

**2009 Southern Combo Doubles Tennis League**  
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**To: Team Captains and Tennis Facilities**  
**From: Nan R. Smith**  
**CTL Combo Doubles League Coordinator**

**Team Registration:**

- Opens Saturday, May 23rd on TennisLink (TL) at <http://national.usta.com>
- Team registration closes on Friday, June 26th.
- Players may be added to roster until August 1st.
- Fee - \$17 per player.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- **You CANNOT play at the same level in two different local leagues. This is ONLY a combo doubles league rule! (cannot play 6.5 in CTL & LATA)**
- **You CANNOT be rated higher than a 2.5 to play at the 5.0 combo level.**
- **You CAN be more than 1 point apart as long as the combined level does not exceed the level of play. (Ex. 4.0 & 2.5 can play a 6.5 match)**
- **All rain make-ups and rescheduled matches MUST be played within 2 weeks of scheduled date.**

1. **Minimum of 6 players (3 legal doubles partnerships) on TL roster by June 26th, or the team will NOT be placed on a schedule. No Refunds for teams that do not make up.**
2. **TennisLink will not accept a player without a USTA membership current through the state championship (October 2009). Membership can be paid on TL.**
3. ***Matches are scheduled to start the week of July 12th. Schedules will NOT be mailed, but will be published on TL no later than Tuesday, July 7th.***
4. **Scorecards may be printed from TL for matches.**
5. **State championships: October 23-26, 2009 based out of the Family Circle Cup on Daniel Island.**
6. **Sectional Championships: January 22-26, 2010 in Mobile, AL.**

The BMW Combo doubles League is team competition for *Adult men and women* with levels of 5.0, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, and 10.5 where individual doubles teams' combined NTRP ratings may not exceed the overall team level entered.

**NEW RULE: You cannot be rated higher than a 2.5 to play at the 5.0 level!**

All participants must reach 19 years of age during the calendar year in which they play their first local league match. The league also offers *senior league* competition at the 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, and 8.5 combined levels. All senior players must reach 50 years of age during the calendar year. We would like to offer Super Seniors again this year and that level of play will be 6.5, 7.5, and 8.5. All Super Senior players must reach 60 years of age during the calendar year.

**FORMAT:** Three doubles teams per match – Minimum number of six (6) players per team. *The partners' ratings can be more than 1.0 rating apart.*

**NEW PLAYERS:** Players who do not have a rating on file in TennisLink shall self-rate accordance with the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) Guidelines and complete the self-rating process on TL when registering for a team. Failure to do so or omission of information regarding a player's tennis history will subject the player, the captain, and/or others who condoned inaccurate self-rating to sanctions and disqualifications.

**PLAY DAYS:** Matches begin at 6:30 PM.

**Monday:** 5.5 & 10.5 Men & Women, 7.5 Men, 6.5 Senior Women, All 8.5 Senior Men & Women

**Tuesday:** 5.0 & 9.5 Men & Women, 7.5 Women, 6.5 Senior Men

**Wednesday:** 6.5 & 8.5 Men, 7.5 Senior Women

**Thursday:** 6.5 & 8.5 Women, 5.5 Senior Men & Women, 7.5 Sr. Men

**Saturday:** All Super Seniors @ 9:00 AM

**COURTS:** **\*IMPORTANT: INFO FOR TEAMS WHO UTILIZE COURTS AT PARKLANE, CAUGHMAN ROAD, TRENHOLM PARK, ST. ANDREWS PARK, NORTH SPRINGS PARK, COLUMBIA TENNIS CENTER, SOUTHEAST PARK OR GREENVIEW PARK AS YOUR HOME COURT FACILITY FOR COMBO DOUBLES LEAGUE.** Team captains are responsible for paying court fees directly to facilities for combo doubles matches. In lieu of the regular public rental rate, these facilities have agreed to set a standard team fee for combo doubles league matches, which will cover court fees for all home matches for its teams during the season. **THE TEAM FEE IS \$120 PER ADULT TEAM AND \$100 PER SENIOR TEAM. THE TEAM CAPTAIN MUST SUBMIT THIS TEAM FEE (ONE CHECK ONLY) TO THE FACILITY AND THE DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS JULY 15, 2009.**

**Captain must secure APPROVAL for home courts for your team PRIOR to registering the team on Tennis Link! (See specific instructions for obtaining approval for home courts at end of this letter from facilities.)**

Do not assume that you can play at a certain facility – you must contact the facility and obtain approval to be placed on its list– there are limited numbers of home teams allowed to play at each facility - and are typically

approved on a first-come/first-serve basis. If you do not secure permission for home courts, your team will be deleted from TL with no refund.

