

2014 League Tennis



**INTERMOUNTAIN
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Colorado District League Regulations

Operating Procedures

(Changes from 2013 are in red font and underlined)

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MAJOR COLORADO REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2014

(Note: See USTA National League Regulations for a complete list of National changes to leagues)

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This chart determines which positions must be played if both teams are short players and their original lineups would be in violation of 1.02M(2)c. If captains agree, they may play other positions than what is specified below as long as no more than 2 lines are defaulted (5-line format) or 1 line defaulted (3-line format). If the format is 3 lines of doubles, the only position that may be defaulted is the #3 doubles.

When format is 5 lines

# Players (Team with fewest)	Positions that must be played
4	1S, 2S, 1D
5	1S, 1D, 2D
6	1S, 2S, 1D, 2D

When Format is 3 lines (1 is Singles)

# Players (Team with fewest)	Positions that must be played
3	1S, 1D
4	1D, 2D

USTA Adult 40 & Over

- Local league format has been changed to 2 singles, 3 doubles, which will be the same format during District, Sectional and National Championships. Minimum roster requirement is eight (8) players for teams to be included in the league.
- Addition of a single elimination Flight Playoff round for advancement into Districts (Note: Only winning teams from Flight Playoffs advance to Districts). In cases where there is only one flight within a geographic area, the winning team from that flight advances directly to Districts.

USTA Mixed 40 & Over

- USTA Colorado has added USTA Mixed 40 & Over. Minimum roster requirement is six (6) players. Note: Teams in this league will not be eligible to advance beyond Districts for the 2014 season.

USTA Flex Leagues

- USTA Colorado has added Flex Leagues to our offerings. Divisions offered are men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles. In addition, we are piloting a Flex league that is played on 60' courts using orange balls. The format is coed doubles.

Minimum Levels for Combined Leagues

- 6.0 minimum level=2.5
- 6.5 minimum level=3.0
- 7.0 minimum level=3.0
- 7.5 minimum level=3.5
- 8.0 minimum level=3.5
- 8.5 minimum level=4.0
- 9.0 minimum level=4.0
- 9.5 minimum level=4.5
- 10.0 minimum level=4.5

MAJOR USTA NATIONAL REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2014

(NOTE: This is a brief list of some national changes. To see the entire list, please go to usta.com and view the National League Regulations.)

1.04F(1) Entry:

- Established minimum NTRP rating levels to be eligible to participate in Age Groups in the Adult and Mixed Divisions that use combined NTRP team levels.

2.01C(2) Team Match: Added new language to:

- require that for each local league team match, a majority of the individual matches must be played to constitute a valid team match;
- require each Sectional Association to establish a procedure to determine the actions to take when the combination of individual match defaults by the two teams in a team match results, or would result, in a situation where a majority of the individual matches would not be played.

2.03E Team Match and Scoring: Added new language to:

- require that for each championship team match, a majority of the individual matches must be played to constitute a valid team match;
- give authority to the Championship Committee to determine the actions to take when the combination of individual match defaults by the two teams in a team match would result in a situation where a majority of the individual matches would not be played.

2.03L Scoring of Team Defaults:

- Revised language to state that when a team defaults an entire team match at a championship, that team is no longer eligible to continue to play at that championship.

2.05E Promotion of Players 60 & Over and 65 & Over

- 2.05E(1): Decreased the age from 70 to 60 for players who are promoted and granted an appeal if they have a history of being at the same or lower NTRP level, without benefit of appeal, for their three most recent year-end ratings;
- 2.05E(2): Added new language to state that no player 65 or over will be given a published year-end NTRP rating level higher than his/her most recent valid year-end NTRP rating level although the player may appeal to move up.

*Note: The changes above to Reg. 2.05E will be applicable for play in the 2014 Championship Year.

2.06A Move-Up/Split-Up:

- A total of three players (two for 2.5 and 5.0+) who were on the final roster of any team or combination of teams that advanced to, or qualified for, any National Championship, may play together on the same team the following year (if their individual NTRP Levels allow).
- These three (or two) players may be from any Team, Division, Age Group, or NTRP Level (straight or combined) OR, from any combination of these.
- The only EXCEPTION is if more than three (or two) players from the same team wish to play together again as a team, in whole or in part, they may do so if:
 - they move up one team NTRP Level (if their individual NTRP Levels allow)

AND

- they do not combine with players who were rostered on any other team that advanced to, or qualified for, any National Championship the previous year.

