

2017 NC USTA LEAGUE SOUTHERN COMBO DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Dates: 5.0/6.5/8.5, all age divisions, November 2-5, 2017
5.5/7.5/9.5, all age divisions, November 9-12, 2017

Location: Wilmington, NC

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Tournament Headquarters: Tournament Headquarters will be at the Hampton Inn University Area-Smith Creek Station, 124 Old Eastwood Road, Wilmington 28403

Entry Deadline: All Players must use the Online Registration at www.ncleaguetenis.com to register. If you have any issues with the registration system, email Jenny Phelps at Jenny@nctennis.com or call us at 336-852-8577 for assistance. This is not the TennisLink system. Being registered on your team in TennisLink does not register you for the State Championships.

The Team Registration Deadlines are when each team must have the minimum number of players that can combine to form a legal roster registered for the event. Any team dropping out after the Team Registration Deadline will be required to pay a \$300 penalty. Any registration fees paid up to that point will not be refunded. The Team Registration Deadline for **Week 1 teams** is October 17, 2017 at 3 PM. The deadline for **Week 2 teams** is October 24, 2017 at 3 PM. All withdrawal fees will be donated to a charity designated by the host committee.

Entry Fee: \$25 per player entry fee, plus a \$1 PayPal fee.

Registration

Captain packets must be picked up in the tournament room by either the captain or a team representative prior to the team's first scheduled match. The tournament room will be open on Wednesday evening from 5-7 PM and Thursday through Sunday at 7 AM.

You will receive an updated copy of the schedule in the captain packet. Any information received previously as to match time, place or team to be played is to be disregarded. A

complete schedule of play will be posted at the Tournament Headquarters. Please check your scheduled match times for the tournament.

Captain's Meetings

In lieu of Captains Meetings and/or webinars, all players will receive tournament information during the registration process. In addition, Captains will receive reminders in their Captain Packet. It is the captain's responsibility to confirm that all players are familiar with tournament rules and procedures.

Eligibility:

To be eligible to participate in these state championships, your team must have the **minimum number of players needed to field a full team for each scheduled match**. All players must be current USTA members through November 2017, have played in the required qualifying matches (if needed), be listed on the original roster on TennisLink and have completed registration for the tournament. As long as all other eligibility requirements are met, players may register to play in the 2017 Combo Doubles State Championships throughout the tournament as long as they are registered prior to their first match.

Teams that are advancing directly to the state championships may add players to their TennisLink roster through October 19, 2017 (Week 1) and October 26, 2017 (Week 2) provided the minimum number of players were registered by the deadline noted in the 2017 NC State Regulations. No players may be added after that date...no exceptions.

Players may play on a maximum of 2 teams during this tournament. Teams may not be in the same age division AND on the same level. For example, a player may not play on an 18 & Over 6.5 CAP team and an 18 & Over 6.5 CTRL team. They may however, play on an 18 & Over 6.5 CAP team and a 40 & Over 6.5 CAP team.

Format Rules:

The round robin format of play will be used. All matches shall be the best of two sets and the 12 point tiebreak (first to 7, win by 2) shall be used at six-all in each set. No break during change over after the first game. In lieu of a third set, a match tiebreak shall be played (first to 10 win by 2). There will be a two minute break after each set with no coaching. The tiebreak procedures shall be scored as one set and one game. Each team match shall be comprised of three doubles matches. The winning teams will be invited to participate in the Sectional Championships, except teams in the 65 & Over Age Division.

Set and Match Tiebreakers will use the Coman format.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the format, the scoring method or terminate a team match when one team has won the majority of the points. However, without directive from the Tournament Committee, the teams are to play all matches to completion.

All USTA Official Rules of Play, USTA, Southern, and North Carolina Regulations, the USTA Code of Conduct and the USTA Point Penalty System will be enforced.

In the event of a tie in the round robin (two or more teams with the same record) the group winner will be decided by:

1. Most individual matches won
2. Head-to-head winner
3. Fewest sets lost
4. Fewest games lost
5. Coin toss

The format may be changed by the tournament committee.

Court surfaces may be changed by the tournament committee.

Should inclement weather or other circumstances prevent the completion of tournament play, the following procedures will be used to determine round robin winners and State Champions:

1. In the event that only one team in a round robin has a mathematical chance of finishing first, that team will be declared the winner of the round robin.
2. If more than one team has a mathematical chance of winning their round robin, and the first place team has already beaten the other teams with a mathematical chance of winning, the 1st place team would be considered the round robin winner.
3. If a round robin winner cannot be determined, only teams with a mathematical chance of finishing first will receive an entry into a drawing. Undefeated teams will receive a second entry into the drawing.
4. Once a winner is determined in each round robin flight in a particular level, both teams will be put into a drawing to determine the State Champion.

