



2026 Mississippi Jr Team Tennis

Fall State Championship Regulations

Captains are required to be Safe Play approved to captain in the local league and at the State Championship.

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.

Team Composition and Format

12U Green Ball, 12U Yellow Ball, 14U, 18U teams will be SINGLE GENDER.

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. A tiebreak is played at 5 games all. This could change with the number of teams entered in the championship or inclement weather.

10U teams will be COED. The match format will remain the same with 4 singles and 2 doubles courts.

At the Fall State tournament, each individual court will play one full set.

One game is played as the match tiebreak at 5 gamers all, staying in the serving order. Local leagues will use the same Team Format, but may choose a different scoring format.

More Than One Match

12U, 14U, 18U players may play twice in a team match. ***The minimum number of players needed for a team and for a single team match is 4. The maximum number 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) 10U teams' minimum number of players needed for a team is 4. ***The maximum number of players per team is 10.***

Coaching

In our state and section, coaching is allowed by one person during a match (whomever is designated the coach or captain for that match, although that may be a different person each match, it doesn't have to be the captain). 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 1.
- 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.

Substitutions and Additions for Fall State Championships

Teams may add **two** players to their state championship roster, **IF** those players were registered and played on another fall local team. *(Teams DO NOT have to drop below the minimum amount of players required (4) in order to add (2) players to their State roster, they may add regardless, but must be approved by the State Coordinator.*

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 players are determined by their WTN points:

- **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

- In 12U divisions, a player may play Green or Yellow based on Play Tracker Regulations/allowances.
- In 10U divisions, a player may play Green or Orange based on Play Tracker Regulations/allowances.

Age Eligibility

Players registering for Fall teams must be “age eligible” through **October 31** (i.e., a player must remain 12 through October 31 in order to sign up for a 12 and Under team.)

Divisions include:

Gender Neutral - 10U Intermediate (Orange Ball)

Girls and Boys - 12U Intermediate (Green Ball)

Girls and Boys - 12U Advanced (Yellow Ball)

Girls and Boys - 14U Intermediate

Girls and Boys - 18U Intermediate

Advancement to State

For every 3 teams in a division, 1 team is eligible to advance to Fall State. Local teams who do not have other local teams to play may advance but all players **MUST** be registered locally on TennisLink by November 1.

Waiver Claims

Members, players, spectators, and other participants in USTA tournaments, programs, and events acknowledge the associated risks, assume those risks voluntarily, and in consideration of their attendance at USTA tournaments, programs and events, agree to assume any loss or damage, and to waive any claim or demand on account of any injury to person or property arising out of or related to their attendance, including, but not limited to, exposure to infectious syndromes or diseases, whether caused by negligence or other fault. By participating in or attending USTA tournaments, programs and events, members, players, spectators, and other participants assume all risks whether known or unknown. Furthermore, members, players, spectators, and other participants agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the USTA, its affiliated Sectional Associations and Districts/Subdivisions, and the host facility (Released Parties) and the Released Parties' employees, contractors, representatives and agents with respect to any such injury or loss caused by negligence or other fault, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION SYSTEM

The USTA's Digital Platform must be used for registering teams and players. A player's name must be listed on the team roster, as shown in the USTA's Digital Platform, prior to participation in any match. The State Association shall establish deadlines and procedures for registering players and teams in the USTA's Digital Platform.

OFFICIAL SCORE REPORTING AND STANDINGS SYSTEM

The USTA's Digital Platform must be used for reporting scores and providing standings. Match App, or similar, may be used providing all results are also recorded in USTA's Digital Platform.

COMPETITION FORMAT

The competition format may be round robin, partial round robin, or a combination of the two, at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

ROUND ROBIN

If round robin competition is used, each team shall play every other team in its flight and the team with the

highest number of total games shall be the champion in its flight. The use of flights requires a playoff to establish a champion.

PARTIAL ROUND ROBIN

The Partial Round Robin Format may be used in scenarios when the number of teams does not work well with round robin.

- All teams shall be scheduled the same number of matches against randomly selected opponents. · The 2 teams at the top of the standings at the end of the unflighted matches are the 2 teams to make a final.

PLAY OFFS - (4th Match)

When a flight has only 3 matches, a fourth match, called a Play Off, will be held. Teams will play against other flights that have the same standing. For example, the first-place teams from each flight will compete in the final to determine the division winner. Similarly, second-place teams will play each other, as will third and fourth-place teams.

Tournament Website

The tournament website will house Accommodation information, Master schedule, Match App link, captains meeting link, and the results of the tournament.

Tournament website click [HERE](#)

**Fall State Championships
November 21-22, 2026
Jackson, MS**