



USTA LEAGUE TENNIS
2016 TN STATE LEAGUE REGULATIONS
ADULT & MIXED DOUBLES LEAGUES
Subject to change based on National Regulation changes

The USTA League Tennis National and Southern Section Regulations have full force and applicability at all levels of play in the USTA Southern Section. The TN State Regulations have full force and applicability in the state of TN; and there is no authorization to modify, amplify, or change them by players, captains, or League Coordinators. Printed below are TN State League Regulations to make known State terms as authorized by the USTA National and Sectional Regulations. The USTA Southern Section has approved the TN State League Regulations for the Adult and Mixed programs.

If a certain regulation is not listed in the 2016 TN State League Regulations it will be defaulted to the Southern regulations.

USTA LEAGUE (NATIONAL)
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

USTA LEAGUE (SECTIONAL)
MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2016

1. Direct/Advancement for Combo & Discontinue Match Requirement Waiver for Combo 40 and 55 & Over. The ALC voted unanimously 10-0 in favor to not allow direct advancement to the sectional championships and require that 1 match be played prior to sectionals. The ALC voted unanimously 10-0 in favor to do with away with the waiver request to advance to sectionals.
2. Point Spread for Combo Doubles. The ALC voted unanimously (10-0) in favor of implementing a section-wide cap for Combo Doubles. The ALC voted 9-1 in favor of max rating 3.0 (5.5), max rating 3.5 (6.5), max rating 4.0 (7.5); the ALC voted 6-3 in favor (one abstention) of max rating 5.0 (8.5); and the ALC voted in favor 10-0 of max rating 5.5 (9.5) and max rating 6.0 (10.5).
3. 2.04E(1): Match Reversals. The ALC voted unanimously 10-0 to make it a section-wide regulation to do away with match reversals with no authority for states to modify the regulation.
4. Southern Regulation 2.01C(5)c. The ALC voted unanimously 10-0 to allow the local league to have full authority to regulate the scheduling of make-up matches due to inclement weather.



USTA LEAGUE (TENNESSEE)

MAJOR REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2016

10. All Adult 18&over Early Start League winning teams must accept/decline their berth at state by May 8, 2016.



GENERAL ALL LEAGUE PROGRAMS

USTA/TN LEAGUE PROGRAM ORGANIZATION			
DIVISION	LEAGUE TYPE	LEAGUE FORMAT	NTRP LEVELS
Adult	18 & Over	1 – Singles 2 – Doubles	2.5, 5.0+
	18 & Over	2 – Singles 3 – Doubles	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5
	40 & Over	2 – Singles 3 – Doubles	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+
	55 & Over	3 – Doubles	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0 combined
	65 & Over	3 – Doubles	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0 combined
Mixed	18 & Over	3 – Doubles	2.5 (straight), 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0 (combined)
	40 & Over	3 – Doubles	6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 (combined)
	55 & Over	3 – Doubles	6.0, 7.0, 8.0 (combined)
	65 & Over	3 – Doubles	6.0, 7.0, 8.0 (combined)

REGISTRATION

1. All participants must be current members of the USTA and have reached the minimum age for league type within the calendar year (see chart above). Each player shall have reached the required minimum age prior to or during the calendar year in which such player participates in his or her first local league.
2. The total fee for a player to play USTA League Tennis in TN is not to exceed **\$27** per person. Eight (\$8) dollars of that fee goes to USTA TN to offset expenses for the state administration of the USTA League Program. There will be **no refunds** of the state administration fee of eight (\$8) dollars. There will be a three (\$3) dollar fee added for TennisLink each time a player registers for a team. The remainder of the local league fee is budgeted to offset local league expenses. Court fees are not included in local league fees. Each Local League Coordinator will send a proposed and final budget to the State League Coordinator for approval of local league expenses.
3. **Each player will use his/her most current NTRP Computer Rating on file in TennisLink.** Players who do not have a computer rating on file in TennisLink shall self rate in accordance with the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) Guidelines and complete the self-rating process on TennisLink when registering for a team.
4. Self-rated players who enter the USTA League Tennis Program by misrepresenting their actual skill level are considered to have violated the standards of good conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship and may be subject to a grievance complaint and possible disqualification. A Captain, Local League Coordinator, or member of the State League Committee can file a NTRP grievance. A player with a valid NTRP Computer (C) rating, or Benchmark (B) rating or granted an Automatic Appeal (A) rating of a Computer (C) rating is not subject to an NTRP Grievance. Any other player is subject to an NTRP Grievance including players that entered an Early Start League at an NTRP level lower than their current year-end rating and players with granted medical appeals.



