



PACIFIC NORTHWEST

2016 USTA PACIFIC NORTHWEST JUNIOR COMPETITION RULES

The USTA Pacific Northwest (USTA/PNW) sanctions junior tournaments at three (3) levels: Entry Level, Intermediate, and Advanced. A player must be a member of the USTA to compete in USTA sanctioned tournaments. A player must compete according to USTA age group regulations and should participate at a tournament level that offers the best opportunity for development as a person and a player. Please refer to the age eligibility criteria below to assure you are playing in the proper division.

It is the responsibility of the participant to fully understand all criteria before entering a tournament. Participants should contact the tournament director regarding scheduling, start times, as well as overall tournament commitment before signing up for any event.

Player shall not enter two tournaments at the same time. When entries close, a player shall not be entered in two or more sanctioned tournaments, if any parts of the tournaments overlap unless each Tournament Committee involved understands the situation and concurs in writing.

Age Division Eligibility for 2016

The USTA adopted a "month-of-birth" age eligibility rule in 1999 for all junior players competing in any USTA sanctioned events. This rule applies to all local, districts, sectional and national USTA sanctioned events. This means junior players who are 10, 12, 14, 16, or 18 years old may continue to play in their age divisions until the last day of the preceding month that they turn 11, 13, 15, 17, or 19 respectively. EXAMPLE - a player turns 13 on April 15, 2016. That player would be eligible to play in the 12s age group through March 31, 2016.

Division	Born	End of Eligibility
18-and-under	1997	Last day of the preceding month of 19th birthday
18-and-under	1998	Eligible all year
16-and-under	1999	Last day of the preceding month of 17th birthday
16-and-under	2000	Eligible all year
14-and-under	2001	Last day of the preceding month of 15th birthday
14-and-under	2002	Eligible all year
12-and-under	2003	Last day of the preceding month of 13th birthday
12-and-under	2004	Eligible all year
10-and under	2005	Last day of the preceding month of 11th birthday
10-and under	2006	Eligible all year

USTA Pacific Northwest Junior Suspension Point System

In 2008, the USTA/PNW adopted a “Zero-tolerance” policy for junior withdrawals and defaults. Illness, injury, and/or personal emergency will no longer be accepted for withdrawals and defaults. All withdrawals and defaults will be penalized under the suspension point system.

The USTA/PNW Suspension Point System is in effect at all sanctioned junior tournaments in the section and will be used in all singles and doubles matches (main draw, consolation and qualifying). It applies to conduct during matches, during tournament activities, at tournament facilities and at facilities such as hotels, dormitories, and homes where players stay.

Persons authorized to file suspension point reports with the referee and Junior Competition Coordinator (JCC) are: tournament committee members (tournament director, tournament referee), deputy referee, on-court umpires, club or official hotel managers, members of the Junior Competition Committee, members of the USTA/PNW Board of Directors, USTA/PNW Executive Director, and the JCC. All of the above persons will report only on violations personally witnessed by them. **Please note that extreme circumstances and situations may have additional penalties to be reviewed by the USTA/PNW Junior Competition Committee and/or Sportsmanship Committee.**

Suspension Point Schedule

Code Violations under the Point Penalty System: For each violation under the Point Penalty System (USTA Regulation I.P.) (Excluding Time Violations for delay between points, after warm-up, after a 90-second changeover, after a Set Break), two points shall be assessed for the following:

- Point.....2 points
- Game.....2 points
- Default.....2 points

Default **All defaults, for any reason, count in a player’s suspension point record**

- Default for a flagrantly unsportsmanlike act on or off the court.....12
- Default for refusal to play or continue to play for any reason3
- Defaults because of an adult decision.....3
- Default for no-show.....5
- Default due to late arrival for a match.....3

Withdrawals

- Entering two or more tournaments, matches, or exhibitions scheduled to take place at the same time, in whole or in part, unless each Tournament Committee involved approves the multiple entries in writing.....3
- Withdrawal from a tournament (singles or doubles) after entries have closed.....2
- Withdrawal after the draw has been made.....3

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- Unsportsmanlike or inappropriate conduct off court at locations such as the tournament site, hotel, or other housing.....5
- Not using best effort to win.....5
- Unsportsmanlike or inappropriate conduct by parent, relative or coach (including coaching).....5

Gross Misconduct

- Physical act of violence against another person on or off the court by a player, parent, relative, coach, or other person associated with a player.....12
- Illegal use of drugs or possession of illegal drugs.....10
- Possession or consumption of alcohol beverages.....8
- Destruction of property.....10

Playing While Under Suspension: Competing in any sanctioned tournament while under suspension by the USTA or one of its Sections.....12

National tournaments: Suspension points received at National events count within the USTA/PNW.