*Note: This Regulation is applicable for play in the 2014 Championship Year for any team that advances to, or qualifies for any 2013 National Championship

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The [USTA League Regulations](#) and [Interpretations](#), the Colorado District League Regulations (this document), [The Code](#), the [Rules of Tennis](#) and the [Emergency Care Guidelines](#) are in effect for all regular season and post season league matches in Colorado. It is the responsibility of the captains, coordinators, and players to read and observe all of the information included within this booklet, as well as, the other aforementioned rule and regulation booklets.

2013 substantive regulation changes are in **red font and underlined**. Important Dates and Deadlines are not included in the regulations. This information can be found in the [Master Calendar](#) or individual league calendars by area.

1.00 GENERAL

Unless stated otherwise, the regulations in 1.00 GENERAL shall apply to all Adult League programs in Colorado. Match results in all leagues, except World Team Tennis and Senior Breakfast League, count toward NTRP ratings. USTA Mixed 18 & Over and ITA Fall Mixed results only count toward ratings for players who only have results in mixed doubles. Mixed doubles matches do not count toward ratings for players who play mixed doubles and at least two (2) other gender-specific league or sanctioned tournament matches. USTA Colorado League Regulations may be amended with the approval of the USTA Colorado Adult Programs Committee. Interpretations of these regulations are the responsibility of the USTA Colorado Adult Programs Committee.

1.01 COLORADO ADULT LEAGUE PROGRAMS

1.01A Colorado Leagues bound by these Regulations.

1.01A(1) USTA Mixed 18 & Over, USTA Adult 18 & Over, USTA Adult 40 & Over, USTA Adult 55 & Over, ITA Fall Mixed, CTA Women's Daytime Doubles, CTA Women's Summer Daytime, CTA Twilight, Trio, CTA Adult 65 & Over.

1.01B Colorado Leagues exempt of these Regulations.

1.01A(2) World Team Tennis (See World Team Tennis regulation booklet)

1.02 GENERAL MATCH REGULATIONS

1.02A Number of positions. An individual may only participate in either one singles or one doubles match during each team match.

1.02B Match Format / League Season.

1.02B(1) Play will be best two of three sets, with a set tiebreak (first to 7 by 2) using the Coman tiebreak procedure if play reaches 6 games all. Warm-up time for all regular season league matches is not to exceed 10 minutes.

1.02B(2) For all league matches in Colorado, a match tiebreak (first to 10 by 2) using the Coman tiebreak procedure must be played in lieu of a third set. It is not an option to play out the third set.

1.02B(3) The length of each league season is identified on the league calendar. Depending on the number of teams in each flight, some flights may finish earlier than the season end date.

1.02C Scoring, Score entry and standings.

1.02C(1) A team match format is used for all leagues. The team winning the majority of the individual positions will be awarded one team point in the standings.

1.02C(2) The scoring format in TennisLink will be set up as "Match Tiebreak" which will require all third set scores to be entered as 1-0. NOTE: Recording a score as 1-0 instead of the actual set score has a negligible effect on NTRP ratings.

1.02C(3) Each league has a specific date on the league calendar that is the last date to make up matches and input scores. This date also constitutes the end of the local league season. To avoid a double default, scores must be entered by 11:59pm. The deadline will not be extended. See the [league calendar](#) on COLORADOTENNIS.com for specific dates.

1.02C(3)a See [1.02K](#) for more information regarding rainouts or rescheduled matches.

1.02C(4) In the event of a tie, whether in round robin or single elimination competition, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:

A. **Individual Matches.** Winner of the most individual matches in the competition.

B. **Sets.** Loser of the fewest sets

C. **Games.** Loser of the fewest games

D. **Head-to-Head.** Winner of head to head matches

E. **A method to be determined by the Championships Committee:** Coin toss or procedure to be announced prior to commencement of championship competition.

1.02C(5) For USTA Adult 18 & Over and CTA Twilight leagues only: Teams have 24 hours after their last regular season match to report all scores. Unreported scores may be input as double defaults.

1.02D Coman Tiebreak Procedure.

1.02D(1) The Coman Tiebreak Procedure is to be used for both singles and doubles matches throughout the league season. It is to be used for set tiebreaks as well as match tiebreaks.

1.02D(2) How to play a Coman Tiebreak

A Coman Tiebreak follows the same standard tiebreak protocol except for when players change ends of the court. Players change ends of the court after the first point and every four (4) points thereafter (i.e. points 1, 5, 9, 13, 17).

1.02E Lateness and Point Penalty System.

1.02E(1) All players need to arrive at the appropriate match time unless notified otherwise by their captain. A default may be called 15 minutes after the established starting time.

