



2020 USTA Junior Team Tennis State Championships

July 17-19, 2020 Lexington County Tennis Complex, Lexington, SC



Mission Statement

The USTA Junior Team Tennis program emphasizes fun, fitness, and friends. The focus in this program is enjoying the exhilaration of exercise and refining the skills that make tennis fun for players of all ages and levels of competition. All participants play on a team, practice with friends, and play matches together. The 10 & Under, 12 & Under (yellow ball), 14 & Under, and 18 & Under teams at both Intermediate and Advanced have the opportunity to advance to Section competition. Winners in the 14 & Under and 18 & Under Intermediate and Advanced divisions at Sectionals may qualify for the National Championships.

The Championships introduce players to competition in which competitive stress is minimized and competitive learning opportunities are maximized. The emphasis is on the fun aspect of tennis and team spirit. The Championships' events are also designed to: (1) provide a competitive opportunity for maximizing each player's physical and emotional development, (2) promote the spirit of competition and camaraderie which will enhance and strengthen a player's self-esteem, and (3) provide a national competition climate that focuses more on personal development and less on competitive outcomes.

Tournament Information

- **Registration Open:** Early registration March 1, 2020. Final registration May 1, 2020
- **Registration Closes:** Early registration March 31, 2020. Final registration 2pm, June 23, 2020
- \$30 per player fee (an additional \$3 fee per player is collected by TennisLink)
- \$150 team deposit (plus an additional fee collected by TennisLink) No charges will occur on your debit/credit card for the team deposit UNLESS your team does not complete all scheduled matches. If a team cannot provide a line up mathematically able to win the team match, that team is defaulted from the tournament and subject to losing their team deposit. If no team manager or co-manager is on either conference call that team would lose its deposit.
- Matches will be played at Lexington County Tennis Complex and Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center. A USTA Official will be on site and USTA rules will be observed unless indicated otherwise.

Tournament Format

The format may change after the registration deadline depending on the total number of teams in each given division. Final confirmation of the tournament format will be provided for each division after the registration deadline. The anticipated format will be one complete round robin rotation within a flight. The flight winners will play for the Championships. If multiple flights are not needed, then one complete round robin rotation will determine the champion based on cumulative games won.

Wild card entries may be offered at the discretion of the Tournament Director in order to provide the most beneficial round robin flights. Wild cards will be prioritized to programs with the largest number of teams at a given division for all seasons of play in the 2020 Championship Year.

In the event that a team is only able to field a legal line up that cannot mathematically win that match, they must then default the team match. At this point, the team's records will be deleted from the tournament including all previously entered matches from this tournament.

Disputes & Questions

Disputes concerning a match or player involved in a match must be made by the Team Manager no later than 30 minutes after the completed match scores are given to the tournament desk. **After this 30-minute period, all results are final.**

Questions concerning rules and regulations should be addressed to the Tournament Director. If an immediate ruling is not possible, the Tournament Committee will render a decision.

Match Format – 10s to 18s

A team match is made up of 5 events – boys' singles, girls' singles, boys' doubles, girls' doubles and mixed doubles.

For single gender participants, a team match is made up of 5 events – 3 singles and 2 doubles.

Team Match Scoring – 10s to 18s

The team match is scored by cumulative games won from each of the 5 events. Every game counts in this play format!

Courts & Equipment – 10s to 18s

10s Orange – Orange low-compression ball on 60' courts, 23" to 25" racquets.

10s Green – Green ball on full size courts, 25" to 29" racquets.

12s Green – Green ball on full size courts, 25" to 29" racquets.

12s Yellow – Standard yellow ball on full size courts, 25" to 29" racquets.

14s & 18s – Standard yellow ball on full size courts, 25" to 29" racquets.

Championships Flight Setup

Teams will participate in a non-elimination round-robin format with playoff crossovers if applicable.

Teams will be separated into flights/divisions depending on the size of the Championships event.

The winner of each flight/division will be determined by cumulative games won.

