



USTA GEORGIA STATE REGULATIONS
for USTA League Tennis
Adult, Senior, Mixed Doubles, & Super Senior Divisions
2009 Championship Year – Revised 2/26/2009

Major Regulation Changes for 2009

National Regulations:

1. **District/Area, Section and National Championship benchmarks may not be appealed the first year received.**
2. **No dynamic disqualification of Year-end Computer (C) or Benchmark (B) players. Reg. 3.04A**
3. **So. . . who can be dynamically disqualified?** NTRP published level followed by **A** (appeal-all), **S** (self-rated), **M** (mixed exclusive), **T** (tournament exclusive), **D** (dynamic rating-usually an Early Start Rating moved down) in the Adult and Senior divisions through the Section Championships.
4. All medical appeals will be reviewed first by a section-appointed review committee and, if deemed a permanently disabling injury or illness, will be forwarded to the National Medical Review Committee for a final decision.
5. Mixed Doubles National Championship teams will follow the same Move-up/Split-up Regulations governing the Adult and Senior divisions. – no more than three (3) any gender may stay together the following league year.
6. Mixed Doubles Division will now include a 2.5 entry level for local through Section play. This is a straight level and may not be combined to form 5.0 teams.
7. Mixed doubles players NTRP disqualified after conclusion of their Section Championships may advance to Mixed Nationals, if they otherwise qualify.

Southern Regulations:

3.05B(3) The State Association shall utilize a Medical Review Committee to evaluate all medical appeals; and, if the injury/illness is deemed permanently disabling, the appeal will be forwarded to the Section Medical Appeal Committee through the Section League Coordinator. If Southern Medical Appeal Committee concurs then appeal will be forwarded to the National Medical Appeal Committee for a final decision.

5.01E LEVELS OF PLAY

The levels offered will be straight 2.5 and combined (6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0 Adults and 6.0,7.0, 8.0, 9.0 Seniors) where each individual player's NTRP rating may be no more than 1.0 apart (i.e. a 3.0 player and a 4.0 player may play 7.0). Refer to 5.01E(2) The 2.5 level is a straight level and players may not combine levels (i.e. a 2.0 player and a 3.0 player may not play together).

USTA Georgia Regulations:

4.04F(1) d. If the number of teams in both the Senior Women's day/night and Senior weekday/business leagues should reach a minimum of (5) teams at any given level, the local league may request additional representation at the State Championships.

The USTA League Tennis National, USTA Southern and USTA Georgia Regulations have full force and applicability at all levels of play in USTA League Tennis in the State of Georgia and there is no authorization to modify, amplify or change them by Local League Coordinators, Grievance or Grievance Appeals Committees. The Director of Leagues, in conjunction with USTA Georgia Adult Leagues Committee Chairman, shall have the authority to interpret the USTA League Tennis Georgia State Regulations. USTA League Tennis Regulations (National, Southern and Georgia) are available on the USTA Georgia website: www.ustageorgia.com. The following USTA Georgia State League Regulations cover those items that the National and Sectional Regulations authorize Georgia to promulgate.

(Note: Paragraphs included herein are numbered according to pertinent and completed paragraphs of the 2008 USTA League Tennis National and Southern Regulations.)

1.00 GENERAL

- 1.04 OFFICIAL LEAGUE REGISTRATION.** Each local league must establish deadlines and procedures for registering teams on Tennis-Link.
- 1.05 OFFICIAL SCORE REPORTING AND STANDINGS SYSTEM.** Scores must be reported in TennisLink within 48 hours of the completed team match. TennisLink will automatically confirm scores 48 hours after the team match is initially reported in TennisLink if not confirmed by opposing captain.
- 1.09 AMENDMENTS.** These Georgia Regulations may be amended by the Georgia Adult Leagues Committee.
- 1.17 ADULT LEAGUES COMMITTEE.** The USTA Georgia League Program shall be governed by the Adult Leagues Committee appointed by the President of the USTA Georgia and subject to the control and direction of the USTA Georgia Board of Directors.
- 1.24 LOCAL LEAGUE SEASON.** All local leagues shall obtain approval of the State League Coordinator for the dates of the local league season(s).
 - 1.24A Local League Competition.** Each local league may establish a maximum of two (2) league seasons during the league year.

