



2012 Kentucky Southern Combo Doubles Regulations

Play is governed by the RULES OF TENNIS; "The Code" as contained in the 2012 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, 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 2012 Adult, Senior or Super Senior Southern Combo Doubles season must be registered in TennisLink by the initial roster deadline of [September 10, 2012](#). 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, 2012. 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 [2009, 2010 or 2011](#) may self-rate themselves in accordance with the NTRP guidelines. Age 60 and above without a computer rating for [2010, 2011](#) 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's 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 CTA's 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. CTA's 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. For any team in which a player is deleted from the roster within 30 days after initial registration, the captain must submit the reason for removal in writing to the LLC, who will then submit the statement to the SLC. The SLC and the ALC have the authority to deny reimbursement of registration fees to the Local League in question. Refunds will not be issued after the 30 day period has expired.
9. Local Leagues may determine the maximum number of players on a roster. This number must be published in local league regulations.
10. The team winning the majority of individual matches shall be awarded one team point.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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, 2012 and these teams may be allowed to advance directly to the State Championships.
18. Where there is no local Senior or Super Senior Combo league, a Senior team may play in an Adult division and a Super Senior team may play in a Senior or Adult division. The matches will be entered into TennisLink to determine the standings. The Senior or Super Senior team will be eligible to

advance directly to the Kentucky State Chamionships and the first place Adult or Senior team would advance from the Adult or Senior Division.

19. If a schedule has not been created for a local league that a team is trying to enter, before the published registration deadline, that local league will have to accommodate any team from another area. A local league Committee may rule to accommodate a team if their schedule has been posted before the published registration deadline.
20. All participants must be on the original roster and have played one match locally with that team in order to advance to the Kentucky State Championships. (defaults received do count towards advancement in this program)
21. Local League Champions: Local leagues with the following number of teams per local season may qualify to advance to the Kentucky State Championships:

2-10 teams locally	2 teams advance
11-20 teams locally	3 teams advance
21+ teams locally	4 teams advance

NOTE: Teams progressing to the Kentucky State Championships are determined by the local league standings. Local leagues are expected to send their top finishers. A local league may send the next team in their local standings to represent their local league if the top finishers decline. Any deviation from this must be approved by the Tournament Director and the Tournament Referee.

22. The Tournament Committee will determine the number of teams needed to complete the draw. If it is determined that additional teams are needed to complete the draw in any level, a blind draw will be made to determine which local league area will receive the wildcard. However, the "Host City" for any tournament will be given first consideration for providing a wildcard for any level if they have a team available in that level, and assuming a wildcard is needed.
23. Teams should expect to play on any USTA approved surface at the Kentucky State Championships.
24. A \$100 deposit will be required of all teams at each Kentucky State Championships. Any team forfeiting an entire team match will forfeit this deposit. Any team that withdraws from the tournament after the schedule is published shall forfeit their deposit and registration fees. In the event a team at any championship forfeits an entire match for any reason during round robin play, then all matches of that team, played or to be played shall be null and void. If all teams in contention for the championship have already played the forfeiting team in good faith, the matches stand as played. A grievance may be filed on the entire team for withdrawal or team forfeit.
25. All matches at the Championship will be the best of two sets and the Set Tiebreak shall be used at 6-all in each set. In lieu of the third set, a Match Tiebreak shall be played. The Coman Tiebreak format will be used for all tiebreaks. There will be a two minute set break at the end of each set with no coaching. The Match Tiebreak shall be scored as 1 set plus 1 game for tiebreak procedures.
26. The championship format will be a round robin competition. Teams will receive one point for each team match win. The team with the most points is the winner. In the event of a tie, it will be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:
 - i. Individual Matches. Winner of the most individual matches in the entire competition.
 - ii. Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets.
 - iii. Games. Loser of the fewest number of games
 - iv. Head-to-Head. Winner of the head to head match.
 - v. Coin toss

- a. 2012 Kentucky State Southern Combo Doubles Championships:

Date: October 19 – 21, 2012, Louisville, KY

Entry Deadline: October 10, 2012

Additional player “Late Registration” Deadline: October 17, 2012

Per Player Registration Fee: \$25.00

2012 KENTUCKY ADULT LEAGUE COMMITTEE

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Kentucky Grievance Committees & Grievance Appeal Committees are formed as necessary first utilizing members of the Kentucky ALC and Subcommittees and then other league members selected by the ALC Chairperson.

2012 MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE				
ANY CHAMPIONSHIP LEVEL		NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP		
	LOCAL MATCHES REQUIRED	DEFAULTS	ALL MATCHES through SECTION CHAMPS	DEFAULTS
USTA League Division	To advance to any championship level through Section Championship	Defaults received counting to advance to any championship level through Section Championship	To advance to National Championship	Defaults received counting to advance to National Championship
Adult	2 matches	1 default may count	3 matches	NO defaults
Senior	2 matches	1 default may count	3 matches	NO defaults
Mixed	2 matches	1 default may count	3 matches	NO defaults
*Senior Mixed	1 match	1 default may count	2	1
**Combo	1 match	1 default may count	Not a National Program	Not a National Program
***Super Senior	1 match	1 default may count	3 matches	NO defaults
A RETIRED match shall count for all players				
* 2012 Southern Section Regulations "Players must play in at least one local or state championships match (including defaults received) in order to advance to the Southern Senior Mixed Doubles Sectional Championships.				
** 2012 Southern Combo Doubles Regulations 7. Players must play in at least one local or state championship match in order to advance to the Combo Doubles Sectional Championships (defaults received do count towards advancement in this program).				
*** 2012 Southern Section Regulations 2.03A(4) Players must play in at least one local or state championships match in order to advance to the Southern Super Senior Sectional Championships. A maximum of one (1) default received by the player during local league competition shall count for advancing.....The one match requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Tournament Committee for a players advancing to the Section Championships.				