



### **Southern Combo Doubles League Championship – Important Reminders**

Rescheduled Southern Combo Doubles 40 & Over League Championship

**Friday, March 22 through Monday, March 25, 2024**

*Registration Starts: January 15, 2024*

The USTA Southern Adult League Committee wants to make all potential Southern Combo Doubles League Championship-advancing players aware of changes that will be happening at this year's league championship. *Please note: Below-mentioned changes will not increase the # of teams invited to advance and/or change # of anticipated matches.*

#### **Championship Schedule (Round Robins through Finals)**

The rescheduled 2023 Southern Combo Doubles League Championship will be a four-day championship, and schedules will be confirmed on or before February 15. *Although the Tournament Committee and staff will exhaust all efforts to finish round robin matches by Sunday, teams should plan on staying through Monday if we run into significant inclement weather challenges. Please see championship procedures regarding penalties for teams that default an entire team match and administrative fees for defaulted courts at a championship.* The tentative schedule will have round robin matches starting on Friday morning, and concluding on Sunday morning. Applicable playoffs are tentatively scheduled for Sunday but may move to Monday in the event of inclement weather.

#### **Continuation of No-Ad Scoring (Same as 2021 & 2022 Championships)**

All Southern Combo Doubles League Championship matches will be "no-ad" scoring. The reasoning and advantages of going to "no-ad" scoring include but not limited to:

- No-ad scoring will assist with keeping matches timely and on-time for players. Based on recent analytical and trial studies, going to "no-ad" scoring made matches (on average) 14 minutes shorter per court. Over the course of the day, this adds up and prevents from players getting on court closer to their scheduled match time. In the past, we've had 25%+ of our Combo Doubles players wait over an hour for their scheduled match.
- Collegiate matches and doubles on the pro ATP/WTA/ITF tour have gone to "no-ad" scoring.
- Many players participate in more than one match on a given day. Due to the multiple matches being played in a single day, "no-ad" scoring may alleviate burnout, defaults, retirements and other health-related issues.

The Southern Adult League Committee and the City of Rome will continue to do everything possible to make the championship experience a great one. However, as attending any sectional championship is a big decision for each team, we want to make all teams aware of these important reminders for our event.