1.02E(1)a If a default is taken because of lateness, the match should not be played. If the match is played, it counts.

1.02E(2) The Point Penalty System is not in effect for regular season / unofficiated league matches.

1.02E(2)a With the exception of District Championships, all league matches are unofficiated. Other players and/or spectators (including team captains) may not officiate the match. All players are expected to abide by The Code.

1.02E(3) The Point Penalty System is in effect for all District Championship matches.

1.02F Number of required courts.

1.02F(1) Each participating site (club / facility) must have three (3) courts available at the scheduled match time for all league matches except CTA Twilight.

1.02F(2) Facilities may have no more than two (2) teams for each set of three (3) courts at their facility, including overlapping leagues.

1.02F(2)a Facilities may provide USTA Colorado with blackout dates, but will be required to reduce the number of teams they may field based on the team count chart (available on COLORADOTENNIS.com).

1.02F(3) The USTA Adult 18 & Over league schedule is set up based on a staggered match format (i.e. 3 doubles matches followed by 2 singles matches). If the home site has five courts available for the league match, all matches should be played at the same time.

1.02G League / Tournament conflicts.

1.02G(1) League matches do not take precedence over tournament matches. If a player signs up for a tournament and creates a conflict with a scheduled league match, the player must choose which match he/she will play and which match he/she will default should a substitute player not be available for the league match.

1.02H League Match / League Championship conflicts.

1.02H(1) Team captains are required to reschedule one or all of their individual matches if their opposing team's player(s) are participating in a Colorado District League Championship, an ITA Sectional League Championship, or a USTA National League Championship.

1.02H(2) Team captains are required to reschedule one or all of their individual matches if their opposing team's player(s) cannot play a regular league season match scheduled on a National holiday. The only holidays that apply to this rule are Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. Rule does not apply for matches scheduled on Mother's Day or Father's Day.

1.02H(3) Only the individual match(es) affected need(s) to be rescheduled. Players not participating in the conflicting event, and are available to play, shall play at the originally scheduled match date and time. The lineup for the match(es) being rescheduled should be exchanged at the time of the rescheduling. The captain of the team that has players involved in a league championship needs to provide adequate notice to the opposing team of the need to reschedule.

1.02H(4) All rescheduled matches must be made up within two (2) weeks of the original match date or by the date specified on the league calendar for each league, whichever comes first. (See [1.02K](#) for

more information).

1.02H(5) This rule is in effect for any possible championship matches that may conflict with the local league match, including final rounds, even if the team involved in the playoff has not yet advanced to that round. Flight Playoff matches take precedence over other league matches.

1.02H(6) The USTA Colorado League Department must be notified when there is a request to reschedule a match due to a conflict with a playoff.

1.02H(7) A one-week advanced notice should be given for requests to reschedule regular season matches due to playoff conflicts. Penalties may be assessed if captains do not follow this rule.

1.02I Alternative court surfaces and tennis balls.

1.02I(1) Alternative tennis court surfaces (i.e. clay) may be used for all or some of the individual matches, except during Flight Playoff matches. A hard-court surface must be used for Flight Playoff matches.

1.02I(1)a If a home team plans to play any of their individual matches on alternative court surfaces, the home team captain must designate which position(s) will be played on alternative court surfaces prior to the exchange of lineups. If the home team captain fails to designate the specific matches to be played on alternative surfaces before exchanging lineups, the visiting team captain has the ability to designate which matches will be played on the courts that are an alternative surface.

1.02I(2) The home team will furnish new, high altitude, pressurized, optic yellow USTA approved balls.

1.02J Rosters.

1.02J(1) For all leagues [except USTA Mixed 18 & Over, [USTA Mixed 40 & Over](#), USTA Adult 55 & Over, ITA Fall Mixed and CTA Adult 65 & Over], **at least 75%** of all players **on each team roster** must be playing "in level" (i.e. on a 3.5 team, 75% of the players must have a valid 3.5 NTRP rating). Teams must reach this percentage no later than the first scheduled match date within each league and maintain that percentage throughout the entire season. Waiver requests may be submitted by the team captain if a team desires a greater percentage of out-of-level players. All rostered players on teams not meeting the 75% requirement (without a waiver granted by USTA Colorado) may be suspended from the same league the following league season. Teams below the 75% in-level requirement, without being granted a waiver, will not be eligible to participate at Districts. NOTE: This percentage does not apply to the specific set of players in a lineup for a team match. It only applies to the total number of players on the team roster. See chart on page 12 for specific numbers of players allowed to play up depending on the total number of players on the team.

