



SOUTHERN  
*Combo Doubles*  
presented by



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**2009**

**GULF COAST SOUTHERN COMBO RULES**  
**ADULT AND SENIOR**

1. All participants must be current members of the USTA during the entire league season.
2. The format of play will be 3 individual doubles matches per team match. Levels offered in this program are 5.0, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, and 10.5. Each individual doubles teams combined NTRP ratings may not exceed the team level. Senior levels are 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5. The maximum level of play allowed at the combined 5.0 level is 2.5.
3. Each team must submit a security deposit of \$150.00 to the Mississippi Tennis Association. The deposit will be submitted to the Local League Coordinator. The Local League Coordinator will forward the deposits to the office of the MTA where they will be stored in a safety deposit box and then destroyed at the end of each season. This deposit may be forfeited due to failure to adhere to National, Sectional, State, or Local regulations. Mississippi (Adopt-a-Court grants) Teams incurring expenses due to a forfeiture of the opposing team may submit original receipts and a request for reimbursement not to exceed the amount of the deposit. Requests must be submitted in writing to the MTA office within 48 hours of forfeiture ruling.
4. The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) is the official system for rating levels of competition in this league program. Players without a 2006, 2007, 2008 NTRP computer rating may self-rate themselves in accordance with the NTRP Guidelines and the USTA Southern Section Elite Player Guidelines. **Players who do not have a computer rating on file in the TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) Guidelines and declare their self-rating on TennisLink when registering for a team. Failure to do so or omission of information regarding a player's tennis history will subject the player, the captain and/or others who condoned inaccurate self-rating to sanctions and disqualification.**

5. A participant may play on more than one team; however, a participant may not play on more than one team in the same level. For example, a participant may play on a 7.5 team and an 8.5 team, but may not play on two different 7.5 teams. However, a participant may play on the same adult and senior team. Each participant must pay the \$21 league fee for each team he/she plays on. **If a player participates on more than one team, no special scheduling consideration will be given when scheduling the state championship.**
6. All participants must play at least one match locally to be eligible for further competition.
7. If there is no local competition offered, a team may advance directly to the Southern Combo Doubles State Championship. If there is no state competition offered, a team may advance directly to the Southern Combo Doubles Sectional Championship. If there is local play, the required match must be played locally.
8. Captains must register on TennisLink prior to July 25, 2009, and may add players after play begins for that level until October 20, 2009.
9. Play begins August 10 and ends October 30, 2009.
10. All teams will play a round robin. In the event that one level has more than 12 teams, the level may be divided. **Rescheduling may take place in the event of rain or threatening weather conditions to be determined by the club pro or club manager. Matches must be rescheduled within two weeks of the original play date. Dates must be confirmed with Local League Coordinator.**
11. The home team is responsible for providing tennis courts; setting the time and date of the match, and shall also provide the tennis balls. The winning captain will enter scores through TennisLink, and the losing captain must verify the match scores. TennisLink will automatically verify the match after 48 hours.
12. The team winning the majority of individual team matches will be the winner. In the event of a tie, the following procedures will be followed:
  - a. Individual matches – winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.
  - b. Sets – loser of the fewest number of sets in the entire competition.
  - c. Games – loser of the fewest number of games in the entire competition.
  - d. Head-to-Head – winner of head-to-head match.
13. A maximum of 14 players may be on a roster.
14. Tennis may permit players on local teams from out-of-state within a 100-mile radius of the Gulf Coast. If there are 14 on a roster, 4 out-of-state players may participate on that team; 10-13 players on a roster, 3 out-of-state players may play; 6-9 on a roster, 2 out-of-state players may play. Boundaries regarding out-of-state players will be limited to 100 miles West of Pearl River County, 100 miles North of George County, and 100 miles East of Jackson County.
15. **The Southern Self-Rate NTRP Grievance and Grievance Appeal Committees will have jurisdiction over grievances filed against any self-rated player or his/her captain who commits or condones entering two levels or more below actual skill level. Self-Rate NTRP Grievances filed within two weeks of the start date of the player's and/or captain's State or Sectional Championships will be administered after the event unless the state or section authorizes the**

**administration of the grievance prior to that time. If the grievance is not administered until after the event, points won by players will stand. Disqualified players and/or captains that are suspended will not be eligible to advance to the next level of championship play.**

16. By playing in this league, the team captain and all team members agree to and understand that the rules and deadline dates are final and not subject to arbitration of any kind.
17. Play is governed by the Rules of Tennis. "The Code" as contained in the current USTA Yearbook and the STA Sectional Regulations, the State Rules, and local rules.

**DYNAMIC DISQUALIFICATION IS NOT A PROCEDURE OF THIS PROGRAM.**

**Championship Dates:**

**Southern Combo Doubles State Championship, December 4-6, 2009, Jackson, MS**

NOTE: Southern Combo Doubles Championships' dates are subject to change.

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