## 2023 USTA Louisiana State Championships Procedures

The USTA Louisiana State Championships Procedures will apply to all USTA Louisiana State Championships and Local at State Leagues held for these USTA League Programs: Adult and Mixed Doubles as well as Southern Combo and Tri Level Divisions. When not stated in the Championship Procedures, the National Sectional, and State regulations and Friend at Court will apply.
*Notice Regarding COVID-19*
USTA Louisiana will take proactive measures to create a safer environment for our participating tennis player's. Please see amendment to championship procedures on the championship website for all programs and age groups if applicable for the 2023 Championship Year.

## Team Selection:

- All League Programs. Local leagues that enrolls a minimum of two (2) teams at an NTRP level shall send the winner to the USTA Louisiana State Championship. Local leagues enrolling ten (10) or more teams at a specific NTRP level will receive two (2) entries and local leagues enrolling fifteen (15) or more teams will receive three (3) entries into the USTA Louisiana State Championship. No local league will have more than three (3) teams at any level. 2.03A(1)a
- Local League Coordinators at the end of team registration for each local league area but no later than the team registration deadline set forth in $1.04 \mathrm{C}(1) \mathrm{a}$. will declare to the state, the number of teams at each age group/level for each league program. via Google Doc which is distributed to all LLC for each league program. Failure to declare team numbers may lead to teams not being included in the championship draw
- If the local league winner(s) of an earned spot (as described in 2.03(1)a declines team invitation, the Local League Coordinator may offer an invitation to the next place team as recorded in TennisLink until the spot if filled.
- Wildcards. At the discretion of the USTA Louisiana Adult League Committee, wild card teams may be added to the championships draw to optimize tournament scheduling. 2.03A(1)c
- Wild card selection process: After all ten (10) and fifteen (15) team local leagues have been awarded; the State shall examine the ratio of "teams in league/championship entries". The local league with the highest ratio will be awarded the next wild card.
- Team selection in the event of a tie in number of teams in 2 or more local leagues will be decided by random draw (local league names in hat, one team drawn by a designee of Adult State League Program Coordinator).
- An ordered list of potential alternate teams by NTRP level will be published with the championship draw.
$\theta \quad$ If offered either a wildcard or alternate spot to a State Championship, the local league will pass the invitation to the next best team as recorded in TennisLink. If that team is unable to fill the slot, the position will revert to the State.
- The USTA Louisiana Adult League I Committee gives the Adult State League Program Coordinator authority to fill vacancies from the list of Alternates. from the list of Alternates.2.03A(1)a
- Local leagues played at USTA Louisiana State Championships:
- At the time the USTA Louisiana Adult League Committee approves the championship draw, any NTRP level that is determined to be playing their local league at the state championship shall be given 72 hours to determine their own play schedule (i.e. place and time) provided they all agree and play is scheduled to be completed prior to the conclusion of the state championship.
- A schedule must be provided to the Tournament Director within those 72 hours.
- If the teams involved cannot agree on a schedule of play within the 72 hours, they will be included in the draw and scheduled to play the local league matches at the specific league program USTA Louisiana State Championship site.
- The USTA Louisiana Adult League Committee may authorize a local league played during the state championship for any NTRP level that did not play locally. The winner of the local league at the state championship will advance to championship competition - either district or sectional - depending on the number of local leagues enrolled in Louisiana.


## Competition Format:

USTA Louisiana State Championships format shall use round robin or partial round robin matches against randomly selected opponents in all levels of competition.

- For Round Robin format:
- Each team shall play every other team in its flight and the team with the most team points shall be champion in its flight. (Exception: Please see Championship Cancellation Policy).
- Levels may be divided into flights as necessary based on number of teams in the draw.
- NTRP levels with two (2) flight winners will play a single elimination finals match to determine the champion. NTRP levels with three (3) flights (where each flight has the same number of teams) will play a single elimination with a fourth team receiving a wild card slot. The second-place team with the best record as reported in TennisLink will be given the wild card slot. If any of the flights have a different number of teams, the second-place team with the highest percentage of games won vs. games played in the round robin shall receive the wild card slot.
- For Partial Round Robin format:
- Each team shall play four team matches against randomly selected opponents. (Exception: Please see Championship Cancellation Policy)
- The top 4 teams, based on standings and national procedures on tiebreakers, will be entered into a semifinal playoff to be followed by a final. For semifinals, the draw will be \#1 vs \#4 and \#2 vs \#3.


