

Junior Tournament Regulations

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Regulation 1: Junior Section Tournaments. The Junior Section Tournaments consist of the Sweet 16s, Supers, Futures, Winter Team Championship, and the Missouri Valley Team Event (BG12-14). *District Championships and Future Qualifiers are not Junior Section Tournaments.*

Regulation 2: Applicable Rules and Regulations. These regulations, the ITF Rules of Tennis, USTA Regulations, and *The Code* are in effect at all Junior Section Tournaments. It is a player's responsibility to know and understand them.

Regulation 3: Junior Section Tournaments Committee. The Junior Competition Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, and USTA Missouri Valley Junior Competition Program Manager make up the Junior Section Tournaments Committee. This committee has the discretion to modify USTA Missouri Valley Junior Tournament Regulations for a USTA Missouri Valley Junior Section Tournament. Examples of situations in which the Committee might exercise its discretion include, but are not limited to: correcting administrative errors; change of tournament venue; and changes made to adjust for changes adopted by the USTA.

(Eligibility Requirements)

Regulation 4: Residence Requirement. The following players are eligible to play in Junior Section Tournaments:

- U.S. citizens who reside in the area under USTA Missouri Valley jurisdiction;
- Aliens listed in **USTA Regulation IX.C.1.b.** who reside in the area under USTA Missouri Valley jurisdiction (*A student visa is not sufficient.*); and
- Children of members of the United States military whose family resides in the area under USTA Missouri Valley jurisdiction.

The USTA Missouri Valley may require a player to submit proof of residence. The Junior Eligibility Committee shall determine whether a player resides in the area under the USTA Missouri Valley jurisdiction. Within fifteen days of a player being notified that the Committee has determined that the player does not reside in the area under the USTA Missouri Valley jurisdiction, the player may appeal the decision to the Grievance Committee. Absent good cause shown, if the player does not appeal the decision within fifteen days, the Junior Eligibility Committee's decision is final. Decisions as to residence shall be based on all relevant factors, which include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- The residence of each of the player's natural parents or guardians;
- The address listed on the player's USTA membership record in those cases where the player resides in more than one place;
- The state in which the player would qualify for in-state tuition at a state college or university; and
- The state in which the player attends school.

A player who participates in another Section's endorsement process during the calendar year shall be deemed to be resident in that section for the remainder of the calendar year unless the player produces sufficient evidence to satisfy the Junior Eligibility Committee that the player has changed residence to a location within the territory assigned to the USTA Missouri Valley by the USTA Bylaws.

The Junior Eligibility Committee is comprised of the:

- Director of Junior Competition;
- Chair of the Junior Competition Committee; and
- Vice Chair of the Junior Competition Committee.

If the Director of Junior Competition is not available to serve, the Executive Director of USTA Missouri Valley shall appoint a replacement from among the staff. If the Chair or Vice Chair is not available to serve, the member of the Junior Competition Committee with the most seniority shall serve as the replacement.

Districts shall apply the residence criteria of **MV Regulation 4** for determining whether a player is eligible to play a District Closed tournament. Districts shall set up their own process for determining whether a player meets the residence requirement and for appeals from the determination.

Regulation 5: USTA Membership. Each player shall have a USTA membership that is current through the last scheduled day of the tournament.

Regulation 6: Youth Progression Requirement. A player who is still eligible for the 8-and-under or 10-and-under divisions becomes eligible for older age divisions of sanctioned USTA Missouri Valley tournaments only by first completing the USTA Missouri Valley Youth Progression pathway.

Regulation 7: Age Eligibility. A player is age eligible for an event if the player will not exceed the maximum age for the age division by the last day of the month in which the player's age division in the tournament is scheduled to start. See **Table 4 of USTA Regulations**. The USTA Missouri Valley may require a player to submit a copy of the birth certificate or other proof of age.

Regulation 8: Eligibility for Junior Section Tournaments. A player is eligible for a Junior Section Tournament if the player meets the requirements of **MV Regulations 4, 5, and 7**. See also **MV Regulation 6**, which applies to 8-and-under and 10-and-under players who want to play in older divisions.

(Selection for Tournaments)

Regulation 9: Certain District Tournaments. The Districts determine the selection process for District Championships, Future Qualifiers, and other district tournaments designated for section points. The Districts sanction and administer these tournaments.

Regulation 10: Futures. Annually, the USTA Missouri Valley sanctions up to six Futures tournaments for boys and girls in the 18, 16, 14, and 12 divisions.

