



## 2023 Southern, Kentucky and Tennis Association of Central Kentucky (TACK) Combo Doubles Regulations

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Play is governed by the RULES OF TENNIS, "The Code" as contained in the 2023 Friend at Court, and the following Combo Doubles Southern Section Regulations. **USTA Southern will adhere to the USTA League National and/or Southern Regulations on items not mentioned in the USTA Southern Combo Doubles.** General regulations and procedures for the program are listed below and/or Championship Procedures. Each State of the USTA Southern Section may supplement these regulations as is required for play within their State. Local and/or State regulations shall not be in conflict with the Southern Combo Doubles Regulations. No Southern Combo Doubles Regulation or Procedure may be waived by a State 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 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 Sectional League Coordinator, in conjunction with the USTA Southern Adult League Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, shall have the authority to interpret the Southern Combo Doubles Regulations.

1. All participants must be current members of the USTA and register through Tennis Link.
2. A team shall consist of a minimum of 6 players able to combine to form 3 separate eligible teams.
3. The format of play will be three individual men's or women's doubles matches per team match.
4. Levels offered are combined-levels 5.5-10.5 (for Combo Doubles 18 & Over), 5.5-8.5 (for Combo Doubles 40 & Over) and 6.5-8.5 (for Combo Doubles 55 & Over). The individual NTRP maximum levels for each combined NTRP division is below:

### NTRP cap for Combined Levels:

NTRP Level	Max NTRP Rating	NTRP Level	Max NTRP Rating
5.5	3.0	8.5	5.0
6.5	3.5	9.5	5.5
7.5	4.0	10.5	6.0

*Each individual doubles team's combined NTRP ratings may not exceed the level entered.*

**TACK Local League Regulation:** League registration opens June 12, 2023, Initial Roster Deadline (minimum six players at levels that combine to play a match) July 21, 2023.

**League Season:** July 31, 2023, thru October 1, 2023

**Registration Fee:** \$28.00 plus a \$3.00 TennisLink non-refundable fee. The \$3.00 additional fee will cover court cost for all league matches as originally scheduled.

**Lexington Local League Regulation:** Inclement weather policy is in affect when weather prevents players from getting to a scheduled match. The home team captain should contact the LLC and the opposing team captain at the earliest time possible to cancel the match at tennis facility. In case of outdoor play and rain, all players MUST report to the scheduled site at the time of match play. It may not be raining at that particular location. Matches should be rescheduled within two weeks of the original scheduled date.

If a player does not show up for the scheduled match, and there are not enough players to field all courts, it will be considered no show and it will be considered the same as a forfeit for that court.

If the weather does not allow the match to be played, that scheduled match is to be played and completed within two weeks of the originally scheduled date at the original site. All matches MUST be played with scores reported by the last date of local league play on October 1, 2023.

The entire match does not have to be played all at once. The original line up from the scheduled match does not have to be followed if match was suspended before play began.

No alterations from the original line up will be permitted if the match has already started. If a match that falls at the end of a season is rescheduled, it must be made up by the last day of the scheduled season.

**5. NTRP Rating Entry:** Players who do not have a computer rating ("C") or mixed-exclusive rating ("M") on file in TennisLink shall self-rate in accordance with the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) Guidelines and complete the self-rating process on TennisLink when registering for a team. Failure to do so or omission of information regarding a player's tennis history will subject the player, the captain and/or others who condoned inaccurate self-rating to sanctions and disqualification.

A player may not be dynamically promoted based on match results from Combo Doubles and match results are not calculated in year-end NTRP computer ratings.

**6. Appealed Ratings:** Players who submit an appeal to their self-rating through the Tennis Link system before their local league deadline for registering players will be permitted to register up to seven days after the notification of final self-rating.

- If a player's rating is appealed down during **or after** the Combo local season, the player should notify applicable Local League Coordinator to make update on TennisLink roster. Previous matches by the player would stand.
- If a player's rating is appealed up during or after the Combo local season, the player should notify applicable Local League Coordinator to make update on TennisLink roster. Adjusted rating will be used for duration of Combo Doubles championship year. Previous matches by the player would stand.

**7. Rating Used for Championship Play:** Players must play with the rating on the TennisLink roster through the Sectional Championships unless:

- The player appealed up or down during season (see above-mentioned regulation #6), and/or
- The player is dynamically promoted during any championship year.

Regardless of a player's 2023 year-end rating prior to the sectional championship, he/she must use the rating listed on TennisLink roster.

**8. State Championship:** State associations may regulate how many matches, if any, qualify a player to advance to state championship. State associations may determine advancement on more than one team within an age group only if they are different NTRP levels.

**Kentucky Regulation:** **Players must play in at least one local league match or have one default to advance to State. If no opponent at level/age division teams may advance direct.**

9. **Southern Championship Advancement Process:** If the winning team at any level of State Championship competition is unable to compete further towards the Sectional Championships, then the State League Coordinator may select the second place team for such further competition. The Section may issue wildcards as necessary to fill the draw. If less than four teams are entered in a NTRP level draw within 21 days of event, the draw for the NTRP level may be cancelled unless otherwise authorized by the Championship Committee.

10. **State Championship Advancement Process & Deadlines:** States shall determine the progression from local league to the State Championship. States shall conclude their State League Championships to determine its State Champions by November 6, 2023 and identify to the Section their winning and/or advancing teams at each level by November 9, 2023.

**Kentucky Regulation:** See **Kentucky Championship Procedures for team advancement, deposits and deadlines. Kentucky State Championship dates; October 20-22, 2023. Local League Coordinators must notify the State League Coordinator of teams attending by October 1, 2023.**

11. **Southern Championship:** 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). **A player who qualifies to advance to the Southern Sectional Championship on any Combo team (Combo Doubles 18 & Over, Combo Doubles 40 & Over and/or Combo Doubles 55 & Over) may not advance on more than one team and must choose which team he or she will represent at the Southern Sectional Championship.** Please refer to Championship Procedures for full details on the Southern Combo Doubles Championship.

**Kentucky Regulation:** Local Leagues may allow a single team registered in a 40 or 55 division to play at the same NTRP level in a lower age division. Example: 55 & Over 7.0 team, if only team registered can play in the 40 & Over

**Division. If a 40 & Over team is only team, they can play in the 18 & Over Division. Team advances to state at the higher Age Division and all standings in lower division count as played.**

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