

BATON ROUGE REGULATIONS
For USTA League Tennis
Adult, Senior, Mixed Doubles, and Super Senior Divisions
League Year 2009 (12/31/2009)

The USTA League Tennis National, Southern, Louisiana, and Baton Rouge Regulations have full force and applicability at all levels of play in USTA League Tennis in Baton Rouge and there is no authorization to modify, amplify or change them by local coordinators, grievance, or grievance appeals committees. The Local League Coordinator, in conjunction with the Greater Baton Rouge Community Tennis Association shall have the authority to interpret the Baton Rouge Regulations. USTA League Tennis Regulations (National, Southern Section, State, Local) are available on www.batonrougetennis.com. Printed below are the Baton Rouge Regulations as authorized by the USTA League National Tennis Regulations, Southern Section Regulations, and Louisiana Regulations.

(Note: Paragraphs included herein are numbered according to pertinent paragraphs of the 2009 USTA League Tennis Regulations.)

1.00 GENERAL

1.02 APPLICABILITY. The USTA LEAGUE TENNIS REGULATIONS shall apply to the USTA League Tennis Program.

The RULES OF TENNIS and TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS shall apply to all matches played in the USTA League Tennis Program except as modified herein. In all matches played without officials, the USTA official publication "THE CODE" shall be observed. The USTA Point Penalty System shall be used at all championship levels.

1.04 OFFICIAL LEAGUE REGISTRATION.

1.04A (Team Registration Dates/Deadlines) **See Addendum for specific League**

1.04B (Player Registration Dates/Deadlines) **See Addendum for specific League**

1.09 AMENDMENTS. The **GBRCTA League Committee** with approval of the Greater Baton Rouge Community Tennis Association may amend these Baton Rouge Regulations.

1.14 REGISTRATION.

1.14.A Local Fees & Financial Statement.

1.14A(1) The local Community Tennis Associations are responsible for making available a financial statement to the local team captains at the conclusion of each league year. Any fees paid to the local league coordinator, level coordinators, league assistants, and/or league secretary must be itemized on the financial report.

1.14A(2) The 2009 Baton Rouge league year enrollment fees are as follows:

See Addendum for specific League. The 2009 financial statement is included in Captains packet. Additional copies of the financial statement are available from the GBRCTA.

1.14A(3) Facility Fees. All Fees pertaining to any facility must be paid in full before a team will be allowed to play the first match. All team members will be notified of fees which are not paid. The team is ineligible for league play until the fees have been paid.

1.20 LOCAL LEAGUE COORDINATORS. Local league administrators who include Local Coordinators and Board of Directors of the local Community Tennis Associations are responsible for administering and promoting the USA League Tennis Programs in their area.

1.20A League Code of Ethics. All league administrators will adhere to the USTA Southern Section League Tennis Officials Code of Ethics

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2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The Regulations in 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES shall apply to all USTA League Tennis Divisions. All local league regulations will include the names of grievance and grievance appeal committee members and will be distributed to captains prior to the beginning of the local league season. Distribution via captains' packets and/or websites is acceptable. Each state shall approve all Local and State League Tennis Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees.

2.02A(3) Grievances shall be handled by USTA League Tennis Grievance and Appeal Committees at the appropriate level (i.e. Local, State, or Sectional). Grievance actions may be moved to the next higher organizational level for action, as deemed necessary by the appropriate governing body.

2.02B Self-rate Eligibility Complaint

The USTA Southern Section will administer Self-Rate Eligibility Grievance Complaints. These complaints should be first delivered to the Local League Coordinator who will forward to the State League Coordinator who will forward to the Section League Coordinator who will forward to the Southern Self-Rate Eligibility Grievance Committee Chairman. These committees will have jurisdiction over grievances filed against any player and/or captain who commits or condones entering at one level when their actual skill level is at the top of the next NTRP level or higher. (USTA Interpretation, May, 2004). Self-Rate Eligibility Grievances filed within two weeks of the start date of the player's and/or captain's State or Sectional 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.

