



USTA SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2019 ADULT MIXED DOUBLES

CHAMPIONSHIP OVERVIEW

USTA South Carolina would like to welcome you and your team to the 2019 USTA South Carolina Adult Mixed Doubles State Championships. Congratulations on a great season! On behalf of the USTA SC Tennis Association, the Board Members and our staff, we are proud to welcome you to our State Championship and wish you the best of luck!

Following is a tournament overview which will provide the captains and players with all the information they will need pertaining to our championship. It is strongly recommended that captains and players become thoroughly familiar with the Championship Procedures and the Championship Overview. This information will be provided in your Captain's packet at check-in for your reference during the championship. If there are any amendments to these documents at any time, they will be updated on the championship web page within a reasonable amount of time. The Championship web page can be found at www.sctennis.com/mixedchamps.

CAPTAIN'S CHECK IN

The Captain's check in will allow for captains to pick up all relevant information prior to the championship start. This will include, but is not limited to, captain's packets, most recent schedules, scorecards and captain's gift. The Championship staff will be available at this time for Captains to ask any questions and/or register any players that have not yet registered online.

If the captain cannot pick up the captain's packet at the designated check in time, a player on the team should be assigned to pick up the packet. For captains who cannot pick up their packet during the posted check in time or get a member of the team to pick up the packet, he/she may pick up their information prior to the start of their first match at the site where their first match will be played.

55 & Over/65 & Over Captain's Check In:

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2019 from 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

Location: Dr. Eddie Floyd Tennis Center, 1300 Jennie O'Bryan Ave., Florence, 29501

Play begins on Friday, September 13, 2019.

18 & Over/40 & Over Captain's Check In:

Date: Friday, September 13, 2019 from 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Location: Dr. Eddie Floyd Tennis Center, 1300 Jennie O'Bryan Ave., Florence 29501

Play begins on Saturday, September 14, 2019.

There will be no Captain's meeting, however, captains are expected to read over and relay all information in their Captain's packet to their players.

CHAMPIONSHIP CONTACT:

Susan Turner – USTA SC Manger of Adult Leagues; turner@sctennis.com; 803-201-1016

For any questions, only captains may reach out to the championship contact. Players should go to captains with all questions.

CHAMPIONSHIP FACILITIES:

Headquarters – Dr. Eddie Floyd Tennis Center, 1300 Jennie O'Bryan Ave., Florence, SC 29501

Additional Facilities: (updated facilities list can be found on the "Sites" link on the championship page)

- Timrod Park – 400 Timrod Park Dr., Florence, SC 29501
- Florence Country Club – 543 Fairway Drive, Florence, SC 29501
- West Florence High School – 221 N. Beltline Dr., Florence, SC 29501

Practice Courts

Practice courts may be available at any sites we are not using for the Championship. Players may not warm up and/or schedule lessons or clinics at any sites that are being used for the State Championship prior to their scheduled matches.

RELEVANT RULES AND INFORMATION:

- In your Captain's packet, you will find the MOST RECENT team schedule and all championship procedures. Please read over and be familiar with the championship procedures including our rainout policy.
- All teams should arrive to their site 30 minutes prior the scheduled match time ready to play.
- Scorecards
 - Print names clearly, first and last name. Names must be the same as on the official roster in TennisLink.
 - Home team is on the left side and the visitor team is on the right side.
 - Please write clearly so the staff person that is inputting the scores can read your card.
 - Make sure your score card is correct before turning it in. We cannot give your card back once it has been turned in.
- The Site Directors will assign the courts for each match. When both cards have been turned in and courts become available, even if it is before the scheduled match time, they will call the players and introduce them as they assign the courts, so all players must be ready to play once the cards are turned in.
- We try very hard to stay on schedule, so it is very important that players get on and off the courts as quickly as possible. At least one player from each team on the court should come to report the score for that court. At the end of the team match, both captains need to report to the site desk to verify and sign the scorecards.
- Teams are expected to complete all individual courts/matches scheduled. A \$100 fine will have to be paid, immediately, for any court defaulted at the championship. A grievance may also be filed against any team defaulting individual courts and/or an entire team match.
- Do not bring alcohol to sites. If you can drink it there, it will be either provided or sold on site.
- Tennis Balls: The official Championship ball is PENN.
NEW BALLS WILL NOT BE GIVEN FOR THE MATCH TIEBREAK.

