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## 2018 USTA Junior Team Tennis Midwest Section Championship Fact Sheet

### Description:

USTA Jr. Team Tennis is the largest junior tennis league in the USA with over 80,000 participants nation-wide. USTA Jr. Team Tennis is often compared to Little League Baseball, as the program offers children the opportunity to develop their individual and team skills in a fun, yet competitive atmosphere. Winning teams progress from Local to District to Section to National Championships.

### Program Benefits:

1. Progression to District, Section and National Championships
2. Program grant and coordinator bonus opportunities
3. Free marketing support to help with program launch
4. Nationally branded program increases the visibility of your league
5. Free access to TennisLink registration and tracking system
6. Players participating in Section Championships have the opportunity to receive Midwest Level 3 Ranking Points for Advanced Divisions and Level 4 Ranking Points for Intermediate Divisions.
7. Provides a perfect "first step" pathway for new players of all ages to compete; or high school players to gain match experience in their "off season"

### Minimum Requirements 14s; 18s Division:

- Name league USTA Jr. Team Tennis
- 2 teams in a division, three boys and three girls minimum per team
- Each player wanting to advance to championships must participate in 2 local league team matches. A league season may not come from a one- or two-day event. Local league matches must be played over at least a three-day period.
- Must follow all rules in the Official USTA Jr. Team Tennis Rules and Regulations Book
- Additional local league rules must be sent to District Coordinator before league begins play
- All participants must be USTA Members. \$20
- Player registration, match schedules, and results must be recorded in TennisLink for all leagues

### Formats:

Local leagues may use any format that fits the characteristics of the league. Below are the recommended formats.

**Sectional Championship** - One boys' singles, one girls' singles, one boys' doubles, one girls' doubles and one mixed doubles match. The two players playing twice within a team match must play singles and mixed or doubles and mixed. All games count towards overall team score.

### Levels of Play:

USTA Jr. Team Tennis offers the following levels based on age and Junior Ratings:

Intermediate 14, 18 and Under:	3.49 Junior Rating and Below
Advanced 14, 18 and Under:	3.50 Junior Rating and Above

- All participants must be age eligible for each age division through Aug. 31, 2018.

### Steps to a Successful Program:

1. Locate and train a coordinator (Area League Coordinator)
  - Program manuals, videos, and free training is available for coaches and coordinators
2. Define characteristics of league
  - Sites, target audience (age and ability), dates/times, format, fees
3. Fill out league application on TennisLink @ [tennislink.usta.com/teamtennis](http://tennislink.usta.com/teamtennis)
4. Set up registration process/sign-ups
5. Design flyer and promote to target audience
  - Schools, Park Districts, Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCA/YWCA, indoor clubs; high school coaches
6. Complete Roster Registration, make schedule of play and enter results in TennisLink
7. Coordinate local playoff and send teams to District and Midwest Section Championships

### USTA/Midwest Section Championships:

#### **USTA/Midwest Section Jr. Team Tennis Sectional Championships: July 28<sup>th</sup>- July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

- All local league teams must qualify through District Playoffs.

### Dates to Remember:

July 10: Deadline for registration of players for summer leagues (Midnight Eastern time)

July 19: Deadline for Section Championship Team Registration on TennisLink(Except for WIS & WMI)

July 28 - July 29: USTA/Midwest Jr. Team Tennis Section Championships – Indianapolis, Indiana

November 1-4: USTA 14's National Championships

November 8-11: USTA 18's National Championships

### District League Coordinators (DLC):

Contact your DLC if you want more information or want to become a Local League Coordinator.

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