

What is The New Jersey Jr. Team Tennis Program?

New Jersey Jr. Team Tennis is a recreational program of the United States Tennis Association (USTA). It is supported by the New Jersey Region of the USTA Eastern Section and by member clubs and organizations which give support to the New Jersey League. The program offers players with varying tennis skills an opportunity to compete in a weekly Jr. team tennis league of increasing competitive levels.

The New Jersey Jr. Team Tennis Program runs from mid-October through mid-April or May of the following year.

-There are 5 local league opportunities within the New Jersey region.

- Advanced
- Southern area of NJ Eastern
- Central area of NJ Eastern
- Northern area of NJ Eastern
- Western area of NJ Eastern

Where are the matches played?

Matches will be played either Saturday or Sunday at our member facilities.

Who can play in Jr. Team Tennis?

-The league is composed of co-ed teams. They include the 10, 12, 14 and 18 and under age levels.

-Teams are comprised of players living within the New Jersey Region; however, a team can have up to 25% of their players living outside of the region.

-All players must be members of the USTA in order to participate.

What is the format and level of play?

The leagues contain various flights based on increasing skill level. Players participate in singles and doubles matches. In the Intermediate flights,

matches consist of six game pro sets with a 7 point tiebreak at 5 all. In the advanced flight, singles matches consist of best of three tiebreak sets (no-ad) and doubles is an 8 game (no-ad) pro-set.

Jr Intermediate- A flight sometimes run for lower level intermediate players in the 12, 14, and 18 and under age groups.

-Intermediate - The intermediate flights contain players playing regional tournaments with varying levels of success through varsity high school players and open to players to the age of 18 and skill level to a 3.4 USTA rating or UTR of 6.

-Advanced - There is also an opportunity for an advanced league containing teams of players from the 14 and 18 and under age groups. The advanced league is comprised of players who are highly ranked in the Eastern Section or can successfully challenge their way into the league. In this league players play fewer matches to allow for their busy tournament schedule. The season is scheduled so that it doesn't conflict with sectional and national tournaments.

What is the difference between advancing and non-advancing?

Advancing flights: can advance to regional through national playoffs.

The non-advancing: flights are populated by players with less competitive experience. Match play is currently at local league level only.

With the emergence and popularity of 10 and under Tennis, flights within the 10 and under banner are being played to include even younger players playing Jr. Team tennis. Just as in other recreational sports children as young as 8 will be able to participate in league play.