- a) *Maximum Draw Size.* The maximum draw size is 32 for singles and 16 for doubles.
- b) *Singles.* Players are selected into the singles draw in the following order:
 - *District Endorsement.* Each District receives one endorsement spot per Futures tournament.
 - *USTA Missouri Valley Standing List.* The remaining players will be selected from those who apply for entry in the tournament in order of their standing on the most recent USTA Missouri Valley Standing List published before the draw is made. Any district endorsement spot that is not filled is selected using this method.
- c) *Doubles.* Players are accepted into the doubles draw based on the combined singles rankings of the teams. Before the entry deadline, partners may apply online for entry by each player indicating the other as partner or by each partner emailing the tournament director. A player without a partner may also request to be placed into a blind draw before the doubles entry deadline.
 - A player must play in the same age division in singles and doubles
 - Players do not have to be in the singles draw to play doubles. If a player is not in the singles draw and wishes to play doubles, the player must still have applied for entry in the tournament and appear on the alternates list. Any player who was not selected for singles will be considered for the doubles draw only if the player informs the Tournament Director that the players still wants to play in the doubles draw.
 - A player has the responsibility to communicate with his or her partner about doubles at the tournament. If a player's partner does not make the singles draw or no longer wishes to play doubles, the player has the responsibility to communicate with the Tournament Director and find a new partner before the doubles deadline.
 - If a player in the doubles draw withdraws and the player's partner still wants to play doubles, the partner may play with any other player who applied for entry in the tournament so long as the new team does not affect seeding. **The player who seeks to play with a new partner is responsible for finding the partner and providing this information to the Referee. The Referee is not required to substitute the new partner into the draw if the Referee learns of the substitution less than one hour before the scheduled start of the first match in the doubles draw.**
 - The entry deadline for doubles is the Monday of the week the tournament is scheduled to begin unless otherwise specified on the tournament homepage.
- d) *Special provisions for Futures 2 and Futures 5 in the Boys and Girls 12 divisions.* For the Futures 2 and Futures 5 in the Boys and Girls 12 divisions, the USTA Missouri Valley sanctions one 16-player tournament in the southern part of the section and one 16-player tournament in the northern part. Players may play in either tournament but may not apply for entry in both tournaments. Players who apply for entry in both tournaments will not be considered for entry into either tournament. After the players have been selected, those players who were not selected will be placed on a combined alternate list that will be used to fill withdrawals from both events.

Regulation 11: Supers. Annually, the USTA Missouri Valley will sanction four Supers for boys and girls in the 18, 16, 14, and 12 divisions.

- a) *Maximum Draw Size.* The maximum draw size is 32 for singles and 16 for doubles.
- b) *Singles.* Players are selected into the singles draw in the following order:
 - *Previous Section events.* Players may qualify for the Super based on specific results from previous Section events. A player must have played the previous Section event to completion and remain age eligible for the Super to be accepted into the draw by this method. Below are the tournament designations for each Super.

| Super | Total Spots | Qualifying tournaments | Age Divisions |
|-------|-------------|---|---------------|
| 1 | 8 | Quarterfinalists from Futures #6 | BG 12-18 |
| 2 | 6 | Finalists from Futures #1 & Futures #2 & the winners of the Winter Team Event | BG 14-18 |
| 2 | 6 | Finalists from Futures #1; Champion of Futures #2 North Event; Champion of Futures #2 South Event; & winners of the Winner Team Event | BG 12 |
| 3 | 8 | Semi-finalists from Futures #3 & Futures #4 | BG 12-18 |
| 4 | 8 | Quarterfinalists from Futures #5 | BG14-18 |
| 4 | 8 | Semifinalists from Futures #5 North Event and Semifinalists from Futures #5 South Event | BG 12 |

- *USTA Missouri Valley Standing List.* The remaining players will be selected from those who apply to enter the tournament in order of their standing on the most recent USTA Missouri Valley Standing List published before the draw is made.
- c) *Doubles.* Players are selected into the doubles draw based on the combined singles ranking of the team. Before the entry deadline, partners may apply online by each player indicating the other as partner or by each partner emailing the Tournament Director. A player without a partner may also request to be placed into a blind draw before the doubles entry deadline.
 - A player must play in the same age division in singles and doubles.
 - Players do not have to be in the singles draw to play doubles. If a player is not in the singles draw and wishes to play doubles, the player must still have applied for entry in the tournament and appear on the alternates list. Any player who was not selected for singles will be considered for the doubles draw only if the player informs the Tournament Director that the players still wants to play in the doubles draw.
 - A player has the responsibility to communicate with his or her partner about doubles at the tournament. If a player's partner does not make the singles draw or no longer wishes to play doubles, the player has the responsibility to communicate with the tournament director and find a new partner.
 - If a player in the doubles draw withdraws and the player's partner still wants to play doubles, the partner may play with any other player who applied for entry in the tournament so long as the new team does not affect seeding. **The player who seeks to play with a new partner is responsible for finding the partner and providing this information to the Referee. The Referee is not required to substitute the new partner into the draw if the Referee learns of the substitution less than one hour before the scheduled start of the first match in the doubles draw.**
 - The entry deadline for doubles is the Monday of the week that the tournament is scheduled to begin, unless otherwise specified on the tournament homepage.

Regulation 12: Sweet 16. Annually, the USTA Missouri Valley sanctions two Sweet 16 tournaments for boys and girls in the 18, 16,14, and 12 divisions.

