

# MS Jr Qualifier State Closed Championships

## HOW TO GET TO THE SOUTHERN CLOSED

The Qualifier is the premier junior tournament in Mississippi. All players no matter how good should play this event to gain the experience of competition at a high level. Not only does it let you compete for “bragging rights” in Mississippi, but it also gives you the opportunity to qualify to go to the Southern Closed Championships. For ranking purposes, the Qualifier carries the highest Mississippi point value. The 2017 Qualifier will be held again at Home Site Ridgeland Tennis Center on May 27-June 1. The 2016 Qualifier was one of the largest Qualifier’s in recent history. Our Mississippi players represented the State well at the Southern Section Closed, some going deep in many of the draws.

Points to remember:

- Southern Section must have a copy of your players **Birth Certificate** in order to play in the Southern Closed. This is posted on the Qualifier Home Site. Send to Kent Shultz via Email.
- It is an honor to play in the Southern Closed; so those that want to play they should enter the Ridgeland Tennis Center Mississippi Junior Qualifier State Closed Championships.
- Players must play in the Qualifier in order to be eligible to play the Southern Closed. You must play Singles and Doubles. (Doubles must be played in the division in which you played singles)
- **You must register online for the Junior Qualifier and Southern Closed Tournament that you wish to play prior to the State’s selection list being sent to Southern.** Before the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2017 look at the tournament’s home page to see when registration begins or if it has begun. **You should sign up as early as possible. Your credit card will not be charged until you are accepted in the Southern Closed.**
- In the 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18’s the 4 semifinalists in the main draw and the 2 finalists in the consolations will be selected with the remaining players selected by STA current standings list. The total players selected in the 10, 12, 14, 16, 18’s will be 11 boys and 11 girls in each division.
- Selection of the remaining players will be based on Southern standings following the Qualifier. It is best to sign up early. Your credit card will not be charged until you are accepted in the Southern Closed after the entry deadline.
- Waivers into the Southern Closed will be considered for medical reasons, family crisis or unavoidable circumstances. Players who fall into this category will be placed at the bottom of the alternate list.
- For complete information on the Mississippi Qualifying Process for the Southern Closed Junior Championships, please go to the [www.mstennis.com](http://www.mstennis.com) under Junior Tennis/Junior Competition/Southern Closed Guidelines after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

If you have any questions about the Mississippi Qualifying Process, please contact Kent Shultz at 601-981-4421 or email [KentS@mstennis.com](mailto:KentS@mstennis.com).