1.02J(1)a A waiver for a team to be below 75% "in level" **can only be filed by the team captain or facility coordinator**. Email Jason Rogers (jason.rogers@coloradotennis.com) for specific information on filing a waiver.

1.02J(1)b All waiver requests must be submitted to Jason Rogers at least two weeks prior to the team minimum registration deadline for each league. Waivers received after that date will automatically be denied.

1.02J(2) A team roster must meet the minimum number of required players by the minimum player requirement deadline to be included in the league schedule. Minimum roster requirements for each league are available under the "League Specific Information" section of these regulations. See the [league calendar](#) on COLORADOTENNIS.com for deadlines.

1.02J(2)a Teams registered after the deadline are subject to acceptance by the USTA Colorado League Director.

1.02J(2)b Additions to rosters may be made until the last regular season match. Players without the required number of matches will not be eligible for the Flight Playoffs or District Championships (See Eligibility Requirements in USTA National League Regulations and [2.03A](#)).

1.02J(3) The player's name must be listed on the team roster, as shown on TennisLink, prior to participation in any match.

1.02J(3)a Matches played by non-registered players may result in matches being declared defaults for standings purposes.

1.02J(4) Players who have not played a league match may be moved to another team up until the last regular season match, but must still meet minimum eligibility requirements to be eligible for the Flight Playoffs and/or District Championships.

1.02J(5) Players who submit a player deletion form prior to the deadline stated on the [league calendar](#) will receive a refund of their league fee, minus \$7 deletion fee and \$3 Active.com fee. Deletions

requested after the deadline will not receive a refund. Players who have played any matches for the team are not able to be deleted, regardless of any deadlines.

1.02K Suspended or rained out matches / Rescheduled matches.

1.02K(1) Unless agreed upon by both captains, all players must be present at match time, even if a rainout is obvious.

1.02K(1)a Rained out / suspended matches, or other rescheduled matches are to be made up **within two weeks** of the originally scheduled match or by the date listed on the calendar for each league to have all scores reported, whichever comes first. The USTA Colorado League Department may record unplayed matches as double defaults if the teams do not complete the matches prior to the deadline. Any rained out or suspended matches during the last two weeks of the season must be made up by the date listed on the calendar for each league.

1.02K(1)b Once a reschedule date, time and location has been agreed upon by both captains, that date becomes the official match date. For any subsequent reschedule request, refer to [1.02K\(1\)a](#) or [1.02K\(3\)](#).

1.02K(2) In the event of inclement weather (i.e. lightning), players should observe the USTA's Emergency Care Guidelines.

1.02K(2)a If natural disasters, such as forest fires, tornados, etc. affect players such that they are unable to complete matches as scheduled, players have until the league score entry deadline to reschedule and complete the matches, even if it requires more than two weeks from the originally scheduled match date. USTA Colorado has the authority to determine if this rule is being misapplied by anyone. Matches that have not been played and input by the league score entry deadline will be input as double defaults. If teams or players do not agree on a reschedule match date that will complete the match prior to the score entry deadline, it is the captains' responsibility to contact the USTA League Coordinator for their area and request assistance. The League Coordinator will assign a mandatory match date and time for teams to play. The League Coordinator may alter the match location or use the same as originally scheduled. Any team or player(s) unable to complete the match at that time will default that match.

1.02K(3) Teams **are not required** to accept requests to reschedule matches for reasons other than inclement weather or conflicts with league championships (see [1.02H](#))

1.02K(4) Procedure for rescheduled matches

1.02K(4)a Teams / players should work together to find an agreeable date to make up the match within the allowed time frame (see [1.02K\(1\)a](#)). Teams are not required to move to an alternate site to complete the match if the match has been suspended or rained out. If indoor courts are available at the same site, time and no additional costs will be incurred, teams are required to finish the match indoors.

1.02K(4)b If teams or players do not agree on a reschedule match date within the allowed time frame (see [1.02K\(1\)a](#)), the match date shall officially be scheduled for the second Friday following the original match date at 6:00pm. The location will be the same as originally scheduled (unless agreed upon otherwise by both captains). Any team or player(s) unable to complete the match at that time will default that match.

1.02K(4)c If the match falls within the last two weeks of the season and an agreement is not reached on a reschedule match date prior to the end of the season, the match date shall officially be scheduled for the day after the last scheduled match date (for that league) at 6:00pm. The location will be the same as originally scheduled (unless agreed upon otherwise by both captains). Any team or player(s) unable to complete the match at that time will default that match. NOTE: this includes matches that are rained out on the last scheduled match date (i.e. the reschedule date would be the next day at 6:00pm).

