



2021 Kentucky Tri-Level League Regulations 11/24/2020

Play is governed by the RULES OF TENNIS; "The Code" as contained in the 2021 Friend at Court, The USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations, and the following Kentucky Tri-Level Regulations.

Each local league must supplement these regulations for play within their league. Local regulations may not be in conflict with any Kentucky or USTA Southern Section general regulation. Any violation of these regulations shall be subject to such sanctions as may be imposed by the USTA Kentucky Adult League Committee (ALC) with the approval of the USTA Kentucky Executive Committee. The State League Coordinator in conjunction with the USTA KY ALC Chairperson shall have the authority to interpret the Kentucky Tri-Level Regulations.

1. Local league administrators, including Local League Coordinator's (LLCs) and Community Tennis Associations (CTA), are responsible for the administration and the promotion of the USTA Tri-Level League Tennis Program in their local league area.
2. All teams participating in the 2021 Tri-Level season must be registered in TennisLink by the initial roster deadline of July 18, 2021. This means a team must have at least 6 players at the appropriate levels registered by this date in order to be eligible to compete in local play. Last date of match play is August 15, 2021.
3. The LLC shall be appointed for a period of one year and is subject to a yearly renewal as well as entering into a service contract with the local CTA. LLCs are required to follow the current job description, which is subject to change each league year.
4. Prior to the start of the local league season, the Kentucky ALC must approve the local league rules and regulations. Local league rules and regulations must be made available to all participants prior to the league season start date, preferably during a captain's meeting. It is the responsibility of the LLC to ensure the regulations are updated, approved and made available to all league participants.
5. LLC's may be a non-playing captain as long as the team is in a different division and/or level as they are playing.
6. A CTA may add a nominal fee to their existing league fee, but the fee must first be approved by the Manager Adult Leagues. The CTA must request in writing prior to the registration being opened for each USTA league program that it intends to add a nominal fee, specifying the amount and a detailed explanation of how the funds will be used. Once approved, the amount of the nominal fee as well as how the funds will be used must be published in the CTAs local league rules and regulations. CTAs must qualify and apply for the Community Development Local Membership Grant before requesting additional funds through league registrations.
7. Participants in the 18 & Over Age Division must turn age 18 by the Start Date of the Local League or prior to playing first match. Participants in the 40 & Over and 55 & Over Age Divisions must turn the appropriate age during the calendar year in which they play local league.
8. All local leagues with two or more teams must play a minimum of three matches. All teams must participate in the same number of round robins as every team in the flight. Un-flighted format may be used in local league scheduling.
9. Local Leagues that have only one team registered in an Age Division/NTRP Level (by local league deadline) will be allowed to advance direct to the Kentucky State Championships. The Local CTA will determine if local registration fees will be refunded to single teams.
10. All teams participating in the 2021 USTA Tri-Level League Tennis season must be registered in TennisLink by their local league registration deadline. A team shall consist of a minimum of 6 and a maximum of twenty-one (21) players of the same gender eligible to compete at a specific level of competition. Local regulations may limit the number to less than 21, however they may not allow more than 21 players per team and must be published in local regulations.
11. Team members shall not have a higher NTRP rating than the maximum NTRP rating of the division in which they are competing, however players may play up one NTRP level. Example: a 3.5 player may play in the 4.0 position, but a 3.0 player may not play in the 2.5 position or the 4.0

position. The following divisions are available for the 2021 Championship Year.

2.5, 3.0, 3.5 (18 & Over)
3.0, 3.5, 4.0 (18/40/55 & Over)
3.5, 4.0, 4.5 (18/40/55 & Over)
4.0, 4.5, 5.0 (18/40 & Over)

12. All players participating in USTA Tri-Level League Tennis must be a current member of the USTA for the entire league season. If advancing, memberships must be good through the end of the championship.
13. Each local league shall accept entry to teams of which the majority of the players are comprised of team members from another area. A local league cannot reject a player from another area.
14. The team winning most individual matches shall be awarded one team point.
15. Any local league divided into flights must establish playoff regulations and the format for determination of local league winners. Playoff regulations must be published prior to start of the league season.
16. Local leagues shall determine the procedures and/or penalties if a team forfeits an entire team match during local league play. This must be included in the local league regulations, **if not will default to USTA Adult State Regulations.**
17. Local leagues shall determine the procedures for rescheduling of team matches including inclement weather procedures.
18. Scores must be reported in TennisLink within 48 hours of the completed team match. After match scores have been entered in 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. Local leagues may determine any penalty for a team not adhering to these guidelines.
19. A player may play on multiple teams as long as they are in different NTRP levels and/or age divisions. Example: Player A, 3.5 can play in Adult 18 & Over 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, Adult 18 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, Adult 40 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and Adult 55 & Over 3.0, 3.5, 4.0. Players cannot play on two teams of the same level within the same age division. Players who qualify for advancement to Kentucky State Championships may advance on any team for which he/she is registered and meets the qualifications. Teams must be of either different age divisions or different levels. **There will be no concessions made for scheduling.**
20. USTA Tri-Level League will not have any effect on a player's NTRP rating level.
21. All players are required to register for local league play in Kentucky on TennisLink. All players must self-rate according to the NTRP guidelines. TennisLink and the Southern Section office administer the self-rating process.
22. For any team in which a player is deleted from the roster within 60 days after initial registration, the player and/or captain must submit the reason for removal in writing to the LLC, who will then submit the statement to the Manager Adult Leagues. The Manager Adult Leagues and the ALC have the authority to deny reimbursement of registration fees to the local league in question. ***Refunds will not be issued after the 60-day period has expired.***
23. Players promoted, *due to any league play*, during any USTA Tri-Level League to the next level of play must play at the new level and if necessary, join a new Tri-Level team. LLCs will aid in placing promoted players on existing teams.
24. A player cannot advance beyond local league play without playing a minimum of 1 match, with no defaults counting. The only exception is single team advancing direct to championship.
25. See Championship Procedures for information regarding advancement to state.