- Surface: Each NTRP level will play all their matches outdoors on the same surfaces, all clay or all hard. However, different NTRP levels may play on different surfaces. In the event of inclement weather, the surface for any particular level may change and whatever surface is available is what will be used.
- Attire: Players are expected to wear appropriate tennis attire for the event.
- Rain delay: Rain delay information can be found on the championship web page at www.sctennis.com/mixedchamps. In the case of inclement weather, Captains should check this web page at least an hour before their scheduled match for all updates. Do not call the tournament director, referee, or staff for rain delay information. This information will be posted on the championship webpage.
- Wildcards for draws with three groups will be drawn on the final day of round robin play after the last match for that draw has gone on court. The wildcard teams will be posted on the championship web page at that time.
- Awards: Awards and pictures for winners and finalists will be at the Dr. Eddie Floyd Tennis Center immediately following your final match.
- Results will be updated as the scorecards are entered and can be found on the championship web page.

REMINDERS FROM THE REFEREE

- Cell phone/pager warning: This is your official warning. Please make sure all players have their cell phone and/or pager off or on vibrate. If a cell phone or pager goes off in the middle of a point, the opponent may claim the point.
- The schedule in your Captain's packet is your final schedule unless you have been notified otherwise by the Championship Referee or Tournament Director.
- Scoring format: All matches will be the best 2-out-of-3 sets with a 10-point match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set. The Coman tiebreak procedure will be used for all tiebreaks.
- Changeovers: The rest time for game changeovers is 90 seconds except after the first game of the set where no rest time should be taken. The rest time between sets including between the 2nd set and match tiebreaker is 120 seconds. Play should be continuous during any of the tiebreaks.
- Warm-ups: All players get a 10 minute warm-up prior to the match. The site coordinator and/or referee will be timing these warm-ups. NO WARM-UP IS ALLOWED AT ANY TOURNAMENT SITE EXCEPT FOR THE ALLOWED 10-MINUTE WARM-UP PRIOR TO BEGINNING THEIR MATCH.
- Medical Time-Outs: A player in need of a medical time-out should not leave the court unless it is a bathroom issue. Someone not involved in the match should immediately go and get the site coordinator or referee. All medical time-outs will follow the rules addressed in the "Friend at Court".
- Bathroom breaks: A player can take a bathroom break at any time but players should try to take breaks during changeovers or set breaks if possible.
- Rain Procedures: If there is a rain delay, players are not permitted to leave the tennis center unless released by the Championship Referee and/or Tournament Director. Players should report their scores to the site coordinator at the time they were asked to leave the court.
- Point Penalty System (PPS): The Point Penalty System will be used for lateness penalties. The lateness penalty and the 15 minute default period for an individual match begin when the individual match is announced at the site desk. When both score cards are turned in and courts are available, site coordinators will call matches to be put on the court even if it is before the scheduled match time. Captains are responsible for having their players available in the immediate area of the site desk once score cards are turned in. Site coordinators will consult with the Championship Referee when invoking lateness penalties.
- Spectators and/or coaches may not assist in line calls, participate in, or interfere in the match in any manner. Players may not ask for any opinions from spectators or coaches.
- Un-officiated Matches: Matches played at the State Championship are un-officiated matches and all issues on the court should be resolved by the players on the court with no help from spectators or

captains who are spectating. The Championship Referee should only be requested if all players on court cannot resolve the problem on their own and should only be requested by any of those players on that court. Spectators and captain spectators are not permitted to request a Referee unless it is obvious that the issue on the court has gotten out of hand or the players on the court have asked a spectator to get the Referee.

RAIN DELAY INFORMATION

- All teams must remain on-site until notified otherwise by the Tournament Director or Tournament Referee.
- Rain delay information can be found on the Championship web page at www.sctennis.com/mixedchamps.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARKETING

Like us on Facebook and take a look at all the pictures taken at the Championship!

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USTA South Carolina would like to thank all of our captains for their dedication to our league program. We greatly appreciate all of your hard work and commitment in helping us make our leagues the best in USTA tennis. Good luck during this Championship and remember to have fun!

Please be nice to the site coordinators and other volunteers. They are giving up their time to provide you with an outstanding championship experience. Players who display inappropriate behavior to any of the site coordinators, volunteers and/or tournament staff will be subject to a sportsmanship grievance.