#### 2020 Junior Tournament Rules and Regulations

USTA sanctioned Junior tournaments in Alabama fall into one of 5 level of events. There are multiple Level of events, these levels are designed to help players, and their families, select events that are most appropriate for them. (The only time skill level is a factor for acceptance is when the number of entrants exceeds the draw size limit. In that case, players are selected based on strength.) Along with the following 10 additional pages.

FOR ALL ALABAMA JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS LEVEL 1-5, the use of Practice balls even if new is prohibited, TD's doing so risk having their sanctioned tournaments for the remainder of the year and possibly next year pulled and/or denied. The use of NEW Regular USTA approved balls are required for match play.

TD's **must not** change the approved and sanctioned Draw Types or scoring Formats and said changes will only be allowed based on needs associated with small entry numbers and at the Sole Discretion of and not without written (Email) approval of the Director of Junior Development William Fain williamfain1@gmail.com.

Very important, we will offer several 10 & under Levels in certain tournaments. Green Level will always be a level 3 or higher depending on the Tournaments level. Orange Level 1 will always be no higher than a Level 4 regardless what level tournament it is played in.

### Criteria for USTA Alabama Level 5 Designed for Entry Level Players. (For 10 and under Orange Ball Level 1 Play will be offered)

- 1. The tournament must meet "Requirements for All USTA Alabama Sanctioned Junior Tournaments."
- 2. The tournament must use at least one Court Monitor for each eight (8) courts used, per site.
- 3. Are open to all players
- 4. Trophies, plaques or Certificates must be provided for 1st and 2nd place, main draw only.
- 5. The tournament must supply the balls and new balls must be used at start of the tournament may be reused for consolation matches.
- 6. The entry fee may start at \$20 with a \$25 maximum.
- 7. Scoring format must be one of the following: 8 Game Pro Set with 7 point tiebreak at 8 all, 2 out of 3 short sets(first to 4), with a "match" tie-break in lieu of a third set. Or USTA Approved format for age divisions.
- 8. Match format must be one of the following: Round Robin(preferred), FMLC, FIC thru QTRS or SEMIS all guaranteeing each player a minimum of two matches.
- 9. During the school year the Junior Novice tournament must be on the weekend only Saturday and/or Sunday no Friday matches. One Day Tournaments are preferred.
- 10. During the summer the Junior Level 5 tournament may be held on weekdays. One Day Preferred
- 11. Tournaments are geared to recreational players, especially those who have participated in local USA Team Tennis leagues and other junior recreational leagues.

# Criteria for USTA Alabama Level 4 Designed for intermediate Players who are transitioning from Entry Level Tournament into the Championship Level events. (For 10 and under Orange Ball Entry and Intermediate Play along with Green Ball Play will be offered)

- 1. The tournament must meet "Requirements for All USTA Alabama Sanctioned Junior Tournaments."
- 2. The tournament must use at least one USTA-certified official for each ten(10) courts used. 3. Junior Championship tournaments are open to all players.
- 4. Winner and runner-up awards must be provided for all completed events in the main draw and consolation.
- 5. The tournament must supply new USTA Approved balls.
- 6.Singles scoring format may be any format authorized for USTA Alabama and USTA Southern Section rankings. USTA Alabama recommends 2 out of 3 sets regular scoring for main draw and a tiebreak for the third set in back draw for Boys/Girls 12-18. The Boys/Girls 10s must use 2 out of 3 short sets(first to 4 or starting at 2 all) with a third set match tie-break. Boy's/Girl's 8's may use best of Two out of Three 7 point sets USE of any scoring format shortened must have approval from Director of Junior Development. NO 8 game Pro Sets for singles are allowed for Alabama 1-4 Level Tournaments as it is not valid for Southern Standings.
- 7.The match format for Singles may be the following as recognized by USTA (FIC through Quarterfinals or the Semi Finals, round robin and compass). NO FMLC or FRLC draws allowed for singles, tournament Directors may elect not to finish the backdraw if necessary due to number of rounds in FIC Draws, but can't Cancel Back draw unless Main draw is cancelled also
- 8. Doubles are strongly encouraged. Approved formats for Doubles are Single Elimination, FMLC, Round Robin, Compass or any FIC.
- 9.Doubles format may be any of the following (8-game pro-set, no-ad, 2 out of 3 sets, etc.). 10.Maximum entry fees will be as follows: Singles only Fee: \$40 Add Doubles \$10

The maximum entry fee may be \$50 based on the above limits. Tournaments should use these fees as a guideline. Tournaments that do not use flat rates will be evaluated by Junior Comp on an individual basis. The 36' Format for 8 & Under entry fee cannot exceed \$25 for all draws.