Notice of Points Accrued – The JCC will inform affected players and their parents when six (6), eight (8) and ten (10) suspension points have been accrued. Note: Due to delay in receiving documentation, a player may accumulate additional points before being notified when he or she is at 6, 8 or 10 points. Therefore, all players must rely on their own records of suspension points to avoid actual suspension. Players and parents can request a copy of that players' suspension point record to review at any time. **Any disputes must be in writing and addressed to the JCC and Junior Competition Committee at the USTA/PNW Office ONLY when a player reaches 12 suspension points.**

Player Suspension

If a player accumulates 12 or more points within any 12-month period, he or she will be suspended for the first time according to the following schedule:

1st Suspension – 1 month including no endorsement to National surface tournaments or team events during this period.

2nd Suspension – 3 months, including no endorsement to National surface tournaments or team events during this period.

Subsequent Suspensions – Minimum of one year or up to duration of junior's career and all subsequent National events (upon review of Sportsmanship Committee).

After the first suspension, a players' record will be cleared. However, a player will be suspended a second time for a duration of 3 months if 6 or more points accumulate during the 12 month period immediately following the first suspension.

Subsequent suspensions – If a player receives 6 points within the 12-month period immediately following the second suspension (and any suspensions subsequent to the second suspension), the player shall be suspended from competing in USTA sanctioned events for a period to be determined by the Junior Competition Committee. The suspension period shall not be less than one year and may be up to the remainder of the player's junior career.

Suspension Period

The suspension period shall begin on the date of the last infraction or last tournament played; whichever is more recent.

Appeal Following Suspension

A player may appeal his or her suspension in writing to the Junior Competition Committee of the USTA/PNW. All such appeals must be received at the USTA/PNW office no later than 14 days after the date of the original suspension notice.

Entry-Level Level Rules

Entry Level events are for the entry level competitor who is just getting introduced to tournament match play. Entry level competitors should have a basic knowledge of play such as keeping score and some understanding in format of play. Skill sets will vary greatly in the Entry Level. If a player is uncertain whether or not this is the most appropriate level, the player should contact a certified teaching professional or the section's Junior Competition Coordinator for assistance.

Advanced Level players may not compete in Entry Level tournaments in either singles or doubles in any age division. Once a player participates in an Advanced Level event, they may **no** longer participate at the Entry Level unless they receive a waiver from the USTA/PNW Junior Competition Committee.

Entry Level participants can float between the Entry Level and Intermediate levels of competition until they achieve an Intermediate Level Standing in the top 30 at the beginning of a month in the 12, 14, 16, or 18 age groups. Upon achieving a top 30 Standing in the 12, 14, 16, or 18 age groups, a player cannot float between **any** of the levels of competition for the remainder of the month in which the top 30 standing was achieved. This means that if you have a top 30 standing in the Intermediate 12s you may NOT play in the 12, 14, 16 or 18 age division in the Entry Level. If a player's Intermediate Level Standing drops below the top 30, he/she can float between the Intermediate Level and Entry Level during that particular month. 10-and-under age groups may float continuously throughout 2016 regardless of their Standing in the Intermediate Level. This rule applies to players in the **10 and under age group only.**

2016 Junior Entry Level Tournament Information

1. Entry Level tournaments are for beginning juniors or those with limited playing experience.
2. Format of play and tournament structure will vary greatly from tournament to tournament.
3. Players and parents should understand that Entry Level events are about exposure to tournament play and look to these events as learning experiences.
4. Players are limited to one singles and/or one doubles event per tournament at the discretion of the tournament director.
5. Consolation rounds **must** be played when offered, otherwise the tournament will not count as a tournament completed.
6. Players can only register for events online at tennislink.usta.com.