2.02C Local League Procedures. All local grievances, appeals and NTRP complaints and appeals will be submitted to: **(See Addendum for specific League)** See National League Tennis Regulations 2.00 for procedures that must be followed to file local grievances, appeals and NTRP complaints

3.00 ADULT LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All USTA League Regulations, Southern Section League Regulations, Louisiana Regulations, and Baton Rouge Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL and 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and the following procedures shall apply to the USTA League – Adult Division.

3.01 LOCAL LEAGUE.

The majority of registered players for each team must reside in the State of Louisiana. Each local league has the discretion to accept or deny 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.

3.01D Entry

3.01D(2) Players who do not have a computer rating on file in TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with the National Tennis Rating Program Guidelines (NTRP) and complete the self-rating process on TennisLink when registering for a team. Failure to do so or omission of information regarding a player's tennis history will subject the player, the captain and/or others who condoned inaccurate self-rating to sanctions and disqualification.

3.01F Levels of Play. **(See Addendum for specific League.)**

3.01G Scoring and Rest. All matches in USTA League Tennis Senior Divisions, Mixed(Senior), BMW Combo(Senior), Adult, Mixed(Adult) and BMW Combo(Adult) shall be the best of two tiebreak sets with a set tie-break at 6-all. In the event of split sets, a match tie-break (10-point) shall be played in lieu of a third set with the two minute set break with no coaching allowed.

3.01H Competition Format. Each captain shall bring a scorecard to the match. Scorecards may be printed from TennisLink – enter match number from the schedule. Scores must be reported in TennisLink within 48 hours of the completed match. A rostered member of either team may enter/confirm the match results. Please keep a signed copy of your scorecard. Changes cannot be made unless the scores are documented. Changes to match scores/players after 48 hours may not be possible if the match is not marked 'disputed'. Final scores are used to calculate computer ratings for 2009. It is the captain's responsibility to verify that the scores are entered correctly! Opposing team player/captain may confirm /dispute scores within 48 hours of initial entry.

3.01H(2) Team Match and Scoring. A team match shall consist of three doubles and two singles matches, except 2.5 and 5.0 levels, where two doubles and one singles match shall be played (3.06B)

3.01H(2)a Any team defaulting or forfeiting the entire team match (playing less than a majority of the individual matches) twice, or once in flights with 6 or fewer matches, during a local league season may continue to play, but points won or lost by this team will not count in the final standings of the season. Additionally, a grievance may be filed against any team defaulting an entire team match during the last third (see Team Default Table) of the local league season or at any time during local league playoffs. Penalties may include, but are not limited to, removal of the team from standings (all matches voided); suspension of players from future league play.

3.01H(2)b Court Surface. The League Coordinator shall provide court surface details to team captains with the captains' packet/schedule. Each individual court of a team match shall be **scheduled** on the same court surface (hard, clay) if possible. Team captains/representatives of any teams hosting matches where the court surface is undetermined at the time the **original schedule** is published shall contact the opposing team captain/representative one (1) week prior to the match with details on which court will be playing on which surface (no names required, just court positions - #1 & #2 Singles on clay, #1, #2, #3 Doubles on hard, for example). Failure by the host team to inform the visiting team will result in the decision on which court is played on which surface being passed to the visiting team.

3.01H(4)a Exchanging Team Line-ups. The team captains shall exchange their lineups simultaneously 5 minutes prior to the scheduled match time. Captains may exchange lineups before the deadline. Substitutions are allowed in team lineups after they have been exchanged if that individual match has not started and default time has not occurred. Substitutions are allowed for injury, illness, disqualification, or no-show of a player. When rain or inclement weather forces the cancellation and re-scheduling of a team match that is in progress, substitutions may be made in any individual matches that are not in progress. Points awarded for forfeits during the original lineup exchange will stand if any individual match begins play before the team match is suspended. All players involved in such forfeits cannot participate in the re-scheduled match. (2009 Southern Section Regulations 3.01H(4)a) New lineups may be exchanged for team matches postponed due to inclement weather if no individual matches began play before the cancellation of the match. If a match is rescheduled to be played one court at a time, complete lineups shall be exchanged prior to the start of the first individual match.

