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TO: Southern Senior Cup Captains & State Executive Directors

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32nd Annual Southern Senior Cup Team Championships (2018) May 31 – June 3, 2018 (Huntsville, AL)

The 32nd Annual Southern Senior Cup Team Championships continues to be the USTA Southern Section's crown jewel of adult competition in the South. Up to 300 of the top players will come to Huntsville to represent their state in team competition in Men's and Women's 35-75 age divisions.

Important items:

- Captains' meeting will be held on Thursday, May 31 at 3:30 PM central at Huntsville TC and directions can be found on the www.huntsvilletenniscenter.com website. Each captain will need to provide Senior Cup Tournament staff with a secondary captain and contact number during captain's meeting.
- All preliminary rounds (if there are nine teams in the draw) will be played on Thursday, May 31, with singles scheduled for 4:00 PM central and doubles to follow. Captains will be notified of all preliminary rounds at least three weeks prior to the start of play. For the teams that play preliminary rounds on Thursday, it is possible to play the singles and doubles simultaneously if both teams have 4 unique players, and each team does not plan on playing one of the singles players in the doubles line.
- Player fee is \$10 and each player is responsible for registering online. Tournament ID # to be sent to captains in separate e-mail.
- Women's 75's format 1 singles and 1 doubles. In the event of a tie, a doubles team will play a 10-point match tiebreak to determine the winner of the team match.
- At the captains' meeting, the following process will be used to determine draws:
 - Each captain will receive draws with current rosters (as of print date).
 - Two seeds will be selected in each age division.
 - Once seeds are determined for all divisions, then draws will be completed by Tournament staff.
- Complete Tournament Regulations are in this packet titled "2018 Southern Senior Cup Team Championships Regulations."
- The Welcome Party, hosted by the Huntsville tennis community, will be held Thursday, May 31, at Huntsville Tennis Center from 5:00 – 7:00 PM central (Wine, Beer and Hors d'oeuvres served).
- Lunch and/or Brunch will be served to all players on Friday and Saturday.
- A dinner/gathering will be held on Friday night at Huntsville Tennis Center from 6:00 – 10:00 PM (or until empty!). Team pictures will be taken prior. Casual and/or festive attire okay!
- Each participant receives a shirt, and captains receive a captain's gift. The Mildred Southern Cup champions and Gil Stacy Cup champions will both receive a \$500 check to donate to the charity of their choice.



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2018 SOUTHERN SENIOR CUP TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS

- DATES & LOCATION:** May 31 – June 3, 2018; Huntsville, AL
- TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** Chris Walling
- TOURNAMENT REFEREE:** Deanna Garretson
- ELIGIBILITY:** STA's nine states are eligible to field a team in each age division, MEN and WOMEN 35s, 45s, 55s, 65s & 75s. An age division must have at least 5 states competing to count towards the Gil Stacy Memorial Cup, the Mildred Southern Cup, and the Men's and Women's Overall Championships.
- SIZE OF TEAM:** The minimum number of players on each age division team shall be two, and the maximum number shall be four.
- LIMITATION OF PLAY:** A player may play both singles and doubles. A player may be listed on more than one age division roster, but captains should be aware that there will be no schedule accommodations for a player that is listed on more than one roster. A player may play down in age division **only once per round. However, in the event that a team has the maximum of four players in an age division, no players from higher age divisions may play down unless one of the four players on the lower age division team is ineligible due to injury or illness for the duration of the event.** A player may **not** play singles in two age divisions or doubles in two age divisions in the same round.
- SELECTION PROCEDURES:** Each state shall have the sole responsibility for selecting team members using whatever criteria it determines appropriate. Teams should be limited to players without current ATP or WTA rankings. Players must be current **USTA** members and legal residents within the state for which they play. USTA membership should reflect the state a player is representing. **If a player is determined to be ineligible, the player will forfeit all matches played and points will be deducted from the team score.**
- TEAM CAPTAIN:** A team captain must be designated before competition begins, may be a playing or non-playing captain, and may serve as captain of men's and/or women's teams. There will be a mandatory captain's meeting held on the Thursday, May 31, at 3:30 pm central at **Huntsville TC**. This meeting is for designated captains only. During captain's meeting, each state captain will provide a secondary captain to Tournament staff for scorecard changes. Final team roster submissions must be updated on GoogleDoc by Wednesday, May 30 at 12:00 PM. If any changes to rosters happen before captains' meeting, the captains will notify each state captain at captain's meeting.
- DRAW:** During captain's meeting, all captains will meet at a round table to determine seeding for each age group. Two seeds will be selected in each age division. To the extent practicable, every effort will be made so

that no state plays more than one preliminary match (same gender). However, this may not be applicable if a state is seeded in multiple age groups.—Seeding and placement of “byes” will follow “Friend at Court” procedures.

