



## **2009 LOCAL LEAGUE RULES**

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The purpose of Southern Combo Doubles is to promote team tennis using the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) for players of comparable ability to have fair and recreational play at the local level.

### **I. LEAGUE REGULATIONS**

All players will abide by the USTA rules of tennis: The Code, Friend at Court, Southern Combo Doubles Mississippi Regulations. All USTA, STA, and MTA rules apply before any local league rules.

### **II. PLAYER and TEAM REQUIREMENT**

All players must have a current USTA membership through December 2009 or later.

The NTRP is the official system for rating levels of competition in this league program. Players without a 2006-2008 NTRP computer rating must self-rate themselves and declare the self-rating on TennisLink in accordance with the NTRP Guidelines and the USTA Southern Section Elite Player Guidelines. See the 2009 MS. Regulations #4.

An Adult team member must play once during the local league season to advance to the State Championship. Seniors must play once during local league season to advance. In both divisions a forfeit counts as an individual match for qualifying for State Championship play. If there is only one team in a Senior division in a local league, that team may advance directly to the State Championship

A maximum of 14 players may be on a roster.

Teams may add players to their team up to their last match.

All players must read the 2009 Mississippi Regulations for the Southern Combo Doubles League.

Players may enter the senior division during the calendar year in which they reach age 50.

### III. TEAM MATCH FORMAT

Adult levels 5.0, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5 and 10.5.

Senior levels 5.5, 6.5, 7.5 and 8.5.

**\*The maximum level of play allowed at the combined 5.0 level would be 2.5.**

Team match format for the league shall consist of three individual doubles matches. Each individual doubles team's combined NTRP rating may not exceed the level entered. All matches shall be the best of two sets, regular scoring, with a set tiebreak (first to 7 by 2) at six all in each set. In lieu of a third set, a match tiebreak (first to 10 by 2) shall be played. Matches should begin promptly as scheduled with a five minute warm-up allowed. There is a fifteen minute default rule in effect for all scheduled matches. ***A team may not forfeit an entire match (if a team is required to play 3 courts, only one court may be forfeited). This action may result in a grievance being filed by the LLC and will constitute automatic forfeiture of the \$150.00 security deposit and all matches played or to be played will be null and void at the end of the season.***

A team match must be played on one surface. Clay courts may be used only when the host team is designated as the Home team. The Visiting team shall provide the balls and is the second team listed on the schedule. If a match is not completed due to inclement weather or loss of court time, it must be completed on the same surface.

### IV. RESCHEDULED MATCHES

A team match may be rescheduled only under the following circumstances: rain or severe temperatures (40 or below). In the event of rain, the facility manager will make the decision on whether or not the courts are playable. In the event that inclement weather occurs during play, completed matches will stand as played. The same players at the exact, set, game and point that existed when play was halted must resume play within two weeks upon an agreed time and location. In the event that inclement weather forces the cancellation and rescheduling of a team match, substitutions may be made in any individual matches that had not begun. Points awarded for forfeits during the original lineup exchange will stand. All players involved in such forfeits cannot participate in the rescheduled match. Verbal forfeits offered prior to the original written line-up exchange are nullified when the match is rescheduled due to inclement weather.

A match may not be cancelled until 90 minutes prior to the scheduled match. Rescheduled matches must be completed within two weeks of the scheduled match. Once the teams agree on a rescheduled date, time and location, the match must be played at that

time. If rain occurs on that date, the match still must be completed within the same two weeks. If teams cannot agree on a rescheduled date, the LLC will assign a time and date for the match.

## **V. SCORECARDS**

All scorecards must be accurate! Team captains shall exchange scorecards 10 minutes prior to the match. Each captain should either enter the scores or confirm the scores on TennisLink.

If confirmation has not been completed within 48 hours TennisLink will automatically Confirm the scorecard and scores will stand as entered. Players must be registered on TennisLink before playing a match!

In the event of illness, injury, disqualification, or no show of a player prior to the start of an individual match ( once the line-up has been exchanged) a team may substitute a player in the affected position within the 15 minute default time, using a player not already listed in the lineup. If no substitution can be made, the affected position will be forfeited. If a team cannot field an entire team, they must forfeit beginning at the bottom of the scorecard and working up.

All completed scorecards should be signed by both captains upon completion of play.

## **VI. DETERMINATION OF LEAGUE WINNER**

The team with the most team wins will be the league champion and advance to the State Championships. In the event of a tie, USTA procedures shall govern as follows:

1. Winner of the most individual matches
2. Loser of the fewest number of sets
3. Loser of the fewest number of games
4. Winner of head to head match
5. A method to be determined by the League Committee

## **VII. CHAMPIONSHIP DATES**

Southern Combo Doubles State Championship-December 3-6 in Jackson  
Southern Combo Doubles Sectional Championship-TBA

## **VIII. TEAM CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES**

The captain will handle the administrative affairs of the team and represent the team in all matters. Specific responsibilities include:

1. Collecting the security deposit and submitting it to the LLC by the specified deadline
2. Completing and submitting team registration to TennisLink by deadline
3. Insuring that all team players meet eligibility requirements

4. Confirming reservations of courts prior to match
5. Verifying match schedules which are posted on TennisLink
6. Entering/confirming scorecards online within 48 hours of completed matches
7. Read and become familiar with the tennis regulations for the league
8. Collecting court fees and paying each facility prior to match play
9. Provide the tennis balls when you are the visiting team
10. Ensure that your team players practice good conduct and sportsmanship.

## **IX. COMMITTEES**

### **Local League Grievance Committee**

**Brad Bumgarner, Judy Hearn, Chris Irby, Abba Mapp, Jeneane Mixon**

### **Local League Grievance Appeals Committee**

**Daryl Berry, James Brown, Theresa Kennedy, Gregg Tripp, Jim Warren**

### **Local League Committee**

**Jan Johnson, Michael Boerner, Trey Woodruff**

\*Team entry form deadline may be subject to change.