



Gulf Coast
2012 Adult, Senior, Mixed Doubles, and Combo Local League Regulations
Subject to change based on National/Sectional or State Regulations
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USTA League Tennis National, Southern, and Mississippi Regulations have full force and applicability at all levels of play in USTA League Tennis 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 USTA Mississippi Adult League Committee Chairman, shall have the authority to interpret the USTA League Tennis Mississippi Regulations. USTA League Tennis Regulations (National, Southern and Mississippi) are available on the Mississippi Tennis Association website: www.mstennis.com.

All USTA, Southern, and Mississippi Regulations with the modifications listed below, shall apply to the Gulf Coast League Programs. (Note: information included herein should be applied in conjunction with all applicable USTA, Southern, and Mississippi League Regulations)

FAILURE TO FOLLOW ANY OF THE USTA, SOUTHERN, MISSISSIPPI, AND LOCAL LEAGUE REGULATIONS COULD RESULT IN LOSS OF SECURITY DEPOSIT AND OR OTHER SANCTIONS

OFFICIAL TEAM ENTRY

Teams must register in Tennis Link by the deadline. The coordinator reserves the right to extend this deadline upon consultation with the state league coordinator due to extenuating circumstances.

Official team entry is satisfied when all of the following requirements are met by the deadline set by the coordinator. A team is NOT officially registered and matches will NOT be entered in Tennis Link until all criteria are met.

1. Submission of completed entry form
2. Security Deposit of \$150 per team made payable to MTA submitted to coordinator
3. Match Scheduling completed and submitted to coordinator

OUT OF STATE PARTICIPATION

The maximum number of out-of-state players on a team roster shall comply with the table below. Teams must be in compliance with this rule on the day the match is played.

# of players on roster	# from out of state
14-16 on the roster	4 may be from out of state
10-13 on the roster	3 may be from out of state
6-9 on the roster	2 may be from out of state

TEAM MATCH FORMAT

All individual matches shall be the best of three sets, regular scoring, with a **set tiebreak** (first to 7 by 2) at six all in each set. In lieu of a third set, a **match tiebreak** (first to ten by 2) shall be played. All tiebreaks shall follow the Coman tiebreak procedure. There will be a two minute set break at the end of each set, **with no coaching**.

MATCH PLAY, LINEUP EXCHANGE, and FORFEITS

Players participating in a league match must be registered in Tennis Link prior to participation.

Lineups should be filled out completely and exchanged by match time. Default will be declared 15 minutes after match start time.

An individual default occurs when a player(s) fail to appear properly clothed, equipped and ready to play within 15 minutes of the scheduled match time.

Teams may not forfeit an entire match. For a five court match, a maximum of two courts may be defaulted; for a 3 court match, only one court may be defaulted. Please see state regulations for further information concerning penalty for match forfeits.

In the event of illness, injury, disqualification, or no-show of a player prior to the start of an individual match (once the lineup has been exchanged) a team may substitute a player in the affected position within the 15 minute default time, using a player not already listed in the lineup. If no such substitution can be made, the affected position will be forfeited. If a team cannot field an entire match, they must forfeit beginning at the bottom of the score card (either singles or doubles) and work upward.

In the spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play, a team should be advised by its opponent of a known default. The defaulting captain will be able to designate at what position (2nd singles or 3rd doubles) a known default will occur.

Incomplete matches that in any way affect the outcome of 1st-3rd places must be completed by the date specified by the LLC. Failure to do so can result in the loss of the security deposit, and other sanctions may also be imposed.

Teams may be allowed up to two weeks after the Captain's Meetings to make any changes to their schedule. After this, if matches are played at times other than the published scheduled time, even if agreed to by both captains, a grievance can be filed by the LLC against both captains, which may result in loss of the security deposit and/or other sanctions.

SCORE REPORTING

Match scores should be recorded in Tennis Link **within 48 hours** of the completion of the team match. The **winning team** is responsible for reporting match scores. The other team should confirm scores within 48 hours of score entry. Tennis Link will automatically confirm scores 48 hours after the team match is reported if not confirmed by opposing team captain.

