



2009 USTA LEAGUE ADULT AND SENIOR REGULATIONS

1. All USTA, STA, and MTA regulations apply.
2. All USTA memberships must extend through June 2009. You may renew your membership by using the following number: (1-800-990-8782).
3. **Players who do not have a rating on file in TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) Guidelines and complete the self-rating process on TennisLink when registering for a team.**
4. Fees are \$21 per adult player and \$21 per senior player.
5. Adult captains will be allowed to add players to their team roster through April 28, 2009. Senior captains will be allowed to add players to their team roster through April 6, 2009.
6. **Make sure all your team members are registered on TennisLink before their first match and captains must pay their \$150 deposit fee by the Captain's meeting or within one week after the captain's meeting.**
7. **TEAM DEFAULT RULE: If a team defaults an entire 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 security deposit, plus a grievance may be filed by the Local League Coordinator and further penalties may be imposed.**
8. **In the event that inclement weather forces the cancellation and rescheduling of a team match, substitutions may be made in any individual matches which had not begun.** The only weather conditions which will authorize the cancellation of a scheduled match are rain or severe temperature (40 degrees or lower). Decisions on whether or not courts are playable will be made by the facility manager. Points awarded for forfeits during the original lineup exchange will stand. All players involved in such forfeits cannot participate in the rescheduled match. All matches stopped shall resume with the same players and scores. Verbal forfeits offered prior to the original written lineup exchange are nullified when the match is rescheduled due to rain or inclement weather. **RAINOUT MATCHES MUST BE RESCHEDULED AND THE DATE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY BOTH**

TEAMS. HOME TEAM CAPTAIN MUST GIVE VISITING TEAM TWO DATES TO CHOOSE FROM AND MUST NOTIFY LOCAL LEAGUE COORDINATOR OF SAID DATE OF PLAY.

9. **RAINOUT MATCH DATE.** If teams cannot agree on a rescheduled date, the Local League Coordinator will reschedule the match.

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10. All matches must be completed by the deadline dates as shown on the 2009 USTA Gulf Coast League Calendar. All scorecards must be entered in the computer (“TennisLink”) within 48 hours after the match by the winning captain and confirmed by the losing captain within 48 hours. If matches are not confirmed, TennisLink will automatically confirm within 48 hours. Each team must have a valid e-mail address on their roster as correspondence will often arrive in this manner.

11. A 15-minute default rule shall apply to all matches.

12. All leagues shall play at least one round robin where every team plays every other team, and a two-team league must play a MINIMUM of three matches.

13. If a team shows up for a team match without a full compliment of players for the lineup (i.e. six players rather than eight), they must forfeit positions from the bottom in accordance with the 2009 USTA League Regulations. In the example listed above, the team must forfeit #3 doubles or #2 singles. A team without a full compliment of players may forfeit # 1 and # 2 singles. Once the teams exchange lineups (with a full compliment of players), and in the event of illness, injury, or no-show of a player prior to the start of an individual match, 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. **REMEMBER, TEAMS CANNOT SHOW UP WITH LESS THAN THE FULL COMPLIMENT OF PLAYERS IN THEIR LINEUP AND FORFEIT WHATEVER POSITION THEY CHOOSE. ANY TEAM THAT FORFEITS AN ENTIRE MATCH MAY FORFEIT THE SECURITY DEPOSIT PLUS ALL MATCHES PLAYED OR TO BE PLAYED MAY BE NULL AND VOID IN THE FINAL TEAM STANDINGS.**

14. All individual matches shall be two sets and the third set will be a match tie break. A set tie break will be played when the score reaches 6 all in a set. A match tie break will be played at state championships in lieu of a third set. A match tie break is the first to ten by two. All courts should be played on the match schedule date as determined at the captain’s meeting.

15. Adult teams shall have a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 16 players. The minimum number is required by the team’s first match. The team match shall be three individual

doubles matches and two single matches. A team must field enough players for three of the five individual matches or the entire team match will be forfeited.

16. Adult 5.0 level teams and 2.5 Men's and 2.5 Women's teams shall have a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 players. The teams must have a minimum number of players by the first match. The team match format shall be one individual singles and two individual doubles matches. A team must field enough players for two of the three individual matches or the entire team match will be forfeited.

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17. Teams may permit players on local teams from out-of-state within a 100-mile radius (West Pearl River County, North George County, East Jackson County) of the Gulf Coast. If there are 16 on a roster, 4 out-of-state players may participate on that team; 10-13 players on a roster, 3 out-of-state players may play; 6-9 on a roster, 2 out-of-state players may play. Teams must be in accordance with this rule on the date that the match is played.

18. The team winning the majority of individual matches shall be awarded one team point.

19. The league champion at each level shall be determined by the team with the highest point total. In the event of a tie, the following procedure will be followed:

- a. Individual matches – winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.
- b. Sets – loser of the fewest number of sets in the entire competition.
- c. Games – loser of the fewest number of games in the entire competition.
- d. Head to Head – winner of head-to-head match.

20. Individual players must play in at least two local league matches in order to participate in championship play. One default may count as one of the two league matches required.

21. The home team is responsible for providing the tennis courts, setting the date and time of the match and shall also provide the tennis balls.

22. To play in the Adult League, a player must be at least 19 years old or turn 19 during the calendar year. To play seniors, a player must be fifty years old or turn fifty during the calendar year.

23. Lineups must be filled out completely and exchanged by match time. You should use the **SAME NAME** of each player as it is **STATED ON THEIR USTA MEMBERSHIP CARD.**

24. The **DEADLINE DATES** shown on the 2009 USTA Gulf Coast League Calendar **ARE NOT NEGOTIABLE.**

LOCAL LEAGUE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:

Chris Beddoe (Chairperson)
Suzette Carlson (Member)
Skip St. Amant (Member)

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LOCAL LEAGUE APPEALS COMMITTEE:

Teresa Parrish (Chairperson)
Bubba Neuman (Member)
Nancy Pittman (Member)

LOCAL LEAGUE RULES COMMITTEE

John Wilkinson (Chairperson)
Kevin Martin
Julie Kilduff

LOCAL LEAGUE MARKETING COMMITTEE

Cynthia Render Leach (Co-Chair)
Teresa Mathews (Co-Chair)
James Denson
Clairice Wallace

25. Complaints shall be submitted in accordance with the 2008 USTA League Regulations, with all the facts (who, what, where, when, why, and how), to the Local League Coordinator who will then submit them to the appropriate committee chairperson.
26. By playing in this league, the team captain and all team members agree to and understand that the rules and deadline dates are final and not subject to arbitration of any kind.
27. The 2009 USTA League Regulations, which are the national regulations, have been given to all team captains in booklet form at the captains' meetings Sectional Regulations are located on the web at sta.usta.com. Mississippi regulations are located on the web at mstennis.com

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CHAMPIONSHIP DATES:

USTA League Senior Championship: May 8-10, 2009, Meridian, MS
USTA League Adult Championship: June 11-14, 2009, Jackson, MS
USTA League Southern Sectional Championship, Birmingham, AL: July 18-26, 2009
USTA League Senior Mixed Championship: Aug. 22-23, 2009, Cleveland, MS
USTA Adult Mixed Championship: Sept. 25-27, 2009, Oxford, MS
USTA Super Senior Championship: Oct. 9-11, 2009, Tupelo, MS
Southern Combo Doubles Championship: Dec. 3-6, 2009, Jackson, MS

(NOTE: League championship dates are subject to change.)

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