- 11. Any tournaments that are not designated as a Novice, State Designated Level 1-3 or Southern Level events shall be Level 4.
- 12. Seeding use the current USTA Alabama or Southern Standings (Not Novice) along with the Friend at Court if enough data is available.
- 13. PLAYERS are NOT allowed to play in Multiple Singles or Gender Doubles Divisions in any Alabama Level 1-4 tournaments.

Criteria for USTA Alabama Junior Super Championship Tournaments – Alabama Level 3

Designed for those players considering wanting to play the more experienced

## players and to move into Southern Level play. (For 10 and under Orange Ball Intermediate Play and Green Ball Advanced Play will be offered)

1.The tournament must meet "Requirements for All USTA Alabama Sanctioned Junior Tournaments."

Players are allowed to play in 1 Singles, 1 doubles (if available) and 1 mixed Doubles (if available).

- 2. The tournament must use at least one USTA-certified official for each eight (8) courts used, per site.
- 3.A New Limit of Alabama Level 3 events to 12 tournaments will be implemented in 2013, some existing tournaments may be considered for elevation to a New Category of Level 2 and some may be lowered to Level 4. Criteria that will be used to make this determination is as follows: A. Number of Participants. B. ranking of players participating. C. Geographical location may be considered if deemed necessary by Junior Comp. D. TD following of the rules outlined.
- 4. Spread these events throughout the state.
- 5. Tournaments must be "open." Singles and Doubles are allowed, Age Divisions BG 10-18.
- 6.Draw size: Maximum of 16 recommended.
- 7.Tournament format:
- 16 -draw format: Saturday-Sunday; Full FIC and 3/4 playoff in the main draw

Scoring Format for Boys/Girls 12-18: Main Draw – 2 out of 3 sets, regular scoring, tiebreak for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Set USE of any scoring format shortened must have approval from Director of Junior Development. NO 8 game Pro Sets for Singles are allowed for Alabama 1-4 Level Tournaments as it is not valid for Southern Standings. NO FMLC or FRLC draws allowed for singles, tournament Directors may elect not to finish the backdraw if necessary due to number of rounds in FIC Draws, but can't Cancel Back draw unless Main draw is cancelled also

FIC & Boys/Girls 10s: Short Scoring(first to 4 or starting at 2 all) – 3rd set match tie-break; NO FMLC or FRLC draws allowed for singles, tournament Directors may elect not to finish the backdraw if necessary due to number of rounds in FIC Draws, but can't Cancel Back draw unless Main draw is cancelled also

A Tournament message should state that 3 FIC matches will be played on Sunday to complete the FIC.

- 32-draw format: Saturday-Monday; Full FIC and 3/4 playoff in the main draw(Non School year or Holiday Schedule only)
- 8. Trophies must be provided for 1st and 2nd place in main draw.
- 9.The tournament must supply New balls for all matches, A new can shall be provided for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Full Set, no new can required for third set tiebreak.
- 10. Tournaments must use a standard deadline minimum of 5 days before the start of the tournament.
- 11. Selections made 4 days and draws published 2 days prior to the start of the tournament. Selections will use primarily Southern Standings
- 12. Seeding Guidelines Follow "Friend At Court," use latest Southern Standings Lists and use all other info available.

- 13. The tournament must have a process for alternates, an ORDERED alternate list must be published at time of selection.
- 14. Maximum Entry fee of \$45.00. \$55 if Doubles are offered.
- 15. PLAYERS are NOT allowed to play in Multiple Singles or Gender Doubles Divisions in any Alabama Level 1-4 tournaments.
- 16. In order to be specified as a USTA Alabama 3 tournament, the above guidelines must be followed.