RESCHEDULING MATCHES

A team match may be rescheduled **ONLY** under the following circumstances: rain or severe temperatures (40 degrees or lower). In the case of rain or inclement weather, the match should not be cancelled until 3 hours prior to the scheduled match.

In the event that inclement weather occurs during match play, completed individual matches will stand as played. For individual matches in progress, the same players at the exact set, game and point must resume play at an agreed upon date and time. Substitutions may only be made in individual matches that had not begun. Any forfeit during the original lineup exchange will stand and players involved in such forfeits may not participate in the rescheduled match. These incomplete matches should be made up within 2 weeks. Matches may be made up individually, if agreeable to both captains.

In the event that rain or inclement weather forces the postponement of a match before play begins, the match will be treated normally and scorecards will be exchanged at the new match time. Verbal forfeits offered prior to the original written lineup exchange are nullified when the match is rescheduled due to rain or inclement weather.

Rescheduled or postponed matches must be reported to the LLC and then rescheduled in a timely manner, within two weeks, if at all possible. The time period may be extended depending on extreme weather situations at the discretion of the LLC. Once a date has been agreed upon, an e-mail or text should be sent notifying the LLC of this date and the time. This e-mail or text should also have the other captain copied. If teams cannot agree on a rescheduled date, the LLC will assign a time and date for the match. Failure to agree on a time or failure to make up a match in the allotted time may result in a double forfeit for both teams.

DETERMINATION OF LEAGUE WINNER

The team with the most team wins will be the league champion and advance to the State Championship. In the event of a tie, USTA procedures shall govern as follows:

1. Team with most individual match wins.
2. Team with fewest sets lost.
3. Team with the fewest number of games lost.
4. Winner of the head to head match.
5. A method to be determined by the Local League Coordinator

TEAM CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Meeting all requirements for team entry.
2. Attending the mandatory local league captain's meeting or appointing a representative to attend.
3. Insuring that all team members meet eligibility requirements.
4. Scheduling matches
5. Verifying match schedules when posted on TennisLink.
6. Confirming the match time with the opponent on the day prior to the match.
7. Entering the scores within 48 hours and confirming scores online within 48 hours of completed matches being recorded.
8. Reading and familiarizing self with local league regulations.
9. Arranging for the tennis balls for each match (home team providing balls).
10. Providing accurate email address and contact numbers for correspondence.
11. Keeping the LLC informed of the status of postponed/rescheduled matches.
12. Be a good sport and encourage your team members to do the same! Always remember this is a fun, recreational league!
13. Have fun!

GENERAL

1. Coaching is not permitted at any time.
2. Cell Phones: If a player's cell phone rings during match play, that player automatically loses the point. A player should not use or talk on the cell phone while on the court
3. Bathroom Breaks may be taken as needed during the match
4. Only new balls that are approved by the USTA for championship play should be used.
5. There will be no refund for players who register on the wrong team. In some cases, the LLC can move players from one team to another. If a player makes an error, call the LLC before re-registering.

GRIEVANCES

Please refer to National Regulations 3.00 for full details on Grievance Procedures

1. All complaints alleging a violation by an individual or team during local league competition shall be filed in writing with the Local Coordinator. The complaint must be filed prior to the commencement of the next team match in that flight involving such individual or team, or within twenty-four hours after the end of local league play, whichever occurs first.
2. A complaint against an individual or team may only be filed by (a) the team captain of the team who has competed in the match where the alleged violation occurred, (b) a league coordinator, or (c) a member of a Championships Committee.
3. NTRP grievances shall be filed in writing with the State League Coordinator. NTRP grievances may be filed at any time up to forty-eight hours after the conclusion of a player's Section Championships. NTRP grievances shall be handled by a Section committee

COMMITTEES

LOCAL LEAGUE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE: Kevin Martin-Chairperson, Julie Kilduff, Archie Reeves
LOCAL LEAGUE APPEALS COMMITTEE: Teresa Parrish-Chairperson, Shane Hutchinson, John Martinolich
LOCAL LEAGUE RULES COMMITTEE: Candace Atwood-Chairperson, Ruth Welch, Pam Wixon

