have a right to a review in accordance with **Reg. 2.04C NTRP Dynamic Disqualification Review Procedures**.

2.04B (3) 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 (4) 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.

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 *	
*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 **
**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 Players 60 and Over Promoted S Self-rated Players D Dynamic or NTRP Grievance Disqualified 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	

1.15 A The Section can choose to run dynamic calculations and produce ratings throughout Championship Events below Nationals, or following the conclusion of a Championship Event below Nationals (**see Reg. 2.04 B(2)**) :

A. If the dynamic calculations are run during the Championship Event and any player(s) meet the disqualification criteria, the player(s) will be notified, NTRP Disqualified **and the appropriate matches will be reversed (see Reg. 2.04 B(2)a)** .

B. If the dynamic calculations are run following the conclusion of the Championship Event and player(s) meet the disqualification criteria, the players will be notified, NTRP Disqualified and **matches will stand (see Reg. 2.04 B(2)b)** .

1.16 PROGRESSION TO DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS:

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

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

1.16 C 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.

1.16 D 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.

1.16 E 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.

USTA Utah League Calendar 2016

League (Minimum Roster)**	League Starts	League Ends	District League Playoffs	Sectional Playoffs
World Team Tennis	Friday, November 6, 2015	Friday, January 8, 2016	Qualifier March 4-6 Charleston, SC	Qualifier May 6-8 Las Vegas, NV
USTA 40 & OVER Mixed Doubles(6)**	May 7 Fri & Sat play	Friday, June 24	August 5-6 SLC, Ut	October 7-9 Location TBD
Winter League Weekday (9)** Saturday (6)**	Weekday: January 19 Saturday: January 23	Weekday: March 17 Saturday: March 19	No Advancement	No Advancement
USTA 18 & Over Mixed Doubles (6)**	April 1	May 20	June 17-18 SLC, Ut	July 15-17 Location TBD
USTA 18 & Over 2.5, 5.0 (5)** 3.0- 4.5 (8)**	April 11	June 9	July 28-30 SLC, Ut	August 19-21 Location TBD
Wild Card Qualifier	May 16 May 16-19 pm play May 20-21 am/pm play	May 21	None	None
USTA 55 & Over (6)**	April 4	June 3	June 24-25 SLC, Ut	September 23-25 Location TBD
USTA 40 & Over 3.0-4.5 (8)**	June 20	August 11	August 25-27 SLC, Ut	September 16-18 Location TBD
65 & Over League (6)**	TBA			
ITA Fall Mixed Doubles (6)**	August 5	September 23	September 30- October 1 SLC, Ut	October 28-30 Location TBD
Fall Outdoor Weekday (9)** Saturday(5)**	Weekday: August 15 Saturday: August 27	Weekday: October 6 Saturday: October 23	No Advancement	No Advancement
Fall Indoor Weekday (9)** Saturday (5)**	Weekday: October 31 Saturday: November 5	Weekday: December 15 Saturday: December 17	No Advancement	No Advancement
Registration/Roster Fee \$17 + \$3 = \$20 Match Fee: Indoors \$14 / pp / per match Outdoor Fees: Outdoors \$12 / pp / per match				

UTAH DISTRICT MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2016

Rescheduling

Wording has been added clarifying that authorization to reschedule any match for any reason other than rain or facility availability must be obtained from the league coordinator by email, prior to rescheduling.

1.06 B (5) *When a match schedule date falls within the last two weeks of the league end date and an agreeable reschedule date cannot be reached between the team captains prior to the end of league deadline. The match date shall officially be scheduled for the day prior to the end of the league date (for that league) at 6:00pm. The location will be the same as originally scheduled (unless agreed upon otherwise by both captains and approved by the league coordinator. **Any team or player(s) unable to complete the match at that time will default that match.***

1.06 B (6) *Any matches not completed on the original match date and not rescheduled due to inclement weather (rain, snow, sleet, hail and lightening) or the tennis facility is overbooked, and the courts are not available, will be entered by the captain as a default. The local league coordinator can provide exceptions on a case by case basis i.e. conflict with league championships (must be requested one week in advance in writing), or emergencies. Approval to reschedule must be obtained in writing and rescheduled matches must be completed within two weeks of the original match date or prior to the end of league end date, whichever comes first.*

