

# Southern Combo Doubles 2009

## Georgia State Regulations

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### 7.0 COMBO DOUBLES STATE LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All USA League Tennis Regulations in 1.00 GENERAL, 2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES and the following regulations shall apply to the Southern Combo Doubles League Program.

#### 7.01 LOCAL LEAGUE

**7.01A Number of Teams.** A local league shall consist of a minimum of two teams per level in a specified registered CTA that applies local league regulations. A local league may choose to divide any or all NTRP levels into flights. Where flights are used, a playoff structure may be established to determine a champion for each NTRP level. (See 7.01H(l) and 7.01H(5).)

**7.01B Team.** A team shall consist of a minimum of six players eligible to compete at a specific level of competition. The Local League may limit the number of players that appear on a team roster and the number of players that are at a specific NTRP level.

**7.01C Age.** Each player shall have reached the age of nineteen prior to or during the calendar year in which such player plays in his/her first local league match.

**7.01D Entry.** A player without a computer rating must self-rate to enter the program. A player with a current NTRP computer rating must use that rating to enter the program.

**7.01D (1) Note:** Any player disqualified from the adult or senior division may not play at the disqualified NTRP level of play in the Southern Combo Doubles division (and any lower level of play) for the remainder of the league year and for up to three years unless a new NTRP computer rating is generated. A disqualified player becomes a benchmark. In combined leagues, the disqualified player must play with a partner that does not surpass the level entered.

**7.01D (2) Note:** A player may not be dynamically disqualified based on match results from SOUTHERN Combo Doubles and match results are not calculated in year-end NTRP computer ratings. Players may play with the rating submitted on the roster through the Sectional Championships unless the player's year end rating is two levels above the rating on the roster. Once rosters have been submitted for the Sectional Championships, the section will determine and notify the state if any players that were moved two levels at year end are not eligible to play at the middle level.

**7.01E Levels of Play.** The championship levels of play are the combined NTRP levels of 5.0, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5 and 9.5.

To play in the:

5.0 level	your rating cannot exceed 2.5	5.5 level	your rating cannot exceed 3.0
6.5 level	your rating cannot exceed 3.5	7.5 level	your rating cannot exceed 4.0
8.5 level	your rating cannot exceed 4.5	9.5 level	your rating cannot exceed 5.0

**7.01F Men and Women.** Men's and Women's leagues shall be separate at each approved level of competition. The local league shall determine which approved levels shall be available for men and women in local league competition.

**7.01G Scoring and Rest.** Local Leagues may choose any of the USTA approved scoring methods.

**7.01H Competition Format.**

**7.01H(1) Round Robin.** Each NTRP level within a local league shall play at least one round robin competition wherein every team plays every other team. Any NTRP level may be divided into flights and each team shall play every other team in its flight. The flight winners may enter a playoff structure to establish a local league champion for that NTRP level.

**7.01H(2) Team Match and Scoring.** Each team match shall consist of three individual doubles team matches. 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.

**7.01H(3) Individual Match.** An individual match is any Combo Doubles match played as part of a team match.

**7.01H(4) Team Lineups.** The team captains for each team shall exchange their team match lineups 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. If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five (5) minute warm-up. The forfeit principles in 7.03L shall be applicable, with such modifications as a sectional association may authorize.

**7.01H(5) Player Participation.**

**7.01H(5) a.** A player may play on one team at an NTRP level in the **same** local league (CTA) during the **same** season. In local leagues (CTA's) where NTRP levels are divided into flights, players may not play in more than one flight.

**7.01H(5) b.** A local league (CTA) may authorize participation in more than one NTRP level in the **same** local league (CTA) during the **same** season.

**7.01H(5) c.** A player may play on more than one team within an NTRP level in the same season provided it is in separate local leagues (CTA's).

**7.01H(5) d.** Where there is no local Senior Combo league, a Senior team may advance directly to the State Championship in the Senior division. If a Senior team plays in the Adult League, all matches for both the adult team and the senior team will count in the standings and toward meeting the one match eligibility regulation.

**7.01H(5) e.** Players may play on both Adult and Senior combo teams, however if both the Adult and Senior team advance to the State Championship, the player must qualify in both divisions.

**7.01H(5) f.** Players who qualify for the State Championship must choose which one team they will represent. However, a player who qualifies for the State Championship in both the Adult and Senior divisions, are permitted to play on both teams at the State Championship.

**7.01H(5) g.** An individual may play in one doubles match within each team match.

**7.01H(6) Coaching.** Coaching will be permitted during the rest period only if the scoring method is the best of three sets and there is a 10-minute rest period between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> sets.

**7.01I Local League Champions.** At the conclusion of local league competition, the local league coordinator shall certify to the State League Coordinator the results of the local league competition, the names(s), email address(es) of the team captain(s), and team number (s). Local league competition must be concluded prior to October 17, 2008.

## **7.02 PROGRESSION.**

**7.02A Local League Competition.** Each team that wins a specific level of local league (CTA) competition shall be entitled to advance to the State Championship. If a local league (CTA) holds two seasons at a specific level, they must have a minimum of three teams participating in one of the two seasons at that level to receive two invitations to the State Championship.

**7.02B State Championships.** Each State association shall determine and announce a method or progression suitable for its registered CTA for advancement of its local league teams to State League Championships. The winning team at each level at the State Championship shall be eligible to compete in the League Sectional Championships.

