

# 2011 League Tennis



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## Colorado District League Regulations

**Operating Procedures**  
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## MAJOR COLORADO REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2011

1. The USTA Adult and CTA Twilight leagues now have a single elimination "Flight Playoff" round that will take place at the conclusion of the regular season and before the District Championships. See 1.02O for more information.
2. *Pertains only to Denver-Metro*  
For all leagues (excluding Trio and CTA Silver Senior), the standard match format will utilize a 10-point match tiebreak in lieu of the third set. If both players (in singles); or all four players (in doubles) agree, an entire third set may be played instead of the 10-point match tiebreak. In 2012, the format will further change to a mandated tiebreak in lieu of the third set for all leagues in Denver-Metro.

## MAJOR USTA REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2011

1. If an Adult or Senior League consists of only two teams in a level of play, each team must maintain its roster with at least 60 percent of its players at the designated NTRP level of play.  
NOTE: Colorado still requires 75% in-level for all leagues [except USTA Mixed, USTA Super Senior, ITA Fall Mixed, CTA Silver Senior and World Team Tennis].
2. A player may play only one NTRP level above the player's current NTRP level in the Adult and Senior Divisions.
3. Players who play exclusively in the Mixed Doubles Division and choose to participate in the Adult, Senior, and/or Super Senior Divisions the next year must enter those divisions by self-rating with the minimum rating being the higher of the self-rating or mixed exclusive rating.
4. Each Section Association shall designate a committee to handle Self-Rate Appeals for those that appeal their assigned self-rating.
5. Any player who is 70 years of age or older prior to, or during, the calendar year in which such player plays his/her first local league match and has achieved the same rating level or lower for the three prior years, without benefit of appeal, will be granted an appeal if they are promoted at year-end.
6. A Super Senior player is eligible to advance to National Championships competition if that player has played on that same team in at least three (3) matches through Section Championships. No defaults received by the player during all league competition shall count for advancing. A retired match shall count for all players involved.

## MAJOR CHANGES FOR 2012

1. *Pertains only to Denver-Metro*  
For all leagues, it will be a requirement to play a 10-point match tiebreak in lieu of the third set.
2. *Pertains only to Denver-Metro unless there is a large enough demand in other areas*  
To allow for continued growth at facilities that have reached a capacity for leagues, a 4:00pm time slot will be offered for USTA Adult and CTA Twilight.
  - All teams will be provided with 5 courts for each team match (USTA Adult), so there will not be staggered matches

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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.

2011 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 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.

### 1.01 COLORADO ADULT LEAGUE PROGRAMS

#### 1.01A Colorado Leagues bound by these Regulations.

1.01A(1) USTA Mixed, USTA Adult, USTA Senior, USTA Super Senior, ITA Fall Mixed, CTA Women's Daytime Doubles, CTA Women's Summer Daytime, CTA Twilight, Trio, CTA Silver Senior, World Team Tennis

#### 1.01B Colorado Leagues exempt of these Regulations.

1.01A(2) CTA Senior Breakfast League, World Team Tennis

### 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.

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.

1.02B(2) Regardless of format for third set, score entry for third set must be input as 1-0 in TennisLink. NOTE: Recording a score as 1-0 instead of the actual set score has a negligible effect on NTRP ratings. See below for area specific information about match formats.

1.02B(2)a Denver-Metro and Western Slope: In the event of split sets, a match tiebreak (first to 10 by 2) using the Coman tiebreak procedure shall be substituted in lieu of the third set. If all players participating in the individual match agree to play the third set in its entirety, then the entire third set may be played. This format shall be followed for all leagues except Trio. A 10-point match tiebreak is required in Trio. NOTE: In 2012, it will be required for all league matches in Denver-Metro to play a match tiebreak in lieu of the third set. An entire third set will no longer be an option.

1.02B(2)b Northern Colorado: In the event of split sets, a match tiebreak (first to 10 by 2) using the Coman tiebreak procedure may be substituted in lieu of a third set if all players participating in the individual match agree to the substitution. If all players participating in the individual match do not agree, then the third set must be played in its entirety.