1.06 B (7) *Matches will **NOT** be rescheduled to accommodate player availability (**other than as detailed in 1.06 C (2)**). All waivers must be in writing from the league coordinator. If captains have outstanding matches and do not have a waiver in writing, they must enter team scores within 48 hours of the scheduled match time and record incomplete matches as defaults.*

Reschedule Waivers for Championships

A regulation has been added to allow waivers to accommodate teams who have match schedules that conflict with District, Sectional or National Championships.

1.06 C (1) Local League Matches Conflicting with District Championships, Sectionals or Nationals. *The USTA Utah League Department must be notified when there is a request to reschedule a match due to a conflict with a league championship. A one-week advanced notice must be given for requests to reschedule regular season matches due to league championship conflicts, penalties may be assessed if captains do not provide a one-week advanced notice (**1.06 C (2) Match Conflict Procedure must be followed**).*

1.06 C (2) Match Conflict Procedure. *Only the individual match(es) affected need(s) to be rescheduled. Players not participating in the conflicting event, and are available to play, shall play at the originally scheduled match date and time. The line-up for the match(es) being rescheduled should be exchanged at the time of the rescheduling. The captain of the team that has players involved in a league championship needs to provide adequate notice to the opposing team of the need to reschedule. Both Captains are responsible to keep the Local League Coordinator updated with reschedule details. All rescheduled matches must be made up within two (2) weeks of the original match date or by the end of league date specified on the league calendar, whichever comes first. No extension requests will be granted.*

Captain or Co Captain 1 team

A new regulation has been added stating that teams must be independently managed. A Captain or Co-Captain cannot Captain or Co-Captain a second team at the same level in any league.

1.13 D (1) Captaining more than one team. *A team captain or co-captain cannot manage more than one team at the same level in any Division. (If you captain or co-captain a 4.0W 18 & Over day league team in flight A, you cannot captain or co-captain a team in the day B flight, or the evening flight). Non playing facility coordinators are exempt from this regulation.*

1.13 D (2) Teams must be managed independently. *Captains, co-captains have a responsibility to always have their team's best interest in mind. Captains should NEVER put themselves in a position where they have influence over any other team's line-up that is competing at the same level in the same division. Any violation of this will be viewed as poor sportsmanship and a violation of 'The Code'. Non playing facility coordinators are exempt from this regulation.*

In-Level Requirement – Playing above level

The regulation established in 2015 restricting the number of below level players playing on an individual team line-up in a USTA League (with progression to Districts/Sectionals/Nationals) has been removed.

1.02 F Player 'In-Level' Requirement. There is no restriction on the number of below level players registered on a team in USTA Leagues (a below level player is determined as a 2.5 player playing on a 3.0 team, a 3.0 player playing on a 3.5 team etc.).

1.02 F (1) Utah Tennis Association Leagues (Leagues that don't progress to Districts/Sectionals/Nationals) restrict below level players as follows:

Divisions with 5 lines: Can have 4 under level players playing in a team match.

Divisions with 4 lines: Can have 3 under level players playing in an individual match.

Divisions with 3 lines: Can have 2 under level players playing in an individual match.

In-Level Requirement – Playing below level This regulation has been added to accommodate the 2016 USTA Reg. regarding 5.0 players playing below level in the 40 and Over division (*See Reg. 2.01A*).

1.02 F (2) Players cannot play below their recorded NTRP level with the exception of Adult 40 & Over, 4.5 teams may register three (3) 5.0 players. The restriction of two (2) 5.0 players in each team match still applies (*See USTA Reg. 2.01A*).

League schedule

A regulation has been added to clarify that while most league play will remain on specific days of the week, the league coordinator can schedule matches on any day to accommodate scheduling.

1.02 H (1) The league coordinator can schedule any level or division on any day if deemed necessary to accommodate scheduling.

Play Order of Strength

In 2015 a regulation was added stating that below level players on a line-up must play in the lower positions i.e. 2nd singles/3rd doubles. This regulation has been removed.

