



## 2020 Southern & Arkansas Combo Doubles Regulations

As of 12.17.19

Play is governed by the RULES OF TENNIS, "The Code" as contained in the 2020 Friend at Court, and the following Combo Doubles Southern Section Regulations. USTA Southern may adhere to the USTA League National and/or Southern Regulations on items not mentioned in the USTA Southern Combo Doubles or state Combo Doubles regulations. General regulations for the program are listed below. Each State of the USTA Southern Section may supplement these regulations as is required for play within their State. Local and/or State regulations shall not be in conflict with the Southern Combo Doubles Regulations. No Southern Combo Doubles Regulation or Procedure may be waived by a State Association or by any local, state or sectional league coordinator or Grievance or Grievance Appeal Committee. Any violation of these regulations shall be subject to such sanctions as may be imposed by League Grievance or Grievance Appeal Committee procedures outlined in the USTA League Regulations. USTA Southern is the final authority on such actions unless otherwise specified in Bylaws of the USTA or USTA Southern. The Sectional League Coordinator, in conjunction with the USTA Southern Adult League Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, shall have the authority to interpret the Southern Combo Doubles Regulations.

1. All participants must be current members of the USTA and register through Tennis Link.
2. A team shall consist of a minimum of 6 players able to combine to form 3 separate eligible teams. **Arkansas allows up to 14 players per team.**
3. The format of play will be three individual men's or women's doubles matches per team match.

4. Levels offered are straight-level 2.5 and combined-levels 5.5-9.5 (for Combo Doubles 18 & Over), 5.5-8.5 (for Combo Doubles 40 & Over) and 6.5-8.5 (for Combo Doubles 55 & Over). The individual NTRP maximum levels for each combined NTRP division is below:

### NTRP cap for Combined Levels:

NTRP Level	Max NTRP Rating	NTRP Level	Max NTRP Rating
5.5	3.0	8.5	5.0
6.5	3.5	9.5	5.5
7.5	4.0	10.5	6.0

Each individual doubles team's combined NTRP ratings may not exceed the level entered.

5. **NTRP Rating Entry:** Players who do not have a computer rating ("C") or mixed-exclusive rating ("M") 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. 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.

A player may not be dynamically promoted based on match results from Combo Doubles and match results are not calculated in year-end NTRP computer ratings.

6. **Appealed & Self-Ratings:** Players who submit an appeal to their self-rating through the Tennis Link system before their local league deadline for registering players will be permitted to register up to seven days after the notification of final self-rating.

- If a player's rating is appealed down or up during the Combo **local** season, the player must adjust the rating on the roster for the duration of the season and should notify applicable Local League Coordinator to make update on TennisLink roster. Previous matches by the player would stand.
- If a player's rating is appealed down after the Combo **local** season, the player may not adjust the rating on the roster and must continue to use the rating on the roster for the remaining championship year.

7. **Rating Used for Championship Play:** Players must play with the rating on the **TennisLink** roster through the Sectional Championships unless:

- The player appealed up or down during season (see above-mentioned regulation #6), and/or
- The player is dynamically promoted during any championship year.

Regardless of a player's 2019 year-end rating prior to the sectional championship, he/she must use the rating listed on TennisLink roster.

7. **State Championship:** State associations may regulate how many matches, if any, qualify a player to advance to state championship. **State associations may determine advancement on more than one team within an age group only if they are different NTRP levels.**

**Qualifying matches must be local league match if local play is offered.**

8. **Southern Championship:** Players must play in at least one local or state championship match in order to advance to the Combo Doubles Sectional Championships (defaults received do count towards advancement in this program). Players who qualify for a Combo Doubles 18 & Over, Combo Doubles 40 & Over and/or Combo Doubles 55 & Over teams (s) may advance on more than one team within an age group only if they are different NTRP levels. No accommodations for scheduling will be made at Sectional Championships for teams with players that may be competing on two or more teams during a Sectional Championship. If matches are scheduled concurrently in the above-mentioned scenarios, then teams are expected to provide full line-ups for all team matches.

9. **Southern Championship Advancement Process:** If the winning team at any level of State Championship competition is unable to compete further towards the Sectional Championships, then the State League Coordinator may select the second place team for such further competition. The Section may issue wildcards as necessary to fill the draw. If less than four teams are entered in a NTRP level draw within 21 days of event, the draw for the NTRP

level may be cancelled unless otherwise authorized by the Tournament Committee.

**2019-20 Adult League Committee & Subcommittees**

\*Please note that any Southern Adult League Committee and/or subcommittee members may be used on any Grievance Committee should a committee member need to recuse themselves from a grievance.

- Adult League Committee: Helen Martin (GA) – Chairman; Cookie Guarini (NC) – Vice Chair; Chaney Mills (AL); Jenifer Tucker (AR), Ashley Massengale (GA); Leony Barroso (KY); Charles Matthews (KY); Carla Catalano (LA); Whit Rayner (MS); Anna Martin (NC); Nan Smith (SC); Cheryl Thompson (TN); Elizabeth Walker (TN); Chris Walling (Staff); John Herring (KY–Board Liaison); Deanna Garretson (AR – ED Liaison).
- Grievance Sub-Committee: Jenifer Tucker (AR) – Chair; Jim Warren (MS); Carla Catalano (LA); Nan Smith (SC); Marita Edrosa (Staff)
- Grievance Appeal Sub-Committee: Whit Rayner (MS); Chaney Mills (AL); Ashley Massengale (GA); Cheryl Thompson (TN); Marita Edrosa (STA).
- Championship Sub-Committee: Cookie Guarini (NC) – Chair; Leony Barroso (KY); Carla Catalano (LA); Nan Smith (SC); Elizabeth Walker (TN); Marita Edrosa (Staff).
- Rules & Regulations Sub-Committee: Carla Catalano (LA) – Chair; Jenifer Tucker (AR); Anna Martin (NC); Cheryl Thompson (TN); Chris Walling (Staff).
- Medical Appeals SC: Anna Martin (NC) – Chair; Joe Murphy (AR); James Gordon (GA); Nancy Vineyard(TN); Elizabeth Walker (TN); Marita Edrosa(Staff).
- Self-Rate Appeals Sub-Committee: Ashley Massengale (GA) – Chair; Marty Engle (LA); Jason Ontog (TN); Marita Edrosa (Staff).
- Player & Captain Appreciation Sub-Committee: Cheryl Thompson (TN) – Chair; Chaney Mills (AL); Charles Matthews (KY); Whit Rayner (MS); Cookie Guarini (NC); Chris Walling (STA).
- Customer Service & Local Delivery Sub-Committee: Elizabeth Walker (TN) – Chair; Leony Barroso (KY); Whit Rayner (MS); Anna Martin (NC); Nan Smith (SC); Chris Walling (STA).
- 18-39 Demographic Sub-Committee: Leony Barroso (KY) – Chair; Chaney Mills (AL); Charles Matthews (KY); Tom Burnham (STA).