5. If a self-rated (S) or Appeal player is promoted from a particular level of play, the player shall cease play immediately from the NTRP level being promoted from and graduate to the next higher NTRP level. The disqualified matches shall be considered 6-0, 6-0 wins for the opposing player or doubles team. See Southern regulation 2.04E(1)
 6. All teams will register on TennisLink for the 2016 League Season. Local leagues will not open registration for the leagues prior to January 1, 2016. Local leagues will note in their local league regulations the deadline for team registration and deadline to add players. Local leagues must meet deadlines established by the state. All teams must have a legal roster by the deadlines stated by local league regulations. A legal roster consists of eight (8) players for Adult 18&over and Adult 40&over, five (5) players for 2.5 and 5.0 teams, six (6) players for Adult 55&over and Adult 65&over teams, six (6) players for mixed doubles (3 women and 3 men). Local areas that do not have a team (Adult 65&over and Mixed leagues only) signed up at a level of play have an additional month from the local league registration deadline to form a team.
 7. **All Captains will use the following format for team name(s) in registering their team(s) in TennisLink: State/Local League/Captain's last name (example: TN/Nashville/Patrick).**
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LEAGUE PLAY

8. When any NTRP level consists of only two teams, each team is required to play a minimum of three team matches which is a triple round robin. When any NTRP level consists of only three teams, each team is required to play a minimum of four team matches which is a double round robin**2.01C(1)**. If an Adult Division league consists of only two teams in a level of play, each team must *maintain* its roster with at least **40%** of its players at the designated NTRP level of play **1.04D(5)**. All local leagues must meet state deadlines.
- a. 2.01C(1)a Each local league may permit additional matches, selected randomly, within the flight, as long as it's spelled out in their local regulations.
 - b. 2.01C(1)b Each local league may permit additional cross-flight matches in which each team in one flight plays an equal number of matches in the other flight, selected randomly if not a full round robin, as long as it's spelled out in their local regulations.
 - c. 2.01C(1)c Each local league may permit the top teams in a flight to play an additional round robin to determine advancement and the teams without a mathematical chance to advance may play an additional round robin, as long as it's spelled out in their local regulations.
9. All local leagues and State Championship matches will be the best of two sets with a Set Tiebreak (first to 7 by 2) used at 6 all in each set. In lieu of a third set, a Match Tiebreak (first to 10 by 2) shall be played. The Coman Tiebreak Procedure will be used for all Set Tiebreaks and Match Tiebreaks in local league and State Championship matches. There will be a two-minute set break at the end of each set with no coaching. Scores must be reported in TennisLink within 48 hours of the completed team match. The initial entry of match scores into TennisLink must take place within 48 hours of the completion of the match. After match scores have been entered on 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. Each local league should implement procedures on what actions will take place if the team match is not reported within 48 hours of the completion of the team match. All scorecards will be **FINAL** 48 hours after the championship is complete.
10. USTA/Tennessee recommends that the following procedure be used in the event of a tie in local play, whether round robin or single elimination (same as championship procedure)
- (1): Individual Matches. Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.**
 - (2): Head-to-head. Winner of head-to-head match.**
 - (3): Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets.**
 - (4): Games. Loser of the fewest number of games.**
 - (5): A Method to be determined by the Local League. Procedure to be announced prior to the commencement of local league play.**
- a. **If a Local League has a playoff, the section recommends to follow the above-mentioned championship procedures in the event of a tie, since TennisLink will defer to championship procedures in a local league playoff. Please refer to national regulation 2.03H)**



11. All local leagues have the following authority and must be stated in its local league regulations. Local leagues can limit the number of players on a team roster, limit the number of players on a roster playing one level above their current NTRP rating, and limit the number of players from out of the state of TN. These limits may be by number or percentage. The recommended percentage is fifty (50) percent.

