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**2009 SOUTHERN COMBO DOUBLES presented by MINI  
PINEBELT LOCAL LEAGUE RULES  
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Play is governed by the RULES OF TENNIS, “the Code” as contained in the 2009 Friend at Court, the USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations 2009 Southern Combo Doubles presented by Mini Southern Section Rules and the 2009 Mississippi Regulations. All USTA, STA and MTA rules apply before any local league rules. All players participating in the USTA League Program(s) as a condition of their participation, agree to abide and be bound by the standard of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship. Deadlines listed in the 2009 Pine Belt Local League Rules may be extended at the discretion of the Local League Coordinator.

1. Deadline for adding Teams via TennisLink is August 8, 2009.
2. Team captains are responsible for:
  - a. Educating team members about the League Rules.
  - b. Organizing their team
  - c. Attending the Team Captain’s meeting on August 8, 2009 at the Whitehead Advanced Technology Center at 10:00 a.m.
  - d. Registering their team via TennisLink.
  - e. Scheduling matches
  - f. Ensuring that the match dates and times are entered correctly on TennisLink
  - g. Reporting of match scores via TennisLink within 48 hours of match play.
3. Team fees will be \$18 per Adult and Senior player + \$3 TennisLink fee. Total fees: \$21.
4. Adult & Senior League play begins August 17, 2009.
5. Adult & Senior League play ends October 31, 2009.
6. The minimum number of team matches will be four. The match format will be best two out of three sets, whereas a match tiebreak (first to 10 by 2) will be played as the third set. Each level will play a double round robin. Other alternative play will be allowed if the double round robin creates too many matches.
7. No match will be forfeited by an entire team. For the Adult & Senior Combo League, a minimum of two positions must be played. A team **may not** forfeit an entire match (only one court can be forfeited). This action may result in a grievance being filed by the Local League Coordinator and may constitute automatic forfeiture of the \$150 security deposit and elimination from competition for the State Championship.
8. Teams may add players up to October 31, 2009; however, players must be registered on the team through TennisLink prior to playing a match.
9. Email addresses are required for each team.
10. Age Eligibility: All participants must turn 19 during the calendar year for Southern Combo League and 50 during the calendar year for Southern Combo Senior League.
11. Self-rated players must register themselves and input their self-rating.
12. There will be no refund for players who register on the wrong team. In some cases, the LLC can move players from one team to another; if a player makes an error, call the LLC before reregistering.

13. Scorecards will be exchanged before the beginning of match play.
14. In the event of illness, injury, disqualification, or no-show of a player prior to the start of an individual match (once the lineup 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 on the lineup. If no such substitution can be made, the affected position will be forfeited. If a team chooses to forfeit an individual court, the forfeits must be #3 doubles.
15. During a team match all individual matches must be played on the same surface. The surface is the choice of the home team; however, the surface choice must be announced at least two weeks prior to the match.
16. The method of scoring shall be consistent with the scoring method stated in the USA, Southern, and Mississippi Regulations.
17. The home team is responsible for courts and balls.
18. A team match should only be rescheduled under the following circumstances: rain or severe cold (40°F or lower and wind chill is a factor for severe temperatures). Cancelled matches must be rescheduled within two weeks of the cancelled date and reported to the LLC. If matches are in progress, rain delays must wait at least 30 minutes unless both captains agree to postpone the match immediately. Write all scores down for use in the make-up match. Any match date or time that cannot be agreed upon by both captains shall be referred to the LLC who will then make the final decision about the date, time, and location of the match. Points awarded for forfeits during the original lineup exchange will stand. All players involved in such forfeits cannot participate in the re-scheduled match. Verbal forfeits offered prior to the original written lineup exchange are nullified when the match is rescheduled due to rain or inclement weather. A match may not be cancelled until three hours prior to the scheduled match due to inclement weather.
19. Only balls that are approved by the USTA for championship play may be used. The Rally Ball will not be used in USA League Tennis matches.
20. Cell phones: If a cell phone rings on the court during a point, the player who owns the cell phone loses the point. A player may not use or talk on the cell phone while on the court. The rule also applies to “beeping” pagers.
21. Team captains (or a representative of the team) must attend the Team Captain’s meeting. Any team who does not have a representative present will have all matches scheduled by the Local League Coordinator with all captains who are present.

**Championship Dates:**

Southern Combo Doubles presented by Mini State Championship, December 4 – 6, 2009 Jackson, MS  
 Southern Combo Doubles presented by Mini Southern Sectional Championship, January 22 - 26, 2010, Mobile, AL

**NOTE: SOUTHERN COMBO DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

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