

## 2017 L4 CHALLENGER Eligibility, Rules, and Guidelines

*The CHALLENGER Circuit is a series of sanctioned tournaments that count toward a regular state ranking. These tournaments will also count for Southern Level 5 points. The goal of this program is to provide a bridge between the entry-level junior tennis players and top state-ranked junior players. The purpose of the CHALLENGER Circuit is to provide opportunities for beginning junior players to gain tournament experience against equal level competition.*

### **THE FOLLOWING ARE REQUIRED:**

- Every Challenger Tournament will offer both **Singles (with consolation)** and **Doubles** for all players.
- A **minimum of three (3)** matches is **mandatory if players enter singles (FMLC) & doubles (SE)** (at least 2 singles matches and 1 doubles match)
- Match play in Singles will be sets with a match (ten-point) tiebreaker used for the 3<sup>rd</sup> set if necessary.
- Doubles draws can be 8-game pro sets. We are trying to encourage doubles for this circuit, so please make the extra effort to ensure the doubles draws make.
- There will be two 12 & Under divisions: 12U yellow ball and 12U green ball
- There will be two separate 10 & Under divisions: 10U Green Level 1 and 10U Orange Level 1. (You have the option of adding 10U Orange Level 2)

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- The player must be a current USTA member.
- **Any player currently ranked in the SC standings in the top 10 in the 12's – 16's age divisions must play up in the CHALLENGER Circuit.**

### **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION FOR CHALLENGER TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:**

- **You must review the players' current standings list during before the entry deadline.** You must notify an ineligible player before the draws are posted, if they have registered for your tournament. You must refund any entry fees for any ineligible players. If you have them withdraw online before the registration close date, they will not be charged the entry fee, but will be charged the processing fee.
- Entry fees cannot **exceed \$40, exclusive of Tennislink processing fees**

**\*\*\* For any questions, please contact James Tart, USTA SC Junior Participation Coordinator, at 800-644-7282 ([tart@sctennis.com](mailto:tart@sctennis.com)) or Jonathan Barth, Chairman of the Junior Competition Committee (843-568-1468).**