12. **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.



13. Local leagues that have separate flights (night, day, and/or weekends) may have a playoff of the top team(s) from each flight(s). Local leagues will determine the number of teams from each flight(s) to play in the playoff and the method used (round-robin, single elimination, etc.). The winner of the playoff will be the first place team of that local league level.
14. In the event that rain or inclement weather forces the cancellation and/or re-scheduling of a local league team match, substitutions from the team roster may be made in any individual match not started. Points awarded for forfeits during the original written lineup exchanged will stand. All players involved in such forfeits cannot participate in the re-scheduled match. Forfeits offered verbally prior to the original written lineup exchange are nullified when the match is rescheduled due to rain or inclement weather. Local league regulations will determine a rain-out procedure.
15. If a captain knows ahead of time he/she will forfeit an entire team match, he/she must notify the Local League Coordinator and the opposing team captain. If a team forfeits an entire team match and that forfeit affects the outcome of the local league, then all matches played by the forfeiting team will be removed from the standings. If the forfeiting team has no effect on the outcome of the local league, matches played by that team will stand.
16. Tennessee will follow Southern regulation 2.01C(2) regarding Team matches and definition of "valid" team match.
17. Lineups are to be exchanged at the scheduled match time, or before, if captains agree and are ready to play. In the event of illness, injury, disqualification, or no-show of a player prior to the start of an individual match (once the lineup has been exchanged), a team may substitute a player in the affected position within the 15-minute default time, using a player not already listed on the lineup. If no such substitution can be made, the affected position only will be defaulted in local leagues (Southern Regulation **2.01C(5)a**).
18. There shall be no signals, verbal instruction, or coaching from a team member, coach, or spectator to a player during a USTA League match (when a player walks on the court, the no coaching rule applies). Remember tennis etiquette when watching or playing a match.



CHAMPIONSHIPS

MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR ADULT* AND MIXED DIVISIONS			
SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND BELOW		NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	
LOCAL MATCHES REQUIRED	DEFAULTS THAT COUNT	TOTAL MATCHES REQUIRED THROUGH SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	DEFAULTS THAT COUNT
To advance to any championship level through Sectional Championship	To advance to any 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.			
<p>*ADULT 65 & OVER REQUIRES 1 LOCAL OR STATE MATCH TO ADVANCE TO SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY WITH 1 DEFAULT COUNTING. FOR TEAMS THAT ARE ADVANCING TO THE SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS THROUGH LOCAL OR STATE PLAY, THE ONE MATCH REQUIREMENT MAY BE WAIVED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE FOR UP TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO PLAYERS PER TEAM.</p> <p>IF THERE IS NO LOCAL AND/OR STATE COMPETITION OFFERED FOR ADULT 65 & OVER, ONE TEAM PER STATE PER NTRP LEVEL MAY ADVANCE DIRECTLY TO THE SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.</p>			

19. A minimum of eight (8) players (Adult 18&over/Adult 40&over), six (6) players (Adult 55&over/Adult 65&over), five (5) players (2.5 and 5.0), and six (6) players mixed doubles (3 men and 3 women) who were on the final roster of the local league team at the conclusion of local league play must be available and eligible to compete at the TN State League Championship. The TN State League Championship Committee can reduce that number to not less than four. **Any team defaulting a court at the TN State League Championships without prior approval from the Championship Committee will be fined fifty (\$50) dollars per defaulted court.** The total fine is due immediately. If not paid at the championships, USTA-TN will invoice the team captain immediately following the championships and the captain will have seven (7) days to pay the total fine. If the fine is not paid in full, all players listed on the championship roster will be subject to a grievance filed by the Championship Committee with a recommendation players should not be able to participate in USTA Leagues the following year.



20. All Adult 18&over Early Start League winning teams must accept/decline their berth at state by May 8, 2016.

21. If the winning team at any level of local league competition is unable to advance to the State Championship, the Local League Coordinator will select the next team in line for such further competition.

