



2023 Southern Combo Doubles Mississippi Regulations as of 1/18/2023

Southern Combo Regulations have full force and applicability for this program in Mississippi and there is no authorization to modify, amplify or change them by local or State League Coordinators, or Grievance or Grievance Appeals Committees. 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 State League Coordinator, in conjunction with the Mississippi Adult Leagues Committee Chairman, shall have the authority to interpret the Mississippi Combo Regulations. Southern Combo Regulations are available on the Mississippi Tennis Association website (www.mstennis.com). Printed below are the Mississippi Combo Regulations as authorized by the Southern Combo Regulations.

All Southern Combo Regulations shall apply to the Mississippi Combo League with the modifications allowed to the state listed below:

1. A team shall consist of players eligible to compete at a specific level of competition in which the combination of partners' ratings does not exceed the playing level. The maximum NTRP rating allowed at each level is indicated in the chart below. The minimum number of players on a roster is six (6). The maximum number of players on a roster is fourteen (14). A local league may further limit the number of players that appear on a team roster. Divisions and League Types will be in accordance with the table below:

| Division | League Type | Local League and State Championship Levels of Play | Maximum NTRP rating allowed at each level |
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| Adult | 18 & Over | 2.5, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5 | The maximum rating for 2.5 is 2.5; for 5.5 is 3.0; for 6.5 is 3.5; for 7.5 is 4.0; for 8.5 is 5.0; for 9.5 is 5.5 |
| | 40 & Over | 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5 | |
| | 55 & Over | 6.5, 7.5, 8.5 | |

2. Residency and Participation
 - a. At least 50% of players on teams advancing directly with no local play to the state championship must reside in the local league in which the team is registered unless the entire division is a local at state league.
 - b. Teams that play a local league at a state championship may have no more than 50% out of state players on their Tennislink roster.
3. In accordance with principles in the National Regulations (2.03L), the following will apply to teams defaulting an entire team match during local or local at state competition:
 - a. The defaulting team is ineligible to advance beyond local league, but may continue to play the remainder of local matches.
 - b. If the defaulting team continues to play, the remainder of the local season matches will be recorded in Tennis Link for the purpose of satisfying match play requirements for opponents only.
 - c. At the end of the season all matches of a defaulting team will be removed from the stats and standings in Tennis Link, UNLESS:
 - d. All teams with a mathematical chance to advance have already played the defaulting team in good faith, the matches shall stand as played when determining standings
 - e. During local play, the local league coordinator may recommend the forfeiture of team deposit and/or file a grievance with the local grievance committee. During championship play the deposit may be forfeited and the championship committee may impose further penalties such as, but not limited to, monetary fines and player suspensions.
4. Local leagues are responsible for :
 - a. League season and registration dates for local play with approval of state league coordinator
 - b. Scoring format of local competition and procedures regarding score reporting.
 - i. All tiebreaks shall follow the Coman tiebreak procedure.
 - ii. Scores must be reported in TennisLink within 48 hours of the completed team match. TennisLink will automatically confirm scores 48 hours after the team match is initially reported in TennisLink if not confirmed by opposing captain. Team captains of matches with unreported scores will be contacted by the local league coordinator if a team match has not been reported.
 - c. Rescheduling of local matches
5. Where local play is available, ONE local match is required to advance to championship play. In all cases a default received or retirement counts as one match. Players may advance on more than one team to the State Championships. Players participating on more than one team will not be given any consideration with regard to scheduling or rest time. Players may not participate on more than one team at the same level in the same league type. To advance to Sectional Competition, all players must play in at least one match or receive one default.
6. Winning teams shall progress from local league competition in accordance with the table below:

| ADULT 18 & OVER 5.0-7.5 ADULT 40 & OVER 5.5-7.5 | | ADULT 18 & OVER 8.5 and 9.5 ADULT 40 & OVER 8.5 ADULT 55 & OVER (ALL) | |
|--|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| # of teams in league | # of teams to advance | # of teams in league | # of teams to advance |
| 1-10 teams | 1 team | 2-5 teams | 1 team |
| 11-20 teams | 2 teams | 6-10 teams | 2 teams |

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|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| 21-30 teams | 3 teams | 11-15 teams | 3 teams |
| 31-40 teams | 4 teams | | |
| 41-50 teams | 5 teams | | |
| 51-60 teams | 6 teams | | |

7. The State League Coordinator and the Championship Official will determine the format for the State Championships. If a local league has two teams in the same level, those teams will be placed in separate flights provided there are two flights in that level. Levels with multiple flights will enter into semi-finals and/or finals to determine an overall winner. Levels with three flights will have a blind draw from second place teams to determine the fourth semi-finalist. A blind draw or Tennislink will be used to determine opponents for the semi-final matches. If a local league has two teams in the same level, the referee will place those teams in separate flights provided there are two flights in that level. All matches will be the best of three sets and the set tiebreak shall be used at 6-all in each set. In lieu of a third set, a match tiebreak shall be played. The state may issue wildcards as necessary to fill the draw or to replace teams. Wildcards will be determined by blind draw. Wildcards will not be issued to leagues with fewer than three teams or to teams without an overall winning record (50% or more matches won). The State League Coordinator (tournament director) may issue additional invitations to fill a draw or based on overall number of teams in the state regardless of record or size of the local league.
8. These Mississippi Combo Regulations may be amended by the Mississippi Adult League Committee.
9. State Grievance Committees & Grievance Appeal Committees are formed as necessary first utilizing members of the Adult League Committee and then other committee members selected by the Adult League Committee Chairman or State League Coordinator.

2023-2024 USTA Mississippi Adult League Committee:

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| Donald Jones, Chair | Dennis Butler | Kevin Martin |
| Katie Boykin | Emily Stewart | Melanie Fink |
| Jason Ohler | Leslie Branning | |

Lindsey Dye, MTA Staff

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DATES AND LOCATIONS:

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| November 3-5, 2023 (18 & Over and 40 & Over) | Jackson-Ridgeland, MS |
| November 3-5, 2023 (55 & Over) | Vicksburg, MS |