Warm-up & Default. Players in the Baton Rouge local league shall observe a ten (10) minute warm-up, which includes serves. Default time is fifteen minutes past scheduled match time. When less than five

courts are available for a scheduled match, USTA recommends the singles matches occupy the earlier time slot.

3.01H(4)c Local league matches may be cancelled when the host site attendant states the courts are not playable. The host captain is responsible for contacting the park attendant/club pro at the designated playing site one hour before match time and determining the playability of the courts. If a team match is in progress when inclement weather occurs, they must wait one-half hour before rescheduling. When rolling courts is required, each team is responsible for rolling two and one half courts. Matches may be rescheduled for two reasons: Due to inclement weather or both team captains agree to do so. BREC will issue a rain check in the event of inclement weather. Teams may reserve courts at the site where the match was originally scheduled. (Captains) book your courts at the original site then contact Camille Siegel, hsiegel@bellsouth.net, to secure approval for rescheduled match dates/times. BREC will charge at the time of play for any courts booked and not marked as approved. The host captain is responsible for reserving the courts for any rescheduled matches and, if applicable, paying court fees. If courts are not available at the original site of the match, you may book courts at Greenwood for no additional court costs. You must still have the courts approved by Camille Siegel before play. (See Addendum for specific League, BREC Rainout Rescheduling Memo, BREC Tennis Department 2009 League Policy)

All make up matches shall be completed within two weeks of the originally scheduled match. A League Administrator shall schedule the match if the teams are not able to reschedule and complete the match within two weeks of the original date.

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(7) Attire. Country Club of Louisiana, Baton Rouge Country Club, and Bocage guest teams must comply with club dress codes. The requirement is that a player's garment(s) must consist of 90% white. The shoes may be 50% white. The tread on shoes must be appropriate for the court surface. Warm-up suits of any color may be worn. Failure to comply with these rules will result in forfeiture for the guest team. If you have any questions, please call the Club for clarification.

3.01H(8) Court Conduct. Any captain, player or fan verbally or physically abusing an opposing player, player on the same team or any other individual may be asked to leave the facility. In cases of extreme unsportsmanlike conduct, the Local League may take additional disciplinary action. A grievance may be filed and sanctions may include, but are not limited to, suspension from all league play for one year. Team captains are responsible for informing their players of possible consequences for unsportsmanlike conduct.

3.01H(9) Returned Checks. Any returned check must be cleared within 7 days of notification. All team members will be notified of a returned check. The team is ineligible for league play until the fees have been paid.

3.02 PROGRESSION.

3.02A Local Champion. The team winning the majority of the five (three) individual matches shall be awarded one team point. The team with the most team points shall be declared the local league winner. In case of a tie, the tie shall be broken as defined in USTA National Regulations, 3.03I.

3.02B State Championships. The 2009 teams advancing to the State Tournament will be: First and Second place finishers in levels enrolling 14-20 teams; First, Second, and Third place finishers in levels enrolling 21 or more teams; First place teams in all other levels. Any wildcard entries will go to the next highest-ranking team in the final standings. See Addendum for specific League for details on determining order of finish.

4.00 SENIOR LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All USTA League Tennis Regulations, Southern Section Regulations, and Louisiana Regulations contained in 1.00 GENERAL, 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and 3.00 ADULT LEAGUE REGULATIONS, with the following exceptions listed in SENIOR LEAGUE REGULATIONS shall apply to the USTA League Senior Division.

4.01G Scoring and Rest. All matches in USTA League Senior Divisions shall be the best of two tiebreak sets with a set tie-break at 6-all. In the event of split sets, a match tie-break (10-point) shall be played in lieu of a third set with the two minute set break with no coaching allowed.