22. CHAMPIONSHIP NUMBER OF TEAMS

DIVISION	NUMBER OF LOCAL TEAMS AT A SPECIFIC NTRP LEVEL OR COMBINED LEVEL	NUMBER OF TEAMS ADVANCING TO STATE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Spring Adult 18&over/Adult 40&over	2-11	1
Spring Adult 18&over/Adult 40&over	12-23	2
Spring Adult 18&over/Adult 40&over	24+	3
Early Start League Adult 18&over	2+	1
Mixed Doubles	2-9	1
Mixed Doubles	10-19	2
Mixed Doubles	20+	3

The TN State League Championship Committee determines the number of teams needed to round out a Championship division. If a wild card is needed, one will be selected by process of a random draw of the 2nd place teams by the Tournament Committee. If for any reason a team receiving a wild card invitation cannot advance to the State Championship, then the wild card goes back to the TN State League Championship Committee to be drawn again. If a wildcard is selected for an area that has 2 or 3 three teams at the level, the team designated to receive the wildcard must have a winning percentage of 40% for 2-team level and 50% for a 3-team level.

If an area holds 2 seasons at a specific level, they will receive one berth per season to the championships. Refer to above chart

23. All wild card teams have 24 hours from the end of the local league to accept the wild card invitation and must notify the Local League Coordinator and register all players on line. There will be **no refunds** after the entry fees are paid. Wildcards will be announced approximately 3-4 weeks after local league registration deadline.



24. Any team withdrawing after the schedule is published may be subject to a grievance filed by the State League Coordinator and is subject to such penalties or sanctions deemed appropriate by the State League Grievance Committee. The TN State League Championship tentative schedule will be posted one week in advance of the State League Championship dates on the USTA TN championship web site. The Final Schedule will be handed out at the captains' check-in the night before the championship matches begin. The schedule will be set up in TennisLink before the Championship begins.
25. All players advancing to the USTA TN State Championship will be charged thirty (\$30) dollars per person for the championship entry fee. Players must be registered in Tennis Link and registered for the championship event in order to participate at the State Championships. Championship registration is handled online. Championship entry fees are not refundable. In addition, each advancing team must send a deposit check to your state league coordinator in the amount of \$250.00 immediately following the end of your local season. Checks are to be made out to USTA TN. The deposit check will be disposed of at the conclusion of the championship matches. Teams withdrawing from tournament after tentative schedule is posted (one week prior to Championship event) and/or teams leaving the tournament early are each factors that will result in the forfeit of the \$250.00 deposit. See #19 above for defaulted court fines.
26. Awards and amenities at the TN State League Championship will be given to all players on the Championship roster that have paid to participate in the TN State League Championship.
27. Any NTRP grievances filed on any player at Championship (or within two weeks prior to the Championship) will be acted upon after the conclusion of the TN State Championship. All matches played by that player will stand.
28. If an intervening, permanently disabling injury or illness indicates that a player's current NTRP computer rating level may be too high, the player may request a medical appeal of such rating level in accordance with *USTA League NTRP Medical Appeal Procedures – Questions and Answers*.
29. Adult 18&over, Adult 40&over, Adult 55&over, Mixed 18&over teams and Mixed 40&over teams advancing to the National Championships will follow the National Move-up/Split-up Regulations 2.06(A).



ADULT 18&over and ADULT 40&over

The following areas have been approved by TN for the USTA Adult 18&over and 40&over league programs: Chattanooga, Greeneville, Jackson, Knoxville, Memphis, META, Murfreesboro, and Nashville. These areas must meet the TN State league requirement of two NTRP levels with a minimum of two teams. Any local league not meeting the TN State League requirement in 2016 will be placed on probation for 2017. If the requirement is still not met in 2017, the local league area will not be approved for the league program for 2018.

