

## 2008 USTA Georgia Closed Qualifying and USTA Southern Closed Information

**USTA Georgia Junior Closed Qualifying Information – Tournament #703457908**  
**Players seeking endorsement to the USTA Southern Closed Championships must play in the Qualifying (excluding waived players) AND must play in the age division they want to be endorsed to the USTA Southern Closed Championships. All players must play doubles in the same age division in which they have entered singles in the USTA Georgia Junior Closed Qualifying.**

**Doubles Sign-up – There will be no sign-up for Doubles at the Qualifying . See information for Doubles sign-up under “Entry Deadline” below.**

**BIRTH CERTIFICATES:** All players must have a Birth Certificate or Green Card on file in the USTA Southern Office for proof of US citizenship prior to playing in the Georgia State Junior Closed Qualifying Championship. Birth Certificate Deadline is 11:59 pm, May 12, 2008. Please check the following link to see if you have one on file with USTA Southern:

[http://southerntennis.com/cgi-bin/db.cgi?db=default&uid&view\\_search=1](http://southerntennis.com/cgi-bin/db.cgi?db=default&uid&view_search=1)

If you do not see your name in the search, it means that USTA Southern does not have it on file. You can fax it to 770-368-9091 or e-mail to [howard@sta.usta.com](mailto:howard@sta.usta.com).

Date: BG 10-18 May 31-June 6, 2008 (the tournament will end June 5, 2008, weather permitting).  
Site: Macon, GA.  
Ages: BG 10-18 (singles & doubles).  
Draw Size: BG 12-18 64 Draw.  
BG 10 32 Draw.  
Entry: On-line registration using TennisLink for singles & doubles.  
Waiver Deadline: May 7, Noon  
Entry Deadline: Singles: May 12, 2008 at 11:59 pm.  
Doubles Online: May 21, 2008 at 11:59 pm  
Birth Certificate Deadline: May 12, 2008 at 11:59 pm. Birth Certificate or Green Card must be on file with USTA Southern by this date.  
Selections Posted: Singles Selections will be based primarily on the May 13, 2008 USTA Georgia Standings.  
Singles Selections posted online on the tournament website no later than 5 pm, Monday, May 19, 2008  
Draws Posted: Singles draws posted no later than 5 pm, Monday, May 26, 2008.  
Doubles draws posted no later than 5 pm, Wednesday, May 28, 2008.  
Seeding/Singles: USTA Southern Section Standings will be the major consideration. However, other results and standings will be taken into consideration.  
Matches: **BG 12-18.**

First day of the tournament: One (1) Doubles, One (1) Singles, One (1) Doubles. BG 18 matches will begin at 2 pm because of SAT conflicts.

Second day of the tournament: One (1) Singles (Main Draw), One (1) Singles (Consolation), Two (2) Doubles.

Third day of the tournament: One (1) Singles (Main Draw), Two (2) Singles (Consolation), Doubles Finals.

Fourth day of tournament: One (1) Singles (Main Draw), Two (2) Singles (Consolation).

**BG 10.**

First day of the tournament: One (1) Doubles, One (1) Singles (Main Draw).

Second day of the tournament: One (1) Main Draw match or One (1) Consolation match and Two (2) Doubles matches.

Scoring Format:

**BG 12 –18.**

Singles Main Draw and Consolation Regular Scoring (2 out of 3 sets).

Doubles 8-game pro sets.  
(Match tie-break at 8-all).

**BG 10**

Singles Main Draw and Consolation Short Scoring (2 out of 3 sets with a 3<sup>rd</sup> set match tie-break).

Doubles 8-game pro set.  
(Match tie-break at 8-all).

**Summary of Important Dates:**

April 30 Entries open for the Southern Closed  
May 7 USTA Georgia Waiver deadline is Noon  
**May 12 Singles Entries Deadline is 11:59 pm**  
May 12 Birth Certificate or Green Card must be on file with USTA Southern by 11:59 pm  
May 13 USTA Georgia Standings Updated on website  
May 19 Singles Selections posted on the tournament website no later than 5:00 pm  
May 21 **DOUBLES ONLY** – Deadline is 11:59 pm  
May 22 Singles Seeds posted by 5:00 pm  
May 26 Singles draws and first match times posted on tournament website no later than 5:00 pm  
May 28 Doubles draws and first match times posted on tournament website no later than 5:00 pm  
May 31 BG 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 Doubles and Singles play begins  
BG 18 draws begin not before 2 pm  
June 5 USTA Georgia Standings run for selections to the USTA Southern Closed Championships  
**June 6 Deadline to apply for the USTA Southern Closed Championship – 11:59 pm**

June 9	Endorsement list posted on each USTA Southern Closed Championship website no later than Noon
June 10	All applicants should check the appropriate USTA Southern Closed Championship website for selections/alternates after 5:00 pm
June 12	USTA Southern Closed Championship draws and first match times posted after 12:00 Noon

### **Southern Closed Information**

**Players must be endorsed by USTA Georgia for the USTA Southern Closed Championships. Players must play in the Qualifying in the age division in which they want to be endorsed to the USTA Southern Closed Championships. All players must play doubles in the same age division in which they have entered singles in the USTA Georgia Junior Closed Qualifying.**

The Southern Section is comprised of the following nine southern states: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Each state is allotted a quota of players, determined by USTA junior membership, to represent the state at the USTA Southern Closed Championship.