2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES (Refer to the National Regulations)

All local league regulations will include the names of grievance and grievance appeal committee members and will be distributed to captains prior to beginning of the local league season. Distributions via captains' packets and/or websites are acceptable. Each State shall approve all Local League Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees.

2.01 COMMITTEES

- 2.01A Grievance Committees.** All Grievance Committees shall consist of no less than three persons, including a chairman, to adjudicate grievances. The members of the Committee may be the same as or different in whole or part, from the committee first approved.
 - 2.01A(1) Local.** With the approval of the State Association, each local league may appoint a Local League Grievance Committee. The members of the Committee are to be approved by the Director of Leagues.
- 2.01B Grievance Appeal Committees.** All Grievance Appeal Committees shall consist of no less than three persons, including a chairman, to consider appeals from the Grievance Committees. 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 different in whole or part, from the committee first approved.
 - 2.01B(1) Local.** With the approval of the State Association, each local league may appoint a Local League Grievance Appeal Committee. The members of the Committee are to be approved by the Director of Leagues.

2.02 GRIEVANCE COMPLAINTS.

- 2.02B Self-Rate Eligibility Grievance Complaint.** 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 by the USTA Southern League Grievance Committee. Self-Rate NTRP Grievances filed within two weeks of the start date of the player's and/or captain's State Championships will be administered after the event unless the section authorizes the administration of the grievance prior to that time. If the grievance is not administered until after the event, points won by players will stand. Disqualified players and/or captains that are suspended will not be eligible to advance to the next level of championship play.

- 2.02B(1)** USTA Georgia mandates that the party(ies) that file(s) the self-rate eligibility grievance complaint must provide the documentation to support their complaint at the time of their filing.

3.00 ADULT DIVISION REGULATIONS

All USTA League Tennis Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL and 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and the following procedures shall apply to the USTA League Tennis – Adult Division.

3.01 LOCAL LEAGUE. (see addendum for definition of local league)

- 3.01A Number of Teams.** A local league is a team competition in a specified geographic area that applies specific local league regulations and consists of NTRP level(s) with a minimum of two or more teams per level. A local league may choose to divide any or all NTRP levels into flights. Where flights are used, a playoff structure **may** be established to determine a champion for each NTRP level. (See 3.01H – Competition Format)
- 3.01B Team.** Local League(s) may limit the number of players that appear on a team roster and/or the number of players on that roster that are at a specific NTRP level.
- 3.01C Age.** Each player shall have reached the age of nineteen years prior to or during the calendar year in which such player plays in his/her first local league match.
- 3.01D Entry.** A player without a computer rating must self-rate to enter the program. A player with a current NTRP computer rating must use that rating to enter the program.
- 3.01G Scoring and Rest.** Each Local League may determine the method of scoring for Local league competition.
- 3.01H Competition Format.**
- 3.01H(2) Team Match and Scoring.** Local League(s) may decide how to handle team forfeits.
- 3.01H(4) Team Lineups.** An individual match is started when the first ball is put in play. After the start of an individual match, if injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player occurs, the opponents will be awarded a forfeit for that individual match only. The forfeit principles in 3.03L, shall be applicable, with the State modifications that:
- 3.01H(4)a** 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 forfeited in local leagues.
- 3.01H(4)b** In the event that a team match must be re-scheduled and starting times are staggered, where opponents are not available and ready to play, forfeits will be awarded in the affected position only.
- 3.01H(4)c** Local League(s) will decide how to regulate rescheduling of team matches due to rain or inclement weather.
- 3.01H(4)d** Two players will play together in the higher position when both of their partners do not show in order to avoid two defaults.
- 3.01H(5) Player Participation**
- 3.01H(5)a** A player may play on one team in a NTRP level within this division in the **same** local league during the **same** season. In local leagues where NTRP levels are divided into flights, players may not play in more than one flight.
- 3.01H(5)b** A local league may authorize participation in more than one NTRP level within this division in the **same** local league during the **same** season.
- 3.01H(5)c** A player may play on more than one team within this division in the same season provided it is in a separate local league.
- 3.01H(5)d** Players who qualify for the Georgia State Championship may advance on (one) adult and (one) senior team, but may not advance on (two) adult or (two) senior teams. If eligible players do not participate at the State Championship, they may participate in the Sectional and/or National Championships.
- 3.01H(5)f** The local league may limit the number of players on a team roster with an NTRP rating below the level of the team.
- 3.01H(5)g** Local leagues must accept area teams from outside its boundaries if the team meets all the requirements established of all teams in that local league.
- 3.01I Local League Champions.** At the conclusion of local league competition, the Local League Coordinator shall certify to the Director of Leagues the results of the local league competition and the name(s) and email address(es) of the team captain(s) and the team #. Local league competition must be concluded prior to the deadline set by USTA Georgia.

