



2012 USTA Jr Team Tennis Greater Madison Winter League Booklet

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www.wisconsin.usta.com/Juniors/USTA_Jr_Team_Tennis/

USTA JTT is a coed tennis league. Teams need a minimum of three boys and three girls. Team matches (two per night) consist of six individual matches: a boys and a girls singles, a boys and a girls doubles, and two mixed double matches. The scoring format is one set, no add. Sign up with a self-formed team, a couple of friends, or have coordinator place on team.



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Divisions	Age Eligibility	Dates	Time	Site	Fee
U14 Intermediate (8 team limit)	15th birthday after 8/31/12	12/17/11, 1/7, 2/3, 3/10	6:00- 9:45 pm	Nielsen Tennis Stadium on UW- Madison campus	\$75. A limited number of schol- arships are available \$19 annual USTA membership. To join or renew, visit www.usta.com .
U18 Intermediate (8 team limit)	19th birthday after 8/31/12	12/9/11, 2/11, 3/2, 3/16	6:00- 9:45 pm		
U18 Advanced (4 team limit)	19th birthday after 8/31/12	12/16/11, 2/4, 2/24, 3/9	6:00- 9:45 pm		

All divisions meet four nights: a round robin (teams play each other once) on the first three and the Local League Championship on the final night. The winning teams from the Local League Championship advance to the Wisconsin District Championships held July 27-29. The second place teams can apply for a wildcard.

Want to sign up or learn more? Follow these easy steps.

1. Visit www.wisconsin.usta.com/Juniors/USTA_Jr_Team_Tennis
2. Read over program description, including FAQs document
3. Submit required forms WITH USTA NUMBER to local league coordinator
4. Contact John W. Miller with any questions: jwmiller99@gmail.com; 608-204-9750



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USTA JTT Greater Madison Winter League FAQs

1. What is USTA Junior Team Tennis (JTT)?

- USTA JTT is a coed tennis league with different age and skill divisions. In Madison, the divisions offered are:
 - Winter: 18U intermediate; 18U advanced; 14U intermediate
 - Summer: U12 Intermediate; and possibly U10, U14 Intermediate, and U18 Intermediate
- Starting with the 2012 season, the USTA JTT Greater Madison League is now a Greater Madison Tennis Association program.
- USTA JTT offers local, district, regional, and national levels of play. The team that wins our local league advances to the District Championships (Madison in late July). Second place teams can apply for a wildcard entry. There are also USTA Sectional and National Championships.

2. When and where does the USTA JTT Greater Madison Winter League play?

- All divisions meet four nights at Nielsen Tennis Stadium. All divisions begin play in December 2011.

3. What are the fees for participating in the Madison Area Winter USTA JTT program?

- \$75. A limited number of scholarships are available.
- \$19 for a basic USTA one-year junior membership; multi-year memberships are less per year.
- The league coordinator will purchase/renew USTA membership for a \$7 fee (\$26 total) if forms are submitted without a valid USTA number. Memberships can be easily renewed/purchased at www.usta.com.
- Additional fees for teams that advance to Districts and beyond

4. What are requirements of participating in USTA JTT?

- All teams must have a parent or other adult serve as team manager. The role can be shared.
- All teams must have a minimum of three boys and three girls. The ideal number is four to five of each gender.
- All players must be USTA members and be age eligible through August 31, 2012.
- Advanced teams must have at least four designated advanced players on the roster. Intermediate players may play on advanced team as long as there are at least four designated advanced players on team. Advanced players may not play in intermediate leagues, regardless of age division. Advanced players cannot play in intermediate leagues. Advanced players have a National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) rating of 3.5 or higher and/or have 200 or more Midwest points

5. What is the difference between advanced and intermediate divisions?

- Advanced players meet some or all of these criteria:
 - A NTRP rating of 3.5 or higher
 - Have 200 or more Midwest Ranking points in any age division
 - Have a very high District ranking. The higher the ranking, the more likely the player is advanced.
 - Have qualified for the WIAA Individual Tournament
 - Has been granted advanced player designation by local league coordinator.
- Advanced players are not eligible to play in intermediate leagues
- Advanced teams must have at least four players who bona fide advanced players. Intermediates may play on an advanced team so long as there are at least four advanced players on the team.

6. The Player History form is used to help determine whether advanced or intermediate is appropriate.

7. What are the duties of team managers?

- Be familiar with USTA JTT rules and regulations
- Recruit players if necessary. Local league coordinator will help.
- Attempt to provide players on team with equal playing time
- Ensure that the team has enough players for each dual; coordinate team refreshments if any.
- Set the team line-up, exchange line-ups with opposing team manager before start of dual and turn in afterwards

- Work with opposing managers and league officials to keep matches flowing
- Monitor roster, results and standings on USTA Tennis Link system for any errors

8. What is the format of USTA JTT?

- The Madison league uses the standard JTT format. Each dual or team match consists of six one-set matches using no-add scoring and with a tiebreak played at 5-5:
 - 1 Boys doubles match
 - 1 Girls doubles match
 - 1 Girls singles match
 - 2 Boys singles match
 - 2 Mixed doubles matches
 - 6 Total matches
- The winner of the dual is the team that wins the most games, not sets.
- Duals are played two matches at a time on the same two courts: the two doubles matches, then the two singles matches, followed by the two mixed doubles matches.
- The local league coordinator will post the results and updated standings at Tennis.Link.

