



USTA SOUTH CAROLINA STATE REGULATIONS

for USTA League Tennis

Super Senior 60s, Super Senior 70s, and Super Senior 75s

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0.00 INTRODUCTION

0.01 USTA South Carolina has appointed the SC State League Coordinator to organize and coordinate all USTA League Tennis activities in the South Carolina State League and to interpret the South Carolina State USTA League Tennis Regulations.

0.02 All players, teams and Local Leagues must abide by USTA League Tennis, USTA Southern Tennis and USTA South Carolina Rules and Regulations.

0.03 Local Leagues may write regulations to govern local play. USTA League Regulations, USTA Southern Tennis Regulations and USTA South Carolina Regulations take precedence over Local League Rules and Regulations.

0.04 Local League Rules and Regulations must be approved by the State League Coordinator prior to the start of the Local League Season.

0.05 Local League Rules and Regulations must be distributed to Team Captains along with USTA League Regulations, USTA Southern Tennis Regulations and USTA South Carolina Rules and Regulations before League Season begins.

0.06 Paragraph numbering for the following sections are done in accordance with the paragraph numbering format of USTA League Tennis Regulations and USTA Southern Regulations. Topics addressed in specific paragraphs of these USTA South Carolina Regulations relate to the same topics in the same paragraphs of the aforesaid regulations.

1.00 GENERAL

1.11 Membership.

1.11B All local leagues must be current members of USTA. All players must be current members of USTA and USTA South Carolina through the Local League seasons, including local playoffs.

USTA South Carolina dues are \$6.00 per player per League year, and are paid through Local League dues. Dues must be paid for EACH LEAGUE (Adult, Senior, Super Senior, Mixed Doubles and Southern Combo Doubles) played in during League season.

1.14 Registration.

1.14A Rosters must be entered in TennisLink before League play begins. Players may not move to a different team once match play has begun for that level, unless approved by the State League Coordinator. Local Leagues will set deadlines for registering players and for adding players to rosters.

1.14B Players may not be added to the team roster during local league flight playoffs or at any championship.

1.14C A player(s) may not be added to roster(s), under any circumstances, after November 1, 2010. Local Leagues have the option of establishing earlier cut-off dates.

2.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

2.01 Committees. The State League Coordinator has the authority to appoint the persons who shall serve on Grievance and Grievance Appeals Committees in the place of those persons listed below in the case of conflict, absence or other inability to serve. Substitute appointments will come from members of the League Council.

2.01A Grievance Committees. Grievances will be handled by the appropriate Grievance Committee. See USTA Regulations 2.01A, Grievance Committee.

The South Carolina State League Grievance Committee is:

Bob Peiffer, Chairman
Jimmy Sain, Member
Patsy Harrelson, Member

2.01B Grievance Appeals Committees. Grievance appeals will be handled by the appropriate Grievance Appeals Committee. See USTA Regulations 2.01B, Grievance Appeals Committee.

The South Carolina State League Grievance Appeals Committee is:

Jody Bursley, Chairman
Sam Hicks, Member
Susie Honeycutt, Member

2.02 Grievance Complaints.

2.02B NTRP Grievances. NTRP grievances shall come under the jurisdiction of the Section Grievance and Grievance Appeals Committees. Grievance Complaints will be sent to the Local League Coordinator and then to the State League Coordinator to be forwarded to the Section Grievance Committee.

3.00 LEAGUE REGULATIONS

3.01 Local League.

3.01A Number of Teams. All Local Leagues are encouraged to have competition at all levels; however, if a Local League has only one team at a level, that team will be allowed to compete in the USTA SC Super Senior State Championships.

3.01B Team. Local Leagues may limit the number of players that appear on a team roster and/or the number of players that appear on that roster that are at a specific NTRP level.

3.01D Entry.

3.01D(2) Players who do not have a computer rating 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.

3.01G Scoring and Rest.

3.01G(1) Local leagues have the option to use or not to use the Match Tiebreak (first to 10 by a margin of 2) in lieu of a third set in Local League play, including playoffs.

3.01G(2) During the USTA SC Super Senior State Championships and the Super Senior Sectional Championships, the Coman tie break format will be used for both set and match tie breaks.

3.01H Competition Format.

3.01H(2) Team Match and Scoring.

(a) Local Leagues may make a rule regarding the maximum number of defaults allowed teams during the Local League Season.

(b) A Local League may set their policy for players' presence on court to receive a default.

3.01H(4) Team Lineups. Local Leagues may make a rule regarding rescheduling of matches due to inclement weather.

3.01H(5) Player Participation.

3.01H(5)b During the South Carolina Local League Season a player may play on teams in more than one NTRP level in the same Super Senior division (60, 70, 75) in the same Local League, and they may play on teams in the same Local League at the same level in different Super Senior divisions. Players may **not**, however, play on more than one team in the same Super Senior division in the same Local League.

3.01H(5)c

(1) A player may play on teams at the same NTRP level in the same Super Senior division (60, 70, 75) if those teams are in **separate** Local Leagues in South Carolina.

(2) A player from another state (as defined by the player's primary residence as listed in USTA records) may not participate in South Carolina without approval by the Local League Coordinator representing the area that is affected and the State League Coordinator. A player playing out of his/her home state without obtaining prior approval will be subject to sanctions, including, at a minimum, defaulting of all matches played prior to receiving approval. Sanctions may be applied to the team captain as well. A player from another state who previously received approval to play in South Carolina and who has played in South Carolina in every year since that approval was granted, need not reapply for approval to play in 2010 in the same local league and the same division (adult or senior) and same level as in 2009.