- a) *Maximum Draw Size.* The maximum draw size is 16 for singles and 8 for doubles.
- b) *Singles.* Players are selected into the singles draw of the Sweet 16 in the following order:
 - *Quarterfinalists from the previous Super.*
 - **Summer Sweet 16:** The quarterfinalists from Super #2 who remain age eligible and who apply to enter the Summer Sweet 16 are accepted into the Summer Sweet 16
 - **Winter Sweet 16:** The quarterfinalists from Super #4 who remain age eligible and who apply to enter the Winter Sweet 16 are accepted into the Winter Sweet 16.
 - *USTA Missouri Valley Standing List.* The remaining players will be selected from those who apply to enter the tournament in order of their standing on the most recent USTA Missouri Valley Standing List published before the draw is made.
- c) *Doubles.* Players are selected into the doubles draw based on the combined singles ranking of the team. Before the entry deadline, partners may apply online for entry by each player indicating the other as partner or by each partner emailing

the Tournament Director. A player without a partner may also request to be placed into a blind draw before the doubles entry deadline.

- A player must play in the same age division in singles and doubles.
- Players in the singles draw are not required to play doubles
- Players in the singles draw who wish to play doubles are required to team with another player also in the singles draw *unless* not all of the players in the singles draw choose to play doubles, In this case, the player may team with any player on the Alternates List.

Regulation 13: Dominant Duo Tournament. Annually, the USTA Missouri Valley sanctions one **Dominant Duo Tournament** for boys and girls in the 18, 16, 14, and 12 divisions.

- a) The maximum draw size is 16 players (8 teams of two).
- b) Teams are selected based on combined singles ranking from the most recent USTA Missouri Valley Standing List published before the draw is made. If two teams have the same combined ranking, the team with the higher ranked singles player will be placed ahead of the other team on the entry list.
- c) Players must apply online for entry as a team. A team will be considered for selection only if each player correctly applied online for entry, which means each player applied for the tournament with the other player listed as a partner. Players are responsible for applying correctly and correcting any errors before the entry deadline.
- d) Because players are required to apply for entry in the tournament as a team, the withdrawal of one player is considered the withdrawal of the team. A player whose partner withdraws **before the deadline** may apply for entry with another partner. No new entries are accepted after the entry deadline, unless authorized by the Tournament Committee.
- e) **The tournament uses a Compass Draw format. In each round:**
 - **The two highest ranked players will play singles against each other;**
 - **The other two players will play singles against each other; and**
 - **The players will play doubles**

Regulation 14: USTA Missouri Valley Team Event.

- a) The USTA Missouri Valley Team Event will have seven teams with one team from each district. The BG12-14 divisions will be combined into one team.
- b) Each district will select four players per age division by a selection process of its choice.
- c) The line-ups for each team will be submitted to the Missouri Valley by the district before the start of the event. Players will be required to play in lineup order for the duration of the tournament.
- d) The number one singles player will play doubles with the number two singles player; the number three singles player will play doubles with the number four singles player.
- e) A District may alter its lineup after submitting it only if a player withdraws.

Regulation 15: USTA Missouri Valley Standing List. The USTA Missouri Valley uses the USTA ranking program and the USTA Missouri Valley assigned Points Per Round to generate the USTA Missouri Valley Standing Lists that are used to select players for at-large entry into the Futures, Winter Team Championships, Supers, and Sweet 16s. Refer to **MV Regulation 39** on how standings are calculated.

(National Tournaments and Endorsement Process)

Regulation 16: National Endorsement List.

- a) The USTA accepts players on the USTA Missouri Valley Endorsement List based on a quota system that the USTA determines at the end of each calendar year. The USTA Missouri Valley quota is determined by the ratio of its junior membership and the number of its players in the top 150 in all divisions compared to the total junior membership and total players in the top 150 in all divisions and is subject to change. See the tournament homepage for the number of quota spots in each age division.
- b) Fifty players are listed on the USTA Missouri Valley Endorsement List in the following order:
 - *National Clay Court Championships Endorsement List:* The winner of the June Super is listed first followed by players listed in the order in which they appear on the USTA Missouri Valley Standings List published immediately after the June Super;
 - *National Championships Endorsement List:* The winner and finalist from the June Sweet 16 are listed first followed by players listed in the order in which they appear on the USTA Missouri Valley Standings List published immediately after the June Sweet 16;
 - *National Indoor Championships Endorsement List:* The winner of Super #3 is listed first followed by players listed in the order in which they appear on the USTA Missouri Valley Standings List published immediately after Super #3;

- *National Winter Championships Endorsement List* : The winner of the November Sweet 16 is listed first followed by players listed in the order in which they appear on the USTA Missouri Valley Standings List published immediately after the November Sweet 16
 - *National Doubles Championships Endorsement List (BG14-16 Divisions)*: The USTA Missouri Valley will endorse the winning teams from the June Sweet 16 unless the winning teams of Sweet 16 do not register. In this case, the USTA Missouri Valley will order teams based on the highest combined singles ranking of the most recent USTA Missouri Valley Standing List available
- c) Only players who have played in at least one section event or one district championship during the twelve months before the publication date of the applicable endorsement list are placed on the list.

Regulation 17: Zonals.

- a) The USTA Zone Team Championships is a National Team event in which the USTA Missouri Valley selects players to represent the USTA Missouri Valley selects players to represent the section
- b) The USTA Missouri Valley will send teams of 6 boys and 6 girls to each Zone Team Championship. The number of teams the USTA Missouri Valley will send varies based on the schedule released by the USTA
- c) Selection will be based on the most recent USTA Missouri Valley Standings List published at the time of selection

Regulation18: 14 &16 Intersectionals.

