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2009 USTA League Adult/Senior Mixed Doubles Local League Rules

All players will abide by the USTA rules of tennis: The Code, Friend at Court, USTA League Regulations and the 2008 USTA League Mississippi Regulations. All USTA, STA and MTA rules apply before any local league rules. National and Southern Regulations are available at www.southerntennis.com. State regulations can be found at www.mstennis.com.

No one has the authority to waive local, state, sectional or national regulations.

The format of play shall consist of three mixed doubles matches per team match.
Levels offered in this program for **Adults and Seniors** are 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, and 10.0.
Only 2.0 and 2.5 players can participate in the 5.0 mixed doubles division

Each individual doubles team's combined NTRP **ratings may be no more than 1.0 apart** (i.e. a 3.0 player and a 4.0 player may play 7.0). The combined rating of the players shall not exceed the team level.

The Southern NTRP Oversight Committee will have jurisdiction over grievances filed against any self-rated player or his/her captain who commits or condones entering one level or more below actual skill level.

The maximum number of out-of-state players on a team shall not exceed 50%. Example:

14 on roster-7 out of state players
10-13 on roster- 5 out of state players
6-9 on roster-3 out of state players

Adult participants must play at least **two local** matches to advance to the State Championship. A match forfeited to a player counts as one match played to qualify for state.

Senior participants must play in **one local** match to advance to State Championship. **For Seniors, if there is no local competition offered, a team may advance directly to the State Championship.**

When a player plays on more than one team of different levels, that player must choose one team to advance to State Championship in the event more than one team advances. Players can advance on one adult and one senior team.

All individual matches shall be the best two of three sets regular scoring, with a **set tiebreak** (first to 7 by 2) at six all in each set. In the case of split sets a third set will be played. There is a fifteen-minute default rule in effect for all scheduled matches. **If a team defaults an entire team match during round robin play, all matches of that team played or to be played may be null and void in the team standings. In addition, the team may forfeit their \$150.00 Security Deposit plus a grievance may be filed by the Local League Coordinator and further penalties may be imposed.**

A team match may be rescheduled only if both captains agree or the following reasons: rain or severe temperatures 40 or below, (wind chill is a factor for severe temperatures.) 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 incomplete matches upon an agreed time and location. In the event that rain or inclement weather forces the

cancellation and re-scheduling 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.

Unplayed matches should be rescheduled within two weeks of the scheduled match. Once teams agree on a rescheduled date, time and location, it must be reported to the League Coordinator and the match must be played at that time. **If teams cannot agree on a rescheduled date, the Local League Coordinator will reschedule the match**

ALL SCORECARDS MUST BE ACCURATE! Team captains must exchange scorecards with a completed line-up **10 minutes prior** to a scheduled match. All scorecards are to be entered and confirmed online with Tennislink within **48 hours** of a completed match. If confirmation has not been completed within this time, Tennislink will automatically confirm the scorecard and the scores will stand as entered.

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 substitution can be made, the affected position will be forfeited. If a team cannot field an entire match, they must forfeit beginning at the #3 position of doubles. No team shall forfeit an entire match. If such occurs, a grievance may be filed against that team and their deposit money may be forfeited.

One point shall be given for each match win. The team with the most points will be the league champion. In the event of a tie, it will be broken by the following procedure:

1. Number of individual match wins
2. Loser of fewest number of sets
3. Loser of fewest number of games
4. Winner of the head to head match

Cell phones: If a cell phone rings on the court during a match, the player whose phone it is, loses the point. A player may not talk on a cell phone while on court.

Captain's responsibilities:

1. Attend the mandatory local league captain's meeting. **If a captain fails to attend or send a representative to the meeting, then that team may be required to contact the other captains and travel to all of its matches.**
2. Submit the security deposit
3. Register team with TennisLink by specified deadline. **If a captain fails to meet the deadline and is added later, then that team may be required to travel to all of its matches.**
4. Verify match schedules which are posted online with Tennislink
5. Confirm reservations of courts prior to match play; and confirm with the visiting captain
6. Enter scorecards online with TennisLink within 48 hours
7. Familiarize themselves with all tennis regulations
8. Conduct of players
9. Provide tennis balls when scheduled the home team
10. Captain must have an active email address on roster

Championship dates:

USTA League Senior Mixed Championship- Aug. 21-23, Cleveland, MS

USTA League Adult Mixed Championship- Sept. 25-27, Oxford, MS

Local League Grievance Committee

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