3.02 PROGRESSION

3.02A Local League Competition. Each team that wins a specific level of local league competition shall be entitled to advance to the next level of competition.

3.02A(1) Two-Team Leagues. If a local league holds two seasons at a specific level, they must have a minimum of three teams participating in one of the two seasons at that level to receive two berths to the State Championships. Two team leagues in both seasons will only receive one berth to the State Championships. The local league will determine which team receives the berth.

3.02A(2) Area Leagues. The State may authorize local league play for area teams (one team at any given level with no local opponents **during the entire Championship Year**) from which the winner may progress to the State Championships.

3.02A(3) Wildcards. The State may draw wildcards for the State Championships at any given level. The local league must publish its wildcard procedures in the event of the repeat winners, or if the league receives a wildcard.

3.02B USTA Georgia Adult League State Championships.

3.02B(1) Local Season. Local play, which qualifies local winners for the 2009 State Championships, will not begin play prior to the completion of the 2008 State Championships, nor conclude after **April 12, 2009**.

3.02B(2) Atlanta: Men, Women, and Business Women

- a. One berth for a maximum of 64 teams in any given level.
- b. Two berths for a maximum of 128 teams in any given level.
- c. Three berths for a maximum of 192 teams in any given level.
- d. Four berths for a maximum of 256 teams in any given level.
- e. Over 256 teams, for each additional 64 teams added an additional berth is given

3.02B(3) All 4.5 Men & Women in Georgia, Including Atlanta

- a. One berth per season for up to 10 teams and an additional berth for each additional 10 teams. (2-10 teams, 1 berth; 11-29 teams, 2 berths; 30-39 teams, 3 berths; and so on)

3.02B(4) All other leagues in Georgia: Men, Women, and Business Women

- a. One berth per season for a maximum of **15** teams in any given level.
- b. Two berths per season for a maximum of **30** teams in any given level.
- c. Over **30** teams, for each additional **15** teams, an additional berth is given.
- d. In local league(s) conducting separate playing schedules for Women's day/night or weekday/business leagues, the local league will determine which one team shall progress to the State Championships, except as noted in 3.02B(4)e.
- e. If the number of teams in both the Women's day/night and weekday/business leagues should reach a minimum of eight (8) teams at any given level, the local league may request additional representation at the State Championships.

3.03 USTA GEORGIA ADULT LEAGUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

3.03A Eligibility. Players who play in a local league prior to January 1, 2009 and whose published rating at the time of registration was in level may advance to championship play with that team at that level unless their NTRP rating reaches the disqualification mark for that level.

3.03A(2) In a local league where two league seasons are played, with a winner declared for each season, a player must have played two matches during the same local league season in which his/her team qualified for further competition. *One default received by the player during local competition shall count for advancing.* A retired match shall count toward advancing for all players involved. (see 3.03N) A team winning both seasons without identical rosters for both seasons must choose which season's roster of players will represent the local league at championship competition.

3.03A(4) At all championships, a minimum of eight team members who were on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play must be available and eligible to compete. (2.5 and 5.0 levels must have a minimum of five team members available and eligible to compete) The Championship Tournament Committee, by majority vote, may reduce that number to not less than four.