1.02B(2)c Southern Colorado and Aspen/Mountains: For all league matches in the Southern Colorado and Aspen/Mountains areas, 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.

#### 1.02C 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.

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. Any scores not entered by this date may be reported as double defaults. 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.

#### **1.02D 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.

**1.02E(4)** Warm-up time for all league matches is limited to 10 minutes.

#### **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, including USTA Adult League.

**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 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)** 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 line-up 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(3)** 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(4)** 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.

**1.02H(5)** The USTA Colorado League Department must be notified when there is a request to reschedule a match due to a conflict with a playoff.

### **1.02I Alternative court surfaces and tennis balls.**

**1.02I(1)** Alternative (i.e. clay) tennis court surfaces may be used for all or some of the individual 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 line-ups. If the home team captain fails to designate the specific matches to be played on alternative surfaces before exchanging line-ups, 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, USTA Super Senior, ITA Fall Mixed, CTA Silver Senior and World Team Tennis], **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.

**NOTE: This percentage does not apply to the specific set of players in a line-up for a team match. It only applies to the total number of players on the team roster. See chart on page 17 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](mailto: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 1.02O](#)).

**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.

### **1.02K 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 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(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).

**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)** Procedure for rescheduled matches

**1.02K(5)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).

## **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.

## **1.02M 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, even if the team match is rained out.

**1.02M(1)b** See "league specific information" section regarding which position(s) may be defaulted.

### **1.02M(2) Complete match default (2 out of 3 positions or 3 out of 5 positions)**

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

**1.02M(2)b** Refer to [USTA League Regulations \(2.03L\)](#) for additional information.

## **1.02N Grievances and Formal Complaints.**

**1.02N(1)** See [USTA League Regulations \(Section 3.00\)](#) 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(3) Formal Complaint**

**1.02N(3)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 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. 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.

### **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 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 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 \(2.03\)](#) for more information.

**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, 2nd and 3rd 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](http://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 total 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](http://www.COLORADOTENNIS.com).

**1.02Q(1)b** Notify each team member that the local and national league regulations are available on [www.COLORADOTENNIS.com](http://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](#)).

**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 line ups 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 72 hours of match completion. Failure to report scores within 72 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 72 hour deadline. This responsibility should be discussed when line ups 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](http://www.COLORADOTENNIS.com).

**1.02Q(2)b** Notify each team captain that the local and national league regulations are available on [www.COLORADOTENNIS.com](http://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 Silver Senior, USTA Mixed, USTA Super Senior, 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.

## **2.0 USTA MIXED**

### **2.01 Playing on multiple teams.**

**2.01A** A player may play on no more than two (2) teams in the USTA Mixed league within Colorado.

**2.01B** Each team must be at a different NTRP level

### **2.02 Matches.**

**2.02A** Team competition will consist of three (3) mixed doubles matches.

**2.02B** A team member may play only one position per match.

### **2.03 Levels of Play.**

**2.03A** Based on the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) the levels of play will be: 2.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, and 10.0, which will indicate the combined NTRP ratings of the two individuals who form that team. The combined rating must be equal to or less than the NTRP level at which they are playing. Example – a 3.5 man and a 4.0 woman must play at the 8.0 NTRP level or higher.

**2.03B** See [USTA League Regulations](#) for information regarding 1.0 spread of partners rule (2.01A).

**2.03C** Only 2.5 level players may participate in the 2.5 level.

### **2.04 Rosters.**

**2.04A** A team roster must include a minimum of six (6) players.

### **2.05 Defaults.**

**2.05A** A team must have a minimum of four (4) eligible players available for play in each match or the entire match must be defaulted. In the case of a default, the number three (3) doubles position must be defaulted with all other players moving up.

## **3.0 USTA ADULT**

### **3.01 Number of teams.**

**3.01A** A player may only play on one (1) team in the USTA Adult league within Colorado.

**3.01B** A player may play on one (1) team within a division (USTA League Tennis Adult, and Senior) 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 (1) flight. A player may not play in more than one (1) NTRP level within a division in the same local league during the same season. A player may not play on more than one (1) team within a division in separate local leagues in the same district in the same season.

