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TO: The Callen Cup Captains & State Executive Directors

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The Callen Cup (Formally Southern Senior Cup) Team Championships 35th Edition (2022)
BY INVITATION ONLY - May 31 – June 5, 2022 (Pelham, AL)

The Callen Cup (Formally Southern Senior Cup) Team Championships is named after longtime and recently retired Southern Executive Director John Callen. It will continue to be the USTA Southern Section's crown jewel of adult competition in the South. Up to 300 of the top players will come to Pelham to represent their state in team competition in Men's and Women's 35-75 age divisions.

Important items:

- The tournament will be played in 2 overlapping segments: 65s/75s on Tuesday May 31st – Friday June 3rd & 35s/45s/55s on Thursday June 2nd – Sunday June 5th.
- Separate Captains Meetings will be held for the 65s/75s on Tuesday & 35s/45s/55s on Thursday. They will be held on their respective days at 3:00 PM Central at Pelham RC (2nd floor) and directions can be found on the <http://www.pelhamracquetclub.com/> website.
- Given the additional length of the tournament each team can have a 2nd captain to ensure one is present throughout the entire week. Regardless of if this option is selected every team will still need to provide an additional representative including phone/email to The Callen Cup Tournament staff prior to the completion of the captains meeting.
- Any division that has nine teams in the draw will have a preliminary round match and captains will be notified of all these at least three weeks prior to the start of play. They will occur following their days captain's meeting with singles scheduled for 3:30 PM central and doubles to follow. For the Preliminary Round only, it is possible to play the singles and doubles simultaneously if both teams have 4 unique players, and each team does not plan on playing one of the singles players in the doubles line.
- Player fee is \$12 and each player is responsible for registering online. The Tournament Page will be sent to captains and state associations in separate e-mail when available. All players must be entered on the Google Sheet by Wednesday May 25th at 5:00 PM Eastern and only those will be selected.
- 75W format will be 1 singles and 1 doubles. In the event of a tie, a doubles team will play a 10-point match tiebreak to determine the winner of the team match.
- All matches are the best 2-of-3 sets with 10-point match tiebreaker lieu of a 3rd set. In every division there will be a 3rd/4th Place, 5th/6th Place & 7th/8th Place Playoff as allowed by the number of teams that are represented.
- At the captains' meeting, the following process will be used to determine draws:
 - Each captain will receive draws with current rosters (as of print date).
 - Two seeds will be selected in each age division.
 - Once seeds are determined for all divisions, then draws will be completed by Tournament staff.
- Tournament Regulations and Scoring Procedures are included titled "The Callen Cup Team Championships Regulations (2022)."
- Lunch will be served Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for 65s/75s divisions, and Friday, Saturday and Sunday for 35s/45s/55s players. at Pelham Racquet Club.

- Any applicable safety measures will be announced prior to the start of The Callen Cup (2022).
- Each participant receives a shirt, and captains receive a captain's gift. The Mildred Southern Cup champions and Gil Stacy Cup champions will both receive a \$500 check to donate to the charity of their choice.



THE CALLEN CUP TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS (2022)

DATES & LOCATION: May 31st – June 5th, 2022; Pelham, AL
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Tom Burnham
TOURNAMENT REFEREE: Marty Engle

ELIGIBILITY: STA's nine states are eligible to field a team in each age division, MEN and WOMEN 35s, 45s, 55s, 65s & 75s. An age division must have at least 5 states competing to count towards the Gil Stacy Memorial Cup, the Mildred Southern Cup, and the Men's and Women's Overall Championships.

SIZE OF TEAM: The minimum number of players on each age division team shall be two, and the maximum number shall be four.

LIMITATION OF PLAY: A player may play both singles and doubles. A player may be listed on more than one age division roster, but captains should be aware that there will be no schedule accommodations for a player that is listed on more than one roster. A player may play down in age division only once per round. However, in the event that a team has the maximum of four players in an age division, no players from higher age divisions may play down unless one of the four players on the lower age division team is ineligible due to injury or illness for the duration of the event. A player may not play singles in two age divisions or doubles in two age divisions in the same round.

SELECTION PROCEDURES: Each state shall have the sole responsibility for selecting team members using whatever criteria it determines appropriate. Teams should be limited to players without current ATP or WTA rankings. Players must be current **USTA** members and legal residents within the state for which they play. USTA membership should reflect the state a player is representing. If a player is determined to be ineligible, the player will forfeit all matches played and points will be deducted from the team score.

TEAM CAPTAIN: A team captain(s) must be designated before competition begins, may be a playing or non-playing captain, and may serve as captain of men's and/or women's teams. There will be a mandatory captain's meetings held on the Tuesday May 31st at 3:00 PM Central and Thursday, June 2nd at 3:00 PM Central at **Pelham RC**. This meeting is for designated captains only. During captain's meeting, each state captain will confirm the secondary contact to Tournament staff for scorecard changes. Final team roster submissions must be updated on GoogleDoc by Wednesday, May 25th at 5:00 PM ET. No players will be added after this deadline and only the order of strength will be considered at the captain's meeting.