Intermediate Level Rules

Intermediate Level events are for the junior with intermediate competitive skills who has some tournament experience at the Entry Level but does not feel ready for the highly competitive Advanced Level. Intermediate Level players have a complete understanding of scoring and format of play. This level of player needs to gain experience in strategy of match play as well as a greater knowledge in completing their tennis skill sets during competitive circumstances.

Intermediate participants can float between the Entry Level and Intermediate Level of competition until they achieve an Intermediate Level Standing in the top 30 at the beginning of a month in the 12, 14, 16, or 18 age groups. Upon achieving a top 30 Standing in the 12, 14, 16, or 18 age groups, a player cannot float between the Intermediate and Entry Level of competition for the remainder of the month in which the top 30 standing was achieved. This means that if you have a top 30 standing in the Intermediate 12s you may NOT play in the 12, 14, 16 or 18 age division in the Entry Level. If a player's Intermediate Level Standing drops below the top 30, he/she can float between the Intermediate and Entry Level during that particular month. 10-and-under age groups may float continuously throughout 2016 regardless of their Standing in the Intermediate Level. This rule applies to players in the 10 and under age group only.

Players cannot hold a top 20 Standing in another country's ranking/standing system and play in Intermediate events. A participant must play at the Advanced level only.

The Standing List will be used exclusively for all Junior Tournament Seeding. The Standing list will only count a player's best of six tournaments in the rolling calendar. Please reference page 6 for rolling calendar.

After a tournament draw has been published online, a player cannot withdraw from the event without incurring Suspension points. Players listed in the draw will not be removed from the draw unless an individual can be pulled from the alternate list or there is a death of an immediate family member. **Further, once the draw has been published no refunds will be given. Refunds will only be given at the discretion of the tournament director.** If a player withdraws from a tournament prior to the draw having been published, refunds must be processed by the tournament director. **Please note that it is mandatory for Junior tournament directors to publish their Junior tournament draws a minimum of 72 hours prior to the start of the tournament.**

2016 Junior Intermediate Tournament Information

1. First round matches of a tournament will begin as late as possible if an event is held on a school day during the school year. **Players must be prepared to play matches as scheduled.** This may require that players miss school and it is the responsibility of the player to contact the tournament director prior to entering the tournament if this is a concern.
2. Consolation rounds are mandatory for all Intermediate level tournaments. Players are required to play consolation rounds otherwise that tournament will not count as a tournament completed for ranking purposes.

Junior Intermediate Sectionals

Junior Intermediate Sectionals is open to all players who meet the following criteria:

- Permanently reside within the boundaries of the section.
- Have fulfilled all residency requirements.
- Have completed one tournament and have one match win in the calendar year of the tournament in the Intermediate division.
- Have not participated in any country's national championships within the current ranking year.
- Advanced players who do **not** have a top 30 standing in the previous month's Standing list.

- You cannot hold a top 20 Standing in another country ranking/standing system.

Points Per Round Ranking System – Intermediate Level

Intermediate Level players will compete at tournaments using the Points Per Round Ranking System. As tournament participants proceed through a tournament they will receive points depending on the last round they won a match (please see table below). The highest point total from a player's best six (6) tournaments will be utilized to give a player a year-end ranking.

Player Result		Intermediate Sectionals	Intermediate Level Tournaments	Modified/Short Set Formats
Champion	1	132	88	44
2 nd Place	2	108	72	36
3 rd Place	3	96	64	32
4 th Place/SF	4	84	56	28
Quarterfinalist	5-8	60	40	20
Reached R16	9-16	48	32	16
Reached R32	17-32	36	24	12
Reached R64	33-64	27	16	8
Reached R128	65-128	12	8	4
Reached R256	129-256	0	0	0
PPR Earned for Each Consolation Match Won		5	5	1
Round Robin	Per Win	20	20	2

Rolling/Combined Standings

The ranking system will include results from singles matches and doubles matches in all sanctioned tournaments. The points earned in singles competition will be combined with the points earned in doubles competition to form one final point total that will be used to calculate the 12 Month Rolling Standing list. Players will receive credit for 100% of their points from their best six (6) singles events along with 15% of their points from their best six (6) doubles events. Standings will be published on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Significant win points for the current month will be calculated using only the 2nd Wednesday's standing of the previous month.