1.02K(4)d Pertains only to Flight Playoff: If weather requires the Flight Playoff match to be rescheduled, the match must be played on the "Flight Playoff Score Entry Deadline" at 6pm, unless an alternate agreement is made between the captains. Regardless, scores must be reported by midnight on the score entry deadline. An extension will not be provided. The location will be the same as originally scheduled (unless agreed upon otherwise by both captains). Any team or player(s) unable to complete the match at that time will default that match.

1.02K(5) Team captains are required to reschedule one or all of their individual matches if their opposing team's player(s) cannot play a regular league season match scheduled on a National holiday.

1.02L Darkness.

1.02L(1) If players cannot agree on the suspension of play due to darkness, a decision should be made at the end of any even number of games, or any set, by the spin of a racquet. The spin of the racquet determines

1. Whether two (2) more games (or one, if it ends the set) will be played OR
2. The match is suspended immediately.

1.02L(2) If it is decided to play two (2) more games, at the conclusion of those two games or the set (whichever comes first), the match is suspended due to darkness.

1.02L(3) A tiebreak is considered a game

1.02L(4) Examples:

1. One player is within winning the set by two games (6-1, 5-7, 4-0) and wants to continue. The other player wants to suspend play. A spin of a racquet will decide whether the players play two games, and only two games (to try and finish the set) or whether the match should be suspended. The racquet spin determines two more games to be played. At the conclusion of those two games, or the set, (whichever comes first), the match is suspended due to darkness.

2. If the score is 1-1 and one player wants to suspend play, while the other player wants to continue, a spin of the racquet would determine if they play two more games or the match is suspended. If it is decided to play two more games, at the conclusion of those two games, the match is suspended due to darkness.

1.02L(5) Moving matches indoors. See [1.02K\(4\)a](#).

1.02M Defaults / Forfeits.

1.02M(1) Individual match / position

1.02M(1)a Prior to the match, if a captain notifies the opposing captain that he/she will be defaulting any of the individual matches, then the default stands, except if the match needs to be rescheduled due to weather. If any line has started play prior to a rainout (first point served), the default stands.

1.02M(1)b See Chart on Page 11 for specific information regarding position(s) may be defaulted.

1.02M(2) Team Default (2 out of 3 positions or 3 out of 5 positions)

1.02M(2)a Before entering a team default, the team captain must inform the USTA Colorado league coordinator or Area Coordinator (outlying areas) of the reason for the default. The Adult Programs Committee may require the team match to be played.

1.02M(2)b For local league matches, all scores for the defaulting team, will be reversed from standings and count as 6-0, 6-0 wins for their opponents. If there is more than a single round robin, only the scores from the round robin segment that has the full team default will be impacted. If all teams in contention have played the defaulting team (i.e. did not win by team default), the scores will not be reversed for the defaulting team. Refer to [USTA League Regulations \(2.03I – 2.03L\)](#) for additional information.

1.02M(2)c For each local league and/or District team match, a majority of the individual matches must be played to constitute a valid team match. If both teams fail to play a majority of the individual matches, it will be considered a Team Default for both teams.

This chart determines which positions must be played if both teams are short players and their original lineups would be in violation of 1.02M(2)c. If captains agree, they may play other positions than what is specified below as long as no more than 2 lines are defaulted (5-line format) or 1 line defaulted (3-line format). If the format is 3 lines of doubles, the only position that may be defaulted is the #3 doubles.

When format is 5 lines

# Players (Team with fewest)	Positions that must be played
4	1S, 2S, 1D
5	1S, 1D, 2D
6	1S, 2S, 1D, 2D

When Format is 3 lines (1 is Singles)

# Players (Team with fewest)	Positions that must be played
3	1S, 1D

1.02N Grievances and Formal Complaints.

1.02N(1) See [USTA League Regulations](#) (Grievance Procedures [Section 3.00](#)) for all grievance procedures and information.

1.02N(2) Non-NTRP Grievance

1.02N(2)a A \$75 fee must accompany the grievance. If the person filing the grievance wins the grievance, the \$75 fee will be refunded.

1.02N(3) NTRP Grievances

1.02N(3)a A \$25 fee must accompany the grievance. If the person filing the grievance wins the grievance, the \$25 fee will be refunded.

1.02N(4) Formal Complaint

1.02N(4)a A formal complaint may be filed with USTA Colorado if the situation does not rise to the level of a grievance. There are no fees to file a formal complaint. Formal complaints will be kept on file at USTA Colorado. Formal complaints may not seek punitive action against involved parties.