3.03C Scoring and Rest. At the USTA Georgia State Championships, all matches will be the best of two sets and the Set tiebreak shall be used at 6-all in each set. In lieu of a third set, a Match tiebreak shall be played. 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 in the event of a tie.

3.03D Competition Format. State Championship play shall be round robin in all levels of competition.

3.03E Team Match and Scoring.

3.03E(1) Adult 3.0 – 4.5 levels will play two singles and three doubles positions.

3.03E(2) Adult 2.5 and 5.0 levels will play one singles and two doubles positions. (see 3.06 B)

3.03M Scoring of Team Defaults. 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. If all teams in contention for the Championships have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches stand as played.

3.03M(1) Teams that withdraw 7 days prior to the tournament beginning will forfeit their deposit, entry fee and a grievance may be filed by the referee to the appropriate committee.

3.03Q Date and Location. The 2009 USTA League Tennis Adult State Championships will be played as follows:

May 8 – 11, 2009	USTA League Tennis Adult State Championships (3.5 & 4.0 Low M&W) - Macon
May 15 – 18, 2009	USTA League Tennis Adult State Championships (4.0 – 5.0 M&W) - Rome
May 22 – 25, 2009	USTA League Tennis Adult State Championships (2.0 – 3.0 M&W) - Augusta

3.04 LEAGUE NTRP DISQUALIFICATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURES

The Regulations in this section apply only to the USTA League Tennis - Adult and Senior Divisions.

3.04A(4) Local League Procedures. Disqualified 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. Local League regulations for deadlines and roster limits may be waived if a team is found and time permits.

3.04D Scoring Procedures

3.04D(1) Local. If a player with a self rating (S), tournament rating (T), mixed rating (M) or a medical appeal (S) is disqualified for that particular level of play, all matches played by that individual player shall be considered losses and scored (6-0, 6-0). If a player with a computer rated appeal (A) or an Early Start League dynamic rating (D) is disqualified for that particular level of play, no matches will be reversed, but the player will be promoted immediately. Players with a Year-end computer (C) or benchmark (B) rating are not subject to dynamic NTRP disqualification. Players not disqualified by conclusion of local league round robin play will be eligible to compete in entire local playoff. Dynamic ratings will be calculated at the end of the local playoff to inform any disqualified players that they may not advance to the State Championships. Points earned by disqualified players will stand.

3.04D(2) Championship. Dynamic ratings will be calculated following the State Championships. Points earned by disqualified players will stand. The disqualified player will not be eligible to advance to the next level of competition.

3.05 YEAR-END NTRP COMPUTER RATINGS AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

Players may appeal their NTRP rating in accordance with the procedures of the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System and their State Appeal Procedures. Match results from NTRP Tournaments in TennisLink will NOT be included in the 2009 year-end ratings.

3.05A USTA National Year-end Computer Ratings & Georgia Early Start League Ratings.

3.05A(1) Year-end ratings are valid for three (3) consecutive years or until a new NTRP computer rating is generated for individuals who are less than 60 years of age through the championship year.

3.05A(2) Year-end ratings are valid for two (2) consecutive years or until a new NTRP computer rating is generated for individuals 60 years of age prior to or during the championship year.

3.05A(3) Georgia Early Start League Ratings will be published in accordance with USTA Regulations in the beginning of March for the Summer Early Start Leagues and August, following the Sectional Championships for the Fall/Winter Early Start Leagues..

3.05A(4) Year-end NTRP computer ratings of all leagues will be published in November, following the National Championships.

3.05B Appeal of Year-end and Early Start League Ratings

3.05B(1) The medical appeal committee will review all medical appeals, which must include the attending physician's written evaluation of the player's condition, including the nature of the condition; and the expected permanent loss of motion, mobility, and strength. Such evaluation must be presented on the physician's letterhead stationary.

3.05B(3) The State Association shall utilize a Medical Review Committee to evaluate all medical appeals; and, if the injury/illness is deemed permanently disabling, the appeal will be forwarded to the Section Medical Appeal Committee through the Section League Coordinator. If Southern Medical Appeal Committee concurs then appeal will be forwarded to the National Medical Appeal Committee for a final decision.

