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**USTA Junior Team Tennis
Wisconsin District Championships
July 19 - 21, 2019
University of Wisconsin Nielsen Tennis Stadium
1000 Highland Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53705**

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND TEAM MANAGERS

**SAFEPLAY BACKGROUND CLEARANCE MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE TEAM
MANAGER ALLOWED ON THE COURT TO COACH TEAM:**

**Go to: www.netgeneration.usta.com. Create account or sign in;
go to Provider Tools/Provider Information. Complete Safeplay background process.**

The Wisconsin Tennis Association is sponsoring two championship events for USTA Junior Team Tennis. Please read the descriptions carefully. The registration link is on page 3.

1. **USTA Midwest/Wisconsin District Championship, Advancing:** All **Championship track** local league winners receive an automatic invitation to this division provided the team has played a minimum of three matches and team composition is a minimum of three boys and three girls who have played a minimum of two matches, defaults will not count as a match played. Players must play their qualifying matches within the local league from which the winning team or Wild Card team is advancing. All scores must be reported on TennisLink within the league season and within the 48 hour rule. All play must be completed with scores entered by Saturday, July 13th at Noon.

LEVEL 5 RANKING POINTS FOR 18 INTERMEDIATE AND 18 ADVANCED DIVISIONS. In a round-robin format, players will receive 10 points per win with a cap of 40 points.

Player substitutions may be made from teams within the same local league season when the specific gender falls below the minimum. Note: only ONE substitution may be made, EITHER one boy or one girl. Sub requests must be received via e-mail by judyveloff@gmail.com no later than July 15th. Subs must meet all minimum requirements and must be approved by the Tournament Director. NOTE: when a sub is used, the original player may NOT return to the team during the District Championships.

All runner- up teams may submit a Wild Card Application. Wild Card Applicants will be notified of their acceptance no later than Monday, July 15th, at Noon.

Once a team is accepted, players must be immediately registered on TennisLink. Information will be provided when your team is invited to register. The cost is \$39 per player plus the TennisLink fee.

NO RETURNS WILL BE GIVEN!

Advancing to Section: The District winner of the Championship division will automatically advance to the Midwest Section Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana, on July 27 & 28. Second place finishers may submit a Wild Card Application. Both Winning and Wild Card applications must be submitted to the Section no later than Sunday, July 21, at Noon. Section winners advance to Nationals.

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District Championship Track Tournament Format and Scoring:

- Boys and Girls Singles
- Boys and Girls Doubles
- One mixed doubles
- Six game pro-set; tie-break at 5-All; Regular (Ad) Scoring*

Note: Although a Local League Coordinator may run a league in any format, the formats above will be used at the Wisconsin District Championships

*NOTE: While we expect to use the scoring described above, the number of teams registered per division and total teams for the tournament may require a change in the scoring to optimize the number of team matches.

2. **Wisconsin District Non-Progressive Championships.** **There is NO further advancement beyond Madison for this division.** All teams that have played in a USTA Jr. Team Tennis local league, either Championship track or Local Track, may submit an application. Local league winners will receive an automatic invitation. All other teams may submit a Wild Card (WC) application by Noon on Sunday, July 14. WC 's will be accepted in the order of local league finish and notified by Monday, July 15.

All play must be completed with scores entered by Noon on Saturday, July 13th.

Once accepted, payment will be by check payable to "WTA" in the amount of \$34 per player.

Team composition for this Championship is a minimum of four players, gender neutral. Players must play their qualifying matches within the local league from which the winner or Wild Card team is advancing. Teams must have played a minimum of three matches. Players must have played at least one local league match. Scores must be reported on TennisLink no later than July 13. Substitutions may be made from any other team in the same local league and must be approved by the Tournament Director.

Format and Scoring:

Note: this is a gender neutral championship. Opposite gender matches may occur.

- Two courts of Singles, gender neutral; one boys and one girls if possible.
- Two courts of Doubles, gender neutral, one boys and one girls if possible. Mixed OK.
- Six game pro-set; NO-AD Scoring*

There is no further advancement beyond Madison for winners of the Non-Progressive Championships

*NOTE: While we expect to use the scoring described above, the number of teams registered per division and total teams for the tournament may require a change in the scoring to optimize the number of team matches.

3. **Application Process:**

Use this link to apply for either tournament:

http://www.jotformpro.com/lssf/Wisconsin_District_Championships

This form will go directly to the Tournament Director who will acknowledge its receipt and notify the team manager of application status, either Accepted or Pending.

Championship Track: Do not register on TennisLink until invited so to do
There are NO Refunds

Non-Progressive: TennisLink registration **not** required.

4. **Number of Matches; Team Deposit:**

FULL TEAM FORFEITS ARE NOT ALLOWED: A \$200 team deposit is required (by check) for each team entered in either of these championships. This deposit must be delivered to the Tournament Desk at check-in and before Lineups/Scorecard forms are disbursed. CHECKS payable to WTA. The deposit check will be returned after all team matches are completed. If a team leaves without completing all matches, the deposit will be forfeit to the opponent team(s) left without a match.