1.02O Flight Playoffs – Only applies to USTA Adult 18 & Over, [USTA Adult 40 & Over](#) and CTA Twilight.

1.02O(1) First place teams and selected wild card teams from regular season flights will be randomly matched up for a single elimination “Flight Playoff” round that will occur the week following the last regular season match. Schedules for the Flight Playoff round will be published at the beginning of the regular league season. Each Flight Playoff match will be scheduled to be played at one of the team’s home sites. The home team is responsible for securing courts and providing balls. All winning teams from the Flight Playoff round will advance to the District Championships.

1.02O(2) Eligibility

1.02O(2)a Players must have played in at least one (1) match during the regular season (a default or retirement will count) to be eligible to participate in the Flight Playoff. It is the team captain’s responsibility to ensure that all players participating in the Flight Playoff are eligible.

1.02O(3) Suspended or rained out matches

1.02O(3)a See [1.02K\(4\)d](#) for information about suspended rainouts or rescheduled matches during the Flight Playoff round.

1.02O(4) Match Format for Flight Playoffs

1.02O(4)a Play will be best two of three sets with a match tiebreak (first to 10 by 2) using the Coman tiebreak procedure played in lieu of the third set. Hard court surfaces will be used.

1.02O(5) Score Reporting

1.02O(5)a Flight Playoff scores must be reported by the “Flight Playoff Score Entry Deadline” stated on the league calendar. Scores not input by midnight on this date will be recorded as double defaults. If a double default occurs, the advancing team will be determined by a coin toss.

1.02O(6) Wild card selection

1.02O(6)a If wild card teams are drawn in USTA Adult 18 & Over and/or CTA Twilight, they will be randomly matched up against a first place team from another flight for a Flight Playoff match. See [1.02O\(1\)](#).

1.02O(6)b It will be the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee to decide if wild card teams are invited to participate, including if a 1st place or wild card team is unable to participate.

NOTE: If a team withdraws from the playoffs, the next place team in that flight does not automatically get to go. The Tournament Committee will determine the wild card team to fill the vacancy if needed.

1.02O(7) Conflicts with other leagues See [1.02H](#)

1.02P District Championships.

1.02P(1) Advancement to District Championships

1.02P(1)a USTA Adult 18 & Over and CTA Twilight, see [1.02O](#).

1.02P(1)b All other leagues (excluding Trio, Senior Breakfast League and World Team Tennis)

All regular season first place teams and wild card teams, will advance directly into the District Championships. There will not be a Flight Playoff round for these leagues.

1.02P(2) Eligibility

1.02P(2)a Players must meet all National eligibility requirements to be eligible for any Colorado

District League Championship. See [USTA League Regulations \(2.03A Eligibility\)](#) for more information. It is the team captain's responsibility to ensure that all players participating at Districts are eligible.

1.02P(2)b A player is eligible to progress to championship level competition if that player has played on that same team in at least two (2) matches during its local league season. A maximum of one default received by the player during local league competition shall count for advancing. A retired match shall count toward advancing for all players involved.

1.02P(3) District Championship team confirmation

1.02P(3)a It is required for all 1st and 2nd place teams, as of one week prior to the end of the regular league season, to confirm with the USTA Colorado league coordinator (in writing) if they will be available to participate in Flight Playoffs and District Championships, should their team finish in an advancing position (i.e. 1st place or wild card).

1.02P(4) Inclement weather during District Championships

1.02P(4)a The tournament committee may decide to make alternate plans in order to complete the tournament. Such plans may include, but are not limited to, relocating/rescheduling matches to a later date or time, and/or using alternate scoring formats.

1.02P(5) Match Format District Championships

1.02P(5)a Scoring in the District Championships shall be the best two of three sets with a match tiebreak (first to 10 by 2) using the Coman tiebreak procedure played in lieu of the third set. Only hard court surfaces will be used.

1.02P(6) Wild card selection

1.02P(6)a Wild card teams may be invited to participate in the playoff should the Tournament Committee determine that it would improve the event.

1.02P(6)b It will be the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee to decide if wild card teams are invited to participate, including if a 1st place or wild card team is unable to participate.

NOTE: If a team withdraws from the playoffs, the next place team in that flight does not automatically get to go. The Tournament Committee will determine the wild card team to fill the vacancy if needed.

1.02P(6)c Wild card teams will be randomly drawn from a statewide pool of 2nd place teams. Specific wild card drawing information is available on www.COLORADOTENNIS.com under the Adults section.