- a) The USTA Intersectional Championships is a National Team Championship in which the USTA Missouri Valley selects players to represent the section. The 14s and 16s divisions are held at different locations.
- b) The USTA Missouri Valley will send one team with a maximum of 4 boys and 4 girls to each Championship.
- c) Players will be selected in the following order:
 - Players ranked in the top 150 of the most recent National Standings List published at the time of selection; and
 - *Players ranked in the top 30 of the most recent USTA Missouri Valley Standings List published at the time of selection.*
 - *The Junior Eligibility Committee may select registered players who do not meet either of the above criteria in the order in which they appear on the most recent USTA Missouri Valley Standings List*
- d) The order of selection determines the line-up order. The coach has discretion to determine who plays singles, and generally the players higher in the lineup will have more opportunity to play singles.

Regulation19:USTA BG18 National Team Championships.

- a) The USTA BG18 National Team Championships is a National Team Championship in which the USTA Missouri Valley selects players to represent the section. The boys and girls championships are at different locations.
- b) The USTA Missouri Valley will send one team of 7 boys or 7 girls to each respective event.
- c) Selection for each USTA Missouri Valley team will be done in the following order:
 - Players ranked in the top 150 of the most recent National Standings List published at the time of selection;
 - *Players ranked in the top 30 of the most recent USTA Missouri Valley Standings List published at the time of selection*
 - *The Junior Eligibility Committee may select registered players who do not meet either of the above criteria in the order in which they appear on the most recent USTA Missouri Valley Standings List*
- d) The line up for the USTA BG18 National Team Championships will be based on the most recent National Standings List and USTA Missouri Valley Standings List published after the USTA Missouri Valley Summer Sweet 16 with the National Standings List having priority over the USTA Missouri Valley Standing List. The coach has discretion to determine who plays singles, and generally the players higher in the lineup will have more opportunity to play singles.

(Entry and Withdrawal Process)

Regulation 20: Submission of Entries. On-line application for entry is required for each tournament. The application must be completed before the entry deadline. In case of a problem with an on-line application, contact the Junior Competition Program Manager via phone or email **before** the entry deadline. If you reach voicemail, leave a message so that the Junior Competition Program Manager may verify that your call was received before the entry deadline. No late applications are permitted.

Regulation 21: Entry Restrictions.

- a) A player may play in only one singles and one doubles division per tournament.
- b) For USTA Missouri Valley Junior Section Tournaments that have limited draws, players may apply for entry in up to two age divisions.
- c) The USTA Missouri Valley selects players in the following order: 18, 16, 14, and 12.
- d) Unless notified to the contrary, the USTA Missouri Valley assumes that a player who applies for two age divisions prefers to play in the older division.

- e) A player who applied for entry in two age divisions and who is selected for the older age division is removed from the entry list for the younger division unless the player previously notified the USTA Missouri Valley that the player prefers to play in the younger division.
- f) A player who applied for entry into two age divisions and who was *not* selected for entry into the older age division is then considered for entry into the younger age division. If the player is *not* selected for the younger age division, the player is placed on the alternate list for the younger age division only. A player is not allowed to appear on two alternate lists.

Regulation 22: Late Entries. The Tournament Committee shall not accept late entries or add players to the alternates list.

Regulation 23: Withdrawal from Tournament. A withdrawal occurs when a player withdraws from a tournament after the entry deadline but before playing the first match because of injury, illness, personal circumstance (which includes a personal emergency), or an administrative error made by the tournament. A player who decides to withdraw from a tournament shall immediately notify the Tournament Director of the reason for the withdrawal. The Tournament Director shall notify the Junior Competition Program Manager of the identity of all players who withdrew from the tournament after the draw has been made. Players may be required to submit verification of the reason for the withdrawal (doctor's note, written description, and other relevant information) before the last scheduled day of the tournament. See **MV Regulation 37.**

Regulation 24: Alternate List. The Tournament Committee shall prepare an alternate list of players who applied for entry into the tournament but were not accepted into the draw. The players shall be listed in the order in which their names appear on the USTA Missouri Valley Standing List that was used to accept players into the draw.

- The Tournament Committee shall use the Alternate List to replace withdrawing players until 9:00 p.m. the day before the draw is scheduled to start. A tournament official shall promptly notify the player at the top of the Alternate List when there is an opening. The Tournament Director has the discretion to set the amount of time in which a player has to respond before a tournament official notifies the next player on the list or uses the on-site alternate list.
- After 9:00 p.m. of the day before the draw is scheduled to start, the On-Site Alternate List shall be used to replace withdrawing players.

Regulation 25: On-Site Alternates. The Tournament Committee shall prepare an on-site alternate list of those on-site players who applied for entry into the tournament but were not accepted into the draw. The players shall be listed in the order in which their names appear on the USTA Missouri Valley Standing List that was used to accept the players into the draw. The Tournament Committee shall accept alternates into the draw in the order in which the names appear on the on-site alternate list. Only on-site alternates who are on site for the first round of the age division in which they are on-site alternates are eligible for entry into the draw.