For Example:

Player X (a player with better singles results)

Best six (6) singles tournaments = 1000 points

Best six (6) doubles tournaments = 500 points

15% of 500 = 75 points

1000 + 75 = 1075 total combined standing points

Player Y (a player with better doubles results)

Best six (6) singles tournaments = 500 points

Best six (6) doubles tournaments = 1000 points

15% of 1000 = 150 points

500 + 150 = 650 total combined standing points

Tiebreak Rules

Tiebreaks for Standing and End of Year Ranking Lists will be determined as follows:

1. Player whose best event has the highest number of points, second best, third best, etc. through six events.
2. Head-to-head results from 12 Month Rolling Standing List.
3. Best random draw number.

Advanced Level Rules

Advanced Level events are for the Advanced junior competitor. The Advanced player should have a good understanding of match play as well as match strategies. Participants should have a solid understanding of groundstrokes, the serve and volley production. **This is a highly competitive level of participation.**

Advanced level participants can float between the Advanced and Intermediate levels of competition until they achieve an Advanced Level Standing in the top 30 at the beginning of a month in the 12, 14, 16, or 18 age groups. Upon achieving a top 30 Standing in the 12, 14, 16, or 18 age groups, a player cannot float between ANY of the levels of competition for the remainder of the month in which the top 30 standing was achieved. This means that if you have a top 30 standing in the Advanced 12s you may **not** play in the 12, 14, 16 or 18 age division in the Intermediate level. If a player's Advanced Level Standing drops below the top 30, he/she can float between the Advanced and Intermediate levels during that particular month. 10-and-under age groups may float continuously throughout 2016 regardless of their Standing in the Advanced Level. This rule applies to players in the 10 and under age group only.

2016 Junior Advanced Tournament Information

1. Players can be limited to one singles and/or doubles event per tournament at the discretion of the tournament director. **Participants may only compete in one singles division and one doubles division in all Level 3 and Level 4 Tournaments.**
2. Players may elect to play in more than one age division per tournament. Although players may **not** exceed daily match restrictions as specified in the "Friend At Court" as well as the "Standards for Sanctioned Tournament" portion of the USTA Pacific Northwest Player Handbook. It is the responsibility of both the player and tournament director to determine the feasibility of play in additional age divisions within the restricted guidelines of maximum daily play.
3. Consolation rounds are mandatory for all Advanced Level tournaments. Players are required to play consolation rounds otherwise that tournament will not count as a tournament completed for ranking purposes.
4. Tournaments indicating limited entries will follow the below USTA rules regarding selection of entrants:
 - When the number of entrants exceeds the number to which the draw is limited, the tournament committee shall determine who is placed in the draw by consulting the most current USTA/PNW Standing List for the appropriate age and gender.
 - **A tournament director may limit participation by moving the entry deadline when capacity for the event has been met.**

- DATES OF RECEIPT OF ENTRIES WILL NOT BE USED AS A CRITERIA PROVIDED THE ENTRIES OF ALL THOSE CONSIDERED WERE RECEIVED BEFORE THE DEADLINE.

5. First-round matches of sanctioned tournaments will begin as late as possible if an event is held on a school day during the school year. **Players must be prepared to play matches as scheduled.**

Players Required to Play Advanced Level Tournaments

1. Players that competed at the Advance Level in the 18, 16, 14 and/or 12 singles division in a previous ranking year and hold a standing in the top 30 of the B/G 18, 16, 14, or 12 divisions of competition.
2. Players that permanently reside outside the USTA/PNW unless you have prior authorization from the USTA/PNW JCC.

Other Advance Level Rules

1. Advanced players are not allowed to participate in Entry Level tournaments in singles or doubles. Advanced players competing at the Entry Level are subject to disciplinary action by the USTA/PNW Sportsmanship Committee, which may include the assessment of Suspension Points.
2. Players transferring into the USTA/PNW must contact the JCC for placement into the appropriate level of junior competition.
3. Players uncertain as to which level of competition is the most appropriate for them should contact the JCC.

2016 Points Per Round Ranking System

Players receive points as they proceed through an event by winning rounds and recording match wins over ranked participants. Points received in Level 3, Level 4, and Level 5 events (please see Advanced Tournament Schedule for a listing of these events) count toward a player's standing/ranking within the Pacific Northwest.