1.02P(7) Defaults during District Championships.

1.02P(7)a Teams need to have a full complement of players available throughout the District Championships to avoid defaults.

1.02P(7)b If a team has a team default (as defined by each league) in the District Championships (for any reason), all players rostered on that team are subject to penalties up to and including suspension from that league the following year.

1.02P(8) Conflicts with other leagues See [1.02H](#)

1.02P(9) If a player advances to Districts on two teams (combo leagues only), scheduling accommodations will not be made. If there is a match conflict, the player must decide which team he/she would like to represent during the conflicting matches.

1.02P(10) Winning teams at the District Championships in leagues that advance beyond District Championships will have 48 hours to confirm that they will be competing in the Sectional Championship. If confirmation is not received, the second place team may be given the opportunity to compete.

1.02Q Captain and Facility Coordinator Responsibilities.

1.02Q(1) Captain Responsibilities

1.02Q(1)a Sign up to receive BLAST! and Adult League Alerts! on www.COLORADOTENNIS.com.

1.02Q(1)b Notify each team member that the local and national league regulations are available on www.COLORADOTENNIS.com. Insist the players take the responsibility to know the league rules and regulations, as well as The Code and Friend at Court.

1.02Q(1)c Ensure that the players arrive at the proper time and place for their match each week. To avoid problems, the home team captain MUST call the opposing team captain at least 48 hours before each match to confirm match times, court availability, court surfaces, restrooms and other pertinent information.

1.02Q(1)d Exchange lineups simultaneously prior to the beginning of the match (See [2.01C\(5\) USTA League Regulations](#)). The lineup is considered official after both captains exchange lineup on site. For rescheduled matches, any eligible player can participate in the match

1.02Q(1)e Captains should login to TennisLink and print the score card that contains the opposing team's rostered players prior to the match.

1.02Q(1)f Captains should both keep a copy of the match score card with lineups and scores in case of a discrepancy. Both captains should sign the score cards at the completion of the team match.

1.02Q(1)g Scores must be reported within 48 hours of match completion. Failure to report scores within 48 hours of the completion of the team match may result in penalties to include loss of match.

1.02Q(1)h It is the responsibility of both team captains to make sure scores have been reported and confirmed by the 48 hour deadline. This responsibility should be discussed when lineups are exchanged.

1.02Q(1)i If a score is disputed, it is the responsibility of the captain disputing the match to notify the League Coordinator of the reason for the dispute

1.02Q(2) Facility Coordinator Responsibilities

1.02Q(2)a Sign up to receive BLAST! and Adult League Alerts! on www.COLORADOTENNIS.com.

1.02Q(2)b Notify each team captain that the local and national league regulations are available on www.COLORADOTENNIS.com. Insist the captains take the responsibility to know the league rules and regulations, as well as The Code and Friend at Court.

1.02Q(2)c Review team rosters and report changes, corrections and deletions to the league coordinator.

1.02Q(2)d Submit a completed facility information sheet by stated deadline(s) that details any blackout dates.

1.03 ELIGIBILITY

1.03A Membership and age requirements.

1.03A(1) All players participating in Colorado Adult League Programs must be members of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and have reached the age of 18 on or before December 31 of the current league year. Membership must be current through the league season, including any advancement beyond the regular season (i.e. Flight Playoffs, District, Sectional, and National Championship) for players involved in post season Championship play.

1.03A(2) World Team Tennis does not require a USTA Membership.

1.03B Organizational Membership.

1.03B(1) All facilities participating in the Colorado Adult League Programs must be current organizational members of the USTA.

1.03C Number of teams per league.

1.03C(1) A player may play on only one (1) team with exception to the following leagues, in which players may play on two (2) teams in different NTRP levels.

1.03C(1)a CTA Adult 65 & Over, USTA Mixed 18 & Over, USTA Adult 55 & Over, ITA Fall Mixed

1.03D Flight, District, Sectional, National Championship Eligibility.

1.03D(1) See [1.02Q](#), [1.02P](#) and [USTA League Regulations](#).

1.03E NTRP Ratings.

1.03E(1) Unless stated otherwise within the specific league, each league participant must have a published NTRP rating or he/she must declare a self-rating on TennisLink.

1.03E(2) Penalties may be assessed to players, captains and/or facility coordinators who answer self-rate questions incorrectly or misrepresent the player's skill level.