9. What are the key rules regarding the format and play of USTA JTT?

- All matches will use no-add scoring. At three points all (40-40), the winner of the next point wins the game. On these points, the receiver chooses whether the serve is on deuce or add side, except in mixed doubles where it must go boy to boy or girl to girl
- A player MAY NOT play in more than two official matches per dual. If a team has only two players of one gender available, the team must forfeit the corresponding singles match.
- All players must play in at least three team matches on at least two days to be eligible for Districts and beyond.

10. How much sitting out is there?

- There is some sitting out. It gives the players a chance to socialize and support their teammates.

11. Does a player have to attend all duals?

- No, that is why teams should have between eight and ten players.

12. How does a person sign up for USTA JTT?

- By submitting paperwork and payment to league coordinator. A person may sign up for a specific team or have the coordinator place on a team.

Glossary of Key Terms

District Championships. This is the competition for all the teams that win their local leagues within the Wisconsin USTA district of the USTA Midwest Section.

Dual. A competition between two league teams, consisting of six one-set matches. The winner is determined by total number of games won, not sets won. Also called a team match.

Individual Match. A competition between two people or two doubles teams. In JTT, a match is one six-game set using no-add scoring and with a tie break at five all.

No-Add Scoring. A type of scoring that speeds up play. At 40-40 or three all, the next point wins. There are no multi deuce games. At three points all, the receiver chooses the receiving side, except in mixed doubles where the serve must go boy to boy or girl to girl

Tie Break. In JTT, the tie-break is special game that is played to decide the match when the game score is 5-5. In standard tennis, the tie break is played at 6-6.



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Enrollment Form

Player Information

Name _____ USTA Number _____ Gender _____ DOB _____

School _____ T-Shirt Size: YouthM YouthL S M L XL

Club Affiliation (Powless, Nakoma, none, etc) _____

Age Division (circle). Note cut-off dates. Playing in older age divisions is ok.

U14 Int. (turns 15 after 8/31/12)

U18 Int. (turns 19 after 8/31/12)

U18 Adv. (turns 19 after 8/31/12)

Team Preference (check one)

___ **None.** Place on any available team. Coordinator always tries to place on team with at least one friend.

___ **With friends but no manager.** Place on same team as _____

___ **On self-organized team with set manager.** Place on team managed by _____ with the following players _____

Special instructions for managers. If you are planning on managing a self-organized team, please call or email league coordinator as soon as possible to reserve a team slot.

Contact Information

Parents/Guardians _____ Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Are you interested in serving as a team manager? **Yes** **No**

Please Initial

___ As parent/guardian, I understand the league coordinator will purchase/renew USTA membership for a \$7 fee if this form is submitted without a valid USTA number and the coordinator has to purchase or renew the membership.

___ As parent/guardian, I understand that each team must have at least one parent present at each match acting as team manager.

___ As parent, I understand that it is my responsibility to familiarize myself with the rules and regulations of the Madison area USTA JTT program and to contact league coordinator J.W. Miller if I do not receive any program email updates by the start of the league.

Payment Instructions

Please submit payment by check (\$75 payable to Greater Madison Tennis Association) along with registration, waiver of claims, photo release, and player history forms to below address. Forms are available at the local program web page: www.wisconsin.usta.com/Juniors/USTA_Jr_Team_Tennis and www.GMTATennis.org. Mailing Address: J.W. Miller
213 Bordner
Madison, WI 53705



USTA Jr Team Tennis Experience History Form

1. Player Name: _____ USTA #: _____ Date of Birth: _____
2. Person Completing Form (parent, guardian, coach): _____
E-mail Address: _____ Telephone: _____
3. Level requested to play in: Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____
4. Have you ever had 200 or more USTA Midwest points in any age bracket? Yes _____ No _____
If so, what age bracket? _____
5. Have you ever had a USTA District Ranking & if so, what was it as of:
August 31: _____ March 31: _____
6. Have you ever had a USTA Midwest Section Ranking & if so, what was it as of:
August 31: _____ March 31: _____
7. Have you ever played in a USTA District Qualifier or Midwest Closed tournament? _____
If Yes, did you win a round? Yes _____ No _____
8. Do you play varsity tennis at a high school? Yes _____ No _____
Name of High School: _____ D1 or D2? _____
Position: _____
9. Have you gone to state with your high school tennis team & if so, how did you place? _____
10. Have you qualified for Individual State on your high school team? _____
11. How many months a year do you play tennis? _____
12. Do you hit with a professional & if so, how often? _____
13. Have you played USTA JTT before & if so, what level did you play (i.e.: beginner, intermediate or advanced)? _____ Year: _____ JTT Area: _____
14. If you played JTT previously, did your team advance and to what level, State, Sectional, National?