3.05C Benchmark 2008 Year End Ratings – NO CHAMPIONSHIP BENCHMARK (STATE, SECTION OR NATIONAL) MAY BE APPEALED THE FIRST YEAR AFTER PUBLISHING

4.00 SENIOR LEAGUE REGULATIONS.

All USTA League Tennis Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL, 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and 3.00 ADULT LEAGUE REGULATIONS, with the following exceptions allowed to the USTA Georgia Regulations, shall apply to the USTA League Tennis – Senior League Division.

4.01 AGE. Each player shall have reached the age of 50 prior to or during the calendar year in which such player plays his/her first local league match.

4.02 TEAM. A senior league team shall consist of a minimum of six (6) players of the same gender eligible to compete.

4.03 LEVELS OF PLAY. The levels of league play are 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5.

4.04 USTA GEORGIA SENIOR LEAGUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

4.04A Team Match and Scoring. In all championships after local league competition, the team match format will consist of three (3) doubles matches. The team winning the majority of those three individual matches will be awarded one team point.

4.04B Eligibility.

4.04B(1) At all championships, a minimum of six (6) team members who were on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play must be available and eligible to compete. The Championships Tournament Committee, by majority vote, may reduce that number to not less than four.

4.04C Defaults. 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. If all teams in contention for the Championships have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches stand as played.

4.04C(1) Teams that withdraw 7 days prior to the tournament beginning will forfeit their deposit, entry fee and a grievance will be filed by the referee to the appropriate committee.

4.04E Local Season. Local play, which qualifies local winners for the 2009 Georgia State Championships, will not begin play prior to the completion of the 2008 Georgia State Championships, nor conclude after May 10, 2009.

4.04F Progression.

4.04F(1) All leagues in Georgia: Men and Women

- a. One berth per season for a maximum of **9** teams in any given level.
- b. Two berths per season for a maximum of **18** teams in any given level.
- c. For each additional **9** teams, one more berth is given.
- d. If the number of teams in both the Women's day/night and weekday/business leagues should reach a minimum of (5) teams at any given level, the local league may request additional representation at the State Championships.

4.04G Date and Location. The 2009 USTA League Tennis Senior State Championships will be played as follows:

June 5 – 8

USTA League Tennis Senior State Championships
(2.5 – 4.5 M&W) - Columbus

5.00 MIXED DOUBLES LEAGUE REGULATIONS.

All USTA League Tennis Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL, 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and the following regulations shall apply to the USTA League Tennis – Mixed Doubles Division.

5.01 LOCAL LEAGUE.

5.01B Team. Local League(s) may limit the number of players that appear on a team roster and/or the number of players on that roster that are at a specific NTRP level.

5.01D Entry.

5.01D(5) Mixed Doubles results will not be part of generating a player's year-end rating except for those players who play in the USTA League Tennis – Mixed Doubles Division exclusively. Players who play exclusively in the USTA League Tennis – Mixed Doubles Division and choose to participate in the USTA League Tennis – Adult and/or Senior Divisions the next year must enter at their USTA League Tennis – Mixed Doubles Division year-end rating or higher.

5.01D(7) Players may play with the rating submitted on the roster through the National Championships unless the player's year end rating is two levels above the rating on the roster.

5.01E Levels of Play. The levels offered will be straight 2.5 and combined (6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0 Adults and 6.0,7.0, 8.0, 9.0 Seniors) where each individual player's NTRP rating may be no more than 1.0 apart (i.e. a 3.0 player and a 4.0 player may play 7.0). Refer to 5.01E(2) [The 2.5 level is a straight level and players may not combine levels \(i.e. a 2.0 player and a 3.0 player may not play together\).](#)

5.01E(1) Senior Mixed Doubles Levels. The Senior Mixed Doubles Levels 2.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 are not a part of the national program. The USTA Southern Section has been authorized the following waivers for Senior Mixed Doubles Levels:

- a. Players must play in at least one local match in order to advance to the State Senior Mixed Doubles Championships. If there is no local competition offered in the Championship Year, a team may advance directly to the State Championships.

