

## **USTA Southern Championship Division Formats**

*This is an informational document and does not supersede USTA League regulations or USTA Southern Championship Procedures. Championship Division formats are based on the number of teams competing in the division. While the formats below are generally what are used at USTA Southern Championships, the Championship Committee reserves the right to change a division's format at any time.*

### **10-Team Divisions**

Divisions of 10 teams will consist of two flights of 5 teams each, randomly selected. Each flight will play a full round robin, with each team playing all teams in their flight (4 total matches). The winners of the two flights will advance to a Championship Final against each other.

### **9-Team Divisions**

Divisions of 9 will play a partial round robin, consisting of 4 matches against randomly selected opponents, usually scheduled for Friday and Saturday. The top 4 teams (based on TennisLink standings) after the partial round robin matches are complete will advance to a Championship Semi-Final. The Semi-Final pairings will be #1 vs #4, and #2 vs #3. The Championship Semi-Finals and Final are usually scheduled for Sunday morning.

### **8-Team Divisions**

Divisions of 8 will play a partial round robin, consisting of 4 matches against randomly selected opponents, usually scheduled for Friday and Saturday. The top 4 teams (based on TennisLink standings) after the partial round robin matches are complete will advance to a Championship Semi-Final. The Semi-Final pairings will be #1 vs #4, and #2 vs #3. The Championship Semi-Finals and Final are usually scheduled for Sunday morning.

### **7-Team Divisions**

Divisions of 7 will play a partial round robin, consisting of 4 matches against randomly selected opponents, usually scheduled for Friday and Saturday. The top 2 teams (based on TennisLink standings) after the partial round robin matches are complete will advance to a Championship Final. The Championship Final is usually scheduled for Sunday morning.

### **6-Team Divisions**

Divisions of 6 will play a partial round robin, consisting of 4 matches against randomly selected opponents, usually scheduled for Friday and Saturday. The top 2 teams (based on TennisLink standings) after the partial round robin matches are complete will advance to a Championship Final. The Championship Final is usually scheduled for Sunday morning.

### **5-Team Divisions**

Divisions of 5 teams will play a full round robin, with each team playing all teams in their division (4 total matches) to determine the Champion. No playoff matches are required.

### **4-Team Divisions**

Divisions of 4 teams will play a full round robin, with each team playing all teams in their division (3 total matches). The top 2 teams (based on TennisLink standings) after the round robin will advance to a Championship Final. The 3rd and 4th place teams will play in a 3rd/4th playoff match.

### **3-Team Divisions**

Divisions of 3 teams will play a double round robin, with each team playing the other two teams twice (4 total matches) to determine the Champion. No playoff matches are required.

### **2-Team Divisions**

Divisions of 2 teams will play four head-to-head matches to determine the Champion. In the event of a 2-2 tie after the four matches are complete, Championship Tiebreak Procedures will apply.

For determining round robin flight winners or teams that to advance to a Semi-Final or Final, the following procedures will be used in the order stated below:

- 1) Total team matches won
- 2) Total individual matches won
- 3) Head-to-Head (if all tied teams played each other)
- 4) Least sets lost
- 5) Least games lost
- 6) Highest game winning percentage
- 7) Team with highest number of victories at #1 doubles during round robin and/or partial round robin matches, then team with highest number of victories at #1 singles (if applicable) during round robin and/or partial round robin matches