If teams within a flight tie, a flight tiebreak will be determined as follows:

- 1) If two teams are tied: head-to-head results (most games won in that head-to-head match)
- 2) If three or more teams are tied: the least number of sets lost, then the least number of games lost, percentage of games won during match of tied teams, percentage of games won in round robin matches, then, finally, a spin of the racquet.

Championships/Playoff Match Tiebreak

If team scores are tied at the completion of a Championship or playoff match, the teams will play mixed doubles, 10-point match tiebreak to determine the winner of the overall match. Players for the mixed doubles may be selected when the tie occurs. The fixed rotation of doubled up players is no longer required.

Rain Schedule

In the event of rain, please remain at the tournament site until the tournament staff informs you of the playing schedule. If a team or player is not present to resume play, they may be defaulted after 15 minutes from the match time set by the Tournament Desk. In the event of a long rain delay, it will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee to use an alternative playing and/or scoring format. We will use *Friend at Court* to guide this decision.

Team Structure

All Ages and Divisions

- Each team must have a minimum of 3 boys and 3 girls. **Teams that arrive with less than the minimum number of players will not be allowed to participate in the tournament (and will forfeit team deposit).** If a player is needed to “double up”, playing two positions within a single team match, he or she must play in the mixed doubles for one of their two events. Only one girl and one boy may “double up” within a team match. Pink slips will be used to track players doubling up prior to each match to ensure no player in a line-up plays twice prior to doubling up another player in that line-up. This is to prevent violations of playing limitations as described in USTA Regulations 11.D. (Friend at Court 2019, p.87, Table 8.)
- If you double up a player, the second position must be the Mixed Doubles position.
- At the start of a Championship or playoff match, the fixed rotation is no longer required.
- If a team is reduced to 2 players of a given gender, they must default the singles slot in which they are short the player.
- To be eligible, players must have 2 team match histories from local season play in TennisLink, where NONE of the 2 matches may be recorded as a default or forfeit by the opposing team; however, retired matches may count towards the two-match minimum. Single gender divisions require 1 team match history in TennisLink, where the match may not be recorded as a default or forfeit by the opposing team; however, a retired match may count towards the one-match minimum.
- If a player on a qualifying team advancing to a Championship competition is, for whatever reason, unable to participate, a substitute player may be added to the qualifying team’s roster from the same local league, ONLY in order to meet the minimum team size requirement. No more than **one** substitute may be added to any team roster. For example, a regular season team with 4 boys and 4 girls who has both a boy and girl not available to play at State **cannot** add players, as they still have the minimum of 3 boys and 3 girls on their team roster.
- Players added to a roster must have played on a team in the same local league that season and meet all other eligibility requirements.

Order of Play

- The order of play shall be Boys’ and Girls’ Singles, Boys’ and Girls’ Doubles, and then Mixed Doubles. For single gender Singles #1-#3 and then Doubles #1-#2.
- Line-ups for each team match are due at the tournament desk **30 minutes prior to scheduled match times.**
Note: Line-ups should not be turned in until everyone playing in the line-up is at the tournament site and ready to play.
- Coaching (only permitted from Team Managers with the tournament credential) is allowed from *outside* the fence on *changeovers only*. Coaching is not allowed at any other time. Interference from other parties, including parents, is not permitted. All team managers and assistants must complete background check and consent forms and be cleared by Net Generation / Safe Play in order to receive a team manager tournament credential at the tournament, per official policy.
- Players may be substituted in the line-up after a team match has begun only for injury or if both team’s team managers agree. All substitutions must be reported to the tournament desk prior to the substitute playing points. Substitutions cannot be made once an individual set has begun and

any remaining games which cannot be completed will be defaulted to the opponent. For instance, with an injury any remaining un-played games in that set must be defaulted to the opponent and that player due to injury may be substituted if they were also scheduled to play in the Mixed Doubles position. **Exception:** *If your team has only the minimum number of players (3 boys and 3 girls) and it is the injured player's turn to double up, no substitutions may be made; a default must be taken. This is to prevent violations of playing limitations as described in USTA Regulations 11.D. (Friend at Court 2019, p.87, Table 8.)*