ALL OTHER MIXED DOUBLES RULES SHALL APPLY FOR SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES.

5.01G Scoring. Each Local League may determine the method of scoring for Local League competition.

5.01H Competition Format.

5.01H(2) Team Match and Scoring. Local League(s) may decide how to handle team forfeits.

5.01H(4) Team Lineups.

5.01H(4) a-d. Refer to 3.01H(4) a-d

5.01H(5) Player Participation

5.01H(5) a-g Refer to 3.01H(5) a-g

5.02 PROGRESSION.

5.02A Local League Competition. Each team that wins a specific level of local league competition shall be entitled to advance to the next level of competition.

5.02A(1) – (3) Refer to 3.02A(1) – (3)

5.02B Georgia Mixed Doubles State Championships.

5.02B(1) Local Season. Local play, which qualifies local winners for the 2009 State Championships, will not begin play prior to the completion of the 2008 State Championships, nor conclude after July 26, 2009.

5.02B(2) All Mixed Leagues in Georgia:

- a. One berth per season for a maximum of 16 teams in any given level.
- b. Two berths per season for a maximum of 20 teams in any given level.
- c. For each additional 10 teams, one more berth is given.

5.03 USTA GEORGIA MIXED DOUBLES LEAGUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.03A Eligibility.

5.03A(3) & (4) Refer to 3.03A(2) & 4.04B(1)

5.03C Scoring and Rest. Refer to 3.03C

5.03D Competition Format. Refer to 3.03D

5.03E Team Match and Scoring. The team match format will consist of three individual doubles matches. The team winning the majority of those three individual matches will be awarded one team point.

5.03M Scoring of Team Defaults. 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. If all teams in contention for the Championships have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches stand as played.

5.03M(1) Teams that withdraw 7 days prior to the tournament beginning will forfeit their deposit, entry fee and a grievance will be filed by the referee to the appropriate committee.

5.03Q Date and Location. The 2009 USTA League Tennis Mixed Doubles State Championships will be played as follows:

August 14 - 17

USTA League Tennis Mixed Doubles State Championships
(Adult 2.5, 6.0-10.0) (Sr. 2.5, 6.0-9.0) – Augusta

6.00 SUPER SENIOR LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All USTA League Tennis Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL, 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and the following regulations shall apply to the USTA League Tennis – Super Senior Division.

6.01 LOCAL LEAGUE.

6.01B Team. Local League(s) may limit the number of players that appear on a team roster and/or the number of players on that roster that are at a specific NTRP level.

6.01E Levels of Play. The levels of play for Super Senior 60's are 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 levels and Super Senior 70's are 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 levels.

6.01D Entry.

6.01D(5) Super Senior match results will be a part of generating a player's year-end rating.

6.01G Scoring. Each Local League may determine the method of scoring for Local league competition.

6.01H Competition Format.

6.01H(2) Team Match and Scoring. Local League(s) may decide how to handle team forfeits.

6.01H(4) Team Lineups.

- 6.01H(5)** **6.01H(4) a-d.** Refer to 3.01H(4) a-d
Player Participation.
6.01H(5) a-c Refer to 3.01H(5) a-c
6.01H(5)d Players who qualify for the USTA Georgia State Championship may advance on (one) 60's and (one) 70's team, but may not advance on (two) 60's or (two) 70's teams. If eligible (played one match locally) players do not participate at the State Championship, they may participate in the Sectional and/or National Championships. Players must play in at least one local match in order to advance to the Georgia State Super Senior Championships. If there is no local competition offered, a team may advance directly to the Georgia State Super Senior Championships. Players who participate in Super Senior 60 and Super Senior 70 divisions will not be accommodated in scheduling of event. The one match requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Tournament Committee for players advancing to the State Chps.
6.01H(5) f-g Refer to 3.01H(5) f-g

6.02 PROGRESSION.

- 6.02A Local League Competition.** Each team that wins a specific level of local league competition shall be entitled to advance to the next level of competition.
6.02A(1) – (3) Refer to 3.02A(1) – (3)
6.02B Georgia Super Senior State League Championships.
6.02B(1) Local Season. Local play, which qualifies local winners for the 2009 State Championships, will not begin play prior to the completion of the 2008 State Championships, nor conclude after ***October 2, 2009.***
6.02B(2) All Super Senior Leagues in Georgia:
 a. One berth per season for a maximum of 5 teams in any given level.
 b. Two berths per season for a maximum of 10 teams in any given level.
 c. For each additional 5 teams, one more berth is given.