### **3.02 Matches.**

**3.02A** A staggered match format will be used (3 doubles positions played first, followed by 2 singles positions), unless the hosting facility has enough courts available and allows the use of 5 courts for the team match. Each facility is only required to provide 3 courts per team match.

**3.02B** Team competition will consist of two (2) singles matches and three (3) doubles matches for NTRP levels 3.0-4.5.

**3.02C** Team competition will consist of one (1) singles match and two (2) doubles matches for NTRP levels 2.5, 5.0, 5.5 and Open.

**3.02D** A team member may play only one position per match.

### **3.03 Levels of Play.**

**3.03A** Based on the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) the levels of play will be: men's and women's 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0. (Note: 5.5 and Open may exist; however, they do not follow the same progression as the other NTRP levels below 5.5).

### **3.04 Rosters.**

**3.04A** A team roster must include a minimum of eight (8) players for NTRP 3.0-4.5.

**3.04B** A team roster must include a minimum of five (5) player for NTRP 2.5 and 5.0.

**3.04B** At least **75%** of the players on the team roster must be at the correct NTRP level. See

[1.02J\(1\)](#).

### **3.05 Defaults.**

**3.05A** Teams in the 3.0-4.5 NTRP levels may default a maximum of two positions in a match without defaulting the entire match. The team captain will determine defaults in the following manner:

One player absent – default #2 singles or #3 doubles

Two players absent – default #3 doubles or #2 singles and #3 doubles or both singles matches

Three players absent – default #2 singles and #3 doubles or #2 and #3 doubles

Four players absent – default #2 and #3 doubles

**3.05B** Teams in the 2.5, 5.0 and 5.5 NTRP levels and Open level may default one (1) position without defaulting the entire match. The team captain will determine defaults in the following manner:

One player absent – default #1 singles or #2 doubles

Two players absent – default #2 doubles

### **3.06 League NTRP Disqualification and Review Procedures.**

**3.06A** See [USTA League Regulations 2.04](#).

## **4.0 USTA SENIOR**

### **4.01 Number of teams.**

**4.01A** A player may only play on one (1) team in the USTA Senior league within Colorado.

**4.01B** A player may play on one (1) team within a division (USTA League Tennis Adult, and Senior) 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 (1) flight. A player may not play in more than one (1) NTRP level within a division in the same local league during the same season. A player may not play on more than one (1) team within a division in separate local leagues in the same district in the same season.

### **4.02 Matches.**

**4.02A** Team competition will consist of three (3) doubles matches.

**4.02B** A team member may play only one position per match.

### **4.03 Levels of Play.**

**4.03A** Based on the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) the levels of play will be: men's and women's 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5.

### **4.04 Rosters.**

**4.04A** A team roster must include a minimum of six (6) players.

**4.04A (1)** All players must turn 50 on or before the end of this league season.

**4.04B** At least **75%** of the players on the team roster must be at the correct NTRP level. See

[1.02J\(1\)](#).

### **4.05 Defaults.**

**4.05A** A team must have a minimum of four (4) eligible players available for play in each match or the entire match must be defaulted. In the case of a default, the number three (3) doubles position must be defaulted with all other players moving up.

### **4.06 League NTRP Disqualification and Review Procedures.**

**4.06A** See [USTA League Regulations 2.04](#)

## **5.0 USTA SUPER SENIOR**

### **5.01 Multiple teams.**

**5.01A** A player may play on no more than two (2) teams in the USTA Super Senior league within Colorado.

**5.01B** Each team must be at a different NTRP level.

## **5.02 Matches.**

**5.02A** Team competition will consist of three (3) doubles matches.

**5.02B** A team member may play only one position per match.

**5.02C** If all players involved in the individual match agree to play the third set out in its entirety, they may do so; however, if there is not an agreement to play the third set out by all players on the court, a 10-point match tiebreak, using the Coman procedure, must be played in lieu of the third set.