DEFAULTING POSITIONS	
LEAGUE FORMAT	
3 Doubles Positions	
One or Two Players Absent: Default # 3 doubles positions, with all players moving up.	
1 Singles, 2 Doubles Positions	
1 Player Absent: Default # 1 singles or # 2 doubles position	
2 Players Absent: Default # 2 doubles position	
2 Singles, 3 Doubles Positions	
1 Player Absent: Default # 2 singles or # 3 doubles	
2 Players Absent: Default # 3 doubles position or # 2 singles and # 3 doubles or both singles matches.	
3 Players Absent: Default # 2 singles positions and # 3 doubles position or # 2 & # 3 doubles positions	
4 Players Absent: Default # 2 & # 3 doubles positions.	

Note: A new regulation is in place this year regarding defaults. See Regulation [1.02M\(2\)c](#) for more information.

75% IN-LEVEL REQUIREMENT

Number Players on Roster	Number Required to be in Level	Number Can be Playing Up
4	3	1
5	4	1
6	5	1
7	6	1
8	6	2
9	7	2
10	8	2
11	9	2
12	9	3
13	10	3
14	11	3
15	11	4
16	12	4
17	13	4
18	14	4
19	15	4
20	15	5

USTA Colorado League Information

League Name/Format/ NTRP levels/Advancement	Minimum Age Requirement	# of Teams Allowed for Each Player	Minimum Roster Requirement	# of Defaults Permitted in a Team Match
Trio				
Format: 1 Singles & 2 Doubles Positions Straight NTRP: 2.5 – 5.0 Advancement: None (warm-up league)	18	1	5	1
USTA Mixed 18 & Over				
Format: 3 Doubles Positions Combined NTRP: 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0 Advancement: District, Sectional, National	18	2	6	1
USTA Mixed 40 & Over				
Format: 3 Doubles Positions Combined NTRP: 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0 Advancement: District	40	2	6	1
USTA Adult 18 & Over				
Format for 2.5 & 5.0+ Divisions: 1 Singles, 2 Doubles Positions Format for 3.0 – 4.5 Divisions: 2 Singles, 3 Doubles Positions Straight NTRP: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+ Advancement: District, Sectional, National	18	1	5 (2.5 & 5.0+) 8 (3.0 – 4.5)	1 (2.5 & 5.0+) 2 (3.0 – 4.5)
USTA Adult 40 & Over				
Format: 2 Singles, 3 Doubles Straight NTRP: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+ Advancement: District, Sectional, National	40	1	8	2
USTA Adult 55 & Over				
Format: 3 Doubles Positions Combined NTRP: 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 Advancement: District, Sectional, National	55	2	6	1
CTA Women's Daytime Doubles				
Format: 3 Doubles Positions Straight NTRP: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 Advancement: District	18	1	6	1
CTA Women's Summer Daytime				
Format: 1 Singles, 2 Doubles Positions Straight NTRP: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 Advancement: District	18	1	5	1
CTA Twilight				
Format: 1 Singles, 2 Doubles Positions Straight NTRP: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 Advancement: District	18	1	5	1

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League Name/Format/ NTRP levels/Advancement	Minimum Age Requirement	# of Teams Allowed for Each Player	Minimum Roster Requirement	# of Defaults Permitted in a Team Match
CTA Adult 65 & Over				
Format: 3 Doubles Positions Combined NTRP: 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 Advancement: District	65	2	6	1
ITA Fall Mixed				
Format: 3 Doubles Positions Combined NTRP: 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5 Advancement: District, Sectional	18	2	6	1

**MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE
TO DISTRICTS, SECTIONALS, NATIONALS**

<i>DISTRICTS / SECTIONALS</i>			<i>NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</i>		
League Division	LOCAL MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE TO DISTRICTS AND/OR SECTIONALS	# DEFAULTS THAT COUNT TOWARD ELIGIBILITY		MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE TO NATIONALS	# DEFAULTS THAT COUNT TOWARD ELIGIBILITY
USTA Leagues	2 matches	1 default may count		3 matches	No defaults may count
CTA/ITA Leagues	2 matches	1 default may count		N/A	N/A

A RETIRED Match shall count for all participants.

**MATCHES REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE
IN FLIGHT PLAYOFFS**

<i>FLIGHT PLAYOFFS</i>		
League	LOCAL MATCHES REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN FLIGHT PLAYOFFS	# DEFAULTS THAT COUNT TOWARD ELIGIBILITY FOR FLIGHT PLAYOFFS
USTA Adult 18 & Over	1 match	1 default may count
USTA Adult 40 & Over	1 match	1 default may count
CTA Twilight	1 match	1 default may count

A RETIRED Match shall count for all participants.

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