If the level of play you have selected does not meet the local benchmarks in place for the Junior Team Tennis Program, your local league coordinator will contact you and place you in the correct level of play.



WAIVER OF CLAIMS

Players participating in the Madison USTA Jr Team Tennis Program acknowledge the risks associated with playing competitive tennis, accept those risks voluntarily, and in consideration of their acceptance in the Program, assume all risks for bodily injury, waive all claims for injury and property damage, and release and hold harmless the USTA, GMTA and the host facility, their officials, employees, and agents with respect to any injury or loss caused by negligence or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Signature
Parent or Guardian

Date

Print Name



PHOTO RELEASE FORM

I, _____, (Hereinafter "Subject") for good and valuable consideration, hereby give permission to the USTA/Wisconsin Tennis Association (Hereinafter "WTA") and/or parties designated by the WTA to photograph myself and use such photographs in all forms of media, for any and all promotional purposes including advertising, publicity, display, audiovisual, exhibition, commercial or editorial use.

I understand that the term "photography" as used herein encompasses still photographs, audio recordings, and motion picture footage.

I further consent to the reproduction and/or authorization by the WTA to reproduce and use such photographs for use in all domestic and foreign markets.

I hereby release the WTA and any of its associates, affiliates, appointed advertising agencies and designated directors, officers, agents, employees and customers from any claims.

Date

Subject's Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Signature

Parent signature if Subject is under 18 years of age

<p>Wisconsin Tennis Association Office, W131 N8008 Country Club Dr, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051</p>
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2010 USTA/Midwest Wisconsin Junior Sportsmanship Agreement:

The Wisconsin Tennis Association asks your cooperation in abiding by the rules and regulations as stated in the USTA Friend at Court. The rules and regulations are for players, coaches, parents, and spectators. The following Point Penalties shall be imposed against a player for unsportsmanlike conduct during a tournament such as but not limited to:

- Unreasonable delays after the warm-up period, between points and when changing ends, and otherwise unreasonably delaying a match due to unsportsmanlike behavior;
- Audible obscenity;
- Visible obscenity;
- Violently, or with anger, hitting, kicking, or throwing a tennis ball or other equipment;
- Verbal or physical abuse of any official, opponent, spectator or other person;
- Coaching by a captain or any other accompanying person;
- Any unsportsmanlike conduct including disrespecting your opponent

As a parent or player, I agree to the following:

- **I WILL BE POSITIVE**-I will express support and encouragement for my child/player and his/her opponent.
- **I WILL RESPECT MY OPPONENT**- I respect my opponent for their skills and effort.
- **I WILL RESPECT THE TOURNAMENT STAFF** -I will give professional respect before, during and after the match to the tournament staff.
- **I WILL RESPECT OFFICIALS** - I understand that tennis has rules and regulations and the officials will enforce them to the best of their ability.
- **I WILL BE A GOOD SPORT**- By my example, I will teach my child/player good sportsmanship toward the opposing opponent and parents.
- **I WILL ACCEPT THE CONSEQUENCES IF I OR MY CHILD/PLAYER BEHAVES IMPROPERLY** : These consequences may include being told by the officials or tournament staff to leave the facility and/or my child may receive suspension points that could lead to my child being suspended from participating in junior tennis.

Name of Tournament: _____ Age Division: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Print Player Name: _____

Sign Player Names: _____

Print Parent/Coach/Chaperone Name: _____

Sign Parent/Coach/Chaperone Name: _____

Date: _____

Mail to: Wisconsin Tennis Association
W131 N8008 Country Club Dr., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

USTA Junior Scholarship Program Application

As part of the overall mission of the GMTA, the Association seeks to support junior tennis players who might otherwise be unable to pursue tennis programming suitable for their level of play. This support is made available strictly on a need-base only. Players of high school age or younger in need of such support should complete the following preliminary application. All grant decisions are subject to approval by the Board of the GMTA or a committee so appointed. This program is designed to provide support for specific junior tennis activity, and not for broader uses such as school tuition.

Name _____ Sex _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ State ____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____ Phone _____

What Program or Activity are you seeking support for?

Describe Nature of Need (Note all information supplied is confidential and will be used only in the processing of this application.)

(Continue on reverse, if necessary)

Briefly outline your previous tennis background, including programs or teams that you've experienced:

Greater Madison Tennis Association

Attn: GMTA Junior Grant Program

PO Box 1215

Madison WI 53701-1215

Tennis reference. Please provide name and position of one or more persons who have provided you with tennis instruction or coaching:

I declare the aforementioned statements, to the best of my knowledge and belief, are true

and correct. Additional information, including direct discussion with parent or guardian, may be required prior to grant decision.

_____ Date_____

Signed