## **5.03 Levels of Play.**

**5.03A** Based on the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) the levels of play will be: men's and women's 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 which will indicate the combined NTRP ratings of the two individuals who form that team. The combined rating must be equal to or less than the NTRP level at which they are playing. Example – a doubles team consisting of a 3.5 and a 4.0 player must play at the 8.0 combined NTRP level or higher. The ratings of any doubles partners may not be more than 1.0 apart.

## **5.04 Rosters.**

**5.04A** A team roster must include a minimum of six (6) players.

**5.04A (1)** All players must turn 60 on or before the end of this league season.

## **5.05 Defaults.**

**5.05A** A team must have a minimum of four (4) eligible players available for play in each match or the entire match must be defaulted. In the case of a default, the number three (3) doubles position must be defaulted with all other players moving up.

## **6.0 ITA FALL MIXED**

### **6.01 Multiple teams.**

**6.01A** A player may play on no more than two (2) teams in the ITA Fall Mixed league within Colorado.

**6.01B** Each team must be at a different NTRP level.

### **6.02 Matches.**

**6.02A** Team competition will consist of three (3) mixed doubles matches.

**6.02B** A team member may play only one position per match.

### **6.03 Levels of Play.**

**6.03A** Based on the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) the levels of play will be: 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5 and 9.5, which will indicate the combined NTRP ratings of the two individuals who form that team. The combined rating must be equal to or less than the NTRP level at which they are playing. Example – a 3.5 man and a 4.0 woman must play at the 7.5 NTRP level or higher.

**6.03B** See [USTA League Regulations](#) for information regarding 1.0 spread of partners rule (2.01A).

### **6.04 Rosters.**

**6.04A** A team roster must include a minimum of six (6) players.

### **6.05 Defaults.**

**6.05A** A team must have a minimum of four (4) eligible players available for play in each match or the entire match must be defaulted. In the case of a default, the number three (3) doubles position must be defaulted with all other players moving up.

## **7.0 CTA WOMEN'S DAYTIME DOUBLES**

### **7.01 Number of teams.**

**7.01A** A player may only play on one (1) team in the CTA Women's Daytime Doubles league within Colorado.

## **7.02 Matches.**

**7.02A** Team competition will consist of three (3) doubles matches.

**7.02B** A team member may play only one position per match.

## **7.03 Levels of Play.**

**7.03A** Based on the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) the levels of play will be: women's 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5.

## **7.04 Rosters.**

**7.04A** A team roster must include a minimum of six (6) players.

**7.04B** At least **75%** of the players on the team roster must be at the correct NTRP level. See [1.02J\(1\)](#).

## **7.05 Defaults.**

**7.05A** A team must have a minimum of four (4) eligible players available for play in each match or the entire match must be defaulted. In the case of a default, the number three (3) doubles position must be defaulted with all other players moving up.

## **8.0 CTA TWILIGHT**

### **8.01 Number of teams.**

**8.01A** A player may only play on one (1) team in the CTA Twilight league within Colorado.

### **8.02 Matches.**

**8.02A** Team competition will consist of two (2) singles matches and one (1) doubles match.

**8.02B** A team member may play only one position per match.

### **8.03 Levels of Play.**

**8.03A** Based on the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) the levels of play will be: men's and women's 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0/5.5.

### **8.04 Rosters.**

**8.04A** A team roster must include a minimum of four (4) players.

**8.04B** At least **75%** of the players on the team roster must be at the correct NTRP level. See [1.02J\(1\)](#).

### **8.05 Defaults.**

**8.05A** Teams may default a maximum of one position in a match without defaulting the entire match. The team captain will determine defaults in the following manner:

One player absent – default #2 singles or the doubles match

Two players absent – default the doubles match

## **9.0 CTA WOMEN'S SUMMER DAYTIME**

### **9.01 Number of teams.**

**9.01A** A player may only play on one (1) team in the CTA Women's Summer Daytime league within Colorado.

### **9.02 Matches.**

**9.02A** Team competition will consist of one (1) singles match and two (2) doubles matches.

**9.02B** A team member may play only one position per match.

### **9.03 Levels of Play.**

**9.03A** Based on the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) the levels of play will be: women's 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0.