A One Year Suspension from advancement to the following year's District Championships will apply to individual players and/or team captain who are responsible for a Team Default. Example: Team A loses their first match and no shows for their consolation match. Team B would win the match at 36-0. Team A would forfeit their deposit to Team B. The suspension would be assessed to Team A's team manager and/or players registered for the Championship.

5. **Tournament Format:** will be dependent upon the number of teams at each level. Either single elimination or round-robin will be used and will be determined once all entries are received.

Every attempt will be made to use a round-robin format. There may be flights depending on the total number of teams in the division. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of two matches. If a consolation bracket is used, every attempt will be made to schedule the second match on the same day as the first match. **Consolation brackets will NOT be played out.**

Teams may not leave Nielsen each day until the Coach/Manager has received written confirmation of the team's next match.

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6. **Tournament Details:**

- Team manager/coaches should arrive 45 minutes prior to their first match to check-in at the Tournament Desk and submit Photo Release, Sportsmanship forms and \$200 Deposit.
- Team manager/coaches should come to the Tournament Desk to sign in and out each day and to pick up identification.
- Line-ups must be submitted to the Tournament Desk 30 minutes prior to the time posted for each match. Players should be in attendance when the line up is submitted. If courts are available, matches will be called up to 30 minutes before the posted match time. Both indoor and outdoor courts will be used.

- Team manager/coaches should come to the Tournament Desk immediately following each match to report scores, sign the score card, confirm the day and time of their next match and submit their sportsmanship nominations.
- A mandatory team manager/coach conference call will be scheduled for all participating teams to shorten the daily coach's meeting. A series of conference calls will be scheduled on Wednesday, July 18th. More details to follow.
- A mandatory team manager/coach meeting will be held each day at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium before matches begin. The Head Referee will conduct this meeting. It is mandatory that all coaches be on site before their team's first match to attend the daily coach meeting.
- Tournament Hours:

Friday:	9am – no later than 10pm (weather permitting)
Saturday	8am – no later than 10pm (weather permitting)
Sunday	Will not use this day unless required by the number of entries.
- **Please allow extra time to travel to the Nielsen Tennis Center due to road construction on and around campus.**
- On Friday, parking is available in Lot 76 which is the parking ramp to the right of the front door to Nielsen. There is a gate system. Parkers will take a ticket upon entering the ramp. Payment will be required at exit either by debit or credit card. **DO NOT PARK** in the surface lot on the west side of Nielsen. This is a PERMIT ONLY lot and tickets will be issued. On Friday, **DO NOT PARK** in any PERMIT ONLY Lot. Tickets will be issued by the University and will not be reimbursed by the Wisconsin Tennis Association. More information will be available on the Team Manager Conference Call.
- Awards will be presented to the winning teams and finalists. Team Sportsmanship awards will be presented. Do not leave Nielsen without receiving your awards.
- Team pictures will be taken at the Hospitality Table near the front entrance.
- Lunch will NOT be provided.
- Shirts will be available for purchase.

7. **Schedule:**

The schedule cannot be finalized until all progressive teams are registered on TennisLink and non-progressive teams are reconfirmed with entry fees paid.

The progressive division schedule will be posted on TennisLink by 5pm on Tuesday, July 17th. It will also be provided electronically to both Local League Coordinators and Team Managers.

The non-progressive division schedule will be provided electronically to both Local League Coordinators and Team Managers by Noon on Wednesday, July 18th.

It is not possible to determine the final schedule with any accuracy prior to its publication. **Please do not ask.**

8. **Courts:**

There are 12 indoor courts and six outdoor courts at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium. All courts will be used. Players should come prepared with beverages and sun block. **Note:** the Progressive Championship will have priority for indoor courts. However, both Championships should be prepared to play outdoors if assigned. Court assignments are determined by the Tournament Desk.

In the event of on-going wet weather and to give relief to backed up matches due to the unavailability of the outdoor courts at Nielsen, back-up courts for the six outdoor courts will be reserved at an indoor facility. The tournament desk will determine which matches will be assigned to the alternate facility.

We appreciate your cooperation with court assignments and site changes.

9. **Grievances:**

All complaints alleging a violation during championship competition shall be in writing and delivered to the Tournament Director within 30 minutes of the completion of the team match, or prior to the commencement of the next team match involving the player or team, whichever occurs first. Forms will be available at the Tournament Desk.

Host Site:

Nielsen Tennis Stadium (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
1000 E. Highland Ave.
Madison, WI 53711
(608) 262-0410

Hotels:

Best Western Inntowner, (608) 233-8778, www.intowner.com, WITFAM (rate expires 7/12/18)
Extended Stay, (608) 833-1400
Fairfield Inn & Suites, (608) 831-1400
Hilton Garden Inn, (608) 831-2220
Holiday Inn Madison West, (608) 826-0500
Marriott Madison West, (608) 831-2000

Tournament Committee:

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