



**USTA Southern Championship Tournament Overview**  
**Rescheduled 2023 USTA Southern 55 & Over Combo Doubles League Championship**  
**March 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in Pelham, Alabama**

*USTA Southern would like to welcome you to the Rescheduled 2023 USTA Southern 55 & Over Combo Doubles League Championship. We anticipate more than 500 participants in Pelham, Alabama 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: January 15, 2024 – January 31, 2024, at 11:59 PM ET
- \$80 Late Online Registration: February 1, 2024, and after
- Registration Ends: February 29, 2024, 11:59 PM ET
- Team must meet roster minimum (three eligible pairings) and submit online team deposit by January 31, 2024, at 11:59 PM ET
- Individual Player requests for registration refunds will be honored if received by February 25, 2024. No refunds will be issued from February 26, 2024 and beyond.

#### **Tournament Dates and Format**

Southern will exhaust all attempts to finish the Southern Combo Doubles League Championship on Sunday. However, in the event of significant weather challenges, Sunday and/or Monday may be used to complete round robin, partial round robin and playoff matches, with play concluding as late as Monday. As part of these efforts all matches during the championship will be played with No-AD scoring.

#### **Captains' Meeting**

USTA Southern will hold an online captains' meeting. This will allow more time to travel to Pelham 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 one captains' meeting: Monday, February 12, 2024, at 8 PM ET/7 PM CT. A link for the meeting will be sent to captains in advance.

Tournament staff will be available at Pelham Racquet Club from 5-6 PM CT on February 29, 2024, for any captain/player who wants to pick up their player shirt and/or ask any questions. For anyone 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 Pelham Racquet Club Only. **All players will pickup their own player shirts.**

#### **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

- Pelham Racquet Club: 100 Racquet Club Parkway, Pelham, AL 35124 (using 20 clay courts)

#### Additional Facilities

- Greystone Country Club: 5292 Greystone Way, Birmingham, AL 35242 (using 6 clay courts)

**Court Surface:** Clay Courts

### **Practice Courts**

Players may not practice on any courts at headquarters and/or championship sites after 7:15 AM each day; however, at no point may players warm up on the clay courts. 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**

- 2023 Combo Doubles Roster NTRP Ratings will be used and not newly released Year-End Ratings.
- 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.
- Lunch will be provided **Friday** 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. \**