Regulation 26: Refund of Entry Fee. A player is entitled to a refund of the entry fee only if the player withdraws more than six days before the start of the first event of the tournament. In those tournaments in which doubles events are held, the entry fee for singles includes the fee for the doubles event. If a doubles event is canceled, players entering the singles will not receive a refund. Players entering only a doubles event who do not get to start their first match are entitled to a refund. The fee for electronic entries is not considered part of the entry fee and is non-refundable. For the Winter Team Championships, if one member of the team withdraws within six days of the start of the tournament, the team member who did not withdraw is entitled to a refund.

Regulation 27: Playing to Completion. To play to completion means to play all the player's matches in a tournament including main draw, mandatory FIC, mandatory consolation, and mandatory place play-offs. A player will not be awarded any points for the tournament nor will the player be awarded a qualifying spot into another USTA Missouri Valley tournament if the player does not play to completion for any reason other than:

- Retirement from a match because of injury, illness, or personal circumstance;
- Inability to play because of injury, illness, or personal circumstance when the player's problem becomes apparent before the match or during the warm-up; or
- Tournament administrative error.

(Tournament Administration)

Regulation 28: Tournament Data Manager (TDM). USTA Missouri Valley Junior Section Tournaments are required to use TDM for seeding, making the draw, score entry, updating and processing withdrawals, and all other tasks associated with recording results.

Regulation 29: Seeding. Seeding is done to ensure that players of recognized outstanding ability do not meet each other in the early rounds.

- a) Seeding for all singles events are based on the most recent **NTRP Junior Ratings list** published before the draws are made.
- b) Seeding for all doubles events are based on the combined rankings of the team on the most recent **NTRP Junior Ratings list** published before the draws are made. In the event of a tie, the higher seed goes to the team with the highest ranked singles player.
- c) The number of seeds is determined by the number of players in the draw and the seeding ratio specified by USTA Regulations.
- d) **The NTRP Junior Ratings list used for seeding is published as a report on the tournament homepage**

Regulation 30: Separating players from the same district. Whenever possible when making the draw, players will be randomly placed in the draw to avoid meeting a player from the same district in the player's first match. Sometimes changes in the draw are necessary after the draw has been published. No attempt will be made to separate players by district after the draw has been published unless it becomes necessary to remake the entire draw.

Regulation 31: Draw Formats at Section Events. The following draw types are required unless the USTA Missouri Valley Junior Competition Program Manager, Chair of the USTA Missouri Valley Junior Competition Committee, and Vice Chair of the Junior Competition Committee determine that a change of format is necessary.

- a) All doubles events shall use a single elimination draw.
- b) The Supers and Futures will use a FIC-R16 draw with quarterfinal playoffs for 5th and 6th place.
- c) The Summer Sweet 16 shall use a FIC-SF draw with playoffs for 5-16.
- d) The Winter Sweet 16 shall use a FIC-QF draw with playoffs for 5-16.
- e) The Winter Team Championships will use a Compass Draw in a Team Competition Format.
- f) All other events with 9 or more participants shall use a FIC-R16 or FIC-QF draw
- g) All other events with 8 or fewer participants shall use a FIC-SF.

Regulation 32: Match Formats for Section Events

- a) *Outdoor Tournaments*
 - The Sweet 16 and Supers main draw matches shall be the best of three tiebreak sets. The Sweet 16 consolation, Supers consolation, and all Futures matches shall be the best of three tiebreak sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of the third set. The playoff for third place is considered a main draw singles match.
 - All doubles events shall be an 8-game Pro Set with a 7-point tiebreak if the score reaches 8 all.
 - The 12s and 14s Team Event will use 8-game Pro Sets with No-Ad scoring and a 7-point Tiebreak at 8 all.
 - The USTA Missouri Valley Junior Competition Program Manager may authorize the playing of a 10-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of the third set, 8-game Pro Set, and Short Sets *provided that* the shortened format must be used in all matches in a round if conditions justify shortening the format of the matches.
- b) *Indoor Tournaments*
 - All singles matches shall be the best of three tiebreak sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of the third set .
 - All doubles matches shall be an 8-game Pro Set with a 7-point tiebreak if the score reaches 8 all.

Regulation 33: Starting Times and Days. Tournaments with doubles may start as early as 8AM, unless the Referee determines that inclement weather requires an earlier start. The tournaments run on the following days:

| Tournament | Days of the Tournament |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Indoor Winter Team Event | Saturday-Sunday |
| Indoor Supers | Friday-Sunday |
| Indoor Futures | Saturday-Monday |
| Winter Sweet 16 | Friday-Sunday |

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| Outdoor 12s Stand Alone Futures | Saturday-Sunday |
| Outdoor Futures | Saturday-Monday |
| Outdoor Supers | Friday-Tuesday |
| Summer Sweet 16 | Tuesday-Sunday |
| MV Team Event | Saturday-Monday |

Regulation 34: Scheduling. The scheduling guidelines in **USTA Regulation II.D.9.** and **Table 8** are mandatory and not just guidelines.