3.01H(5)d Players who qualify for South Carolina Super Senior State Championships may advance on more than one Super Senior 60 team in the 2010 League season, but not at the same level of play.

3.01H(5)e Players who qualify for South Carolina Super Senior State Championships may advance on more than one Super Senior 70 team in the 2010 league season, but not at the same level of play.

3.01H(5)f Players who qualify for South Carolina Super Senior State Championships may advance on more than one Super Senior 75 team in the 2010 league season, but not at the same level of play.

3.02 Progression.

3.02A Local League Competition. Each Local League **MUST** complete their Local League Season prior to the South Carolina State League Championships.

3.02B State Championships.

(1) Competition will be offered at the USTA SC Super Senior State Championships at the following levels for both men and women:

Super Senior 60 Division: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5

Super Senior 70 Division: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0

Super Senior 75 Division: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0

(2) The following number of teams per Local League will be qualified to go to the Super Senior State Championships at all levels for all Super Senior divisions (60, 70, 75):

2 – 09 teams	1 team
10 – 16 teams	2 teams
17 or more teams	3 teams

(3) If a Local League has only one team at a level in any Super Senior division, that team will be allowed to compete in the USTA SC Super Senior State Championships.

(4) The Local Leagues may determine the number of matches required for a team to advance to the USTA SC Super Senior State Championships being held at Wild Dunes Resort, November 3-7, 2010. (70s play Wednesday-Friday; 60s play Friday-Sunday; 75s play Saturday-Sunday).

(5) A player must play in at least one Local League or USTA SC Super Senior State Championship match in order to qualify to play in the Sectional Super Senior Championships.

(6) Teams that withdraw from the Championships after the roster/fee submittal deadline will forfeit fees. A team substituted for the withdrawing team will not be responsible for championship fees other than for those of players exceeding the number of players paid for by the withdrawing team. If fees were not paid by the withdrawing team, that team's Local League will pay fees. Recovery of championship fees will be up to the appropriate Local Leagues.

(7) INDIVIDUAL DEFAULTS AT SUPER SENIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:
Teams that receive a default will have the option to adjust their scorecard by moving the #3 Doubles Players listed on the scorecard to the # 2 Doubles Position if the players are already listed on the scorecard. Captains will not be allowed to use players that are not listed on the scorecard at the time of scorecard turn in. Defaulting teams will not be allowed to make any adjustments. Please note: Since Championships require the defaults are given from the bottom (#3 Position) then teams receiving a default from the opposing team will be given the opportunity to use players that are listed in the number three position in the number two position on the scorecard if the players were listed on the scorecard at the time the scorecard is turned in at the tournament desk.

(8) If a team withdraws from a championship after the draw has been published, a grievance will be filed against all members on the team roster that is submitted for the championship. Sanctions against these team members may include that all members on the submitted roster be banned from participating in any playoff (state or higher) for a period of up to 11 months.

(9) If an entire team defaults their match during a championship, a grievance will be filed against all members on the team roster that is submitted for the championship. Sanctions against these team members may include that all members on the submitted roster be banned from participating in any playoff (state or higher) for a period of up to 11 months.

(10) The winner of each level of the USTA SC Super Senior State Championships in the Super Senior 60 and Super Senior 70 Divisions will be allowed to advance to the Sectional Championships December 3-5, 2010 (Location TBA).

(11) Scheduling at Super Senior State Championships will not make any accommodations for players who compete in multiple Super Senior divisions (60, 70, 75) nor for players who compete on multiple levels in one division.

(12) CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW: The Championship Draw is a random draw done by the championship referee before league competition is completed. Where possible, however, teams from the same local league will be put in separate flights. The number of flights at a given level will depend on the number of teams eligible. A flight typically will have four teams and the referee may elect to add wildcard teams to balance out flights [see item (9)]. In the case of three flights, a wildcard will be drawn at random (from the numbers 1, 2, 3) by the referee on the final day of round-robin play to determine which flight's second place team will play in the semifinals. The wildcard team will play a team from another flight.

(13) WILDCARD PROCEDURE: Wildcards will be chosen from a random draw based on the number of teams and positions by Area from the current Super Senior season. The number of teams an Area has will be divided by the number of positions that Area qualifies for at the State Championships. This number will determine the total chances the Area will have in the random draw. An Area whose team is drawn for a Wildcard and used at a particular level will NOT BE ELIGIBLE to have a wildcard at the same level the following year unless there are not enough teams available to complete the draw. An Area whose team is named to replace a team that dropped out of the State Championship will remain eligible for a wildcard at that level the following year. Two-team levels will not be eligible for a wildcard.

3.05 Year-End NTRP Computer Ratings and Appeal Procedures.

3.05B(1) Players may appeal their 2009 year-end ratings on-line at any time during the 2010 league year. TennisLink will allow only one granted appeal. 2009 State, Area, Sectional and National benchmark players cannot appeal their 2009 year-end ratings for one year except for medical reasons. Medical Appeals and appeals to move down from a self-rating must be submitted in writing, by fax, mail, or email and sent to Mary Goins, P.O. Box 386, Easley, SC 29641, emailed to mggoins@charter.net or faxed to 864-859-4502. Medical Appeal forms can be found on the USTA South Carolina Tennis webpage at sctennis.com. Appeals must be done on an individual basis; no group appeals will be accepted.

3.05B(2) A Medical appeal of a disabling injury or illness for a player must be accompanied by THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S EVALUATION of the injury or illness, stating the extent and permanency of the injury or illness and any other substantiating information. The Southern Medical Review Committee will evaluate all medical appeals, and if the injury/illness is deemed permanently disabling, the appeal will be forwarded to the National Medical Review Committee for further review.

