



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Dates: November 12-15, 2008 in Winston-Salem & Clemmons, NC

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Levels: Men's & Women's Adult 5.0, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5
Men's & Women's Senior 6.5, 7.5, 8.5

Tournament

Headquarters: Tournament Headquarters will be at Brookstown Inn

Tournament

Registration: All Players must use the Online Registration at www.nccombodoubles.com to register. This is a new procedure for this year, so if you have questions, call 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.

Entry Fee: \$25 per player

T-shirts & Caps

T-shirts will be available for purchase at the tournament headquarters throughout the weekend. Cash or Check only.

Registration

Registration will be at the Brookstown Inn on Wednesday, November 11th, from 4:00-6:00 pm.

All captains must register.

Captain's Meeting

There will be a mandatory captains meeting for ALL teams on Wednesday evening at 6:00 at the Brookstown Inn. At this meeting you will receive tournament instructions and hear from the Tournament Referee.

You have been given a copy of match times. 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 Tournament Headquarters at the Brookstown Inn. Please check your scheduled match times for the tournament.

Format Rules:

A **minimum of six team members eligible to combine and compete** must be available for play in each match or the team is not eligible to come to the state tournament.

All players must be current USTA members through November 2009 and be listed on the original roster.

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 composed of three doubles matches. The winning teams will be invited to participate in the Sectional Championships in Mobile, Alabama, Jan 29-Feb 1, 2010.

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 expected to play all matches to completion.

All USTA Official Rules of Play, USTA, Southern, and North Carolina Combo Doubles 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. Fewest sets lost
3. Fewest games lost
4. Head to head winner
5. Coin toss

The format may be changed due to inclement weather.

Note: Should inclement weather or other circumstances prevent the completion of tournament play, and the Tournament Committee has not cancelled the event, these tiebreak procedures will be used to declare a winner in each group and a champion and finalist in each level.

Schedule

Round robin play may begin as early as 8:00 am on Thursday, November 6th. Tentative schedule will be available on the Internet: www.nccombodoubles.com before the tournament begins. **That schedule is only TENTATIVE and is subject to change.**

Player Party

The Player Party will be Friday night, November 13th at the Millennium Center. The party starts at 7:00 and runs until 11:00. Dinner will be provided and there will be a cash bar. This is a new location for the party. 101 W 5th St Winston Salem, NC 27101 The party will be for **adults only**.

MATCH PLAY

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

1. A **minimum of six team members eligible to combine and compete** must be available for play in each match or the team is not eligible to come to the state tournament.
2. **All teams must check in, ready to play their match, at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled match. Captains will not be allowed to check in at site until the entire team is present and ready to play.** Default time is 15 minutes (match forfeited if team is more than 15 minutes late). Driving time could vary, depending on traffic, so allow plenty of time for arrival. Thursday and Friday morning matches could coincide with heavy rush hour traffic.
3. 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.**

4. **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 effects 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.

5. Weather conditions: Only captains are to check for rescheduled matches. All teams must be at match site 30 minutes before match time, regardless of weather.
6. Each team match shall be comprised of 3 doubles matches. A team must have at least 6 players eligible to combine and compete available for a team match. If a team must default a court before the start of the match, the #3 doubles team must be forfeited before the #1 or #2 doubles.
7. A **5-minute** warm-up period, including practice serves, will be observed.
8. 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 8.5 "local league team" level". This practice may seem elementary, but it can stop a problem from occurring.
9. 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.
10. At the conclusion of the team match, both team captains must sign the scorecard and receive information on later matches. The winning team must return the balls and report scores immediately after the conclusion of the individual match.
11. 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.
11. **Teams will be expected to play all matches to completion.** Please remember that regardless of the team's wins and losses, anything can occur in a round robin format. For instance, the number of games won can determine a tiebreak or a team may have to

unexpectedly default a court or a match. **Teams pulling out of competition before the completion of all scheduled matches will be subject to an automatic grievance and subsequent penalties.**

12. 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.**
12. NTRP Self Rate Grievances filed after October 29th 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.

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. T-shirts will be available for purchase at various playing sites.
2. There will be Mini test drives. Location TBD
3. All players are responsible for bringing water to the courts.

4. Grievance forms are available at the site desk. There will be no NTRP Complaints at championship level.
5. Weather Conditions – Only captains are to check for rescheduled matches. We have no way to predict weather conditions. All teams must be at match site 30 minutes before match time, regardless of weather.