DRAW: During captain's meeting, all captains will meet at a round table to determine seeding for each age group. Two seeds will be selected in each age division. To the extent practicable, every effort will be made so that no state plays more than one feed-in match (same gender).

However, this may not be applicable if a state is seeded in multiple age groups. Seeding and placement of "byes" will follow the Adult Tournament Regulations procedures.

TEAM ROSTER:

The roster for singles and doubles shall be submitted in order of strength (or "respective abilities"), with 1 being the best player. This order (1,2,3,4) shall be maintained throughout the competition. All players shall be listed on the singles roster even if they are expected to play doubles only. **The Doubles Team can be changed as noted below.** This strength order will not be adjusted unless there is verifiable proof that it should be. After captain's meeting, order of strength cannot be adjusted.

METHOD OF USING ROSTER:

The #1 Singles Player must be the highest on strength list. For example, Player #2 and Player #3 may be listed as playing singles, but #2 must play #1 singles and #3 must play #2 singles. Any combination (i.e. #1 and #4) can be named to play on the day of the match.

FORMAT & TEAM MATCHES:

The competition is single elimination team matches. For 7-team and above draws there will be a consolation event that includes a 3rd/4th Place, 5th/6th Place & 7th/8th Place Playoff based on corresponding number of submitted teams. 5-team draws and below will use round robin format with USTA Tournament Regulations tiebreak procedures as listed in Adult Tournament Regulations. The women's 75's play one singles, one doubles format. In the event of a tie, a doubles team will play a 10-point match tiebreak to determine the match winner. 6-team draws will place semifinal losers with quarterfinal losers in a consolation draw making sure that teams that played in quarters of main draw do not play in the semis of consolation draw. Semifinal losers will be placed as #1 & 2 seeds in consolation draw.

Each team match (exception: 75W as stated above) shall consist of two singles and one doubles. Each individual match shall count one point. The team with two points or more shall be the winner of the team match and advance to the next round. All individual matches will be played until completion even if a team winner for the match has been established.

DAILY PROCEDURE:

Opening round lineups will be turned in at the respective captains' meeting after the draws are completed. Each day's line-up must be submitted to the Tournament Referee or Tournament staff the night before scheduled play. Any changes in doubles line-ups must be made 30 minutes prior to the scheduled doubles match UNLESS approved by both the Tournament Referee and Tournament Director.

TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS:

The Tournament Committee and staff will try its best to ensure suitable playing conditions. Tournament staff should be notified ASAP if a problem persists with a particular court. Individual courts will not be brushed between individual matches in order to protect dryness. Reasonable attempts will be made to water courts between singles and doubles rounds but may not be possible for every court. During inclement weather, alternate and/or shortened formats may be used for time constraints. **Weather hotline number is 888-434-0998. Players may get text alerts by texting CALLENCUP to the phone # 84483.**

GRIEVANCES:

The Grievance and Grievance Appeals Committee will be appointed by the Tournament Chairman. If there is a conflict of interest or Chairman is not readily available, the Tournament Director will assume responsibility for appointing committees. All grievances must be filed by a captain immediately following the involved team's match.



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THE CALLEN CUP SCORING

The objectives of The Callen Cup are:

1. To determine the state having the strongest overall team
2. To recognize and give credit to each individual and team for all matches played
3. To encourage maximum participation by each state
4. To encourage maximum participation by each player

The Southern Adult Tournament Competition Committee and Southern Special Events Subcommittee seek to accomplish these objectives utilizing the Mildred Southern Men's and Women's Combined Overall Championships scoring, Gil Stacy Memorial Cup scoring, the Men's Overall Championships scoring, and the Women's Overall Championship scoring. The Mildred Southern Cup and Men's and Women's Overall Championships scoring places primary emphasis on the first objective whereas the Gil Stacy Memorial Cup scoring places primary emphasis on the second objective. Objectives three and four are accomplished via the synergies of both scoring systems.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIPS SCORING + MILDRED SOUTHERN CUP (Presented to the State with the highest combined total of Men's and Women's Overall Championships points)

Points Allocated for Men's Overall, Women's Overall and Mildred Southern Cup By Finishing Place within Division

Champion (1 st Place):	12 Points	Consolation Champ (5 th Place):	3 Points
Finalist (2 nd Place):	8 Points	Consolation Finalist (6 th Place):	2 Points
3 rd Place:	6 Points	7 th Place:	1 Points
4 th Place:	4 Points	8 th Place:	½ Points
		9 th Place:	0 Points

GIL STACY MEMORIAL CUP SCORING

The state that wins the most individual match points (both in Main Draw or Consolation) will determine the Gil Stacy Memorial Cup.

1 Point for each individual match win (both main and consolation draws)

*Byes count as 3 points for winning team