

## **2021 USTA Georgia Tri-Level League Regulations**

Play is governed by the RULES OF TENNIS; "The Code" as contained in the 2021 Friend at Court. The USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations, and the following Georgia Tri-Level Regulations.

### **LOCAL COMPETITION**

- I. All players participating in USTA Tri-Level League Tennis must be a current member of the USTA for the entire league season.
- II. Players must be 18 years of age prior to participating in the USTA Tri-Level League program.
- III. All teams in a local league must play a minimum of three matches. All teams must participate in the same number of round robins as every team in the flight.
- IV. All teams participating in the 2021 USTA Tri-Level League Tennis season must be registered in TennisLink by their local league registration deadline. A team shall consist of a minimum of 3 male and 3 female players of the same gender to be eligible to compete at a specific level of competition.
- V. Local leagues shall determine the procedure and/or penalties if a team forfeits an entire team match during local league play.
- VI. Each local league may determine how to proceed when there is a default that is not at the lowest position.
- VII. Local leagues shall determine the procedures for rescheduling of team matches including inclement weather procedures.
- VIII. A player may play on multiple teams if they are in different divisions.
- IX. USTA Tri-Level League will not have any effect on NTRP rating (NON-Advancing league).
  - a. Players may play up one NTRP level. Example: a 3.5 player may play as a 4.0 but a 3.5 cannot play as a 3.0. The following divisions are available for Summer 2021:
    - i. 8.0-9.0 consisting of an 8.0 line, an 8.5 line and a 9.0 line
    - ii. 7.0-8.0 consisting of a 7.0 line, a 7.5 line and an 8.0 line
  - b. There is no restriction on the NTRP difference in lines. Example: a 4.5 player could play with a 3.0 player at the 7.5 line.
- X. All tie breaks will be played using the Coman Tiebreak Procedure. Evening matches will be required to play a third set tiebreaker in lieu of a full third set.
- XI. A team match format shall be three individual doubles matches. The team winning the majority of those three individual matches shall be awarded one team win.
- XII. Defaults shall be "from the bottom up," defaulting the lowest positions first.
- XIII. Trilevel Mixed is a non-advancing league and is not eligible to advance to the state championship.