1. 2016 USTA League Tennis NTRP levels
 - a. Adult 18&over - 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, and 5.0+ for both men's and women's teams
 - b. Adult 18&over Early Start – 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 for both men's and women's teams
 - c. Adult 40&over - 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5+ for both men's and women's teams.
2. Adult players must play in two (2) matches to qualify for advancement to State League Championships with only one (1) default counting. A retired match counts for all players.
3. Players may compete on more than one team except if the teams are on the same level, in the same age division and in the same local league. **Players may only play one NTRP level above their current NTRP rating.** Local leagues have the authority to limit the number of players playing at a higher level than their NTRP rating.
 - a. Players can advance on more than one team and must qualify separately for each team he/she plays on to advance with that team.
 - b. Players can only advance to the Southern Sectional Championship on one Adult 18&over team and one Adult 40&over team.
 - c. Absolutely **NO SCHEDULING** accommodations will be made at the TN State League Championship to accommodate those players playing on more than one team.
4. League deadlines
 - a. All Adult 18&over and Adult 40&over leagues in TN must end team registration on or before March 28, 2016 and end league play by May 23, 2016
 - b. 2016 ESL must end team registration on or before October 1, 2015 and end league play by December 15, 2015.
 - c. Teams may continue to add players per local league regulations.
 - d. Local leagues that have only one team registered at local league deadline can extend the deadline two weeks to meet the National requirement of a minimum of two (2) teams.
5. The following NTRP levels will play their local league at the TN State League Championship: Adult 18&over 2.5 men, 5.0+ men, 5.0+ women, 5.5 men, and 5.5 women. These levels must meet the TN State League deadline of May 10, 2016, for team registration. Teams may add players up to 2 weeks before championship (May 23, 2016).

Promoted players may register on a higher-level team if a team agrees and there is time to register prior to the end of local round robin competition. State regulations for deadlines and roster limits would be waived if a team is found and time permits **2.04B(4). 2.04B(5)** Individuals who receive their third strike while participating in an Early Start League (ESL), must immediately adjust their NTRP level of play. Such players may not participate at the disqualified NTRP level in a previous year's championship for which they may have qualified.

2016 USTA/TN Adult League 18&over ODD/40&over EVEN Championship dates: June 10-12, 2016, Knoxville

2016 USTA/TN Adult League 18&over EVEN/40&over ODD Championship dates: June 24-26, 2016, Murfreesboro



MIXED DOUBLES 18&over and 40&over and 55&over LEAGUES

The following areas have been approved by TN for the USTA Mixed Doubles League program: Chattanooga, Cookeville, Greeneville, Jackson, Knoxville, Memphis, META, Murfreesboro, and Nashville. These areas must meet the TN State league requirement of two levels with a minimum of two teams. Any local league not meeting the TN State League requirement in 2016 will be placed on probation for 2017. If the requirement is still not met in 2017, the local league area will not be approved for the league program for 2018.

1. The combined levels offered in this program are:
 - 2.5 (*Mixed 18&over only*)
 - 6.0 (example of combinations - 3.0 & 3.0 or 2.5 & 3.5)
 - 7.0 (example of combinations - 3.5 & 3.5 or 3.0 & 4.0)
 - 8.0 (example of combinations - 4.0 & 4.0 or 3.5 & 4.5)
 - 9.0 (example of combinations - 4.5 & 4.5 or 4.0 & 5.0) (*Mixed 18&over and 40&over only*)
 - 10.0 (example of combinations - 5.0 & 5.0 or 4.5 & 5.5) (*Mixed 18&over only*)

Each individual player's NTRP rating may be no more than 1.0 apart (example: a 3.0 player and a 4.0 player may play 7.0)

2. **Dynamic** disqualification is not part of the mixed doubles program. NTRP grievances may be filed, and a player can be disqualified.
3. The TN Mixed Doubles league program authorizes players to play in more than one combined level in their local league.
4. All Local leagues must end team registration on or before July 11, 2016. Teams may continue to add players per local league regulations. Local leagues that have only one team registered at local league deadline can extend the deadline one month to meet the National requirement of a minimum of two (2) teams. All areas must end league play by August 8, 2016.
5. The following NTRP levels will play their local league at the TN State League Championship: Mixed 18&over 10.0 men, and 10.0 women. These levels must meet the TN State League deadline of July 26, 2016, for team registration. Teams may add players up to two weeks before championship (August 12, 2016).
6. Mixed 18&over and 40&over players must play in two (2) matches to qualify for advancement to State League Championships with only one (1) default counting. Mixed 55&over players must play in at least two local matches (1 default allowed). A retired match counts for all players. If a Mixed 55&over team has no local competition offered at that specific combined level, a team may advance directly to the State Championship.
7. For 2016 there is a Mixed 55&over (6.0-9.0) and Mixed 65&over (8.0/9.0) Sectional invitational in Arkansas.
8. TN's Mixed Doubles league program authorize players to advance to the TN State League Championship listed below: There will be NO SCHEDULING accommodations given to players playing on more than one team at the TN State League Championship.
 - a. two (2) adult 18&over; or two (2) adult 40&over at different NTRP levels
 - b. one (1) adult 18&over and one (1) adult 40&over
 - c. one (1) adult 18&over, one (1) adult 40&over, and one (1) adult 55&over team(s).

