



2011 Kentucky Southern Combo Doubles Regulations

Play is governed by the RULES OF TENNIS; "The Code" as contained in the 2011 Friend at Court, The USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations, USTA Southern Sectional Regulations and the following Kentucky Southern Combo Doubles Regulations.

Each local league must supplement these regulations for play within their league. Local regulations may not be in conflict with any Kentucky or USTA Southern **Section** general regulation. No Southern Combo Doubles Regulation or Procedure may be waived by a Local 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 the USTA Kentucky Adult League Committee (ALC) with the approval of the USTA Kentucky Executive Committee. The State League Coordinator (SLC), in conjunction with the USTA KY ALC Chairperson shall have the authority to interpret the Kentucky Southern Combo Doubles Regulations.

All teams participating in the 2011 Adult, Senior or Super Senior Southern Combo Doubles season must be registered in TennisLink by the initial roster deadline of **September 30, 2011**. This means a team must have at least 6 players (**able to combine to form three teams**) registered by this date in order to be eligible to advance to Championship play. Last day of play for Southern Combo Doubles is **October 5, 2011**. Exceptions may be given by the Kentucky ALC.

1. A team shall consist of a minimum of six players eligible to compete at a specific level. A minimum of six players must be registered by the initial roster deadline. The format of play will be three individual men or women's doubles matches per team match.
2. All participants must be current members of the USTA. All participants must reach 18 years of age for Adult divisions, 50 for Senior divisions and 60 for Super Senior divisions during the calendar year in which they play their first local league match.
3. Levels offered will be combined Adult 5.0, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, and 10.5. The maximum level of play allowed at the combined 5.0 level would be 2.5. Senior 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5 and Super Senior combined levels 6.5, 7.5, and 8.5. Doubles partners combined NTRP rating can not exceed level of play. NOTE: There are no limitations as to a player's rating for a particular level. For example, for an 8.5 COMBO level, the players can have an NTRP rating of 3.0 + 5.5 or 4.0+ 4.5 or 3.5 + 5.0.
4. The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) is the official system for rating levels of competition in Southern Combo Doubles. Adult players without a computer rating from **2008, 2009 or 2010** may self-rate themselves in accordance with the NTRP guidelines. Age 60 and above without a computer rating for **2009, 2010** may self rate in accordance with the NTRP guidelines.
5. A player may not be dynamically disqualified based on match results from 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 **Section** Championships unless the player's year end rating is two levels above the rating on the roster. Once rosters have been submitted for the **Section** 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.
6. A participant may play on more than one team; however, a participant may not play on more than one Adult/Senior/Super Senior team in the same level. For example, a participant may play on a 7.5 team

and an 8.5 team but may not play on two different 7.5 teams in the same local league. However, a participant may play on the same level for an adult and senior team. No special scheduling consideration will be given to players who play on more than one team.

7. CTA may add a nominal fee to their existing league fee, but the fee must first be approved by the SLC and the Kentucky ALC. The CTA must request in writing prior to the registration being opened for each USTA league program that it intends to add a nominal fee, specifying the amount and a detailed explanation of how the funds will be used. Once approved, the amount of the nominal fee as well as how the funds will be used must be published in the CTAs local league rules and regulations. A detailed accountability form must be submitted to the SLC by November 1st showing how funds were used or they will not be eligible to add additional fees the following year for any program. CTAs must qualify and apply for the Community Development Local Membership Grant before requesting additional funds through league registrations. If all requirements are not met then the CTA will not be allowed to request additional fees the following year.
8. Local Leagues may determine the maximum number of players on a roster. This number must be published in local league regulations
9. The team winning the majority of individual matches shall be awarded one team point.
10. Any local league divided into flights must establish and publish playoff regulations and the format for determination of local league winners. Playoff regulations must be published prior to the start of the league season.
11. Local leagues shall determine the procedures and/or penalties if a team forfeits an entire team match during local league play. This should be published in the local league regulations.
12. Scores must be reported in TennisLink within 48 hours of the completed team match and confirmed within another 48 hours. Local Leagues may determine any penalty for a team not adhering to these guidelines.
13. All local leagues must play a minimum of four matches. All teams must participate in the same number of round robins as every team in the flight.
14. All local league matches shall be the best of two sets and the Set Tiebreak In lieu of a third set; a Match Tiebreak (first to ten by two) shall be played. The Match tiebreak shall be scored as 1 set plus 1 game for tiebreak procedures. There will be no rest period or coaching. The scoring in the event of a default, forfeit or disqualification (not based on NTRP) shall be 6-0, 6-0. Pro-Sets are not permitted in this league. The local league shall determine and publish in their local regulations if the Coman format is to be used during local league play.
15. A player may play on two adult and two senior teams while advancing to the Kentucky State Championships, however there will be NO scheduling considerations. Due to the limited number of courts and times, it may be difficult for a player to participate on multiple teams.
16. If there are no other Senior, Adult or Super Senior Combo Doubles teams at a given level in your local area, the LLC must notify the SLC by September 30, 2011 and these teams may be allowed to advance directly to the State Championships.
17. Where there is no local senior Combo league, a senior team may play in an adult division. The matches will be entered into TennisLink to determine the standings. The senior team will be eligible to advance directly to Kentucky Championships in Senior Division and the adult teams will advance in the order they finished.
18. If a schedule has been created for a local league that a team is trying to enter, before the published registration deadline that local league will not have to accommodate any team from another area. A