

**USTA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS REGULATIONS 2021 CHAMPIONSHIP YEAR**  
**USTA Southern adopts the following rules to be in addition to the National Regulations.**

Each addition below refers to the corresponding National Regulation. This file may be updated once USTA posts 2021 Regulations as needed.

1.0 - The use of tennis-related blended lines are permitted on courts used for local league matches. The use of other lines for another sport are not permitted on courts used for local league matches.

1.04 A, 1.04C , 1.04D - USTA Southern Section Championships will also hold 10 & under and 12 & under age categories at Intermediate and Advanced play levels following National Championship Junior Team Tennis regulations. An Advanced Low division for players impacted by the JNTRP implementation will be offered for the 12, 14, and 18s age divisions with the following division requirements.

- Rating Range: 0-3.9. **All players must fall in this range at the time of local registration.**
- Each State may determine the progression from local to championships
- Each State will have at least one berth in Advanced Low
- Teams may participate in only one division at any Championships
- **Teams will not advance beyond Section Championships**
- If a State does not have Advanced High in their Championships, one Advanced Low team may elect to play Advanced Low or High at the section championships

1.04F (3)-Each District Association is responsible for the development and implementation of USTA National Championship Junior Team Tennis within its geographic territory. A district shall determine the local geographic boundaries within their territory.

1.04G (1) – The District Association shall establish deadlines and procedures for registering players and teams on TennisLink Team Tennis.

1.04G (2) b Local Coordinators are responsible for monitoring score entries. Local programs must set a rule for failure to comply with score entry deadline regulations.

1.04H - USTA Southern Section Seasons will run between September 1 and August 31.

1.04I - Deadlines are determined and announced by the local program. However, all teams must be registered in TennisLink Team Tennis prior to the start of the teams' local play, and all players must be registered prior to playing a match.

1.05 - The Yellow Ball is used for the 12U Advanced, 14 U & 18U Intermediate and Advanced. The Stage (2) Orange ball is required for 10 and under Beginner and Intermediate play. The Stage (1) Green Ball will be used at the Section Championships for the 10U Advanced and 12U Intermediate divisions. Refer to the table below for ball & court size requirements.

<b>DIVISIONS, BALL TYPE, AND SCORING FORMATS (CHAMPIONSHIP)</b>					
Division	Level	Court	Ball	Racquet	Scoring
<b>10 &amp; U</b>	Int	60"	ORANGE	Must be 25" or smaller	Best 2 out of 3 short sets - no ad, first to 4 games. 3rd set is a 7-point tiebreak. (only have to win by 1 in set & tiebreak).
<b>10 &amp; U</b>	Adv	78"	GREEN		Best 2 out of 3 short sets - no ad, first to 4 games. 3rd set is a 7-point tiebreak. (only have to win by 1 in set & tiebreak).
<b>12 &amp; U</b>	Int	78"	GREEN		Best 2 out of 3 sets, short sets to 4 no ad scoring. A set tiebreaker is played at 3 all. A 10-point match tiebreak is played at one set all.
<b>12 &amp; U</b>	Adv	78"	YELLOW		Best 2 out of 3 sets, short sets to 4 no ad scoring. A set tiebreaker is played at 3 all. A 10-point match tiebreak is played at one set all.
<b>14 &amp; U</b>	Int	78"	YELLOW		Best 2 out of 3 sets, short sets to 6 no ad scoring. A set tiebreaker is played at 5 all. A 10-point match tiebreak is played at one set all.

14 & U	Adv	78"	YELLOW		Best 2 out of 3 sets, short sets to 6 no ad scoring. A set tiebreaker is played at 5 all. A 10-point match tiebreak is played at one set all.
18 & U	Int	78"	YELLOW		Best 2 out of 3 sets, short sets to 6 no ad scoring. A set tiebreaker is played at 5 all. A 10-point match tiebreak is played at one set all.
18 & U	Adv	78"	YELLOW		Best 2 out of 3 sets, short sets to 6 no ad scoring. A set tiebreaker is played at 5 all. A 10-point match tiebreak is played at one set all.

2.0 - The use of tennis-related blended lines are permitted. The use of other lines for another sport are not permitted on courts used at Championship events.

2.01A - Each State will establish the geographical area for each Local program. Any playoff structure should be announced prior to the beginning of a season by the Local program.

2.01B - This regulation does apply in USTA Southern for the 18U, 14U, 12U, and 10U Intermediate and Advanced. States will determine for all beginner age divisions and 8 & under age divisions.

2.01D - The following supplemental play regulations have been approved by USTA JTT staff:  
Each State shall determine benchmarks for Beginners.  
Benchmark from other sections will apply to any players new to USTA Southern from another section.

All players with a JNTRP of 3.5 or higher or a Southern standing inside the range listed in the table below must play in the Advanced division. The March 9, 2020 standings lists will be used to players who must play advanced. Please note that March 9 standings lists are being used considering these were the last lists published before the suspension of play due to COVID-19.

Age Division	Range	(standings based on March 9)
18U	1 to 300	must play ADV in any JTT age division
16U	1 to 300	must play ADV in any JTT age division
14U	1 to 300	must play ADV in any JTT age division
12U	1 to 150	must play ADV in any JTT age division
10U	1 to 75	Only applies to 10u JTT division

2.01I(2)- A player may play in any number of individual matches within a team match as determined by the District Association.

2.01K - The local competition must be concluded prior to the deadline set by the District Association

2.02B - Each State association shall hold a State USTA Junior Team Tennis League Championship for the 18 & under, 14 & under, 12 & under and 10 & under age categories to determine the State Champions. The winning teams in the 18 & under, 14 & under, 12 & under and 10 & under at the Intermediate and Advanced level shall be eligible to compete in the USTA Junior Team Tennis Section Championships. An Advanced Low division for players impacted by the JNTRP implementation will be offered for the 12, 14, and 18s age divisions with the following division requirements.

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The winning teams 18 & under and 14 & under at the Intermediate and Advanced High levels shall be eligible to compete in the USTA Junior Team Tennis National Championships. Wildcards may be drawn to fill a draw for the Section.

2.03D - Unflighted Format may be used in scenarios when the number of teams does work well with round robin or single elimination formats.

- All teams shall be scheduled the same number of matches against randomly selected opponents.

- The championship host must determine the process for determining the winner following the unflighted matches. Depending on number of teams, this could include: the team at the top of the standings at the end of the unflighted matches is the winner, the top 2 make a final, or the top 4 make the semifinal. For semifinals, the draw shall be #1 vs. #4, #2 vs. #3.

2.03G (2) - In Championship play, a team may use different individual players for every line in the team match (singles, doubles and mixed doubles) OR may choose to play one boy and/or one girl twice, in the mixed doubles position only. A team may choose to play players twice regardless of the number of players on the roster; this option is not limited to teams with only 3 boys and/or 3 girls. Players who have played twice in a team competition may not play twice again until after three rounds of competition have been completed by their team. The "playing twice" rotation begins anew in the fourth round of round robin play, and in the Playoff and Final flights.

2.03I - The District Coordinator shall determine whether and at what times to allow coaching at a specific championship. In no event is coaching allowed during a tiebreak.