Regulation 35: Inclement Weather: The Summer Supers and Sweet 16 are required to provide indoor backup. No other section tournaments are required to provide indoor backup. If indoor courts are available, and the Tournament Director chooses to move indoors, the players may be required to pay an additional fee. The Tournament Director will determine the additional fee. If the Referee determines that there is inclement weather, the Junior Competition Program Manager (after consulting with the Tournament Director) may determine to change the match format (provided the format is used for an entire round) or cancel an event. When cancelling events, **USTA Regulation III.G.5.a.** is followed. Tournaments normally do not get cancelled or rescheduled due to inclement weather forecasts. However, if a tournament is a qualifying tournament and is canceled due to rain before the qualifying spots have been determined these spots will be awarded by at-large entry.

Regulation 36: Suspension Point System. The USTA Suspension Point System applies to all junior tournaments sanctioned by the USTA Missouri Valley including the Junior Section Tournaments. It is a player's responsibility to know and understand the suspension point system and his or her status. Every effort is made to notify the player each time a suspension point is assessed. Failure to notify the player does not invalidate any penalties or points assessed.

Regulation 37: Injury, Illness, or Personal Circumstance. If because of illness, injury, or personal circumstance, a player withdraws from the tournament after the draw has been made or decides not to play a match, then the Referee, USTA Missouri Valley Junior Competition Program Manager, or Tournament Committee *may* require the player to provide a document that verifies the illness, injury, or personal circumstance. If the reason for the withdrawal is illness or injury, the player shall deliver written verification of the illness or injury from a medical professional no later than the last scheduled day of the tournament. If the reason for the withdrawal is personal circumstance, the player shall deliver a written description of the situation to the Referee before the last scheduled day of the tournament. The Referee determines whether the situation is a personal circumstance. Failure to provide the required documentation in a timely manner shall result in the match being treated as a default rather than a withdrawal or walkover.

Regulation 38: Defaults in the Supers and Sweet 16s. Any player who is defaulted at the USTA Missouri Valley Supers or USTA Missouri Valley Sweet 16s because of misconduct, unsportsmanlike conduct, failure to follow the instructions of an official, the Point Penalty System, or for any other withdrawal not listed in **MV Regulation 37** shall not be eligible to play in any of the next two Missouri Valley Level 3 or higher events unless the player appeals the default to the Section Grievance Committee within 24 hours (and before the start of the next tournament) and the Section Grievance Committee stays the ineligibility or determines that the issuance of the Default was not warranted. Additionally, the player shall be ineligible for placement on the next endorsement list prepared unless the player appeals the default within 24 hours (and before the list deadline) and the Section Grievance Committee stays the ineligibility or determines that the issuance of the Default was not warranted. This provision does not apply to players defaulted because of lateness for the start or resumption of a match.

(Junior Ranking Regulations)

Regulation 39: Standing Lists. The USTA Missouri Valley publishes a new Standings List weekly for each division. The USTA Points Per Round ranking program generates the combined singles and doubles rankings using the Points Per Round system designated by a table below. Only those players who meet the eligibility criteria in **MV Regulation 40** shall appear on the USTA Missouri Valley Standing Lists. One hundred percent of a player's best five singles points and 15% of the best five doubles points from tournaments played in the preceding twelve months shall be included in the overall point total.

Regulation 40: Eligibility Criteria. A player is eligible for the USTA Missouri Valley Standings list if the player meets the following criteria:

- Player is a USTA member.
- Player meets the age eligibility requirements of the division.
- Player meets the requirements of **MV Regulation 4** during at least part of the preceding twelve months.
- Player has played at least one tournament specified for inclusion by **MV Regulation 41** in the age division in the past 12 months.

- Player has accumulated at least one ranking point in the division from an on-court win. Matches won by virtue of receiving a bye, withdrawal, walkover, default, or disqualification before the start of the match are not considered on-court wins.

Regulation 41: Tournaments for Inclusion. The Sweet 16s, Supers, Futures, Winter Team Championship, 12s and 14s Team Event, District Championships and any other tournament designated for points by the district will be included in the USTA Missouri Valley Standing list provided that the event meets the format requirements for inclusion.

Regulation 42: Mandatory Draw Types. Only tournaments that use the following draw types shall be considered for inclusion in the USTA Missouri Valley Standing Lists (See **MV Regulation 31**, which specifies which draw types are authorized in USTA Missouri Valley Junior Section Tournaments.):

| Draw Type | Number of Players |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| First Match Losers Consolation(FMLC) | 5 or more entries |
| First Round Losers Consolation(FRLC) | 5 or more entries |
| Feed-in Championships through the Round of 16(FIC-R16) | Recommended for 9 or more entries |
| Feed-in Championships through the Quarterfinals(FIC-QF) | Recommended for 9 or more entries |
| Feed-in Championships through the Semifinals(FIC-SF) | Recommended for 5-8 entries |
| Round Robins | Required for 4 or fewer entries |
| Single Elimination | Permitted for doubles only |
| Team Competitions | Section tournaments only |
| **Note: Any playoffs must be tied to the tournament and cannot be a separate event** | |
| **Feed-in Championships are the recommended draw type, but are not required** | |

Regulation 43: Match Formats. Only the following match formats shall be considered for USTA Missouri Valley Standing Lists (See **MV Regulation 32**, which specifies which formats are authorized in USTA Missouri Valley Junior Section Tournaments.):

- Best of three tiebreak sets;
- Best of three tiebreak sets with a Match Tiebreak in lieu of the deciding final set;
- Best of three tiebreak Short Sets;
- Best of three tiebreak short sets with a Match Tiebreak in lieu of the deciding final set; and
- 8-game Pro Set.