4.01H(2) Each team match shall consist of three (3) individual doubles matches.

4.01H(2)b Court Surface. The League Coordinator shall provide court surface details to team captains with the captains' packet/schedule. Each individual court of a team match shall be **scheduled** on the same court surface (hard, clay) if possible. Team captains/representatives of any teams hosting matches where the court surface is undetermined at the time the **original schedule** is published shall contact the opposing team captain/representative one (1) week prior to the match with details on which court will be playing on which surface (no names required, just court positions - #1 & #2 Doubles on clay, #3 Doubles on hard, for example). Failure by the host team to inform the visiting team will result in the decision on which court is played on which surface being passed to the visiting team.

5.00 MIXED DOUBLES LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All USTA League Tennis Regulations, Southern Section Regulations, Louisiana Regulations, and Baton Rouge Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL and 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and the following procedures shall apply to the USTA League – Mixed Doubles Division with the modifications allowed listed below:

5.01 LOCAL LEAGUE.

The majority of registered players for each team must reside in the State of Louisiana. Each local league has the discretion to accept or deny 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.

5.01D Entry

5.01D(2) Players who do not have a computer rating on file in TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with the National Tennis Rating Program Guidelines (NTRP) and complete the self-rating process on TennisLink when registering for a team. Failure to do so or omission of information regarding a player's tennis history will subject the player, the captain and/or others who condoned inaccurate self-rating to sanctions and disqualification.

5.01D(5) Mixed Doubles Ratings: The National rules states that Mixed Doubles does not create a rating unless Mixed is the only league that a player participates in.

5.01F Levels of Play. See Addendum for specific League.

5.01G Scoring and Rest. All matches in USTA League Tennis Mixed(Senior) shall be the best of two tiebreak sets with a set tie-break at 6-all. In the event of split sets, a match tie-break (10-point) shall be played in lieu of a third set with the two minute set break with no coaching allowed. All matches in USTA League Tennis Mixed(Adult) divisions shall be best of three tie-break sets (set tie-break played at 6-all in any set). Coaching permitted during the rest period only if the scoring method is best of three sets and there is a 10-minute rest period between the 2nd and 3rd sets.

5.01H Competition Format. Each captain shall bring a scorecard to the match. Scorecards may be printed from TennisLink – enter match number from the schedule. Scores must be reported in TennisLink within 48 hours of the completed match. A rostered member of either team may enter/confirm the match results. Please keep a signed copy of your scorecard. Changes cannot be made unless the scores are documented. Changes to match scores/players after 48 hours may not be possible if the match is not marked 'disputed is the captain's responsibility to verify that the scores are entered correctly! Opposing team player/captain may confirm /dispute scores within 48 hours of initial entry.

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5.02B State Championships: Local leagues enrolling 14 teams will receive 2 entries to the state tournament. Additional entries to the state tournament will be awarded to local leagues based on the number of teams in the NTRP level (1 entry for every 7 teams over 14). No local league shall have more than 6 teams at an NTRP level.

See Addendum for specific League for details on determining order of finish.

2009 USTA Baton Rouge League Committees

Local Community Tennis Association:

Greater Baton Rouge Community Tennis Association

Kyle Ferachi, President

Debbie Gilbert, Vice President

Yvette Marshall, Secretary

Stewart Guerin, Treasurer

Baton Rouge Local League Administrator:

Camille Siegel

League Coordinator: See Addendum for specific League

Grievance Committees: See Addendum for specific League

Grievance Appeal Committees: Greater Baton Rouge Community Tennis Association League Committee (additional committee members may be selected from the GBRCTA board as necessary)

Team Defaults (3.01H(2)a)	
Number of Scheduled Matches (does not include local playoffs)	Grievance may be Filed for Default During:
8 or fewer	Last 2 weeks of play
9-11	Last 3 weeks of play
12-14	Last 4 weeks of play
15-17	Last 5 weeks of play
18-20	Last 6 weeks of play