#### Criteria for USTA Alabama Junior Championship Tournaments— Alabama Level 1-A and Level 2

## Designed for those players ready to play Southern Level experienced players. (For 10 and under only Green Ball Advanced Play will be offered)

- 1.The tournament must meet "Requirements for All USTA Alabama Sanctioned Junior Tournaments."
- 2. The tournament must use at least one USTA-certified official (separate from referee) for each Six (6) courts used, per site.
- 3. Spread these events throughout the state.
- 4. Tournaments must be "Open." Singles and Doubles Only, Age Divisions BG 10-18.
- 5.Draw size: Maximum of a 16 draw, with approval may use Two 16 Draws. No overflow draws. 6.Tournament format:
- 16 -Draw format: Saturday-Sunday; Full FIC and 3/4 playoff in the main draw, Doubles- Single Elimination. NO FMLC or FRLC draws allowed for singles, tournament Directors may elect not to finish the backdraw if necessary due to number of rounds in FIC Draws, but can't Cancel Back draw unless Main draw is cancelled also

Scoring Format for Boys/Girls 12-18: Main Draw - 2 out of 3 sets, regular scoring, tiebreak for the  $3^{rd}$  set must be used in back draw to finish draw in 2 days.

FIC & Boys/Girls 10s: Short Scoring (first to 4 by 2, Tiebreak at 4 all) – 3rd set match tie-break; NO FMLC or FRLC draws allowed for singles, tournament Directors may elect not to finish the backdraw if necessary due to number of rounds in FIC Draws, but can't Cancel Back draw unless Main draw is cancelled also

Tournament message should state that 3 Consolation matches will be played on Sunday to complete the back draw.

- 7. Trophies must be provided for 1st and 2nd place in main draw.
- 8.The tournament must supply New balls for all matches, A new can shall be provided for a 3<sup>rd</sup> full set, no new can required for third set tiebreak.

Players are allowed to play in 1 Singles, 1 doubles(if available) and 1 mixed Doubles(if available).

- 9. Tournaments must use a standard deadline maximum of 5 days before the start of the tournament.
- 10. Seeding Guidelines Follow "Friend At Court," use latest Sectional Standings Lists and use all other info available.

- 11. The tournament must have a process for alternates, an ORDERED alternate list must be published at time of selection.
- 12. Maximum Entry fee of \$60.00 (Hard court) and \$65.00(Clay court).
- 13. PLAYERS are NOT allowed to play in Multiple Singles or Gender Doubles Divisions in any Alabama Level 1-4 tournaments.
- 14. In order to be specified as a USTA Alabama Junior Championship tournament, the above guidelines must be followed.

## Criteria for USTA Alabama Junior Championship Tournaments – Alabama Level 1 These are Top Level Alabama events (For 10 and under Orange Ball Intermediate Play and Green Ball Advanced Play will be offered)

- 1. The tournament must meet "Requirements for All USTA Alabama Sanctioned Junior Tournaments."
- 2. The tournament must use at least one USTA-certified official (separate from referee) for each Six (6) courts used, per site. (For the Qualifier, all Finals matches in Singles must be chaired and Semi Finals if possible)
- 3. Spread these events throughout the state.
- 4. Tournaments must be "open." Singles and Doubles Only, Age Divisions BG 10-18.
- 5. Draw size: Maximum of a 64 draw for Alabama Qualifier and Alabama State Closed.
- 6. Tournament format: TD Post a Note at sanctioning what day is planned as an end date and that extra days are scheduled only for bad weather.
- 16 -draw format: Friday-Sunday; Full FIC and 3/4 playoff in the main draw, Doubles- Single Elimination. 32 Draw Format: Friday-Tuesday. 64 Draw Format Friday-Wed. NO FMLC or FRLC draws allowed for singles, tournament Directors may elect not to finish the backdraw if necessary due to number of rounds in FIC Draws, but can't Cancel Back draw unless Main draw is cancelled also

Scoring Format for Boys/Girls 12-18: Main Draw - 2 out of 3 sets, regular scoring, tiebreak for the  $3^{rd}$  full set maybe used in back draw or due to weather constraints(with approval by Director Junior Development).

FIC & Boys/Girls 10s: Short Scoring (first to 4) - 3rd set match tie-break; Tournament notes must state that 3 Conso matches will be played on Sunday to complete the backdraw.

Players are allowed to play in 1 Singles only. Players are

allowed to play in 1 Singles, 1 doubles(if available) and 1 mixed Doubles(if available).

- 7. Trophies must be provided for 1st -5th.
- 8. The tournament must supply New balls for all matches, A new can shall be provided for a 3<sup>rd</sup> full set, no new can required for third set tiebreak.
- 9. Tournaments must use a standard deadline maximum of 5 days before the start of the tournament.