Regulation 44: Bonus Points: The USTA Missouri Valley awards bonus points for wins over players ranked in the top 60 at USTA Missouri Valley Level 3, 4, and 5 events. Bonus Points are earned for wins in singles in the main draws, feed-in championships, consolations, and qualifying draws. However, if a tournament total is not among a player's best five tournaments, neither the Points per round nor the Bonus Points will count toward the player's ranking point total.

A Bonus Points Standing List will be published at the beginning of each month and apply to tournaments starting on or after that publication date and before the next publication date. In a subsequent month, the Standings List will change (specifically players in the top 60), but any wins over the previous top 60 will stand as long as the tournament remains one of the player's best five events.

If a player has a win over an opponent who was not on the top 60 bonus points list published at the beginning of the month, but later the opponent enters the top 60 on the standings list, the player does not receive bonus points. Bonus points will be assigned based on the chart below:

| Rank | Bonus Points |
|--------|--------------|
| Top 10 | 150 points |
| 11-20 | 75 points |
| 21-30 | 35 points |
| 31-40 | 15 points |
| 41-50 | 8 points |
| 51-60 | 4 points |

Regulation 45: Correction of Records and Publication of Rankings. Players may view the Standing Lists and their rankings and records at www.missourivalley.usta.com. If a player notices an error, the player should promptly e-mail corrections to the Tournament Director. The USTA Missouri Valley Standings List is run each Tuesday. For corrections to be considered for the new weekly list, a change must be submitted by 5 p.m. the day the list is run. If the Tournament Director or USTA Missouri Valley staff is not notified by this deadline, the change will not be considered until the following week's list. The USTA Missouri

Valley shall have no obligation to consider corrections submitted more than 15 days after the list is published. Computer rankings will not be changed unless there is an error in data input or processing.

Table 1:
Levels Assigned to Tournaments for Missouri Valley Standing Lists

| Tournament | Level |
|--|--------------|
| USTA Missouri Valley Sweet 16s | Level 1 |
| USTA Missouri Valley Supers | Level 2 |
| USTA Missouri Valley Winter Team Championships | N/A |
| USTA Missouri Valley 12, 14 Team Events | N/A |
| USTA Missouri Valley Futures | Level 3 |
| District Championships | Level 4 |
| All other sanctioned district events designated for points | Level 5 |

Table 2:
Correlation between Missouri Valley Levels and National Levels

| MV Tournaments for National Points | Section Level | National Level |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| June Sweet 16 | Level 1 | Level 3 |
| November Sweet 16 | Level 1 | Level 4 |
| January Super | Level 2 | Level 4 |
| June Super | Level 2 | Level 4 |
| August Super | Level 2 | Level 4 |
| November Super | Level 2 | Level 3 |

Table 3:**Main Draw with a Feed-in Championship through Round of 16 Quarterfinal Playoff Points Per Round**

(Draw in which losers through the Round of 16 are fed into the Feed-in Championship. The Feed-in Championship is considered part of the tournament with which it is connected. Points earned by players losing through the Round of 16 in the Main Draw are determined by the round they reach in the Feed-in Championship. Draws with nine or more participants may utilize this table including Missouri Valley Supers and Futures events)

| Player Result | | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4 | Level 5 |
|---|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Champion | 1 | 3000 | 1800 | 900 | 650 | 250 |
| 2nd Place | 2 | 2250 | 1350 | 675 | 488 | 188 |
| 3rd Place | 3 | 1800 | 1080 | 540 | 325 | 125 |
| 4th Place/SF** | 4 | 1500 | 900 | 450 | 228 | 88 |
| 5 th Place-QF Playoff Winner | 5 | 1200 | 720 | 360 | 195 | 75 |
| 6 th Place-QF Playoff Runner Up | 6 | 1080 | 648 | 324 | 176 | 68 |
| 7 th -8 th Place-QF Playoff R1 Losers | 7-8 | 960 | 576 | 288 | 156 | 60 |
| FIC Winner (9 th Place) | 9 | 840 | 504 | 252 | 143 | 55 |
| FIC Runner-Up (10 th Place) | 10 | 720 | 432 | 216 | 130 | 50 |
| FIC Semifinalist | 11 | 630 | 378 | 189 | 117 | 45 |
| FIC Quarterfinalist | 12 | 540 | 324 | 162 | 104 | 40 |
| Reached FIC R16 | | 450 | 270 | 135 | 91 | 35 |
| Reached FIC R16 Qualifying (R1 losers in 32 Draw Fed in to FIC Here) | | 360 | 216 | 108 | 78 | 30 |
| Reached FIC R32 | | 270 | 162 | 81 | 65 | 25 |
| Reached FIC R32 Qualifying (R1 losers in 64 draw fed in to FIC here) | | 180 | 108 | 54 | 52 | 20 |
| Reached FIC R 64 | | 120 | 72 | 36 | 39 | 15 |
| Reached FIC 64 Qualifying (R1 losers in 128 Draw Fed in to FIC Here) | | 60 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reached FIC 128 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reached FIC R 128 Qualifying (R1 losers in 192 and 256 Draw fed in to FIC Here) | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 4:**Main Draw with a Feed-in Championship through Semifinals**

