



USTA/Midwest Section Junior Domicile Rules and Regulations

Effective as of January 1, 2010

Junior Eligibility

These Domicile Rules will pertain to the following:

- All USTA/Midwest Section Junior Closed Championships;
- All USTA/Midwest Section Junior Designated Events

(Note: For purposes of these Domicile Rules, the above listed tournaments will hereafter be referred to as "Sectional Junior Events")

Also included in the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Eligibility Requirements will be the following events:

- USTA/Midwest Section District Team Cup Events — BG12,14,B18;
- USTA/Midwest Section Marian Wood Baird Cup — G18;
- All District/Area Qualifiers to the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Closed Outdoor Championships;

(Note: For purposes of these Domicile Rules, the above listed tournaments will hereafter be referred to as "District Junior Events")

(Note: For purposes of these Domicile Rules, parent(s), custodial parent(s) or guardian(s) will hereafter be referred to as "parents").

For the USTA/Midwest Section Closed Outdoor Junior Championship sectional tournament players may only qualify in the District where their "parents" are domiciled. A player may attempt to qualify from only one District. Boundaries for determining domicile shall be as defined in the USTA/Midwest Section Bylaws, Article III Members: Section 2: District Associations.

The "Sectional Junior Events and District Junior Events" are open to:

- Citizens of the U.S.,
- Permanent resident aliens in possession of a valid alien registration card,
- Individuals who are applicants for adjustment to lawful permanent resident status and who can present a USCIS receipt for a pending unadjudicated form I-485,
- Aliens who have resided continuously in the US for more than one year and who are members of families of persons in the diplomatic or consular corps and
- Aliens who have been granted Refugee Status, Asylee Status or Temporary Protected Status.

Questions pertaining to eligibility consideration for all “Sectional Junior Events”, must be addressed to the USTA/Midwest Section office. Questions pertaining to eligibility consideration for all “District Junior Events” must be addressed to the appropriate District Association.

Non-US citizens who question their eligibility determination may submit for reconsideration to the USTA/Midwest Section office. The USTA/Midwest Section office staff may request any documents reasonably believed to be necessary in the determination of a player's eligibility. The player has the burden of proof.

Proof of Domicile

A player's domicile shall be the domicile of that player's “*parents*”. Domicile is hereby defined as the bonafide, true and permanent home of the player's “*parents*”. 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.

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. A photocopy of the “parents” most recent state income tax return or a printed copy of the electronic file form.
2. A photocopy of the “parents” most recent federal income tax return or a printed copy of the electronic file form.
3. A copy of a Declaration of Domicile, signed by the “parents” proving that the player’s “parents” live in the USTA/Midwest Section. The document must be notarized.
4. Affidavit of domicile executed by the head of the household.
5. Photocopies of “parents” and players (when applicable) driver’s licenses and automobile registration (s).
6. Notarized copy of “parents” voter registration.
7. Photocopy of Homestead Tax Credit (all states except Ohio, unless the “parents” meet the special requirements in Ohio)

The above list is not intended to be definitive or all inclusive and other factors may be considered by the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Competition-Committee, or may be submitted by the player's parent, to assist in determining the players’ domicile. The USTA/Midwest Section office staff may request any documents reasonably believed to be necessary in the determination of a player's eligibility. **The player has the burden of proof.**

A District, player or parent may submit a request for reconsideration of a domicile ruling to the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Competition Committee. The decision of the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Competition Committee or its appointed subcommittee on the reconsideration request may be appealed to the USTA/Midwest Section Board of Directors. The decision of the USTA/Midwest Section Board of Directors shall be final on the issue of domicile. All requests for reconsideration must be filed with the USTA/Midwest Section Office at least 30 days, prior to the entry deadline of any closed tournament in which the player wishes to enter. Any additional documents requested by the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Competition Committee shall be submitted within five (5) business days after the request. The "parents" may submit any additional documents at anytime prior to the reconsideration review by the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Competition Committee or its appointed subcommittee.

The reconsideration shall be considered based upon all documents submitted to the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Competition Committee. Any falsification of information will result in a minimum one-year revocation of junior tennis privileges in the USTA/Midwest Section. A player suspended for falsification of information may apply for re-instatement. The player may apply 30 days prior to the effective suspension one-year anniversary date. Failure to apply for reinstatement will cause the suspension to continue until such time as re-application/re-instatement request is approved for said player by the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Competition Committee or its appointed subcommittee.