USTA Georgia's quota in each age division and gender for the USTA Southern Closed Championships is as follows:

BG 10	20
BG 12	41
BG 14, 16, 18	43

### **Criteria for Endorsement to the USTA Southern Closed Championships**

Players must play in the Qualifying in the age division the player wants to be endorsed to the USTA Southern Closed Championships. In some instances, players who meet outlined criteria may be waived from the Qualifying and still be endorsed to the USTA Southern Closed Championships. The major consideration for endorsement to the USTA Southern Closed Championships will be the June 5, 2008 USTA Georgia Standings.

**BG 10 age division:** USTA Georgia will select the 20 highest-ranked players (including waivers) who have competed in the Qualifying and have applied to the USTA Southern Closed Championships.

**BG 12, 14, 16, 18 age divisions:** In the BG 12 age division USTA Georgia will select the 41 highest-ranked players (including waivers) who have competed in the Qualifying and have applied to the USTA Southern Closed Championships. In the BG 14, 16, 18 age divisions USTA Georgia will select the 43 highest-ranked players (including waivers) who have competed in the Qualifying and have applied to the USTA Southern Closed Championships.

In these age divisions, players who reach the round of 16 at the Qualifying and who apply to the USTA Southern Closed Championships will automatically be selected. The remaining players, including any waived players, will be selected from the Qualifying.

**ALTERNATES:** In addition to the combined quotas for all states in the USTA Southern Section, at least 14 places are retained for alternates. Therefore, players who fall outside the USTA Georgia quota and want to go to the USTA Southern Closed Junior

Championships are encouraged to submit an application. It is the player's responsibility to ascertain his/her entry status for the USTA Southern Closed Junior Championships. Additional alternate information will be given in the appropriate USTA Southern Closed Junior Championship entry form and/or on the Internet.

**WAIVERS:** Under special circumstances, GA players may be waived from the Qualifying Championships and receive endorsement to the Southern Closed Junior Championships. Those requesting a waiver must meet the following requirements and follow these procedures:

1. Players who meet the USTA Southern Section waiver requirements to play up in the USTA Southern Closed Junior Championships but be endorsed to USTA National Championships in a lower age division may be waived from the Qualifying. The deadline to request a waiver from USTA Georgia is Noon, May 7, 2008. The request must be submitted in writing to the USTA Georgia Office, attention: Waiver Committee.

2. Players who are on the summer USTA National Selection List for the USTA National Clay Court Championships or USTA National Hard Court Championships as detailed below may request a waiver from the Qualifying for the USTA Southern Closed Junior Championships in the age division the player will play in the USTA National Clay or the USTA National Hardcourts.

Draws of 192:            Players listed in positions 1-24

Draws of 128:            Players listed in positions 1-16

3. Requests for a waiver for illness, injury, or extreme emergency must be properly documented and submitted in writing to the USTA Georgia Office, attention: Waiver Committee. A medical waiver does not guarantee selection to the Southern Closed.

Once a waiver request has been approved, the decision will not be reversed.

### **USTA Southern Closed Championships**

BG 10's	June 14-17, 2008	Lexington, SC	ID#704102508
BG 12's	June 14-18, 2008	Columbia, SC	ID#704110508
BG 14's	June 14-21, 2008	Macon, GA	ID#703410808
BG 16's	June 14-21, 2008	Rome, GA	ID#703472008
BG 18's	June 14-21, 2008	Little Rock, AR	ID#703302108

**USTA Team Georgia T-shirts:** USTA Georgia will provide Team Georgia t-shirts to players who are endorsed and participate in the USTA Southern Closed Championships. A USTA Georgia representative will be at each of the USTA Southern Closed Championships to distribute the t-shirts. More information will be available at the Qualifying.

**10&U Coaching for the BG 10 USTA Southern Closed Championship:** USTA Georgia will send a coach to the BG 10 USTA Southern Closed Championship. The USTA Georgia coach will help warm up Georgia players and answer questions from players and parents. The services of the coach will be available for the first few days of the tournament. More information will be available at the Qualifying.

**Go to:**

<http://www.southern.usta.com/juniortournaments/custom.sps?iType=4524&icustompageid=10403>

for more information about the USTA Southern Closed Championships.