A player wishing to establish a national ranking may utilize these points as well, from these levels only. In 2016, there will be six (6) events in the USTA/PNW that players may utilize for both their national and sectional ranking points. They are:

- Two (2) Level 3 events

Event	Division(s)	Date(s)	Host Facility	Location	Tournament Director
Level 3	B&G 12-18	January 15-18	Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District	Beaverton, OR	Jim Rankin
	B&G 10s only	February 5-7	Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District	Beaverton, OR	Jim Rankin
Level 3 (Section Championships)	B&G 10-18	June 24-27	Yakima Tennis Club	Yakima, WA	TBD

- Four (4) Level 4 events

Event	Division(s)	Date(s)	Host Facility	Location	Tournament Director
Level 4 #1	Girls 12-18	March 18-20	Vancouver Tennis Center	Vancouver, WA	Mike Mon
	Boys 12-18	March 18-20	Umpqua Valley Tennis Center	Roseburg, OR	Len Spencer
Level 4 #2	Boys 12-18	August 5-7	Vancouver Tennis Center	Vancouver, WA	Mike Mon
	Girls 12-18	August 19-21	Amy Yee Tennis Center	Seattle, WA	Carl Bergquist
Level 4 #3	Boys 12-18	November 4-6	Umpqua Valley Tennis Center	Roseburg, OR	Len Spencer
	Girls 12-18	November 11-13	Umpqua Valley Tennis Center	Roseburg, OR	Len Spencer
Level 4 #4	Girls 12-18	December 17-19	Central Park Tennis Club	Kirkland, WA	Michael Calkins
	Boys 10-18	December 16-18	Sunset Athletic Club	Portland, OR	Tim Smither

Please see TennisLink at <http://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments> for more details. Below is the Points Per Round points table for the Advanced level:

2016 Championship Points Per Round		Level 1 National Advanced	Level 1A National	Level 2 National Team Events	Level 3 National Regional's Section	Level 4 National Section	Level 5 Section Advanced	Level 6 Section Modified Formats
Player Results								
Champion	1	3000	1800	1500	650	250	150	60
2nd Place	2	2250	1350	1125	488	188	112	45
3rd Place	3	1800	1080	750	325	125	75	30
4th Place *	4	1500	900	525	228	88	52	21
Quarters	5 to 8	750	450	270	117	45	28	11
Round 16	9 to 16	450	270	210	91	35	21	8
Round 32	17 to 32	270	162	150	65	25	15	4
Round 64	33 to 64	120	0	0	39	15	10	2
Round 128	65 to 128	0	0	0	30	10	8	0
Points Per Round					25	5	5	1
Consolation								

*If no Playoff for 3rd and 4th place, the semifinalists will receive points in this row.

2016 Bonus Points Table

Standing of Player Defeated**	Bonus Points Earned for Significant Win
Top 5	40
#6 - #10	25
#11 - #20	15
#21 - #30	5

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Rolling/Combined Standings

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1. Player whose best event has the highest number of points, second best, third best, etc. through six events.
2. Total Bonus points earned in all events played during the computation period.
3. Highest single opponent bonus earned, second highest, third highest, etc.
4. Head-to-head results from 12 Month Rolling Standing List.
5. Position held on 12 Month Rolling Standing List for specific age in question.
6. Best random draw number.

JUNIOR PATHWAY OF COMPETITION – ADVANCED LEVEL

In 2016 our section will have 6 total events that will count towards a participants Advanced Level Standing here in the Pacific Northwest 12 Month Rolling Standing and on the National Standing List.

(2) Two Level 3 events = Event details listed on pages 8 and 9 and on TennisLink. These are unlimited draw events for each age group and gender.

(4) Four Level 4 Events = Event details listed on pages 8 and 9 and on TennisLink. Limited 32 draws in each age group and gender.

The emphasis for competition and development has been directed through the section and then onto National Competition. The points values for National and sectional events will be increasing. In 2016 the Pacific Northwest will count one (1) junior's best National Tournament point total for singles and doubles outside of the section events.

-A player's best Six (6) singles tournament point totals, plus 15% of a player's best Six (6) doubles points totals will be used to calculate a participant's Pacific Northwest 12 Month Rolling Standing.