## Team and Player Eligibility:

- All players must possess current USTA memberships through the conclusion of the USTA Louisiana State Championship.
- USTA League Adult 18 \& Over, Adult 40 \& Over, Adult 55 \& Over, Mixed Doubles 18 \& Over and Mixed Doubles 40 \& Over: Players are eligible to advance to the state championship level competition if that player has played on that same team in at least 2 matches during its local league season. A maximum of 1 default received by the player during local league competition shall count for advancing to USTA Louisiana State Championships. A retired match shall count toward advancing for all players involved.
- A minimum of eight (five for 2.5 and 5.0 ) team members who were on the final roster of their $18 \&$ Over local league team at the conclusion of local league play must be available and eligible to compete or to combine and compete, as appropriate. The Championship Committee, by majority vote, can reduce that number to not less than four (three for 2.5 and 5.0). (2.03A(5))
- A minimum of 7 team members who were on the final roster of their Adult 40 \& Over local league team at the conclusion of local league play must be available and eligible to compete or to combine and compete, as appropriate. The Championship Committee, by majority vote, can reduce that number to not less than five. (2.03A(5))
- A minimum of six team members who were on the final roster of their Adult 55 \& Over; Mixed Doubles 18 \& Over and/or Mixed Doubles 40 \& Over local league team at the conclusion of local league play must be available and eligible to combine and compete or to combine and compete, as appropriate. The Championship Committee, by majority vote, can reduce that number to not less than four. (2.03A(5))
- Adult 65 \& Over, Mixed Doubles 55 \& Over, Southern Combo and Tri Level: Players are eligible to advance to the state championship level competition if that player has played on that same team in at least 1 match during its local league season. A maximum of 1 default received by the player during local league competition shall count for advancing to USTA Louisiana State Championships. A retired match shall count toward advancing for all players involved. (2.03A(3))
- A minimum of six team members (three eligible pairings) who were on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play must be available and eligible to combine and compete. The Championships Tournament Committee, by majority vote, may reduce that number to not less than four (two eligible pairings). (2.03A(5))
- In Combo Doubles, players may continue on the rating listed on their TennisLink roster regardless of 2022 year-end rating publication. For example, if a player is listed as 3.0 on their team's TennisLink roster but gets promoted to 3.5 when 2022 year-end ratings are published, said player may continue as a 3.0 for the Southern Combo Doubles Championship.
*Note: There is no match requirement for Age Groups/Levels playing their Local League at a USTA Louisiana State Championship.


## Player Registration and Entry Fee:

- USTA Louisiana State Championship Entry Fee: $\$ 45.00$ plus $\$ 5$ electronic fee per player.
- Match Team Tennis online registration portal will be used for all player registrations for championships. Details for how to create an account and register on the Match Team Tennis online registration portal will be available on the championship websites.
- Any player who qualifies to advance to the USTA Louisiana State Championship in the Adult, Mixed, Southern Combo or Tri Level division may advance on more than one team within an age group only if they are different NTRP Levels. 1.04G(6).
- Players that are participating on more than (1) one team must register for each team for which they will be participating on at the state championship.
- Local League Coordinators shall supply the USTA Louisiana State Adult League Coordinator advancing teams information 14 days prior to the state of the state championship.
- All teams advancing to the state championship including the teams playing their local league at the state championship will be required to register and pay for at least the minimum number of players required for the league online through the championship website eleven (11) days prior to the start of the state championship.
- The last day to register/pay championship entry fee online for players advancing to a state championship is four (4) days before start date of state championship.
- Players should be registered on both TennisLink and Match Team Tennis.
- Registration at championship:
- Additional players may be added at the state championship tournament headquarters prior to playing in a championship match. Payments in the form of a credit card and check will be accepted.
- Registration fee for registering additional players at the state championship tournament headquarters will include a $\$ 5$ late fee per player plus electronic fees.

