



NEMTA Endorsement Procedures

Domicile

The USTA/Midwest Section has established district boundaries as defined in the Section's Bylaws. Players may seek endorsement only from the district in which they are domiciled. A player may be endorsed by the USTA/Midwest Section only if the player has not applied for endorsement in another section.

A player's domicile shall be the domicile of that player's parents, custodial parent, or the player's legal guardian. Domicile is hereby defined as the bonafide, true and permanent home of the player's parents, custodial parent, or the player's legal guardian. In the event of a dispute as to the eligibility of a player under this section, the following factors shall be used to determine domicile:

1. Address on the parents' federal income tax return.
2. Where the head of household (primary wage earner) resides and is employed.
3. Where the parent files a state tax return.
4. Affidavit of domicile executed by the head of the household.
5. Intent to permanently reside in the USTA/Midwest Section/NEMTA District notwithstanding the eligibility of the player to qualify for closed tournaments.
6. Siblings' declared residence for higher education tuition aid.
7. Residence of dependent children of player's parents.

The above list is not intended to be definitive or all inclusive and other factors may be considered by the NEMTA Junior Competition Committee, or may be submitted by the player's parent, to assist in determining the players' domicile. NEMTA District office staff may request any documents reasonably believed to be necessary in the determination of a player's eligibility.

In the event that the player's parents are divorced or legally separated, the custodial parent or the legal custodian who in fact resides with the player, shall be presumed to be the player's parent for determining domicile.

A player or the parent or guardian of the player may request a reconsideration of domicile determination by the NEMTA Junior Competition Committee. All reconsideration requests shall be in writing and filed with the Committee Chair within 10 days after the receipt of notice of

ineligibility. Any additional documents requested by the Committee shall be submitted within 30 days after their request. The player and/or parent may submit any additional documents at anytime prior to the reconsideration review by the Committee or its appointed subcommittee. The reconsideration shall be considered based upon all documents submitted to the NEMTA Junior Competition Committee.

Any falsification of information will result in a minimum one-year revocation of junior tennis privileges in the USTA/Midwest Section.

NEMTA Qualifier Eligibility

Players interested in participating in the USTA/Midwest Section/NEMTA District Qualifier Championships, other district specific events, and NEMTA ranking consideration should be aware of the following items:

Players must be domiciled within the boundaries of the USTA/Midwest Section/NEMTA District. In order to participate in the district qualifier of any given year the player must be domiciled by May 31st of that particular year.

Players may be endorsed to the USTA/Midwest Section Closed Junior Outdoor Championships only in the same age division as they played in the NEMTA Qualifier Championships. A player may attempt to qualify from only one district. Due to the USTA/Midwest Section 10 and Under Invitational being conducted at a later date, those players may participate and be endorsed in the 10 and 12 and under age divisions.

To be admitted into the USTA/Midwest Section Closed Junior Outdoor Championships, players must be endorsed as part of their district's quota of entries. This quota is determined by the USTA/Midwest Section based on the percentage of USTA/Midwest Section Junior memberships in the USTA who reside in the district.

Currently, NEMTA is allotted two participants per age bracket within a particular gender. The main draw champion will be endorsed to fill the first slot to represent NEMTA at the Midwest Closed Outdoor Championships. The second endorsement slot will be granted to the winner of a play-off between the main draw finalist and the winner of the backdraw. **Only players on the District Endorsement List and in the TennisLink Registration System will be considered for the Midwest Closed Junior Outdoor Championships.**

Endorsed players will receive their official player information form directly from the District Endorser. The endorsed players must then register on the Internet via TennisLink. After registering via TennisLink, players are to complete the official player information form and return it to the District Endorser for inspection and endorsing signature. The District Endorser will then send the forms along to the USTA/Midwest Section office by the application deadline. District Endorsers will also submit an ordered list of alternates to the USTA/Midwest Section office. In order to be considered as a District alternate a player must apply directly to the district endorser by the final day of the NEMTA Qualifier Championships. This endorsed list of alternates will be used for the purposes of filling available spots if district players withdraw from the quota prior to the making of the draw. Specific details on the districts' quota procedures should be directed to the appropriate District Endorser and/or District President.

All endorsed district alternates will be considered for entry into the USTA/Midwest Section Closed Junior Outdoor Championships. The remaining positions in the draw will be filled from the alternate lists in order of record strength as determined using the USTA/Midwest Section Standing List.