Levels of Play

- USTA Junior Team Tennis uses the JNTRP rating system to determine placement of eligible teams/individuals in proper divisions.
- Levels of Play – 10U, 12U, 14U and 18U Intermediate (3.4 & Below) and 10U, 12U, 14U and 18U Advanced (3.5 & Above). No specified playing levels for Single Gender.
- USTA Southern Section 1-100 Standing List as of **July 31, 2019** for 10s must play in an Advanced division of 10s OR Intermediate or Advanced if playing up in the 12s-18s. A player falling below this benchmark should refer to JNTRP criteria to determine if their skill requires them to play in the advanced division. This JNTRP criteria also applies if a player has an NTRP rating from participating in a USTA Adult League.
- Each individual team member, not the team average, must fit the JNTRP guidelines for the level of play.
- If a player is found to be out of level, they will not continue to play in the Championships and all points won by that player will be removed.

Player Verification

Players will be subjected to the TennisLink exception report to verify they have the minimum required local league team match history, meet age requirements, and team composition. All participants must be age eligible for their division of play through August 31, 2020.

Team managers

All team managers must be 18 years or older and must complete and clear a USTA Safe Play background check (NCSI) and online safety course (USOC SafeSport) to receive a designated Team manager credential at the tournament. Background check status can be found at http://www.usta.com/About-USTA/background_screening_program_results/. Only the designated team manager, not parents, may report infractions to the Official, who shall then take appropriate action. Only the designated team manager will be permitted to coach during the changeovers. **Team managers are required to participate in a conference call** prior to the tournament. Teams not represented by a team manager at either conference call will not be eligible to play and will lose team deposit.

Conference Call: Tuesday, July 7th at 7:00 pm OR Wednesday, July 8th at 12:30 pm; anticipated to last no more than 30 minutes with Q&A session to follow. **Conference Call Number:** 800-791-2345, code **42210971#**. You must attend entire call, attendance taken twice. **MUTE YOUR PHONES**

Entry Procedure

- All team entries must be made through TennisLink. Please refer to team registration instructions included in this packet. The team manager is responsible for collecting registration fees from all players and registering the entire team at one time.
- Each player on a roster must submit a signed Consent & Waiver form to play.
- Team Roster Forms (with t-shirt size included) must be received by 4pm on Friday, June 22, 2019. Teams who turn in their form after this deadline are not guaranteed t-shirts and will only receive shirts if extras are available.

Social Media & Website

- www.sctennis.com/jttchamps
- **Facebook** - www.facebook.com/sctennis
- **Twitter** - #SCJTTChamps20 @USTASC
- **Instagram** – #SCJTTChamps20 @ustasouthcarolina
- E-newsletter – from USTA SC Marketing Department



USTA South Carolina
State Championships
Consent & Waiver Form

Available online by clicking [2020 Online Consent and Waiver Form](#)

Consent to Publication.

I hereby give USTA South Carolina and their representatives the irrevocable right to use my name, picture, photograph, or other likeness in all forms and media, and in all manners. This includes but is not limited to print and the web. I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished version(s), including any written copy that may accompany it.

☐ Accept above consent as written ☐ Decline any form of media to be used by USTA

Print Child's Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

Medical Release: I hereby consent to emergency first aid and other medical procedures, or hospital service that may be rendered by or at accredited hospitals, by appointed physicians, which at the time of injury or illness seem reasonably advisable. I further understand that I will be responsible for payment of any such medical procedures.

Print Child's Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

Waiver and Indemnity Agreement: In consideration of my participation in these tennis activities, I the undersigned, agree to be legally bound, hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the United States Tennis Association (USTA), the host facility and any and all sponsors and their representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me in said event. I have read and understand the foregoing releases, waivers and indemnity agreement.

Print Child's Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

Return this completed form to
USTA South Carolina, Attn: PJ Fulmer
18 Woodcross Dr., Columbia, SC 29212
fulmer@sctennis.com or fax to 803-753-9255



2019 South Carolina JTT State Championships - Finalized Roster & Player Substitution Form

Also available online by clicking this link [2020 Online Team Roster](#)

Indicate your team information and the team managers who will be attending State Championships.