**PLAYING ON MULTIPLE TEAMS: Players may play on multiple teams (must be different levels), both in local league and state championships, but no accommodations will be made in the event of scheduling conflicts. (If you are playing in CTL & LATA at two different levels, we will NOT make accommodations for conflicting schedules! – Keep this in mind for play-offs as well)! Playing on more than one team at the same level will result in forfeiture of all matches played and the player will be removed from both rosters. (A player may play on one Adult and one Senior team at the same level within SC, in local league and state championships, but no accommodations will be made in the event of scheduling conflicts.)**

**MATCH FORMAT for all CTL combo matches: If teams split sets, MATCH TIE-BREAK WILL BE PLAYED IN LIEU OF 3<sup>rd</sup> set (first team to 10 pts by a margin of 2 pts.) This is the same format used at state championships.**

**2009 LEAGUE RULES – each captain/player is responsible for reading and complying with the BMW Combo Doubles local league rules, state rules, sectional rules and national rules. These will be published in the Combo doubles section at columbiatennisleague.org. READ THEM!**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CAPTAINS – REGISTERING YOUR TEAM ON TL:**

**You must name your team as follows when registering on TennisLink:**

***TEAM NAME: List Team Code first – team name second – then home court code.***

(Team Code for adult league teams = “C” followed by Captain’s first name initial and first two letters of last name. Team Code for senior league teams = “CZ” + the first initial of captain’s first and last names. See list below for home court facility codes.) For example, Adult league Captain Jane Doe of the “Lobsters” with St. Andrews home courts would enter team name of CJDO – Lobsters - SA. Senior team captain Jane Doe would enter a team name of ‘CZJD – Lobsters - SA.

**CTL FACILITY**

Camden Country Club  
Caughman Road  
Columbia Tennis Center  
Cobblestone Park  
Greenview Park  
Harbison Rec Ctr  
Jeep Rogers YMCA  
Longcreek Plantation Club  
North Springs Park  
Parklane Tennis Center  
Rockbridge Club  
SouthEast Park

**“TENNIS LINK” HOME COURT CODE**

CCC  
CR  
CTC  
CSP  
GV  
HB  
YMCA  
LP  
NS  
PK  
RK  
SEP

Spring Valley Club  
 St. Andrews Park  
 Trenholm Park  
 Wildewood Club  
 Woodcreek Farms  
 Woodlands Club

SV  
 SA  
 TP  
 WWD  
 WF  
 WLD

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**CTL REGISTRATION, CAPTAIN DIRECTORY AND SCHEDULING FORM:  
 TO TEAM CAPTAIN: In addition to registering your team on TL, you must ALSO complete and submit this form to CTL league in order to be included on a team schedule. This form is posted on columbiatennisleague.org website in the combo doubles section and MUST be submitted at the same time you register your team on Tennis Link. Simply fill out the form on the website and it will automatically be sent to me. I need this form so that I can obtain pertinent info for your team, coordinate number of teams/facilities, and obtain information needed for the schedules and captain directory. I will email a captain directory to each captain so you can contact other captains in your division, when needed.**

**CTL 2009 COMBO DOUBLES REGISTRATION & SCHEDULING FORM**

<b>Captain:</b>	<b>Home #:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Work #:</b>
<b>E-Mail: (required)</b>	<b>Cell phone #: (optional)</b>
<b>Home Courts: (captain must get pre-approval from facility)</b>	<b>Level: (Circle one)</b>  5.0, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, 10.5
<b>Team Name:</b>	<b>Adult , Senior , Super Senior (Circle one)</b>

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEAMS TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR HOME COURTS FROM COUNTY AND CITY PARKS:** These facilities are: Columbia Tennis Center, SouthEast Park, Greenview Park, Parklane (a/k/a Richland County Tennis Center), Caughman Road Park, Trenholm Park, St. Andrews Park, and NorthSprings Park.

- Each facility will maintain a master list of teams that have been approved for home courts. The league coordinator will contact the facility to verify these approved teams before placing the team on a schedule. If your team is not on the approved list, the team will NOT be placed on a schedule and will be deleted from Tennis Link with no refund.
- Once you have obtained approval for home courts, register your team on TennisLink and email the CTL coordinator your team registration form from the CTL website, so that your team can be included on a schedule. You will then need to pay your team fee to the facility by July 10, 2009.
- Your team fee will cover court costs for all your home matches at county and city parks. The fee is \$120 per adult team and \$100 per senior team. The team captain must pay this fee directly to the facility - deadline for payment is JULY 15, 2009. ONE CHECK ONLY for the total amount. Failure to pay the team fee will result in your team being denied courts for home matches.

Below are specific instructions from these facilities for you to obtain approval for home courts:

**COLUMBA TENNIS CENTER and SOUTHEAST PARK** – Contact CTC at 733-8440 to request approval. Make ONE CHECK for team fee, payable to “Columbia Parks and Recreation”, and submit check to CTC by July 10, 2009.

**GREENVIEW PARK** – Contact Greenview at 754-5223. Team captain must submit a written request in order to secure home courts at Greenview. Make ONE CHECK for team fee, payable to “Columbia Parks and Recreation”, and submit check to Greenview Park by July 10, 2009.

**PARKLANE, CAUGHMAN ROAD, TRENHOLM PARK, ST. ANDREWS PARK AND NORTHSPRINGS PARK** – To obtain approval to play at any of these county facilities – contact Hunter Strasburger at 788-3001 or by email at [Hunter@rcrc.state.sc.us](mailto:Hunter@rcrc.state.sc.us) and specify the facility requested for home courts. Hunter will keep a master list of teams that he approves for each county facility and will notify each facility. Make ONE CHECK for team fee, payable to “RCRC”, and hand deliver or mail it to Bernie at: Attn: Hunter Strasburger, Richland County Tennis Center, 7500 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC 29223. Deadline for payment of team fee is July 10, 2009.