- 10. Selections made 4 days and draws published 2 days prior to the start of the tournament. Selections will use primarily Southern Standings. The USTA Alabama Director of Juniors and the Alabama Junior Competition Committee will be available in person, via phone or email to assist in the Selection process.
- 11. Seeding Guidelines Follow "Friend At Court," use latest Sectional Standings Lists and use all other info available.
- 12. The tournament must have a process for alternates, an ORDERED alternate list must be published at time of selection.
- 13. Maximum Entry fee of \$65.00 (Hard court) and \$70.00(Clay court).
- 14. PLAYERS are NOT allowed to play in Multiple Singles or Gender Doubles Divisions in any Alabama Level 1-3 tournaments.
- 15. In order to be specified as a USTA Alabama Junior Championship tournament, the above guidelines must be followed.

#### Other Sanctioned Events being Held in Alabama

From time to time, USTA Southern Championships, USTA Southern Designated Championships, and certain other events may be held in Alabama. Because they are sanctioned at levels above USTA Alabama, they are not listed in any of the Five standardized USTA Alabama categories. However, each may be assigned to a specific level for USTA Alabama ranking purposes. These Southern/National Events held in Alabama must follow Southern/National Guidelines and those guidelines will supersede any Alabama Tournament Guidelines.

#### B. Residency Requirements

1. The following residency requirements are required for the AL State Junior Closed Qualifying Championship. Only junior players whose parents have established a legal residency in Alabama, hold a current USTA membership card assigned to Alabama, and who are citizens of the United States or meet the resident alien requirements for a national ranking are eligible to participate in the AL State Junior Closed Qualifying Championship. Resident alien requirements include resident aliens in possession of a valid alien registration receipt card or aliens who have resided in the United States continuously for more than one year and who are members of families of persons in the diplomatic or consular corps. In the case of a junior player, his/her legal residency is that of his/her parents. Any request for deviation from this rule must be submitted in writing to USTA Alabama. A policy statement on resident status is on file at the USTA Alabama Office. Residency requirements for the AL

Players are allowed to play in 1 Singles, 1 doubles(if available)

and 1 mixed Doubles(if available).

State Junior Closed Qualifying Championship must be satisfied by the posted deadline date

of the Al State Junior Closed Qualifying Championship.

2. The following residency requirements are required for the AL State Junior Closed and any

Alabama Junior Team Event. Only junior players whose parents have established a legal residency in Alabama and who hold a current USTA membership card assigned to Alabama are

eligible to participate in the above USTA Alabama Junior Closed tournaments. In the case of a junior player, his/her legal residency is that of his/her parents. Any request for deviation from this rule must be submitted in writing to USTA Alabama. A policy statement on resident status is on file at the USTA Alabama Office.

These residency requirements should be satisfied at least thirty (30) days prior to the entry date of each "Closed" Championship

C. Junior Sanctioned Events

1. USTA Alabama sanctions the following tournament events for junior players. Accumulated Points

Per Round are utilized to determine rankings in Alabama at the conclusion of the ranking year. Girls Singles: 8 & Under, 10 & Under, 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 16 & Under, 18 & Under Boys Singles: 8 & Under, 10 & Under, 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 16 & Under, 18 & Under, 10 & Under, 10 & Under, 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 16 & Under, 18 & Under, 16 & Under, 18 & Under, 19 &

Under

Mixed Doubles: 10 & Under, 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 16 & Under, 18 & Under (Note:

Mixed Doubles results are not included in Singles rankings only Gender Doubles are included.

2. Prohibition against Multiple Entries in Concurrent Tournaments

Players may not enter two (2) tournaments at the same time. Entering two tournaments at the same time is a violation of the USTA rules in USTA Alabama, in the USTA Southern Section, and in the USTA! Players may be assessed two (2) junior suspension points for first offense and five (5) junior suspension points for second offense for violation of this rule.

#### The USTA Regulations state:

"A player shall not enter two tournaments at the same time. When entries close, a player shall not be entered in two or more sanctioned tournaments, if any part of the tournaments are scheduled to overlap unless each Tournament Committee involved understands the situation and concurs in writing. After a player has been eliminated from a tournament whose schedule of play partially overlaps with that of a second tournament, the player may enter the second tournament." For an exception, see USTA Regulations VII.A.9a.ii, and VII.A.10.a.ii., which establish a special procedure that allows multiple entries into USTA National Championships and USTA National Opens. Refer to the Junior Suspension Point System and the USTA publication, "Friend at Court," Regulation IV.C.11 and 12."