6.03 GEORGIA SUPER SENIOR STATE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 6.03A Eligibility.**
6.03A(3) At all championships, a minimum of six (6) team members who were on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play must be available and eligible to compete. The Championships Tournament Committee, by majority vote, may reduce that number to not less than four.
6.03C Scoring and Rest. Refer to 3.03C
6.03D Competition Format. Refer to 3.03D
6.03E Team Match and Scoring. The team match format will consist of three individual doubles matches. The team winning the majority of those three individual matches will be awarded one team point.
6.03M Scoring of Team Defaults. 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. If all teams in contention for the Championships have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches stand as played.
6.03M(1) Teams that withdraw 7 days prior to the tournament beginning will forfeit their deposit, entry fee and a grievance will be filed by the referee to the appropriate committee.
6.03Q Date and Location. The 2008 USTA League Tennis Super Senior State Championships will be played as follows:
 October 23 – 25 Super Seniors State Championships
(60's division: M&W 2.5-4.5) (70's divisions: M&W 2.5-4.0) – Savannah

2009 and 2010 USTA Georgia Adult League Committee

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2009 USTA Georgia League Grievance Appeal Committee

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* Grievance Committee members are subject to change due to a conflict of interest.

Addendum

USTA Georgia

Requirements for a Local League

- (1) **A Community Tennis Association (CTA) must be established.**
 - (1a) CTA must be incorporated as a non-profit organization in Georgia.
 - (1b) CTA must be an USTA organizational member.
 - (1c) CTA must be registered as a Community Tennis Association with the USTA.
 - (1d) CTA must provide USTA Georgia with the following: By-laws; Organizational Chart; Financial Statement; Articles of Incorporation.

- (2) **The Community Tennis Association must petition the USTA Georgia Adult Leagues Committee in writing to begin a new local league. The Adult League Committee will then make the recommendation to the USTA Georgia Executive Committee, which will have final approval.**
 - (2a) CTA must establish geographical (counties) boundaries in which league matches are played.
 - (2b) CTA must petition USTA Georgia in writing to include a facility outside its geographical boundaries. In no instance shall a local league include a facility outside its geographical boundaries without written permission from USTA Georgia
 - (2c) Sites beyond the geographical boundaries of the local league that are not included in another CTA's local league geographical boundaries may participate in that league's play until such time a new CTA and local league is formed that includes that site in its geographical boundaries.

- (3) **Appointment of Local League Coordinator**
 - (3a) CTA must submit the name of a candidate for their Local League Coordinator to the Director of Leagues.
 - (3b) Director of Leagues shall forward the name of the candidate, as well as a recommendation to the appropriate committee. The committee shall have final authority in the selection of the Local League Coordinator.
 - (3c) Local League Coordinator will report to both their CTA as well as the Director of Leagues. Both the CTA as well as the committee have authority to remove the Local League Coordinator.

- (4) **Local League Regulations**
 - (4a) All Local League Regulations must be submitted to the Director of Leagues for approval. The Director of Leagues will then forward them to the Section League Coordinator for Final Approval.
 - (4b) CTA and Local League Coordinator must establish a committee to determine and/or make any changes to their Local League Regulations.
 - (4c) CTA and Local League Coordinator must establish at least three (3) people for their League Grievance Committee as well as at least three (3) people for their League Grievance Appeal Committee.
 - (4d) All Local League Regulations must be in conjunction with the State, Section and National Regulations.
 - (4e) All Local League Regulations must be posted on the CTA's website to be available to the players.