



USTA Southern Statement on Cancellations of Level 1 and 2 Tournaments July 14th- August 31st

Due to the ever-evolving situation surrounding COVID-19, and the USTA cancelling all National Level events scheduled thru August, USTA Southern is cancelling **all Southern Level 1 and 2's** from now through August 31st.

The USTA Southern decision was not an easy one. The decision to cancel USTA Southern events was made while following the guidance from the USTA Medical Advisory Group., to ensure the health and safety of all those involved with these tournaments. USTA Southern supports the Medical Advisory Group's recommendation and the USTA's decision, as these events Sectionally, are larger in scale and size, therefore there is a risk associated with hosting large numbers of individuals at one site, at one time, and would make risk mitigation difficult in the Southern Section. In addition, as Sectional Southern Level Tournaments 1, and 2, many of those competing would have to travel interstate, bringing into play different regulations, restrictions, dependent upon the localities involved.

The Safety of the actual tennis being played was not a concern of the USTA Medical Advisory Group, therefore USTA Southern will continue to encourage State Level Tournaments 3-6 to continue, since these are local tournaments where traveling is not encouraged, and draws are smaller in size. The USTA Southern Section and USTA has previously issued a set of recommendations as how tennis can be played in a safe manner, which can be found on our Southern Website.

For the competitors that were selected to play in the Southern Level 2 in Dothan (12's) Auburn (14's) Pelham and Birmingham (16-18). you will receive an entry fee refund. Some may take a little longer than others to receive due to Public Facilities that have to go through more channels in writing the refunds. We are exploring refunds with USTA and Active and that information will be forthcoming. Please be aware that the Tournament Directors will be working on this immediately. We are truly sorry for the inconvenience and we hope that you understand that the health and safety of all players, tournament staff, parents, coaches, volunteers, and spectators, is the first priority for USTA Southern.

Tournaments Cancelled:

Southern Level 2 Boys and Girls 12-18 Divisions in Alabama- July 18-20

Southern Closed Championships Level 1 Boys and Girls 10-18 - July 30th- August 5th

Tournament Level Change:

Moved from Southern Level 1 to Southern Level 3

Southern Doubles Championships Boys and Girls 10-18- Rome Ga.- August 22- 23rd