3. Players CANNOT play the same event type in two different age divisions. Example: Girls 12 Singles and Girls 14 Singles

Player CAN play in two different event types in different age divisions.

Example: Girls 12 singles and Girls 14 Doubles

4. Each satellite tournament site, as well as the main site, must have each player's next match

time and location available when they come off court from the current match.

#### 5. Inclement weather:

The tournament director/referee cannot cancel a tournament in progress before 12 noon the last day of the tournament without permission from the Alabama Director of Junior Development or if a Sectional or Nation Event from the governing authority from those offices.

All singles main draw and consolation matches should be played as far as possible. Consolation matches cannot be cancelled in order to play main draw singles matches. When considering what matches to cancel, doubles may be cancelled in order to play singles matches. Tournament matches cannot be played beyond the tournament sanction. Unless approved by Alabama Director of Junior Development and all players involved in the specific draw that are remaining.

Changes in the tournament schedule due to inclement weather must be available by phone and in writing at the main site as well as posted online as quickly as possible.

#### TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR USTA ALABAMA SANCTIONED JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS

- 1. A USTA member club or organization must host the tournament. The tournament director can apply for sanction on behalf of the member club or organization.
- 2. The tournament must be held within the sanctioned dates.
- 3. A "Letter of Intent to Host USTA Alabama Sanctioned Event" is required for each tournament for which sanction is requested. This signed letter must accompany the Sanction Bid Packet Checklist.
- 4. The tournament must have a specified tournament director AND USTA-certified referee AND specified tournament committee members. ALL Tournament Directors and Referees must wear USTA Alabama Identification Badges at ALL times during the tournament. Officials at secondary sites should also be identified.
- 5. A person cannot function as both the Tournament Director and Referee for the same tournament.
- 6. The Tournament Referee and Tournament Director MUST be in attendance at ALL times during the tournament. In case of an emergency a Deputy Director must be appointed. Referee must be listed on the tournament website and onsite dressed in a recognizably colored shirt.
- 7. Any change in Referee requires pre-approval from USTA Alabama. This request must go to William Fain B (Juniors). Approval will be made by the Sanction & Schedule Committee Chair (or other Committee member if Chair is not available) based on the recommendations of the USTA Alabama Staff. Any approved change will be updated in the sanction form (tournament homepage) by the USTA Alabama staff.
- 8. All USTA Alabama sanctioned tournaments must use the USTA Tournament Data Manager (TDM) software— all notes on the tournament home page must be published on the USTA website and all draws must be published on the USTA website prior to the tournament, daily during the tournament, and final results within 24 hours after the tournament has ended.
- 9. The USTA website is the only website that Alabama tournament directors can use to publish Alabama sanctioned tournament information.
- 10. USTA TennisLink is the only accepted means of online registration for USTA sanctioned tournaments.
- 11. Any conflicts regarding courts during the sanctioned dates (i.e., league play, local events etc.) must be posted by the Tournament Director BOTH as a message Headline on the TDM homepage as well as included in the Notes section under General in the sanction form.
- 12. Medical Waivers MUST be collected from each participant prior to their first match for each sanctioned tournament.
- 13. USTA Alabama sanctioned junior tournaments must use at least one USTA certified official at every site, separate from the Tournament Referee. The ratio of officials per court at each site shall be:

- I. Level 6 events: Court managers are advised to keep play going for timed matches.
- II. Level 5 events Court Monitors maybe used instead of Referees
- III. Level 4 events: 10 courts: I official IV.Level 3 events: 8 courts: 1 official
- V. Level 1-2A events: 6 courts: 1 official along with a Head Referee not included in the 1 to 6 court ratio.
- 14. The Point Penalty System and Junior Suspension Point System must be in effect and adhered to for every sanctioned event. The USTA Alabama Code of Conduct form can be found on the Any executed Code of Conduct reports must be emailed, faxed or mailed to USTA Alabama within 48 hours after Tournament End date. Any other sanctioned event (Level 3, 4 or 5) may file a Code of Conduct report if the referee feels it is warranted. The Referee MUST enforce these Systems established by the USTA.
- 15. Once a tournament has been sanctioned at a particular site or facility, the venue cannot be changed without approval from the Sanction and Schedule Committee. Request to be sent to Director of Junior Development.
- 16. All events must be scheduled on the same surface and all courts must have safe playing surfaces. Events must be played in their entirety on the same surface (as published) unless you have inclement weather which may necessitate a change in surface.
- 17. Clay courts are to be swept as needed, with a minimum of once per day. The lines should be cleaned between each match, either by the staff/volunteers/players. Posted online or at tournament site to rules of facility or tournament.
- 18. New, USTA-approved Championship balls must be provided at the beginning of all matches and at the beginning of the third set (if third set played out).
- 19. Clean restroom facilities, drinking water and ice must be available at all tournament sites. 20. Chairs or benches on court must be provided for players to sit on during changeovers.
- 21.Trophies/Awards must be awarded to 1st and 2nd place players in all divisions played. If an "award" is substituted for a trophy/award, the Sanction & Schedule Committee must approve it
- and the specified award must be described in the Notes section under General in the sanction form (tournament homepage).
- 22.All tournament directors MUST attend a Tournament Admin Workshop if deemed necessary and scheduled by the Sanction & Schedule Committee. New tournament directors (those who were not sanctioned as a tournament director in the preceding year) MUST attend a half-day workshop as scheduled by the Sanction & Schedule Committee before conducting their first tournament. New online Webinars may be substituted with approval.
- 23. Boys/Girls 10 & Under event will be required at all USTA Alabama State Championship Level Tournaments in 2012.
- 24. All Boys/Girls 10&Under Divisions must be played on a 60' court with a 25" racket and use low compression balls.
- 25. Entry fee for 36' Boys/Girls 8 & Under events in tournaments shall be set at \$10 (plus the \$3 Active.com fee = \$13) unless a round robin format is used then \$15 fee is allowed.
- 26. Tournament paperwork must be completed correctly and submitted on time by the tournament director.

Head Tax – Checks must be received by USTA Alabama within 21 days after the tournament end date

Sportsmanship and Code of Conduct reports – Postmarked within 48 hours and emailed/mailed/faxed to USTA Alabama 205-

28. The Tournament Director is fully accountable for all actions and omissions related to the tournament, prior to, during, and at the close of the event.

#### Criteria for USTA Alabama for 8 & Under Tournaments

- 1. The tournament must meet "Requirements for all USTA Alabama Sanctioned Junior Tournaments."
- 2. No referee required (see #11).
- 3. The 36' Court must be used for 8 & Under.
- 4. The tournament must supply the balls and set up the courts for 8 and under play according to Friend at Court.
- 5. The entry fee cannot exceed \$15.00. Players registering online will pay the TennisLink Fee (\$3) in addition to the entry fee.
- 6. Scoring format:
- 8 & Under Scoring Format

The 8 & Under will play on a 36' court with red and yellow foam balls. Scoring format is 2 out of 3 games. Games are played to seven (7) points with sudden death at 6-6. Game scoring is as follows: Player one will serve one point from the deuce side of the court and then one point from the ad side of the court. Player two will then serve one point from the deuce side of the court and then one point from the ad side of the court. This will continue until one player reaches seven (7) points. Rackets will be limited to 23". Any 8 & Under player who does not have the proper size racket can borrow one. Every effort will be made to provide three (3) matches for each player. The suggested time for 8 & Under is two (2) hours.

- 7. All 8 & Under matches will have a court monitor to help with the management of play (scoring, switching sides, etc.). Court monitors will be adult volunteers selected by the facility sanctioning the tournament. Parents will not monitor courts on which their own children are playing.
- 8. During the school year the tournament must be on the weekend only–Saturday or Sunday– no Friday matches.
- 9. During the summer the tournament must have a minimum 1-day format but it does not have to be held on a weekend.
- **10.** Please refer to the attached Format for USTA Alabama Junior Tournaments 8 and under events. Attachment: Format for USTA AL 8 and under events.

Format - USTA Alabama Junior Tournaments

8 years & Under Ball	-
	Foam Ball and Felt Ball - example Dunlop Speedball, Wilson Foam, Gamma, Oncourt/Offcourt Spinners

Racket length Court Size 21-23"

36 x 18 feet Lay out court sideways (doubles line to doubles lines).

Net height 2'9" (normal height for portable nets) scoring format Best of 3 games to 7. Sudden death at 6-6. 2 serves Underarm with no bounce is acceptable (ball hit from hand).

**NOTE: On Head Taxes**, All TD's will be invoiced every month for their Tournaments and if paid on time the head tax will be \$1.00 per player, if not it will be \$1.50 per player. The Head Tax will be charger only on each player in an event not for each event a player signs up for, Example, One Singles or One Doubles not for both.