



2012 Southern Combo Doubles Mississippi Regulations as of 10/24/2011

Southern Combo Regulations have full force and applicability for this program in Mississippi and there is no authorization to modify, amplify or change them by local or State League Coordinators, or Grievance or Grievance Appeals Committees. Any violation of these regulations shall be subject to such sanctions as may be imposed by League Grievance or Grievance Appeal Committee procedures outlined in the USTA League Regulations. USTA Southern is the final authority on such actions unless otherwise specified in Bylaws of the USTA or USTA Southern. The State League Coordinator, in conjunction with the Mississippi Adult Leagues Committee Chairman, shall have the authority to interpret the Mississippi Combo Regulations. Southern Combo Regulations are available on the Mississippi Tennis Association website (www.mstennis.com). Printed below are the Mississippi Combo Regulations as authorized by the Southern Combo Regulations.

All Southern Combo Regulations shall apply to the Mississippi Combo League with the modifications allowed to the state listed below:

1. A team shall consist of players eligible to compete at a specific level of competition in accordance with the table below. A local league may limit the number of players that appear on a team roster.

DIVISION	MIN/MAX ROSTER LIMIT	GENDER	NTRP LEVEL
ADULT	6 min in eligible combinations/14 max	SAME GENDER	Partners' ratings may not exceed the playing level. The maximum level of play allowed at the combined 5.0 level is 2.5
ADULT 5.0			
SENIOR			
SUPER SENIOR			

2. Each team participating in local or state championship play, 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 Sectional, State, or Local regulations. Forfeited deposits will go into the funds used to award grants to repair and build courts in 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.
3. Residency and Participation
 - a. Local leagues make create residency requirement rules to encourage and foster local league play.
 - b. Local leagues may create rules for individual players concerning out of area participation. Players must adhere to the local rules of the league in which they reside.
 - c. Teams participating in multiple local leagues must adhere to the following guidelines: At least 50% of the team's members must compete in their own local league if local play is available. Said participation must be within the same division and level as any secondary participation.
 - d. At least 50% of players on teams advancing directly to the state championship must reside in the local league in which the team is registered.
4. In accordance with principles in the USTA League Tennis National Regulations (2.03L), the following will apply to teams defaulting an entire team match during local or championship competition:
 - a. All matches of a defaulting team played or to be played shall be null and void.
 - b. If all teams in contention for advancement to further competition have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches will stand as played.
 - c. The local league coordinator may recommend the forfeiture of team deposit and/or file a grievance with the local grievance committee.
5. Local leagues are responsible for :
 - a. League season and registration dates for local play
 - b. Scoring format of local competition and procedures regarding score reporting.
 - i. All tiebreaks shall follow the Coman tiebreak procedure.
 - ii. Scores must be reported in TennisLink within 48 hours of the completed team match. TennisLink will automatically confirm scores 48 hours after the team match is initially reported in TennisLink if not confirmed by opposing captain.
 - c. Rescheduling of local matches
6. Where local play is available, ONE local match is required to advance to championship play. In all cases a default received or retirement counts as one match. Players may advance on more than one adult and/or senior team to the State Championships. Players participating on more than one team will not be given any consideration with regard to scheduling or rest time.
7. Winning teams shall progress from local league competition in accordance with the table below:

ADULT 5.0-7.5		ADULT 8.5 & 9.5/SENIOR	
# of teams in league	# of teams to advance	# of teams in league	# of teams to advance
1-10 teams	1 team	2-5 teams	1 team
11-20 teams	2 teams	6-10 teams	2 teams

21-30 teams	3 teams	11-15 teams	3 teams
31-40 teams	4 teams	*Super Senior COMBO teams will compete at a State Playoff to determine advancement to Sectionals.	
41-50 teams	5 teams		
51-60 teams	6 teams		

8. State Championships format shall be round robin in all levels of competition. Each team shall play every other team in its flight and the team with the most team points shall be champion in its flight. Levels with multiple flights will enter into semi-finals and finals to determine an overall winner. Levels with three flights will have a blind draw from second place teams to determine the fourth semi-finalist. A blind draw or Tennislink will be used to determine opponents for the semi-final matches. If a local league has two teams in the same level, the referee will place those teams in separate flights provided there are two flights in that level. All matches will be the best of three sets and the set tiebreak shall be used at 6-all in each set. In lieu of a third set, a match tiebreak shall be played. The State may issue wildcards as necessary to fill the draw by a rotation among the local leagues. Wildcards will not be issued to leagues with fewer than three teams or to teams without an overall winning record. If necessary, teams will be replaced in the first of the following that does so:

- Team in second place in the same local league
- Team in second place in the local league next in the wild card rotation
- Team next in line in a randomly (blind draw) chosen local league

Regardless of other wildcard procedures, if a team must be replaced 5 days or less prior to the beginning of the tournament, a team shall be replaced by the first of the following that does so, or the team may not be replaced:

- Team from the local league in which the tournament is being held
- Team from the host city

9. For teams in which the entire division's local play occurs at the State Championship, the maximum number of out-of-state players on a team roster shall comply with the table below.

# of players on roster	# from out of state
14-16 on the roster	4 may be from out of state
10-13 on the roster	3 may be from out of state
6-9 on the roster	2 may be from out of state

10. These Mississippi Combo Regulations may be amended by the Mississippi Adult Leagues Committee.

11. State Grievance Committees & Grievance Appeal Committees are formed as necessary first utilizing members of the Adult League Committee and then other committee members selected by the Adult League Committee Chairman.

2011-2012 Mississippi Adult League Committee:

Jack Ward, Chair Beth Bryant Pam Cure Lee France
Donald Jones Teresa Mathews September Moore Cindy Sturdivant
Martha Watkins Lindsey Sartain, MTA Staff

2012 Super Senior Combo Playoff: November 3-4, 2012 Natchez, MS

2012 State Combo Championship Date: November 8-11, 2012 Jackson-Ridgeland, MS.