TEAM ROSTER:

The roster for singles and doubles shall be submitted in order of strength (or “respective abilities”), with 1 being the best player. This order (1,2,3,4) shall be maintained throughout the competition. All players shall be listed on the singles roster even if they are expected to play doubles only. **The Doubles Team can be changed as noted below.** This strength order will not be adjusted unless there is verifiable proof that it should be.

METHOD OF USING ROSTER:

Player #2 and player #3 may be listed as playing singles, but #2 must play #1 singles and #3 must play #2 singles. Players #3 and #4 may have been CONSIDERED as the doubles team, but any combination (i.e. #1 and #4) could be named to play on the day of the match.

FORMAT:

The competition shall be single elimination team matches. There will be a third and fourth play-off and a consolation event for seven, eight and nine team draws. 5 team draws will use round robin format with USTA Tournament Regulations tiebreak procedures: individual matches won, head to head, sets lost, games lost, method determined by tournament committee. Tournament committee may consider tiebreak in lieu of 3rd set in 5 team draws in older age groups where two matches in a day are scheduled. The women’s 75’s play one singles and one doubles format. In the event of a tie, a **doubles team** will play a 10-point match tiebreak to determine the match winner. 6 team draws will place semifinal losers with quarterfinal losers in a consolation draw making sure that teams that played in quarters of main draw do not play in the semis of consolation draw. Semi final losers will be placed as 1 & 2 seeds in consolation draw. Each TEAM MATCH shall consist of two singles and one doubles. Each individual match shall count one point. The team with two points or more shall be the winner of the TEAM MATCH and advance to the next round. All individual matches will be played until completion even if a team winner for the match has been established.

DAILY PROCEDURE:

Friday’s lineups will be turned in at the captains’ meeting on Thursday after the draws are completed. Each day’s line-up must be submitted to the Tournament Referee or Tournament staff the night before scheduled play. Any changes in doubles line-ups must be made 30 minutes prior to the scheduled doubles match UNLESS approved by both the Tournament Referee and Tournament Director.

TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS:

The Tournament Committee and staff will try its best to ensure suitable playing conditions. Tournament staff should be notified ASAP if a problem persists with a particular court. Individual courts will not be brushed between individual matches in order to protect dryness. Reasonable attempts will be made to water courts between singles and doubles rounds but may not be possible for every court. During inclement weather, alternate and/or shortened formats may be used for time constraints. Weather hotline number is 888-434-0998.

GRIEVANCES:

The Grievance and Grievance Appeals Committee will be appointed by the Tournament Chairman. If there is a conflict of interest or Chairman is not readily available, the Tournament Director will assume responsibility for appointing committees. All grievances must be filed by a captain immediately following the involved team’s match.



SOUTHERN SENIOR CUP SCORING

The objectives of the Southern Senior Cup are:

1. To determine the state having the strongest overall team
2. To recognize and give credit to each individual and team for all matches played
3. To encourage maximum participation by each state
4. To encourage maximum participation by each player

The Senior Cup Subcommittee and Adult/Senior Competition Committee seek to accomplish these objectives utilizing the Mildred Southern Men’s and Women’s Combined Overall Championships scoring, Gil Stacy Memorial Cup scoring, the Men’s Overall Championships scoring, and the Women’s Overall Championship scoring. The Mildred Southern Cup and Men’s and Women’s Overall Championships scoring places primary emphasis on the first objective whereas the Gil Stacy Memorial Cup scoring places primary emphasis on the second objective. Objectives three and four are accomplished via the synergies of both scoring systems.

MILDRED SOUTHERN CUP

Presented to the State with the highest combined total of Men’s and Women’s Overall Championships points.

GIL STACY MEMORIAL CUP SCORING:

The state that wins the most individual matches (whether in Main Draw or Consolation) will determine the Gil Stacy Memorial Cup. Each match won counts 1 point. Scores for this award must be updated twice a day.

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIPS SCORING

In the main draw, if a team wins a quarterfinal match after winning a preliminary match, then the team will score 3 points for the quarterfinal win. The team will score 1 point if they lost the quarterfinals after winning preliminary match. The same scoring procedure will be used in consolation draws. In consolation, a team winning a quarterfinal match and then a semifinal match would be awarded ½ point for each win. A team winning a semifinal match and not playing a quarterfinal match would be awarded one point for the semifinal win. A bye is considered the same as a win.

Points are scored for wins in each round:

Main Draw		Possible Points For 1st – 6th Place	
Preliminary Round	1 point	1 st Place	12 points
Quarters	3 or 4 points	2 nd Place	8 points
Semis	4 points	3 rd Place	6 points
Finals	4 points	4 th Place	4 points
3 rd /4 th Playoff	2 points	5 th Place	2 points
		6 th Place	1 point
Consolation Draw			
Quarters	½ point		
Semis	½ or 1 point		
Finals	1 point		