



2009 USTA SUPER SENIOR LEAGUE MISSISSIPPI REGULATIONS

Play is governed by the RULES OF TENNIS; "The Code" as contained in the current USTA Yearbook and the following USTA/Mississippi Regulations. General regulations for the program are listed below. Local and/or State regulations shall not be in conflict with the Super Senior general regulations.

LOCAL LEAGUE

1. **Local League Season.** The local league season shall begin with the local league roster deadline and end on a date determined by the League Coordinator
2. **Team.** A team shall consist of a minimum of six players.
3. **Age.** Each player shall have reached the age of 60 or 70 prior to or during the calendar year in which such player plays in his/her first local league match.
4. **Membership.** All participants must be current members of the USTA at the time of each competition.
5. **NTRP Ratings.** Players without a NTRP computer rating on TennisLink shall self-rate themselves on TennisLink in accordance with the NTRP guidelines. Players with computer rating must use that rating to enter the program. NOTE: For purposes of playing in the Super Seniors Leagues, a player maintains their NTRP computer rating at time of registration throughout local, state and sectional competition.
A player may not be disqualified based on match results from the Super Seniors program.
6. **Levels of Play.** The Championship levels of play for 2009 are Super Senior 60 Men and Women with 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 divisions and Super Senior 70 with 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 divisions. **(70's may play on a 60's team however, 60's may not play on a 70's team)**
8. **Scoring.** All matches be the best of two sets, with regular scoring 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. There will be no rest period or coaching.
9. **Competition Format.**
 - (1) **Round Robin.** A local league with two or more teams shall play at least one round robin competition wherein every team plays every other team. A local league may be divided into flights wherein each team shall play every other team in its flight and a playoff structure is used to establish a champion.
 - (2) **Team Match.** Each team match in a local league with two or more teams shall consist of such number of individual matches of doubles as determined by the local league. The method of awarding points in order to determine the winning team of a local league team match and the winner of the local league competition may be a method selected by the local league.
 - (3) **Individual Match.** An individual match is any doubles match played as part of a team match.
 - (4) **Team Lineups.** The team captains for each team shall exchange their team match cards simultaneously prior to the beginning of the team match. No substitution may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to or illness of a player, prior to the start of such match, and except under such further circumstances as the local league authorizes. Forfeits shall occur from the No. 3 doubles position up.
 - (5) **Player Participation.** An individual player may play in only one doubles match within each team match. League players may play in the USTA League Tennis Adult and/or Senior Divisions, USTA League Tennis Mixed Doubles and USTA Southern Section Super Seniors League during the same local league season. Players must play in at least one local or state championships match in order to advance to the Southern Super Senior Sectional Championships.

A player may participate in more than one level within this division. (60's may not play up, however, 70's can play down.

Players who participate in Super Senior 60 and Super Senior 70 divisions will not be accommodated in scheduling of event.

PROGRESSION.

- 1. Sectional Championships.** The Sectional Association shall hold a Sectional League Championship to determine its Sectional Champions. (NOTE: If the winning team at any level of State Championships competition is unable to compete further towards the sectional championships, then the sectional league coordinator may select the second place team for such further competition or modify the selection of teams as needed.)