



2024 Mississippi Jr Team Tennis **FALL LEAGUE REGULATIONS**

Player Participation

Players may play on more than one team in the same local league in our state, as long as they are in different age divisions. For example, a player can play on a 14 and under team and an 18 and under team. Once at the State Championships players may only participate on ONE team. A player may play in the same age division in SEPARATE local leagues, but must choose only one team to play with at the state tournament.

Roster Requirements

Unlike the summer league, players do not have to reside in the local area where they join a team, and teams aren't required to carry only players that reside in their local area or state.

Fall Format

Teams will be SINGLE GENDER, and each match will consist of 2 doubles matches and 4 singles matches. **Each player may play doubles and singles in the team match.** At the Fall State tournament, each individual court will play one full set. Doubles will go on first, and after the 2 doubles matches end, all four singles matches will go on court. Local leagues will use the same Team Format, but may choose a different scoring format.

More Than One Match

Fall league teams will be single gender, and EACH player may play twice in a team match. No one can play three times in a team match, so ***the minimum amount of players needed for a team and for a single team match is 4. The maximum amount of players per team is 10.*** If a team has only 3 players for a team match, they must forfeit 2 courts (a doubles court and a singles court)

Coaching

Coaching is allowed by one person per match (whomever is designated the coach or captain). Team should put their coach for each match (it doesn't have to be the captain in Tennislink) on the scorecard before the match, and that is the only person that can coach during the match. Coaching is only allowed during changeovers. It is not allowed during tiebreaks, after the first game of a set, or by hand signals during play.

Eligibility for Progression for FALL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY ONLY

Team Progression

- Teams may advance to the Fall State Championship if they had no other local teams to play against and no match scores entered. However, those teams have to be registered for their local leagues and all players registered for the local team by November 4.
- If more than 1 team signs up for a division locally by the local deadline, those teams must have local play to determine who gets to advance.

Individual Player Progression

- If a league has local play, players must play in one local match in order to be eligible for the Fall State Championship
- If a team is registered for local play and has NO other teams to play against, that team may advance to State and its players DO NOT have to have the 1 local match played.

Substitutions and Additions for Fall State Championships

Teams may add two players to their state championship roster, **IF** those players played on another fall local team. *(Teams DO NOT have to drop below the minimum amount of players required (4) in order to add players to their State roster, they may add regardless.*

Advanced/ Intermediate Rule

We will have ONE division for fall local play and Fall State Championship play, so up to 2 advanced players are welcome on ANY team. There will NOT be a separate division for Advanced teams at Fall State.

Advanced/ Intermediate Rule

We will have ONE division for spring local play and Spring State Championship play, so up to 2 advanced players are welcome on ANY team.

Advanced players are determined by their WTN points:

- **(New in 2024)** The World Tennis Number “WTN” at time of registration will be used to determine the divisions’ players eligible to participate in during the Championship YEAR. A player’s Singles WTN will be used as long as confidence is over 30%. WTNs with a Confidence Factor of 10%-30% will be treated as “no rating”.

Age Division	Range	WTN Rating at the time of Registration
18U Adv	40 - 1	Anyone allowed to play ADV in 18U
18U Int	40 - 23	Must be within range to play INT in 18U
14U Adv	40 - 1	Anyone allowed to play ADV in 14U
14U Int	40 - 27	Must be within range to play INT in 14U

Age Eligibility

Players registering for Fall teams must be “age eligible” through **October 15** (i.e., a player must remain 12 through October 15 in order to sign up for a 12 and Under team.)

Advancement to State

For every 3 teams in a division, 1 team is eligible to advance to Fall State.

Fall State Championships
November 23-24, 2024
Jackson, MS