Should a round robin, semifinal or final match that had begun play be interrupted by inclement weather that prevents the completion of tournament play and an alternate facility is unavailable, the winner of each individual court will be determined by the total number of completed games won. Incomplete games will not be included in the total. Should the number of games won by each team in an individual match be equal, the winner will be determined by drawing.

Schedule

A tentative schedule will be available on the Internet: www.ncleaguetennis.com approximately 7 days prior to the start of the tournament. **That schedule is only TENTATIVE and is subject to change.** Do **NOT** refer to TennisLink for any match times. The only valid schedule is the schedule you will receive during Registration.

MATCH PLAY

**IT IS THE CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM ALL TEAM MEMEBERS OF THESE TOURNAMENT RULES.

- 1. All teams must check in, ready to play their match, at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled match. All players must be present and ready to play for the Captains to check in.** Default time is 15 minutes (match can be defaulted if team is more than 15 minutes late). Driving time could vary, depending on traffic, so allow plenty of time for arrival.
- 2. If a court is open, and both teams have turned in their scorecards, the match may start early. Be sure the team captain does not leave the tournament desk area once the team has checked in.**
- 3. DEFAULTS: Defaults at State Championships are unacceptable. It is your team's responsibility to have players on every court at each match. When a team defaults, it not only can affect the outcome of the tournament, but more importantly it affects those players who showed up ready to play only to find their opponents did not show. To that end, any team defaulting a court for any reason will be fined \$100 per court defaulted. The fine must be paid in the tournament room prior to the team's next match. If it is a team's last match of the tournament, they must pay prior to leaving. If a team does not pay the fine, all members of that team will be suspended from any USTA League play and until the fine is paid. Any matches played in that time will be reverted to losses.** All default fines paid will be donated to a local charity as designated by the host committee.
- 4. Weather conditions: All teams must be at match site 30 minutes before match time, regardless of weather, unless other directions have been provided from the tournament staff via Rainedout text message, tournament web site, site coordinator or phone call to the captain.**

All players may sign up for the RainedOut.com text messaging service. Text 2017COMBO1 (Week 1) or 2017COMBO2 (Week 2) to 84483 to register. Text messaging rates will apply, if applicable.

5. A **5-minute** warm-up period, including practice serves, will be observed.
6. Correct court assignments: Inform your team members to always introduce themselves to opponents to be sure they are playing the correct opponent. Example: "We are the #2 doubles team on the 7.5 CAP team. This practice may seem elementary, but it can stop a problem from occurring.
7. The server will call the score after each point, clearly and loudly enough for his/her opponent to hear.
8. Line calls will be made as accurately as possible, always giving the benefit of any doubt to your opponent. Remember that if you cannot call your opponent's shot out, it is presumed good. Do not ask opinions of spectators.
9. No coaching of a player while s/he is involved in a match.
10. Follow all rules of considerate behavior. Return balls from other courts promptly. Be ready to receive serve promptly. Always ensure that your opponent is ready for your serve.
11. At the end of their match, the winning team on each court should IMMEDIATELY go back to the site desk and report the scores and return the balls.
12. At the conclusion of the team match, both team captains must sign the scorecard and receive information on later matches.
13. In case of rain, if you feel the playing surface is unsafe, you may halt play. Do not leave the site until allowed to do so by the referee or site coordinator.
14. In Championship play please be aware that if a team forfeits an entire team match for any reason during round robin play, **then all matches of that team, played or to be played shall be null and void.**
15. NTRP Grievances filed after October 12th against anyone participating in the State Championships will be administered after the State Championships, points won by

players will stand. Disqualified players and/or captains that are suspended will not be eligible to advance to the Sectional Championships.

16. Grievance forms are available in the Tournament Room. There will be no NTRP Complaints at these championships.

MEDICAL TIMEOUTS

1. Medical Conditions: Include but are not limited to an injury, illness, and heat-related condition or cramping.
2. Medical Time-Out: A medical time-out consists of evaluation time as determined by the referee plus a maximum of three minutes treatment time.
3. Request for a medical time-out: A player may make a request for a medical time-out to the court monitor or tournament desk. During the match or warm-up, if a player suffers from a medical condition or believes that medical diagnosis or treatment is required, the player may request a one-time medical time-out for that medical condition. Subsequently, he may request another medical time-out for a different medical condition. Only one medical time-out shall be permitted for heat-related conditions and cramping in any match, even if the heat-related condition or cramping occurs to different parts of the body.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. All players are responsible for bringing water to the courts.
2. T-shirts will be available for purchase in the Tournament Room and at various sites.