### **9.04 Rosters.**

**9.04A** A team roster must include a minimum of five (5) players.

**9.04B** At least **75%** of the players on the team roster must be at the correct NTRP level. See [1.02J\(1\)](#).

### **9.05 Defaults.**

**9.05A** Teams may default a maximum of one position in a match without defaulting the entire match. The team captain will determine defaults in the following manner:  
One player absent – default the singles match or the #2 doubles match  
Two players absent – default the #2 doubles match

## **10.0 TRIO**

### **10.01 Number of teams.**

**10.01A** A player may only play on one (1) team in the Trio league.

### **10.02 Matches.**

**10.02A** Team competition will consist of two (2) singles matches and one (1) doubles match.

**10.02B** A team member may play only one position per match.

**10.02C** Players are required to play a 10-point match tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set for all matches (using the Coman tiebreak procedure).

### **10.03 Levels of Play.**

**10.03A** Based on the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) the levels of play will be: men's and women's 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0/5.5.

### **10.04 Rosters.**

**10.04A** A team roster must include a minimum of four (4) players.

**10.04B** At least **75%** of the players on the team roster must be at the correct NTRP level. See [1.02J\(1\)](#).

### **10.05 Defaults.**

**10.05A** Teams may default a maximum of one position in a match without defaulting the entire match. The team captain will determine defaults in the following manner:  
One player absent – default #2 singles or the doubles match  
Two players absent – default the doubles match

## **11.0 CTA SILVER SENIOR**

### **11.01 Age Requirement.**

**11.01A** Each player shall have reached the age of 70 prior to or during the calendar year in which such player plays in his/her first local league match.

### **11.02 Number of teams.**

**11.02A** A player may play on no more than two (2) teams in the CTA Silver league within Colorado.

**11.02B** Each team must be at a different NTRP level.

### **11.03 Matches.**

**11.03A** Team competition will consist of three (3) doubles matches.

**11.03B** A team member may play only one position per match.

**11.03C** Players are required to play a 10-point match tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set for all matches (using the Coman tiebreak procedure).

### **11.04 Levels of Play.**

**11.04A** Based on the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) the levels of play will be: 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 which will indicate the combined NTRP ratings of the two individuals who form that team. The combined rating must be equal to or less than the NTRP level at which they are playing. Example – a doubles team consisting of a 3.5 and a 4.0 player must play at the 8.0 combined NTRP level or higher. The ratings of

any doubles partners may not be more than 1.0 apart.

**11.05 Rosters.**

**11.05A** A team roster must include a minimum of six (6) players.

**11.05A (1)** All players must turn 70 on or before the end of this league season.

**11.06 Defaults.**

**11.06A** A team must have a minimum of four (4) eligible players available for play in each match or the entire match must be defaulted. In the case of a default, the number three (3) doubles position must be defaulted with all other players moving up.

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### 2010 MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE

USTA League Division	ANY CHAMPIONSHIP LEVEL		NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	
	LOCAL MATCHES REQUIRED	DEFAULTS	MATCHES THROUGH	DEFAULTS
	To advance to <b>any</b> championship level through Section Championship	Defaults <b>received</b> counting to advance to any championship level through Section Championship	To advance to National Championship	Defaults <b>received</b> counting to advance to National Championship
<b>Adult</b>	2 matches	1 default may count	3 matches	NO defaults
<b>Senior</b>	2 matches	1 default may count	3 matches	NO defaults
<b>Mixed</b>	2 matches	1 default may count	3 matches	NO defaults
<b>Super Senior</b>	2 matches	1 default may count	3 matches	NO defaults

A RETIRED Match shall count for all participants.

### 2011 MATCHES REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN FLIGHT PLAYOFFS

League	FLIGHT PLAYOFFS	
	LOCAL MATCHES REQUIRED	DEFAULTS
	To be eligible to participate in the Flight Playoffs in USTA Adult or CTA Twilight	Defaults <b>received</b> counting to advance to Flight Playoffs
<b>USTA Adult</b>	1 match	1 default may count
<b>CTA Twilight</b>	1 match	1 default may count

A RETIRED Match shall count for all participants.

### 75% IN-LEVEL REQUIREMENT CHART

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



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