Dates for 2023 USTA Louisiana State Championships are as follows:

| League | Advancing Teams <br> Deadline Register/Pay <br> Minimum \# Players | Required <br> Minimum \# <br> Players | Individual Player <br> Online Registration <br> Closes for <br> Championship |
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| Adult 70 \& Over | $3 / 13 / 23$ | 6 | $3 / 20 / 23$ |
| Adult 55 \& Over | $4 / 3 / 23$ | 6 | $4 / 10 / 23$ |
| Adult 40 \& Over - Even Levels | $4 / 24 / 23$ | $\underline{7}$ | $5 / 1 / 23$ |
| Adult 40 \& Over - Odd Levels | $5 / 8 / 23$ | 8 | $5 / 15 / 23$ |
| Adult 18 \& Over - Odd Levels | $5 / 22 / 23$ | 5 | $5 / 29 / 23$ |
| $(2.5-5.0$ levels) |  |  |  |


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| Adult 18 \& Over - Even Levels | $5 / 29 / 23$ | 8 | $6 / 5 / 23$ |
| Tri Level - All Age Types | $8 / 7 / 23$ | 6 | $8 / 14 / 23$ |
| Mixed 40 \& Over | $8 / 14 / 23$ | 6 | $8 / 21 / 23$ |
| Mixed 18 and 55 \& Over | $8 / 21 / 23$ | 6 | $8 / 28 / 23$ |
| Adult 65 \& Over | $9 / 11 / 23$ | 6 | $9 / 18 / 23$ |
| Combo 40 \& Over | $10 / 16 / 23$ | 6 | $10 / 23 / 23$ |
| Combo 18/55 \& Over | $10 / 23 / 23$ | 6 | $10 / 30 / 23$ |

- Teams not registered on the state championship website with at least the minimum number of players eleven (11) days prior to start of state championship may be replaced with the next alternate team by the State League Coordinator.
- If a championship entry fee is uncollectable/disputed for any reason the issuer will be notified and informed they have ten (10) days to make restitution, including any related fees, to prevent any further collection activity or any grievances filed by the USTA Louisiana. Payment for uncollectable championship entry fee must be received in the form of cash, cashier's check, or money order.
- Team withdrawal more than ten (10) days prior to the start of the state championship: The team's championship entry fees (minus electronic fees and a $\$ 3$ processing fee per individual player registration) will be returned should a team withdraw from the state championship after they have registered, and a substitute team has committed to fill the vacancy. Substitute teams will also be required to register/pay championship entry fee online through the state championship website within a time frame determined by the Championship Committee.
- Team Withdrawal ten (10) days of championship till the close of championship online registration: The team captain may request in writing a refund of the players championship entry fees. The championship entry fees (minus electronic fees and a $\$ 3$ processing fee per individual player registration) may be considered, only after review by the Championship Committee. A grievance may be filed and may receive suspension penalties imposed by the Championship Grievance Committee.
- Team withdrawal after Online Team Registration closes - any registration fees paid will not be refunded._ A grievance may be filed and may receive suspension penalties imposed by the Championship Grievance Committee.
- Under special circumstances approved by the Championship Committee a team may be returned the player's championship entry fees without completing all of their state championship matches and/or withdrawing from the state championship prior to the first scheduled match. Special circumstances could include but are not limited to inclement weather where the team's withdrawal does not affect the winner of their division and/or special circumstances which warrant such action. Teams requesting the return of their championship entry fees must request such in writing to the Championship Committee.
- Tournament Cancellation: No entry fees will be refunded if any tournament cannot start or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, extreme and/or dangerous weather conditions, an Act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, strikes or any other cause beyond the control of the Host CTA, USTA Louisiana, USTA Southern or USTA.
- Request for Individual Player Entry Fee Refunds
- Prior to the state championship, refunds may be requested by emailing engle@louisisnatennis.com.
- After online registration closes, refund request of individual players registration on teams participating in the championship must be requested when the team registers at the state championship. No email request for refunds will be accepted after online registration closes. No refunds will be given after the team checks in for the championship.
- Refund request that will drop teams below the minimum number of players required to advance will not be issued.
- Refund amount will be registration fee minus electronic fees and a \$3 processing fee per individual player registration.


