



**USTA LEAGUE
MIXED DOUBLES ADULT AND SENIOR
2009 MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST LOCAL LEAGUE RULES**

1. All participants must be current members of USTA during the entire league season.
2. All participants must at least reach 19 years of age for Adult and 50 years of age for Senior Division during the calendar year in which they play their first local match.
3. The format of play will be three individual mixed doubles matches per team match. Levels offered in this program for adults are **straight 2.5 and combined**, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 and 10.0. Each individual doubles team's combined NTRP ratings may be no more than 1.0 apart (i.e., 3.0 player and a 4.0 player may play 7.0).
4. A player may play two different NTRP levels in the same local league in the same USTA League season. A player may play the same NTRP level in two different local leagues. Teams wanting to play in two areas, but having a viable league in their own area, must apply to play in both through their local coordinator, who will confer with the state coordinator.
NOTE: If both teams advance to the championship, a player can only advance on one team. Each participant must pay the \$21.00 league fee for each team he/she plays on. Players are allowed to play on adult and senior teams at the same level.
5. **All adult participants must play at least two matches locally to be eligible for further competition. Seniors must play only one match to be eligible. A forfeit may count as one match.**
6. The Senior Mixed Doubles levels **5.0**, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, and 9.0 are not a part of the national program: (1) Participants may advance to championships with one match instead of two matches; and (2) seniors may not advance to championships on two senior mixed teams. If there is no local competition offered, a team may advance directly to the state championship.
7. The State League Coordinator in conjunction with the Local League Coordinators may assign a team to a local league when that team's own local league does not have at least two teams in that level. The assigned team will be required to travel to all matches within the local league to which they are assigned, unless the other teams within that local league agree to share travel. The assigned team will pay the dues and abide by the rules and regulations of the local league to which it is assigned.

8. The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) is the official system for rating levels of competition in the USTA Mixed Doubles League Program. Players without a computer rating must self-rate on line before registering for a team.
9. Play begins May 25 and ends for Seniors July 26 and for Adults on August 2, 2009. Teams may add players after play begins for that level until July 13, 2009, for Seniors and July 15, 2009, for Adults.
10. All teams will play a round robin. In the event one level has more than 12 teams, that level will be divided. Rescheduling may take place in the event of rain or threatening weather conditions. **Matches must be rescheduled within two weeks of the original play date. Failure to do so may result in a forfeit. The tennis pro or club manager will make decisions regarding threatening weather conditions.**
11. *If a team defaults an entire match for any reason other than extreme circumstances during any round robin play (in addition to forfeiting their \$150 security deposit), all matches of that team played or to be played shall be null and void in the team standings. In addition, a grievance may be filed by the LLC and further penalties may be imposed.*
12. The Home Team is responsible for providing tennis courts, setting the time and date of the match with the visiting team and shall also provide the tennis balls.
13. The team with the most team wins will be the league champion and advance to the State Championship. In the event of a tie, USTA procedures shall govern as follows:
 1. Number of individual match wins.
 2. Loser of the fewest number of sets.
 3. Loser of the fewest number of games.
 4. Winner of the head-to-head match.
 5. A method to be determined by the Local League Coordinator.
14. The winning captain shall enter signed team scores in the computer no later than 24 hours after the match. After 48 hours, Tennis Link will confirm the match.
15. **Players who do not have a computer rating on file in Tennis Link shall self-rate in accordance with the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) and Guidelines and complete the self-rating process on Tennis Link. 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.**

NOTE: Players who play exclusively in the mixed doubles division and choose to participate in the adult and/or senior divisions the next year must enter at their mixed doubles year-end rating or higher.

16. **LOCAL LEAGUE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:**

Chris Beddoe, Chairman
Suzette Carlson
Skip St. Amant

18. **LOCAL LEAGUE APPEALS COMMITTEE:**

Teresa Parrish, Chairperson
Bubba Neumann
Nancy Pittman

19. **ADULT LOCAL LEAGUE RULES COMMITTEE:**

John Wilkinson
Kevin Martin
Julie Kilduff

20. **LOCAL LEAGUE MARKETING COMMITTEE:**

Cynthia Render Leach, Co-Chair
Teresa Mathews, Co-Chair
James Denson
Clarice Wallace

21. Grievance complaints shall be submitted in accordance with the 2009 USTA League Regulations, with all the facts (who, what, when, where, why, and how) to the appropriate Local League Coordinator.

22. By playing in this league, the Team Captain and all the team members agree to and understand the rules.

23. Play is governed by the RULES OF TENNIS, "The Code," as contained in the current USTA Yearbook, and the STA Sectional Regulations, the state regulations, and the above local rules.

24. The USTA Southern Section Leagues Grievance and Grievance Appeals Committees will have jurisdiction over any grievances filed against any self-rated player or his/her captain who commits or condones entering two levels or more below actual skill level.

25. The following number of teams per local league will automatically qualify to advance to the Mixed Doubles/Adult Championship:

2-10 teams: 1 team	31-40 teams: 4 teams
11-20 teams: 2 teams	41-50 teams: 5 teams
21-30 teams: 3 teams	51-60 teams: 6 teams

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The following numbers of teams per local league will automatically qualify to advance to the Mixed Double/Senior Championship:

2-5 teams: 1 team
6-10 teams: 2 teams
11-15 teams: 3 teams

USTA League Adult Mixed Doubles Championship, September 25-27, 2009, Oxford, Ms
USTA League Senior Mixed Doubles Championship, August 22-23, 2009, in Cleveland, MS

NOTE: USTA LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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