



## USTA LEAGUE REGULATION PROPOSAL TIMELINE

### LEAGUE REGULATION CHANGE PROCEDURES:

**THE USTA LEAGUE REGULATION CHANGE PROCEDURES AND TIMELINE SHALL BE PUBLISHED ANNUALLY, NO LATER THAN AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup>.** For current publication, go to: <https://www.usta.com/en/home/organize/program-resources/national/resources---tools.html>

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**Date: August 6, 2018 (For 2020 Regulation Change Proposals)**

### WHO CAN SUBMIT A USTA LEAGUE REGULATION CHANGE PROPOSAL:

- National League Committee Members
- National NTRP Oversight Group (NOG)
- USTA National staff (submit thru National League Administrator)
- USTA Sectional Associations (submit thru Section League Coordinator)
- Individual USTA Member (Sectional Association endorsement required - must include substantive comment and recommendation from the submitter's home Sectional Association.)

### TYPES OF USTA LEAGUE REGULATION CHANGE PROPOSALS:

- Change to an existing USTA League Regulation
- New USTA League Regulation
- Computer Methodology Change

### HOW TO SUBMIT A USTA LEAGUE REGULATION CHANGE PROPOSAL:

- All change proposals to USTA League Regulations MUST be:
  - Submitted, and filled out in full, on the official form: **Regulation and Procedure Request For A Change Or Discussion** (located at: <https://www.usta.com/en/home/organize/program-resources/national/resources---tools.html>)
  - Submitted no later than **Thursday, November 1, 2018**
  - Emailed to the National League Administrator, Darcy Cobb ([cobb@usta.com](mailto:cobb@usta.com))
- 2<sup>nd</sup> CYCLE Regulation Change Proposals: To minimize disruption to leagues in progress, only those Regulation Change Proposals believed to be critical to the 2019 League Championship Year will be reviewed and considered for implementation at this time. Otherwise they will be held over and considered in the customary cycle beginning on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### CRITERIA FOR USTA LEAGUE REGULATION CHANGE PROPOSALS:

- All Change Proposals should be designed to encourage league growth.
- All Change Proposals must address a recognized deficiency in existing regulations or offer substantial benefit to the program as a whole.
- Within reason, no regulation will be adopted that unduly restricts play opportunities or conditions at the local level

- All Change Proposals must include the following elements:
  - a. Rationale in support of the proposed change;
  - b. Description of how proposal will encourage participation.
  - c. Empirical information (not subjective) to support the need for the proposed change. (i.e. data, survey results, etc.);
  - d. Description of how this proposal will positively impact or affect a large portion of the League player population;
  - e. A list of I.T. enhancement(s) required; and
  - f. Proposed timeline for implementation.
- Absent good cause, any proposed change unfavorably considered (i.e. denied) within the past two years may not be submitted for reconsideration. (Requests for exceptions must be forwarded to League Leadership and Regulation Sub-Committee for approval.)
- Absent good cause, no regulation, once implemented, will be changed or deleted until it has been in effect for a minimum of two years. (Requests for exceptions must be forwarded to the League Leadership and Regulation Sub-Committee for approval.)
- No later than 21 days prior to the Regulation Sub-Committee meeting in which regulations are vetted and addressed, the USTA League Committee, the National (NTRP) Oversight Group (NOG), and USTA Sectional Associations shall be provided the opportunity to review, comment and vote on each proposed change. . (See attached Reg. Sub-Committee Regulation Change Proposal Timeline).
- All Change Proposals submitted shall be processed according to the annual approved USTA LEAGUE REGULATION CHANGE PROPOSAL TIMELINE.