(Draw in which losers through the Semifinals are fed into the Feed-in Championship. The Feed-in Championship is considered part of the tournament with which it is connected. Points earned by players losing through the Semifinals in the Main Draw are determined by the round they reach in the Feed-in Championship. (The June Sweet 16 uses this format as well as draws with 8 or fewer participants. The Sweet 16 plays off to all 16 places however not all tournaments utilizing this draw will play off all positions.)

| Player Result | | Level 1 | Level 3 | Level 4 | Level 5 |
|--|----|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Champion | 1 | 3000 | 900 | 650 | 250 |
| 2nd Place | 2 | 2250 | 675 | 488 | 188 |
| FIC-Winner | 3 | 1800 | 540 | 325 | 125 |
| FIC-Runner Up | 4 | 1500 | 450 | 228 | 88 |
| FIC-SF Winner (Players are fed into this round from the SF of the Main Draw) | 5 | 1200 | 360 | 195 | 75 |
| FIC-SF Loser (Players are fed into this round from the SF of the Main Draw) | 6 | 1050 | 324 | 163 | 63 |
| FIC SF Qualifying | 7 | 975 | 288 | 150 | 58 |
| FIC SF Qualifying | 8 | 900 | 252 | 137 | 53 |
| FIC QF (Players are fed into this round from the QF of the Main Draw) | 9 | 750 | 216 | 117 | 45 |
| FIC QF (Players are fed into this round from the QF of the Main Draw) | 10 | 600 | 189 | 104 | 40 |
| FIC QF (Players are fed into this round from the QF of the Main Draw) | 11 | 450 | 162 | 91 | 35 |
| FIC QF (Players are fed into this round from the QF of the Main Draw) | 12 | 300 | 135 | 78 | 25 |
| FIC QF Qualifying | 13 | 270 | 108 | 65 | 20 |
| | 14 | 180 | 81 | 52 | 15 |
| | 15 | 120 | 54 | 39 | 0 |
| | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 5:**Draw with a Feed-in Championship through Quarterfinals**

(Draw in which losers through the Quarterfinals are fed into the Feed-in Championship. The Feed-in Championship is considered part of the tournament with which it is connected. Points earned by players losing through the Quarterfinals in the Main Draw are determined by the round they reach in the Feed-in Championship. (The November Sweet 16 uses this format as well as draws with 9 or more participants may utilize this draw type. The Sweet 16 plays off to all 16 spots, however not all tournaments using this draw type will play out all positions)

| Player Result | | Level 1 | Level 3 | Level 4 | Level 5 |
|--|----|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Champion | 1 | 3000 | 900 | 650 | 250 |
| 2nd Place | 2 | 2250 | 675 | 488 | 188 |
| 3 rd Place | 3 | 1800 | 540 | 325 | 125 |
| 4 th Place/SF** | 4 | 1500 | 450 | 228 | 88 |
| FIC Champion | 5 | 1200 | 360 | 195 | 75 |
| FIC Finalist | 6 | 1050 | 315 | 163 | 63 |
| FIC SF | 7 | 975 | 270 | 137 | 53 |
| FIC SF | 8 | 900 | 270 | 137 | 53 |
| FIC QF(Players are fed into this round from the QF of the Main Draw) | 9 | 750 | 225 | 117 | 45 |
| FIC QF(Players are fed into this round from the QF of the Main Draw) | 10 | 600 | 225 | 117 | 45 |
| FIC QF(Players are fed into this round from the QF of the Main Draw) | 11 | 450 | 225 | 117 | 45 |
| FIC QF(Players are fed into this round from the QF of the Main Draw) | 12 | 300 | 225 | 117 | 45 |
| FIC QF Qualifying | 13 | 270 | 81 | 65 | 20 |
| | 14 | 180 | 81 | 65 | 20 |
| | 15 | 120 | 81 | 65 | 20 |
| | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 6**Missouri Valley Points Assigned to Team Events**

(Note: Section Team Events award points per win according to player position)

| Player Result | | 12s & 14s Team Event | Winter Team |
|---------------|---|----------------------|-------------|
| Position | 1 | 150 | 425 |
| Position | 2 | 125 | 300 |
| Position | 3 | 100 | N/A |
| Position | 4 | 75 | N/A |
| Position | 5 | 50 | N/A |
| Position | 6 | 30 | N/A |
| Max. Points | | 750 | N/A |

Table 7**Round Robin**

Round Robin formats may be used at the District Level for Missouri Valley Level 4 or 5 points. Round Robins are used for tournaments with four or fewer entries.

| Player Result | Level 4 | Level 5 |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Main Draw Points/Round | 220 | 85 |
| Consolation Points/Round | 220 | 85 |
| Max. Points | 660 | 255 |

Table 8**12s Compass Draw for Futures #2 & Futures #5**

| Player Result | Points |
|--|--------|
| Champion | 900 |
| 2 nd Place | 675 |
| 3 rd Place | 540 |
| 4 th place/SF | 450 |
| Quarterfinalist | 288 |
| Reached R16 | 0 |
| Points Earned for each consolation round won | 54 |