Captain Responsibilities

A new section has been added detailing captain's responsibilities.

1.13 CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

1.13 A (2) Insist the players take the responsibility to know the league rules and regulations, as well as be familiar with The Code and Friend at Court.

1.13 A (3) Ensure that the players arrive at the proper time and place for their match each week.

1.13 A (4) To avoid problems, the home team captain **MUST** contact the opposing team captain at least 24 hours before each match to confirm match times, court availability, court surfaces, restrooms and other pertinent information.

1.13 A (5) Keep the League Coordinator updated (by email) of ALL rescheduled or suspended matches (**see Reg. 106 B (2)**).

1.13 B (1) Team Line-ups. Exchange line-ups simultaneously prior to the beginning of the match. All players must be present prior to line-ups being exchanged. (*See Reg. 2.01C (5) USTA League Regulations*).

1.13 B (2) The line-up is considered official after both captains exchange line-ups on site.

1.13 B (3) For rescheduled matches, any eligible player can participate in the match unless line-ups were exchanged previously (**see Reg. 2.03 F**).

1.13 B (4) Prior to the match, it is recommended for captains to login to TennisLink and print the scorecard that contains the opposing team's rostered players.

1.13 (5) The captain is responsible to ensure that the 'below level' and 'above level' player regulations are followed (**see Reg. 1.02 F and 1.02 F (1)**).

1.13 B (6) Each captain should keep a copy of the match scorecard with line-ups and scores in case of a discrepancy. Both captains should sign the scorecards at the completion of the team match.

1.13 C (1) Score Entry Upon completion of the match, Scores must be reported within 48 hours (48 hours from the scheduled match start time). Failure to report scores within 48 hours may result in penalties to include loss of match or double default (**see Reg. 1.10 B**).

1.13 C (2) It is the responsibility of both team captains to make sure scores have been reported and confirmed by the 48-hour deadline. This responsibility should be discussed when line-ups are exchanged. If a score is disputed, it is the responsibility of the captain disputing the match to notify the League Coordinator (by email) of the reason for the dispute.

1.13 D (1) Captaining more than one team. A team captain or co-captain cannot manage more than one team at the same level in any Division. (If you captain or co-captain a 4.0W 18 & Over day league team in flight A, you cannot captain or co-captain a team in the day B flight, or the evening flight). Non playing facility coordinators are exempt from this regulation.

1.13 D (2) Teams must be managed independently. Captains, co-captains have a responsibility to always have their team's best interest in mind. Captains should NEVER put themselves in a position where they have influence over any other team's line-up that is competing at the same level in the same division. Any violation of this will be viewed as poor sportsmanship and a violation of 'The Code'. Non playing facility coordinators are exempt from this regulation.

1.13 E Sportsmanship and Fair Play. Captains and co-captains are expected to be the example and set the standard for their team to follow with regard to Sportsmanship and Fair Play.

1.13 F Removal. USTA Utah retains the right to remove any person from the role of captain or co-captain if it is deemed advisable to do so.

1.02 G MATCH FEES

1.02 G (1) Individual match fees are payable in full, including defaulted matches, at the original scheduled match time. The team fee equates to \$12.00 per player for scheduled outside play (\$4.25 to UTA/\$7.75 to Host Facility) and \$14.00 per player for play scheduled indoor's (\$4.25 to UTA/\$9.75 to Host Facility). Matches scheduled outdoors that are played indoors may be subject to an additional charge of \$2 per player. Fees are payable to the host facility prior to taking the courts.

1.02 G (2) At unstaffed host facilities, the host captain will be responsible to collect all match fees and remit the amount in full (including defaulted matches see reg. 102 F (1)) to the Utah Tennis Association Office prior to the start of play (the captain or assigned party can pay by credit card over the phone). The Utah Tennis Office will distribute funds to the host facility's.

**USTA
MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2016**

1. *2.01A: Adult 40 & Over 4.5 may register three (3) 5.0 players but restriction of two (2) players in each match still applies.*
2. *2.01A(1) and others: eliminated 2.5 Men's National Championship and 2.5 Mixed National Championship.*