## Team Registration:

- Team captains or designee are required to register their team at the state championship headquarters prior to playing their first match. The championship headquarters location and times will be listed on the championship website.


## Scheduled Matches:

- No accommodations for scheduling will be made at the USTA Louisiana Championships for teams with players that may be competing on two or more teams during a state championship.
- The captain is responsible for checking his/her team in at the site of the match and picking up match scorecard.
- When all players are present and ready to play, the captain will turn in their lineup at the site desk.
- It is requested that captains turn in scorecards 30 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled match if all players are present and ready to play.
- Captains should fill out scorecards according to the instructions given at site desk.
- Print names clearly (both first and last name). Names must be the same as on official roster in TennisLink.
- If a team has a known default, the opposing team will have the opportunity to revise their scorecard once both scorecards are turned in and the default has been announced by the site director.
- For the Adult 40 \& Over Age Division, 3 of 4 individual matches must be played to constitute a valid team match.
- The Championship Committee has the authority to determine the actions to take when the combination of individual match defaults given by the two teams in the team match would result in a situation where the majority of the individual matches would not be played.
- Teams defaulting at least one court/line throughout the Championship without requesting waiver outlined in $2.03 \mathrm{~A}(5)$ may be subject to grievance procedures and may receive suspension penalties imposed by the Championship Grievance Committee.
- No substitution may be made in an individual match after the line-up has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, ineligibility or disqualification of a player prior to the start of such match, and except other circumstances as permitted by Championship Committee. If substitution is made during warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five-minute warm-up. If no such substitution can be made, the affected position only will be defaulted.
- The following applies to the Adult 2.5 and 5.0 teams at the USTA Louisiana State Championships: If a player is injured or becomes ill after the lineup has been submitted and the captain must change the lineup in order to prevent a team match default, the opposing captain may also change their lineup. This only applies to the 2.5 and 5.0 levels as the lineup change will affect both singles and doubles positions.
- If a captain duplicates a name in error on a scorecard, a team may be allowed to substitute a player for the duplicate name in the lower position (at the discretion of the Championship Committee), using a player not already listed on the line-up. A substitution may only be made in the lower position if the error is discovered before the match begins. If no such substitution can be made, National Regulation 2.03 K will be used in determining required position of default.
- The Point Penalty for Lateness, which includes the 15 -minute default time rule, will be strictly enforced. Court monitors may be used to time warm-ups ( 10 Minute), changeovers ( 90 seconds) and set breaks ( 2 minutes). The tournament Referee, in conjunction with the Championship Committee, has full authority on enforcing the Penalties for Lateness. The Tournament Referee may use the Point Penalty System at their discretion.
- Winners of individual matches will take the balls and report the score immediately to the site desk.
- Captains are expected to approve/sign each scorecard after each scheduled match is completed before leaving the tennis facility. Failure to approve/sign the scorecard may result in scores posted online only confirmed by opposing captain (and not future score updates).
- If there is a rain delay, players are not permitted to leave the tennis center unless otherwise released by the Tournament Director and/or Tournament Referee. If pulled from the courts due to rain, players must report their match scores in progress to the site director. If a team match is postponed following the exchange of line-ups, the original line-up will stand for the make-up match UNLESS teams are released from the tournament site by the Tournament Director and/or Referee. If teams are released, the line-up would stand only for those positions that have already started (first service attempt) and all other positions (even those that were in warm-up) may be changed including defaulted courts.
- Tournament Referees may assist with medical time-outs and scoring disputes but will not be used to make line calls or call foot faults. If a player feels line calls and/or foot faults are an issue, said player may request a Referee (if available) to assess the problem.
- A request for a medical time-out may be made by a player, to the site desk. Only a referee can administer medical time out and regulate the time.
- Championship Committee will make all efforts to remain pro-active with weather. However, In the event of significant weather challenges, the Championship Committee may use an alternate scoring match format, in order to complete the tournament.
- Teams should expect to play on any USTA approved surface at the state championships. The Championship Committee may use available courts of any type in order to complete the championship.