USTA Pacific Northwest Junior Sectional Tournament

In 2016, the Junior Sectional tournament will take place on June 24-27 in Yakima, WA.

Players within the Pacific Northwest **must compete and complete** all matches at Junior Sectionals to receive a year-end ranking in 2016 as well as receive Endorsement for 2016 and 2017. Players moving into the USTA Pacific Northwest after the Level 3/Junior Sectional Championships' registration deadline will have had to participate in their previous section's Junior Sectional Tournament to receive a 2016 year-end ranking as well as receive Endorsement for 2016 and 2017. With the new combined ranking, it is **mandatory** to have at least one (1) tournament completed and one (1) win in singles in the age division that you wish to be Endorsed.

Competition Guidelines

To receive points for a round during a tournament, a player must win a match through direct competition or due to a default. A player will not receive points due to a bye. Players must win a match in a round to receive points.

After a tournament draw has been published online, a player cannot withdraw from the event. Players listed in the draw will not be removed from the draw, unless an individual can be pulled from the alternate list or there is a death of an immediate family member.

Further, once the draw has been published no refunds will be given. Refunds will ONLY be given at the discretion of the tournament director. If a player withdraws from a tournament prior to the draw having been published, refunds must be processed by the tournament director. **Please note that it is mandatory for tournament directors to publish their tournament draws a minimum of 72 hours prior to the start of the tournament.**

For a player to receive endorsement by the USTA Pacific Northwest they must be in good standing with the rules of the section regarding sportsmanship. The player must also meet the standing requirement of one tournament completed with one win for each of the segments they wish to be endorsed for. Further a player must also have met the 2015 and/or 2016 Junior Sectional Eligibility requirements.

Withdrawals, Walkovers, Defaults and Retirements

Withdrawals

1. A Withdrawal occurs when a player removes him/herself from a tournament prior to actually competing in the tournament.
2. After a tournament draw has been published online, a player cannot withdraw from the event. Players listed in the draw will not be removed from the draw, unless an individual can be pulled from the alternate list or there is a death of an immediate family member. Further, once the draw has been published no refunds will be given. Prior to the draw having been published refunds must be processed by the tournament director.
3. Advancement points are awarded to the player(s) who advance in a tournament due to a withdrawal but they do not receive significant win bonus points.

Walkovers

1. A Walkover occurs when a player, after completing a match in an event, and before or during the warm-up for the next match in that event, decides not to play because of injury, illness, personal emergency, or another bona fide reason.
2. A Walkover counts as a loss for the player who decides not to play and a win for their opponent. The opponent not only receives points for advancement in the tournament but also receives significant win bonus points.
3. A player receiving a loss by Walkover does not get credit for a completed tournament, unless they play other scheduled matches in the same event (i. e. consolation matches, playoff matches, round-robin matches).

Defaults

1. A Default occurs when a player is not allowed to begin or continue a match by the referee, tournament committee or tournament director. Cause for default includes but is not limited to misconduct, failure to follow officials' instructions, ineligibility (USTA Reg. I. Q. 1-2), disqualification under the point penalty system (which includes penalties for lateness, no shows) and refusal to play for other than a bona fide reason.
2. A Default counts as a loss for the defaulted player and a win for his opponent. The opponent not only receives points for advancement in the tournament but also receives significant win bonus points.
3. The player receiving a loss by a default does not get credit for a completed tournament, unless he/she plays other scheduled matches in the same event (i. e. consolation matches, playoff matches, round robin matches).

Retirements

1. A Retirement occurs when a player is not able to continue playing a match or resume a suspended match because of injury, illness, personal emergency, or another bona fide reason.
2. A Retirement counts as a loss for the retiring player and a win for his opponent. The opponent not only receives points for advancement in the tournament but also receives significant win bonus points.
3. The retiring player will not receive credit for a tournament completed, unless they play other scheduled matches in the same event (i. e. consolation matches, playoff matches, round robin matches).