*Indicate T-shirt size from the following available Youth and Adult sizes: **YM, YL, AS, AM, AL, AXL, AXXL***

Exact sizes are not guaranteed. Orders received after the 6/22/19 deadline are not guaranteed to be filled.

Program: _____ Season: _____ Flight: _____
Team Name: _____ Team #: _____
Team manager 1: _____ T-shirt Size: _____
Team manager 2: _____ T-shirt Size: _____

Indicate the members of your original team roster who will be attending State Championships:

Full Name: _____	Boy or Girl? _____	T-shirt Size: _____ (INTERNAL - Waiver? _____)
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Indicate the substitutes attending (only 1 substitute allowed per team):

Substitute

Full Name: _____ USTA #: _____ T-shirt Size: _____ Gender _____
Season: _____ Team Name: _____
Team #: _____ Substituting for: _____

****Order Deadline: 12pm on June 19, 2020****

USTA SC, 18 Woodcross Dr., Columbia SC 29212 • FAX 803-753-9255 • EMAIL (fulmer@sctennis.com)
or complete form online at [2020 Online Team Roster](#)



Team Registration on TennisLink

We're excited for your accomplishment of advancing to the USTA South Carolina Junior Team Tennis State Championships! Below you will find steps to register your team for this event.

1. Team managers must verify all players on the team roster are eligible, will be able to attend the Championships, and if allowable, determine substitutes to be added to the team.
2. The team manager must also collect all applicable registration fees (\$30 per player = \$30 player fee + \$3 TennisLink fee) from players prior to registering the team. The complete team must be entered at one time in TennisLink.
3. To enter the team in TennisLink, log in to TennisLink with your team manager # and password, then click on "Junior Team Tennis" at the top
4. On the right side of the screen under the red bar "Join Team Tennis" see the blue header "Championships," and click "Register a Team" underneath.
5. Enter registration number (**provided in your invitation letter**).
6. Enter team number (**provided in your invitation letter**).
7. Click "Proceed to Checkout".
8. Enter the total number of players you are paying for.
9. Click "Proceed to Checkout" once again.
10. Confirm event and team information listed is correct and enter payment information.
11. Click Submit.

If you have any questions, please contact Rashawn Nelson at 803-781-2574 ext. 113 or fulmer@sctennis.com.

The \$3 TennisLink fee is not refundable under any circumstances. The \$30 per player event registration fee may be refunded on a case-by-case basis.



Team manager Pre-Tournament Check-off List

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www.sctennis.com/jttchamps

May

____ Notify your winning team and parents of JTT State Championships dates & distribute Players Information Page

____ Get commitment from the minimum number of players needed to register team for attendance (See Invitation Packet)

____ Collect \$30/player registration fee from all attending players prior to registering the team in TennisLink

____ Collect Consent & Waiver Forms from attending players or have parents fill it out online ([2020 Online Consent and Waiver Form](#)); Include players' t-shirt sizes on Team Roster & Substitution Form [2020 Online Team Roster](#)

____ Register ENTIRE Team in TennisLink at one time – DO NOT HAVE INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS REGISTER THEMSELVES IN TENNISLINK! (See Invitation Packet; use the Registration Number and Team Number provided in invitation email)

June

____ Make hotel arrangements* (See www.sctennis.com/jttchamps)

____ Submit player forms & TennisLink registration to USTA SC by June 23 deadline

July

____ Distribute *Team Spirit Award* page to registered players and inform them of *Sportsmanship Award*; encourage all players to make spirit and sportsmanship their goals for the weekend

____ Complete USTA Safe Play background check & safety course by July 1 (new or substitute team managers only)

____ Attend a MANDATORY** conference call on July 7th or 8th (See Invitation Packet)

____ View Championships draws on July 13th

**Please make plans for attendance Friday evening through Sunday evening. DO NOT CALL TO ASK FOR SPECIAL SCHEDULING CONSIDERATIONS.*

***Team manager attendance at one conference call. Teams not represented by a team manager in either conference call are ineligible for play.*