

Southern Combo Doubles State Championships - Valdosta Captain's Packet

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Dear USTA Southern Combo Doubles captain:

Congratulations to you and your teammates for earning a berth to the 2022 Southern Combo Doubles State Championships. The next step on the road to becoming a Sectional Champion is the Georgia State Championships, which will be held **October 21 – 23** in **Valdosta, GA** for Men and Women 18 & Over 5.5, 7.5, 9.5 levels, as well as 40 & Over 6.5 and 8.5 levels. This packet has all the information you will need to register your team. Please review the enclosed materials carefully.

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Good luck to your team. We look forward to seeing you in Valdosta!

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