USTA National Championships Endorsement

Entry as a quota player into the USTA National Spring Championships, USTA National Clay Courts Championships, USTA National Hard Courts Championships, and USTA National Winter National Championships requires endorsement from the Junior Competition Committee through section endorsement. The USTA National Office will offer Wildcards for extenuating circumstances that may be applied for by players at www.usta.com. Entry into these events will be based on a Quota System. The quota spots for each Section are calculated annually by USTA National based on the size of the section's junior membership and the number of players in the top 150 of the national standings for each perspective age group and gender. The sectional quota allocation can be found on the USTA website (www.usta.com). USTA/PNW quota spot selections will be based strictly off the Pacific Northwest 12 Month Rolling Standing and we will

not have segments. All seeding, endorsement, quota, and selections will be based off the 12 Month Rolling Standing. Players and Parents will only need to consult one list for Advanced Level results and that is the Pacific Northwest 12 Month Rolling Standing.

Entry for all Zone and National Teams representing the Pacific Northwest will be based off the June 1st Pacific Northwest 12 month Rolling Standing.

2016 Endorsement Quotas

1. The USTA Pacific Northwest Section receives three (3) guaranteed or “quota” entrants for B/G 18, 16, 14, 12 in each National Championship tournament.
2. The USTA/PNW will endorse several players over its quota. Non-quota players are encouraged to enter USTA National Championships. Non-quota players will be accepted into USTA National Championship tournaments according to current selection rules and policies set by the USTA and published in current editions of “Friend At Court” and the National Junior Tournament Schedule. Both of these publications are available from the section office.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for endorsement from the USTA Pacific Northwest:

1. A player must be a current USTA member in the Pacific Northwest Section.
2. A player must be a United States citizen, a British Columbia resident with a valid USTA membership or resident alien (hold a green card).
3. A player’s primary legal residence must have been within the USTA Pacific Northwest boundaries for at least six (6) continuous months.
4. Any USTA member, resident alien, or resident of British Columbia with a valid USTA membership residing within the boundaries of the USTA Pacific Northwest, who has played, or intends to play in any non-USTA National Championship event within the ranking year in which endorsement is sought, is ineligible for endorsement as a sectional quota player to any USTA National Championship.
5. Any USTA member, resident alien, or resident of British Columbia with a valid USTA membership who participates as an endorsed quota player from the USTA Pacific Northwest, and also participates in a non-USTA national championship event within the same ranking year will be subject to disciplinary sanctions.
6. Any person wishing to be endorsed by the USTA Pacific Northwest must compete and complete all matches at the Junior Sectional Tournament required for a particular segment.

Exceptions to any eligibility issues are subject to review by the USTA/PNW Junior Competition Coordinator and Junior Competition Committee.

2016 Minimum Requirements To Be Endorsed

1. The USTA/PNW Junior Competition Committee has adopted a point-based system to select the section’s endorsed players for individual and team play.

Selection Process

Selection for endorsement as a quota player is based on, but not limited to the following:

1. Overall point total on the USTA/PNW 12 Month Rolling Standing List.
2. Demonstration of appropriate behavior from players, parents, and coach on and off the court.
3. Suspension point totals.

Seeding, endorsement, quota, and all selections will be based off the 12 Month Rolling Standing. Players and Parents will only need to consult one list for Advanced Level results and that is the Pacific Northwest 12 Month Rolling Standing.

2016 Junior Sectional Tournament information

Within the USTA/PNW, there is only one mandatory Junior Sectional Tournament for the Advanced Level. This Level 3 event will offer both singles and doubles play in boys and girls 18-and-under, 16-and-under, 14-and-under, 12-and-under, and 10-and-under. The requirement for this event is that participants must have an Advanced Level Standing within the USTA/PNW (meaning participants must have played in at least one tournament and have at least one match win by the tournament deadline). The 2016 Junior Sectional Tournament will take place on June 24-27 in Yakima, WA.

Criteria for participation

1. The Junior Sectional tournament is open to all Advanced Level participants that meet the following criteria:
 - Participants must have an Advanced standing within the USTA Pacific Northwest. This means having played at least one Advanced tournament and have one win in the age group they wish to compete in at the Junior Sectional Tournament before the tournament deadline.
 - Permanently reside within the boundaries of the section.
 - Have fulfilled all residency requirements.
 - Have not participated in any other country's national championships within the current ranking year.
2. Players are limited to competing in only one singles and one doubles event.
3. The Junior Sectional tournament will count as a tournament completed toward eligibility for endorsement and on the 12 Month Rolling Standing.
4. Players must enter the tournament on the Internet using the TennisLink registration system accessible at tennislink.usta.com.
5. All Advanced Level participants wishing to be endorsed by the USTA/PNW must compete and complete the Junior Sectional Tournament.
6. Players not competing in the Junior Sectional Tournament cannot be endorsed.