## Scoring

- Regular scoring for matches at all USTA Louisiana State Championships: All matches will be the best of three tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set. There will be a two-minute set break at the end of each set with no coaching. The match tiebreak shall be scored as 1 set and 1 game for tiebreak procedures. The Coman Tiebreak Procedure shall be followed in all tiebreaks (Set and/or Match).
- Results will be entered into Tennis Link throughout each day and can be viewed on the championship website.
- Each team will receive 1 point for each team match won.
- In the event of a tie:
- For each individual team match, if tied 2-2, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following methods to do so: least sets lost; least games lost; highest game winning percentage; winning team of No. 1 doubles match; then the winning team of the No. 1 singles match.
- For determining teams round robin and/or flight winners, and/or determining teams to advance to a semifinal and/or final, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so: winner of the most individual matches, then winner of head-to-head match (if all tied teams played one another), then least sets lost, then least games lost, then highest game winning percentage. If a tie still remains through game winning percentage, the tie will be broken by the following: Team with highest \# of victories at \#1 Doubles during state championship round robin and/or partial round robin matches. Then team with highest \# of victories at \#1 Singles during state championship round robin and/or partial round robin matches. Please see national regulation $2.03 \mathrm{H}(1)$ for further information. (Exception: See below bullet on "Full Team Defaults" for Partial Round Play.)
- In the event of a full team default (i.e. team does not have available players to play a majority of individual matches), the following scoring procedures will apply when determining flight winners and/or advancing teams to playoffs:
- Round Robin (every team plays each team in their flight): All matches of the defaulting team already played shall be null and void when determining standings but will be used for ratings and advancement purposes. If all teams with a mathematical chance to advance have played the defaulting team in good faith, those matches shall stand as played when determining standings.
- Partial Round Robin Play: Teams will not have an equal number of team matches due to a team default. All teams in applicable division will go through a tiebreaker procedure to determine advancing teams to playoffs. This will ensure that teams are compared against each other as fairly as possible. The tiebreaker procedure will use the first of the following procedures that does so:
- Team with the least number of TEAM LOSSES.
- Team with the least number of ACTUAL INDIVIDUAL LOSSES divided by the number of POSSIBLE INDIVIDUAL LOSSES.
- Team with the least number of ACTUAL SETS LOST divided by the number of POSSIBLE SETS Lost.
- Team with the least number of ACTUAL GAMES LOST divided by the number of POSSIBLE GAMES Lost.
- Coin toss
- All teams are expected to play all scheduled matches. Any team not complying are ineligible to continue play at the championship and will be subject to grievance procedure and may receive suspension penalties imposed by the Championship Grievance Committee which will include all players form the championship roster.
- If player participation on more than one team results in a team defaulting a court, the defaulting team may be subject to grievance procedures and may receive suspension penalties imposed by the Championship Grievance Committee.
- If any team is released from the USTA Louisiana Championships due to inclement weather and certain individual matches in their team match have already been started, it will be recorded in TennisLink as a "retirement" with the leading team in the individual match as the "winner." (For example, team leading 6-4, $0-4$ would be considered the leading team. If a 2 nd set is not completed, the team winning first set is considered the leading team).


## Grievances:

- Filing fee for Championship Grievances (General/Sportsmanship, Administrative) will be \$100.00 made payable to USTA Louisiana. Fee will only be refunded to filing party if the grievance is upheld.
- Forms are available at the championship tournament headquarters. Completed grievance forms must be presented at the tournament headquarters desk (by the captain) within 30 minutes of the completion of the team match.
- The committees involved will handle all Grievances as promptly as possible once payment is submitted. In most cases, all grievances will be heard by applicable committee after the conclusion of the championship.
- NTRP Grievances filed within 21 days of the state championship against anyone participating in the USTA Louisiana Championships will be administered after the State Championships unless the USTA Southern Section Adult League Committee Chair, Vice-Chair and Sectional League Coordinator authorize the administration of the grievance prior to that time. If the grievance is not administered until after the USTA Louisiana State Championships, points won by players will stand. Disqualified players through grievance and/or captains that are suspended will not be eligible to advance to the Sectional Championships.
- A team forfeiting an entire team match during championship play will be subject to a grievance filed by the Championship Committee and may receive suspension penalties imposed by the Championship Grievance Committee.
- Players who exhibit inappropriate behavior and/or unsportsmanlike conduct towards tournament staff and/or volunteers will be subject to a Championship Grievance and may receive suspension penalties imposed by the Championship Grievance Committee.