2016 USTA/TN Mixed Doubles League Championship Dates: August 26-28, 2016
Location: Chattanooga



ADULT 55&OVER and 65&OVER LEAGUE

The following areas have been approved by TN for the USTA League 55&over and 65&over program: Chattanooga, Jackson, Knoxville, Memphis, META, Murfreesboro, Nashville, Tellico and Upper Cumberland.

1. 2016 USTA League Tennis NTRP levels
 - a. 55&over - 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 9.0 combined for both men and women.
 - b. 65&over - 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0 for both men and women.
2. League deadlines:
 - a. All Adult 55&over Local leagues must end team registration on or before March 14, 2016. Local leagues that have only one team registered at local league deadline can extend the deadline two weeks to meet the National requirement of a minimum of two (2) teams. All areas must end league play by May 2, 2016.
 - b. All Adult 65&over Local leagues must end team registration on or before August 22, 2016. All areas must end league play by August 29, 2016.
 - c. Teams may continue to add players per local league regulations.
3. Any local league having two (2) or more teams at any 65&over level must play a local league. If there is only one team registered at a level in a local league, that team will advance to the 2016 65&over TN State Championship.
4. All players must play at least two (2) matches (1 default received shall count) in 55&over local league play. All players on teams advancing directly to the 65&over TN State Championship must play in at least one (1) match (defaults counting) to qualify to advance to the USTA Southern 65&over Sectional Championship. If there are no other teams in the state at a specific NTRP level, that team can advance directly to the USTA Southern 65&over Sectional Championship.
5. Players may play on more than one team. Players can only play on one team at a specific NTRP level. Players may play both 55&over 65&over. There will be **NO scheduling** accommodations for players playing both 55&over and 65&over and players playing more than one NTRP level at the 55&over and 65&over TN State Championship. **Players may only play one NTRP level above their current NTRP rating.**
6. **2.05E Promotion of Players 60 or Over and 65 or Over**

2.05E(1) Any player who is 60 years of age or older prior to, or during, the calendar year in which such player plays his or her first local league match and has achieved the same rating level or lower for his or her three most recent year-end ratings, without benefit of appeal of the player's year-end rating, will be granted an appeal if promoted.

2.05E(2) No player 65 or Over will be given a published year end NTRP rating level higher than his/her most recent valid year-end rating but will be given the opportunity to appeal up. Players who receive an early start rating higher than their most recent valid year-end rating will have this rating reinstated upon request to their Section League Coordinator.

2016 55&over TN State League Championship dates: May 20-May 22, 2016, Knoxville

2016 65&over USTA/TN League Championship dates: September 23-25, 2016, Memphis



The TN State League Committee and the TN State League Coordinator have the authority to interpret the USTA League Tennis TN State Regulations.

Listed below are people named to serve on the USTA League Tennis TN State Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees. Per National Regulation 2.01A, these members of the Committee(s) may be the same, or different, in whole or in part, from the Committee(s) first approved. These lists are subject to change.

TN GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE: Cheryl Thompson (Chair), Jeanne Jones, Pam Smead

TN GRIEVANCE APPEALS COMMITTEE: Barbara Hooper(Chair), Paul Fultz, Jackie Mills

TN STATE LEAGUE COMMITTEE: Cheryl Thompson (Chair), Paul Fultz, Pam Smead, Barbara Hooper, Cayce Neal, Jackie Mills, Elizabeth Walker and Jeanne Jones