Waivers

The USTA/PNW qualifying requirement to compete in national events that require sectional endorsement may be waived for reasons of illness, injury or extraordinary circumstances.

Waiving sectional requirements will be considered for a player who due to extensive injury and/or illness did not compete in the Junior Sectional Tournament. Consideration will also be given to a player who withdraws prior to the start of the Junior Sectional Tournament due to illness or injury. In such cases, request for a waiver must be in writing and accompanied by a signed medical document stating that the player will be in adequate physical condition to participate in any national events.

Waiving sectional requirements will be considered for a player who has qualified for the Junior Sectional Tournament but was unable to complete the tournament for personal emergency reasons. In such cases, a written letter stating the reason why the player was unable to compete in the sectional tournament must accompany a request for a waiver. The USTA Pacific Northwest Junior Competition Committee will render decisions on a case-by-case basis.

Other Information

Players wishing to enter other tournaments listed on the national schedule should apply directly to those tournaments. The section will send letters of recommendation when applicable.

The USTA Pacific Northwest Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse any junior the privilege of representing the USTA Pacific Northwest at USTA National tournaments.

USTA National Junior Team Tournaments

The Junior Competition Committee has adopted a point-based system to select the section's endorsed players for individual and team play. Information is available on the web at www.pnw.usta.com.

Qualification Criteria

Selection criteria for the USTA Pacific Northwest Zone and National Teams:

1. The USTA Pacific Northwest Junior Competition Coordinator has received a completed and signed team application from the player before May 25, 2016.
2. The player has met all eligibility criteria to participate in Junior Sectionals.
3. The player has a computer standing at the time of the selection meeting (requires a minimum of one tournament completed and minimum of one match won in singles) at the Advanced Level.
4. The player should not have an accumulation of Suspension Points that would require the player to be suspended by the USTA/PNW Sportsmanship Committee at the time of selection.
5. The player has competed and completed all matches at the qualifying Junior Sectional Tournament from the previous year.

Selection Information

1. Players are strongly encouraged to apply for the youngest age group team in which they are eligible to compete.
2. Individuals will only be allowed to participate as a member of two (2) teams.

Wild Cards

Junior participants may apply for wild card consideration for the B/G 16 Intersectional Team, Boy's 18 or Girl's 18 National Teams under the following circumstances: Applicants do not meet qualifications because of illness, injury, death in their immediate family, and/or extenuating circumstances. Wildcards may also be rewarded on the basis of ATP/WTA ranking, Top 500 ITF ranking, Top 100 USTA National Ranking in the specific age requirement of wildcard/team. Request for wildcard is for consideration only and is not entitled under any circumstances. Determination of wild cards will be considered by a committee consisting of the Chair of the Junior Competition Committee, the Chair of the Coaching Commission, and Junior Competition Coordinator. All requests of wild cards for any of these teams must apply through e-mail to the Junior Competition Coordinator by May 25, 2016.

Team Coaches

1. The USTA Pacific Northwest Junior Competition Department will begin to select coaches in May 2016.
2. USTA Pacific Northwest coaches will act as chaperones for the B/G 18 National teams.
3. USTA Pacific Northwest coaches for all 16, 14, and 12 team events will not be responsible for chaperoning team players other than during matches and event functions. Parents must make appropriate chaperone arrangements.
4. Those desirous of being a team coach may obtain an application by contacting the USTA Pacific Northwest Junior Competition Coordinator at the section office. The Junior Competition Department must receive applications by May 1, 2016.

Other Information

1. The USTA Junior Competition Department must receive National Team applications from junior players by May 25, 2016. Please visit our website (www.pnw.usta.com) for application/registration information.
2. Participants in team events are financially obligated to pay for their own travel, lodging, food, and any other personal expenses incurred.
3. USTA Pacific Northwest will pay entry fees for the following teams: B/G 18 National Teams and B/G 16 Intersectionals.
4. Information regarding team events (entry form, waivers, arrival and departure times, lodging, coaches, etc.) will be sent to each applicant as soon as it becomes available.