## NTRP Dynamic Disqualification:

- USTA Louisiana follows national regulation $2.04 \mathrm{E}(2) \mathrm{c}$ in that dynamic ratings will be generated following the USTA Louisiana Championship. It is possible for any self-rated $(S)$ or appealed $(A)$ players to be dynamically promoted at his or her NTRP level. The promoted player will not be eligible to advance to the next level of competition. Points earned by promoted players will stand.


## Championship Cancellation Policy:

## Round Robin Format

- $\quad$ Should inclement weather or other circumstances prevent the completion of a USTA Louisiana Championship or prevent round robin matches from starting by 5:00 PM (local time) on the last day of regularly scheduled matches for your particular level/flight as published in TennisLink, the level/fight winners will be determined by the first of the following procedures that does so:
- In the event a level or flight within a level consists of multiple round robins, the first-place team will be determined by TennisLink standings at the conclusion of the most recent full round robin. If no full round robin is completed, the below-mentioned procedures would apply.
- In the event that only one team in a round robin has a mathematical chance of finishing first, that team will be declared the winner of the round robin.
- If more than one team has a mathematical chance of winning their round robin, and the first-place team has already beaten the other teams with a mathematical chance of winning, the 1 st place team would be considered the round robin winner as the head-to-head winner
- If a round robin winner cannot be determined, and each team in a round robin has been given the opportunity to complete a minimum of one team match, only teams with a mathematical chance of finishing first will receive an entry into a drawing. Undefeated teams will receive a second entry into the drawing.
- If a round robin winner cannot be determined, and each team in a round robin has not been given the opportunity to complete a minimum of one team match, each team will receive one entry into a drawing to determine the round robin winner.
- The following procedure will take place when two round robin winners (in a specific age group and NTRP level) have been determined by the above-mentioned procedures and/or cancellation occurs after the finals have begun:
- Both teams can agree to meet at a mutual location and time to play for the state championship. A deadline will be given by the Tournament Committee to complete the match. If both teams cannot agree to a mutual location and time prior to or on the deadline set forth by the Tournament Committee, both teams will receive an entry into a drawing to determine the state champion. USTA Louisiana will not be responsible for providing an official, amenities or for expenses relating to this match. The Championship Committee may keep both finalist teams at the tennis center past 5:00 pm to see if play can continue later that evening.

Partial Round Robin Format

- Should inclement weather or other circumstances prevent the completion of a USTA Louisiana State Championship or prevent partial round robin matches from starting by 5:00 PM (local time) on the last day of regularly scheduled matches for your particular level/flight as published in TennisLink, the winners will be determined by the first of the following procedures that does so:
- If a minimum of 3 full rounds have been completed, any undefeated teams will receive an entry into a drawing to determine a winner. In this instance, unfinished partial round robin matches in fourth segment will not count.
- In the event that only one team (after the most recent full partial round robin segment) has a mathematical chance of finishing first, that team will be declared the winner.
- If more than one team has a mathematical chance of winning, after the most recent full partial round robin segment, and the firstplace team has already beaten the other teams with a mathematical chance of winning, the 1st place team would be considered the winner as the head-to-head winner.
- If a winner cannot be determined, and each team has been given the opportunity to complete a minimum of one team match, only teams with a mathematical chance of finishing first will receive an entry into a drawing. Undefeated teams will receive a second entry into the drawing.
- The following procedures will take place when cancellation occurs after the semifinal playoffs have begun:
- Teams that have clinched (won a majority of individual matches) in their semifinal playoff will be considered the winner of their semifinal match.
- Teams that have not clinched (not won a majority of individual matches) in their semifinal will be put into a drawing to determine the winning semifinalist. For each individual line won by a team, said team will receive an additional entry into the drawing. (For example, the \#2 doubles match was finished. The wining team of said match \#2 doubles match would receive an additional entry into the drawing.)
- Both winning semifinalists (now finalist teams) can agree to meet at a mutual location and time to play for the USTA Louisiana state championship. A deadline will be given by the Championship Committee to complete the match. If both teams cannot agree to a mutual location and time prior to or on the deadline set forth by the Championship Committee, both teams will receive an entry into a drawing to determine the state champion. For each individual line won by a team, said team will receive an additional entry into the drawing. (For example, the \#2 doubles match was finished. The wining team of said match \#2 doubles match would receive an additional entry into the drawing). If teams agree to meet at mutual location, USTA Louisiana will not be responsible for providing an official or for expenses relating to this match. The Championship Committee may keep both finalist teams at the tennis center past 5:00 pm to see if play can continue later that evening.


