



To: USTA League Captain
From: David Bain, Director of Leagues
Re: 2010 USTA Georgia Senior League Tennis State Championship

Congratulations to you and your teammates for having a successful league year and earning a berth to the 2010 USTA Georgia Senior League Tennis State Championship. There are over 3,000 players fifty and over in Georgia competing for a berth in the USTA League Tennis Georgia Senior State Championships, so you are in an elite group.

The next step on the road to becoming a National Champion is the USTA Georgia Senior League Tennis State Championships, which will be held June 4th – 7th, in Columbus, GA. This packet has all the information you will need to register your team. Please review the enclosed materials carefully.

All levels will be played on clay courts barring any weather problems. The directions page shows which facilities we will be using. Balls will be provided and handed out prior to each match.

Please remember that the player lunch is Saturday, June 5th between 11:30 am to 3:00 pm at Cooper Creek Tennis Center.

Scores will be posted at Cooper Creek Tennis Center as quickly as we receive them from the ancillary sites. Completed scorecards will also be available at the tennis center, as well as the TennisLink website.

If you have questions, please contact your local league coordinator. If your local league coordinator is unable to answer your questions, contact me at the USTA Georgia office (404-256-9543 x118) or by email at bain@ustageorgia.com. The answer to most of your questions may be found in this packet, so please review before calling.

Good luck to your team, and the USTA Georgia staff looks forward to seeing you in Columbus.





**SENIOR LEAGUE TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
INFORMATION SHEET**
(Senior Men & Women 2.5 – 4.5)

- When:** June 4 - 7, 2010
- Where:** Columbus, GA (**Cooper Creek Tennis Center** & ancillary sites as needed)
- Host Hotel:** **Doubletree Hotel**
- Registration:** Thursday, June 3rd from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm (Doubletree Hotel)
- Captain's Meeting:** Thursday, June 3rd at 7:00 pm (Doubletree Hotel) **This meeting is mandatory for all captains or a representative of the captain**
- Format of Play:** Round robin, group winners advance to single elimination playoff
- Play Begins:** Friday, June 4th at 8:00 am
- Play Ends:** **Most** round robin groups will conclude play on Sunday, June 6th
- Playoffs:** Quarterfinals and semi-finals **may** begin on Sunday, June 6th for levels with more than four groups. All other semi-finals and finals are scheduled for Monday, June 7th.
- Awards:** First and second place teams will receive awards. All players covered by the entry fee will receive an award.
- Official Ball:** Penn (provided and handed out prior to each match)
- Player Amenities:** State Championship T-shirt
Player Lunch (Saturday, June 5th between 11:30 am and 3:00 pm at Cooper Creek Tennis Center)





CAPTAIN'S CHECK-OFF LIST

You will find the following information in this packet:

- a. 2010 USTA League Tennis Captain Information sheet
- b. Directions for completing registration.
- c. 2010 USTA League Tennis Team Information Sheet.
- d. Match schedule announcement.
- e. Host hotels and phone number to reserve rooms.

Return the following with your entry:

- _____ Entry fee check \$30 for each player
(made out to your local league)
- _____ Deposit check (\$250)
(made out to USTA Georgia)
- _____ 2010 USTA League Tennis Captain Information Sheet
- _____ 2010 USTA League Tennis Team Information Sheet
- _____ Copy of your original roster from TennisLink
(make sure this is printed when the captain is logged in).



DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING REGISTRATION FORMS

1. Complete the form "USTA League Tennis Team Information Sheet."
 - A. Write the name of your local league in space next to Local League.
(Do not write the name of your team or your facility.)
 - B. Write your team's level in the space next to NTRP Level.
 - C. Write your team number in the space next to Team #.
 - D. Place a checkmark next to the appropriate gender.
 - E. In the Players column, write the name of the captain on the first line.
If original captain is not the acting captain for the State Championships, list the acting captain's name. **Enter all players by last name first. All players other than captain should be entered alphabetically.**
2. Include a copy of your roster from TennisLink.
3. Entry Fee is **\$30 for each player**. This check should be made out to your local league.
4. Deposit Fee is **\$250.00 per team**. This check should be made out to USTA Georgia. Teams who fail to complete all scheduled matches will forfeit both their entry fee and deposit, and will be subject to sanctions during the next league year. At the conclusion of scheduled matches, all deposit checks will be destroyed.

Teams that withdraw twenty-two (22) days in advance of the start of the tournament will be reimbursed their security deposit and entry fee. Teams that withdraw within twenty-one (21) days of the start of the tournament and the posting of the draw will not be reimbursed their entry fee. Teams that withdraw once the draw is posted will forfeit their security deposit, entry fee and a grievance may be filed by the referee to the appropriate committee.



SENIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS CAPTAIN INFORMATION

Local League: _____

Team Number: _____

Level: _____ **Women** **Men**

Captain Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____



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SENIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team Information Sheet

Local League: _____

Team NTRP Level: _____

Team Number: _____

Women:

Men:

	<u>LAST NAME*</u>	<u>FIRST NAME*</u>	<u># of Matches Played</u>	<u>T-shirt size</u>
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* List Captain's Name first, followed by an **alphabetical** listing of all other players (**Last, first**)

For Community Tennis Association use Only:

Entry Check Amount:	Deposit Check Amount:
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2010 USTA Georgia League Tennis State Championships Cancellation Policy

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Should inclement weather or other circumstances prevent the completion of a State Championship; the Tournament Committee will determine whether the matches played at the point of cancellation will be used to determine the round robin group winners and a champion and finalist in each level.

If the Tournament Committee determines that there was a lack of “equal opportunity” for all teams in the level due to the schedule of play, the Tournament Committee will place all teams in a drawing to determine the champion and finalist in each level. (For instance, in a five team round robin, one team may be in first place at the time of cancellation with two matches played, while other teams in the round robin have fewer matches played. This example would not provide “equal opportunity” for all teams in the round robin and would not be used to determine the round robin group winner).

If any team in a round robin flight is mathematically out of contention at the time of cancellation, they will be excluded from the drawing.

**TENTATIVE MATCH SCHEDULES
WILL BE ON THE INTERNET**

May 28, 2010

(www.senior.ustageorgia.com)

(www.corta.org)

**TIME AND SITES ARE SUBJECT TO
CHANGE BEFORE THE START OF
THE TOURNAMENT**

**FINAL SCHEDULES WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED IN CAPTAIN'S
PACKETS GIVEN AT
REGISTRATION**

Each team is guaranteed a minimum of three matches during the tournament

Most Often Asked Questions about the State Championships

If you have a question about the 2010 USTA Georgia League Tennis State Championships; refer to this sheet as a handy reference.

1. Our team won both the summer/fall and winter/spring seasons, but a couple of our players were different. Can we take all our players?

No. You must choose which season you are representing - the fall or the spring. Only those players on that roster, and who are otherwise qualified, may play. You cannot combine rosters.

2. How many matches does a player have to have played locally to be eligible to participate at the USTA Georgia Adult State Championship?

A player must have played two matches during the same local league season, including local playoffs, in which his/her team qualified for the state championship. One default received by the player during local competition shall count for advancing. A retired match shall count toward advancing for all players involved.

3. How soon can we get our match schedule?

The tentative schedule will be posted on the USTA Georgia Web Page (www.senior.ustageorgia.com) or the Columbus Regional Tennis Association Web Page (www.corta.org) a week before tournament starts. No schedules will be mailed to captains. At registration, captains will receive a final schedule that will replace the tentative one.

4. Why do I have to attend the captains' meeting?

At the captains' meeting we go over all the specific rules that apply for the tournament. All announcements concerning schedule changes are made at this time. The captains' meeting is the only way we can ensure you are informed of changes or special situations you need to know about in order to make your tournament as smooth as possible. The captain may send a representative to this meeting.

5. Our team only has four players available. Will we have to forfeit all our matches?

You must have a minimum of 6 players who can play all three positions, but if the Tournament Committee approves this prior to the tournament your team will be allowed to play with only 4 players for the entire tournament.

If this is not pre-approved, you are allowed to default one of the three lines, but you can not do it every match. Showing up to a match with less than 4 players will result in the team being defaulted from the tournament and the team will be subject to the same penalties as if they had withdrawn.

*** Players must play at the level their rating was at the time of their local league play!**

HOTELS

****Room Rates not guaranteed after May 14th****

DoubleTree Hotel - **Host Hotel**

5351 Sidney Simons Blvd.
Columbus, GA 31904
(706) 327-6868

Charge for Breakfast
Special Rate: \$99/night
* Ask for Tennis Tournament Rate

Courtyard by Marriott

3501 Courtyard Way
Columbus, GA 31909
(706) 323-2323

Free Breakfast
Special Rate: \$119/night (standard)
*Ask for Tennis Tournament Rate

Country Inn & Suites

1720 Fountain Court
Columbus, GA 31904
(706) 660-1880

Free Breakfast
Special Rate: \$79/night (double)
*Ask for Tennis Tournament Rate

Fairfield Inn and Suites

4510 Armour Road
Columbus, GA 31904
(706) 317-3600

Free Continental Breakfast
Special Rate: \$89/night (king or double)
*Ask for Tennis Tournament Rate

Hilton Garden Inn

1500 Bradley Lakes Blvd.
Columbus, GA 31904
(706) 660-1000

Free Breakfast
Special Rate: \$109/night (king)
\$119/night (double)
*Ask for Tennis Tournament Rate

Holiday Inn Express

7336 Bear Lane
Columbus, GA 31909
(706) 507-7200

Free Breakfast
Special Rate: \$119/night
(king or double suites)
*Ask for Tennis Tournament Rate

