



**USTA Southern Championship Tournament Overview**  
**2023 USTA Southern League Adult 18 & Over Championship (2.5, 3.5, 4.5)**  
**July 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in Rome, Georgia**

*USTA Southern would like to welcome you to the 2023 USTA Southern League Adult 18 & Over Championship (2.5, 3.5, 4.5). We anticipate more than 500 participants in Rome, Georgia, who will be competing for a sectional championship, and we look forward to a fun and exciting weekend of tennis!*

Players should become well-versed with the Tournament Overview and Championship Procedures prior to arrival at a championship. The Tournament Overview and Championship Procedures can be found at [www.southernchampionships.com](http://www.southernchampionships.com). Please note that either document may be amended at any time at the discretion of the Championship Committee and will be updated on website within a reasonable amount of time.

**Deadlines**

- \$55 Online Registration: May 19 – July 6, 2023, at 11:59 PM ET
- \$80 Late Online Registration: July 7, 2023, and after
- Registration Ends: July 27, 2023, at 11:59 PM ET
- Team must meet roster minimum (five for 2.5 & eight for 3.5, 4.5) and submit online team deposit by July 5, 2023, at 11:59 PM ET
- Individual Player requests for registration refunds will be honored if received by July 23, 2023. No refunds will be issued from July 24, 2023 and beyond.

**Captains' Meeting**

USTA Southern will hold an online captains' meeting. This will allow more time to travel to Rome for the event. The online captains' meeting is required, and a captain should have another teammate in attendance if he/she is not able to attend. There will be two options for the captains' meeting: Monday, July 17, 2023, at 8 PM ET/7 PM CT, and Monday, July 24, 2023, at 1 PM ET/12 PM CT. A link for the meeting will be sent to captains in advance.

Tournament staff will be available at Rome Tennis Center from 5-6 PM ET on July 20, 2023, for any captain who wants to pick up the team bag and/or ask any questions. For captains who do not pick up during this time, they may pick up their items prior to the start of their first scheduled match starting at 7 AM at the Rome Tennis Center.

**Championship Tournament Staff**

- Tom Burnham: Tournament Director (Atlanta, GA)
- Deanna Garretson: Official (Little Rock, AR)
- Thomas Massey: Official (Columbia, SC)
- Jason Ontog: Match Tennis Team Coordinator (Nashville, TN)
- Christine Watson: Member, Southern Adult League Committee (Raleigh, NC)
- JD Weber: Member, Southern Adult League Committee (Charlotte, NC)
- Emilia Viljoen: Mississippi Tennis Service Representative (Jackson, MS)
- Whit Rayner: Member, Southern Adult League Committee (Jackson, MS)



### **Championship Contacts**

Tom Burnham: USTA Southern, Manager of Adult Championships: [burnham@sta.usta.com](mailto:burnham@sta.usta.com)

\*For any questions, captains only may reach out to State League Coordinator or Championship contact. Players should go to captains with all questions.

### **Championship Facilities**

Championship Headquarters

- Rome Tennis Center; 100 Match Point Way NE, Rome, GA 30165

### **Practice Courts**

Players may not practice on any courts at headquarters and/or championship sites after 7:30 AM each day. If practice courts are available offsite, they will be listed above under "Championship Facilities." There are no "reserved" practice facilities, so teams should plan ahead prior to coming to the championship.

### **Relevant Rules and Information**

- Players must not bring alcohol to sites. If alcohol consumption is allowed on site, it will be either provided or sold on site.
- Awards presentations will be on site for both winning and finalist teams.
- Use our web page information: [www.southernchampionships.com](http://www.southernchampionships.com). We will post all results, schedules, draws and overall summaries of the event.
- Merchandise will be available at the facility headquarters (cash, check or credit card).
- Lunch vouchers will be provided for **Friday and Saturday** for players only.

*\*USTA Southern would like to thank every captain for your dedication to our League program. We know how much work captaining requires, and we appreciate it. This championship event would not be possible without each of you, so thank you.\**