## Communications during the Championship

- Notification alerts: Download the Match team Tennis app (available for iPhone and Android. Once you open the app, sign up for text and email alerts. Notification alerts will be used for weather updates and general tournament information.
- The championship website will be used to relay information in the event of inclement weather during the tournament.


## Advancement

- Winning team Captains must notify their State League Coordinators within seven (7) days of their state championship if the team will not be attending the USTA Southern Sectional Championship.
- USTA Southern Championship Procedures state that winning teams are to submit a team deposit of $\$ \mathbf{3 0 0 . 0 0}$ to the USTA Southern Office within two weeks of the conclusion of their State Championship. See the USTA Southern Championship website for details.


## Administration

- Championship Committee will use proper and fair judgment with regard to all USTA Louisiana state championship-related issues. This includes but is not limited to procedures and information not listed in the Championship Procedures or National/Sectional/State regulations.
- For all USTA Louisiana Championships the Championship Committee will consist of the Tournament Director, Tournament Referee and one other person selected by The Adult State League Coordinator. Championship Committee will be listed on the state championship website.
- Championship Grievance Committee and Grievance Appeal Committee: To be appointed by USTA Louisiana as needed.
- Championship Procedures may be amended at the Championship Committee's discretion.
- The Championship Committee may release a team from the USTA Louisiana state championship.

| USTA Louisiana State Championship Dates \& Locations |  |  |  |
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| Championship | Levels | Date | Location |
| Adult 70 \& Over | All Levels | March 24-27, 2023 | Shreveport, LA |
| Adult 55 \& Over | All Levels | April 14-17, 2023 | Lafayette, LA |
| Adult 40 \& Over <br> Even Levels | $3.0,4.0$ | May 5-8, 2023 | Shreveport, LA |
| Adult 40 \& Over <br> Odd Levels | $3.5,4.5$ | May 19-22, 2023 | Lafayette, LA |
| **Adult 18 \& Over <br> Odd Levels | $2.5,3.5,4.5,5.0$ | June 2-5, 2023 | Baton Rouge, LA |
| **Adult 18 \& Over <br> Even Levels | 3.0,4.0 | June 9-12, 2023 | Shreveport, LA |
| Tri Level <br> All Age Groups | All Levels | August 18-20, 2023 | Baton Rouge, LA |
| Mixed <br> 40 \& Over <br> Mixed <br> $18 ~ \& ~ O v e r ; ~$ <br> $55 ~ \& ~ O v e r ~$ All Levels | August 25-28, 2023 | New Orleans, LA |  |
| Adult 65 \& Over | All Levels | Sept 1-4, 2023 | Mandeville, LA |
| Combo 40 \& Over | All Levels | Oct. 27-30, 2023 | Shreveport, LA |
| Combo <br> $18 ~ \& ~ O v e r ~$ <br> $55 ~ \& ~ O v e r ~$$* *$ NTRP Levels for the Adult 18 \& Over USTA Louisiana State Championship will be rotated every two years. |  |  |  |