Home-Towne Suites

6040 Knology Way
Columbus, GA 31909
(706) 561-1795

Charge for Breakfast
Special Rate: \$99/night (King Suite or double)
\$109/night (Family Suite)
*Ask for Tennis Tournament Rate

Homewood Suites

6614 Whittlesey Boulevard
Columbus, GA 31904
(706) 568-3545

Free Breakfast
Special Rate: \$119/night - studio
(king or double)
*Ask for Tennis Tournament Rate

Hyatt Place

2974 Northlake Parkway
Columbus, GA 31909
(706) 507-5000

Free Breakfast
Special Rate: \$94/night (king or double)
*Ask for Tennis Tournament Rate

Residence Inn by Marriott

2670 Adams Farm Dr.
Columbus, GA 31909
(706) 494-0050

Free Breakfast

Special Rate: \$124/night

Studio w/kitchen

*Ask for Tennis Tournament Rate

Spring Hill Suites by Marriott

5415 Whittlesey Boulevard
Columbus, GA 31909
(706) 576-3773

Free Breakfast

Special Rate: \$104/night

(Double Suites w/microwave and refrigerator)

*Ask for Tennis Tournament Rate

Super 8 Hotel

2935 Warm Springs Road
Columbus, GA 31909
(706) 322-6580

Free Breakfast

Special Rate: \$56.88/night (king or double)

*Ask for Tennis Tournament Rate

Towne Place Suites by Marriott

4534 East Armour Road
Columbus, GA 31904
(706) 322-3001

Free Breakfast

Special Rate: \$92/night

Studio w/kitchen

*Ask for Tennis Tournament Rate

Wingate Inn

1711 Rollins Way
Columbus, GA 31904
(706) 225-1000

Free Breakfast

Special Rate: \$109/night

* Ask for Tennis Tournament Rate

Directions to Captain's Meeting

From I-185 South:

Directions to the Doubletree Hotel (5351 Sidney Simons Blvd., Columbus, GA 31904)
(706) 327-6868

Traveling South on I-185, take Exit 8 (Airport Thruway). Turn right on Airport Thruway. Turn left at the first light onto Sydney Simons Blvd. Hotel is on the left.

Directions to the Tennis Courts

From I-185 South:

Directions to Cooper Creek Tennis Center (4816 Milgen Rd., Columbus, GA 31907)
(Sites CC A and CC B) (706-317-4136)

Traveling South on I-185, take Exit 7 (Manchester Expressway). Turn left at the light onto Manchester Expressway. Stay on Manchester Expressway until you come to the Warm Springs Road Connector Exit. Take the Warm Springs Road Connector Exit and turn right at the light. Go straight and enter Cooper Creek Park. The check-in desk for site A will be on the left side of the road in the Annex Building. The check-in desk for site B will be on the right side of the road at the main clubhouse - the two-story building.

Directions to Country Club of Columbus (2610 Cherokee Ave., Columbus, GA 31906)
(Site CCC) (706-323-0116)

From Cooper Creek Tennis Center:

At the Cooper Creek Park traffic light, turn left (west) out of the park onto Milgen Road. Stay straight and travel approximately 3.5 miles. At the seventh traffic light turn left onto Hilton Avenue. Go to first traffic light and turn right onto Cherokee Avenue. The Country Club will be about a mile ahead on your left. (Note: Milgen Road changes names. Milgen Road = Gentian Boulevard = Warm Springs Road)

From I-185 South:

Take Exit 7 (Manchester Expressway) and turn right. At the 2nd traffic light (Woodruff Road), turn left onto Woodruff Road, which will become Hilton Avenue. Travel to the 2nd traffic light and then turn right onto Cherokee Avenue. The Country Club will be about a mile ahead on your left.

Directions to Green Island Country Club (6501 Standing Boy Road, Columbus, GA 31904)

(Site GI) (706-324-1533)

From Cooper Creek Tennis Center:

From the Cooper Creek Park traffic light: Continue straight on Warm Springs Road Connector approximately 1/2 mile. Turn left onto Manchester Expressway. Continue west to I-185. Get on I-185 heading north. Take Exit 7 heading west towards Phenix City and downtown Columbus. Take the first exit on to Bradley Park Drive, bear right. Go through the traffic light at the intersection of Bradley Park Drive & River Road. Take an immediate right on to Green Island Drive. Travel approximately 1 mile to Standing Boy Road and turn left. The Green Island Country Club is the first turn on your left.

From I-185 South:

Take Exit 10 W toward Phenix City/ Downtown Columbus. Take the first exit on to Bradley Park Drive, bear right. Go through the traffic light at the intersection of Bradley Park Drive & River Road. Take an immediate right on to Green Island Drive. Travel approximately 1 mile to Standing Boy Road and turn left. The Green Island Country Club is the first turn on your left.