### **7.02B(1) All leagues in Georgia: Men, Women, and Business Women**

- a.** One berth per season for a maximum of **9** teams in any given level.
- b.** Two berths per season for a maximum of **19** teams in any given level.
- c.** Over **19** teams, for each additional 10 teams, an additional berth is given.
- d.** In local league(s) conducting separate playing schedules for Women's day/night or weekday/business leagues, the local league will determine which one team shall progress to the State Championships, except as noted in 7.02B(1)e.
- e.** If the number of teams in both the Women's day/night and weekday/business leagues should reach a minimum of five (5) teams at any given level, the local league may request additional representation at the State Championships.

### **7.03 LOCAL LEAGUE, STATE and SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

#### **7.03A Eligibility.**

**7.03A(1).** The Local League or State has the authority to determine the progression of teams to its Championship competition by (1) determining a champion of the preceding level of competition by NTRP category or (2) the use of the Championship Wildcard Procedures. Champions of the preceding level of competition must be included in the progression.

**7.03A(2).** An individual player may play in only one doubles match within each team match.

**7.03A(3).** No individual is eligible to progress to the State Championship unless he/she has played on that same team in at least one match during the Local League season. A defaulted match shall count as a match played for the player(s) who received the default. A retired match shall count for all players involved. In cases where there is a single team at the 5.0, 5.5, 8.5 and 9.5 Adult levels or 6.5, 7.5 and 8.5 Senior levels from a CTA, the requirement for playing one match is waived. If no local competition is offered at the 5.0, 5.5, 8.5 and 9.5 Adult levels or 6.5, 7.5 and 8.5 Senior levels from a CTA, a team may advance directly to the State Championship at which that level of competition is offered.

**7.03A(4).** A minimum of six members who were on the final roster of their local league team at the conclusion of local league play must be available and eligible to compete at the State Championships and above. The Championship Tournament Committee, by majority vote, may reduce that number to not less than four.

**7.03B. Official League Championship Entry.** The Captain's Information Sheet, the Team Information sheet, a copy of the tennislink roster and the entry fee must be submitted by the team captain or coordinator to the State League Coordinator prior to **October 16, 2009.**

**7.03C. Scoring and Rest.** All Matches will be the best of two sets and the set tiebreak shall be used a 6-all in each set. In the event of split sets, a set or match tiebreak shall be played in lieu of a third set with the two minute set break with no coaching allowed. (The tiebreak shall be scored as 1 set and 1 game for tiebreak procedures.) For play at or below the State level, the State association may authorize the use of other USTA approved scoring methods and other scoring methods that are compatible with the USTA NTRP Computer Rating System. At the State Championship level, if an emergency or other condition dictates, the tournament referee may authorize the use of other USTA approved scoring methods in order to complete play on schedule.

**7.03D Competition Format.** The Championships Committee shall determine the format for the competition.

**7.03D(I) Round Robin.** If round robin competition is used, than each team shall play every other team in its flight and the team with the most team points shall be champion in its flight. The use of flights requires a playoff structure to establish a champion.

**7.03D(2) Single Elimination.** If single elimination competition is used, then each team shall be drawn in tournament format in accordance with the USTA Tournament Regulations.

**7.03E Team Match & Scoring.** A team match format shall be three individual doubles matches. The team winning the majority of those three individual matches shall be awarded one team point.

**7.03F Participation.** An individual player may play in only one doubles match within each team match.

**7.03G Substitutions.** No substitutions may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to, illness of, or disqualification of a player, prior to the start of such match, and except under such further circumstances as the championship committee may authorize. If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five (5) minute warm-up.

**7.03H Coaching.** No coaching is allowed during a match.

**7.03I Procedures in the Event of a Tie.** In the event of a tie, whether in a round robin or single elimination competition, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:

**7.03I(1) Individual Matches.** Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.

**7.03I(2) Sets.** Loser of the fewest number of sets.

**7.03I(3) Games.** Loser of the fewest number of games.

**7.03I(4) Head-to-Head.** Winner of head- to-head match.

**7.03I(5) A method to be determined by the championship committee:**  
procedures to be announced prior to commencement of championship competition.

**7.03J Individual Forfeits (DEFAULTS):** An individual forfeit (default) occurs when a player fails to appear on time, or is defaulted by a tournament official for misconduct.

**7.03K Scoring of Individual Forfeits (DEFAULTS):** The forfeits described in 7.03J will be scored as a 6-0, 6-0 win for the doubles team receiving the forfeit and a 6-0, 6-0 loss for the doubles team that forfeited the match. In the event of a forfeit by both opposing teams, both sides will be given a 6-0, 6-0 loss and neither receives credit for a win.  
NOTE: If a double default results in a tie, the tiebreak procedures shall be the same as in 6.03I in order to determine a winner of that team match.

**7.03L Team Forfeits.** If a team must forfeit one position in a match, they may do so without forfeiting the entire match. Said position shall be the No.3 Doubles.

**7.03M Scoring of Team Forfeits.** If a team forfeits an entire team match for any reason during round robin play at the State Championship, then all matches of that team played or to be played, shall be null and void. If all teams in contention for the Championships have already played the forfeiting team in good faith, the matches stand as played. The State may impose further sanctions or penalties on said team.

**7.03N Retirement.** A retirement occurs when an individual match has started and a player (doubles team) is unable to continue due to injury, loss of condition or emergency.

**7.03O Scoring of Retirements.** In case of a retirement, the non-retiring player (doubles team) shall be credited with such number of additional games as would have been won if the match was completed and the non-retiring player (doubles team) won every subsequent game. **NOTE:** For NTRP computer data entry, actual scores are required.