



2020 USTA Georgia Junior Tournament Rules & Regulations

I. Introduction

USTA Georgia sanctioned junior tournaments fall into one of six (6) classifications:

1. State Championship (Level 1 & 2)
2. Super Championship (Level 3)
3. Championship (Level 4)
4. Satellite (Level 5), including One-day events and 4-hour “Shoot-Outs”
5. 8 & Under Co-ed Events
6. Non- Elimination Events (Level 6 – no ranking points)

These classifications are designed to help players, families and coaches select events that are appropriate for the developmental progression from beginning (Level 6) to experienced (Level 1). The use of a Points per Round (PPR) system for ranking purposes within each tournament classification ensures that more experienced players do not often enter beginner level events. These beginner events do not offer sufficient points towards a child’s best six tournaments in their standings calculation. This allows developing players an opportunity to compete without having to meet more experienced players.

All USTA Georgia sanctioned tournaments are governed by “The Code”, by the International Tennis Federation’s “Rules of Tennis” and the USTA Regulations found in “Friend at Court”. **Any player entering a sanctioned tournament implicitly agrees to be bound by all regulations and rules contained therein, and should be familiar with them.**

II. Tournament Classifications and Provisions

A. Tournament Classifications

1. State Championship Tournaments (Level 1 & 2)

1. Are designated “Level 1” for the Peach State Junior Closed Championships only.
2. Are designated “Level 2” for all other State Championships.
3. Award a maximum of 670 points (1000 for the Peach State) to the winners of each division.
4. Must offer divisions B/G10s (Green Level 1), 12s, 14s, 16s and 18s.
5. Must select players based on strength (Southern Standings) if draw size is limited.

2. Super Championship Tournaments (Level 3)

1. Must offer divisions B/G10’s (Green Level 1), 12s, 14s, 16s and 18s.
2. May offer BG/10’s (Orange Level 1).
3. Are designated “Level 3” for USTA Georgia Standings purposes.
4. Award a maximum of 500 points to the winners of each division.

3. Championship Tournaments (Level 4)

1. Must offer divisions B/G10s, 12s, 14s, 16s and 18s
2. May offer BG/10's (Orange Level 1) and/or BG10s (Green Level 1).
3. Are designated "Level 4" for USTA Georgia Ranking purposes.
4. Award a maximum of 330 points to the winners of each division.
5. May offer 8 & Under division on 36' court with appropriate balls, nets, and racquets.

4. Satellite Tournaments (Level 5) / (One Day & 4 Hour "Shootout" Tournaments)

1. Are designated "Level 5" for USTA Georgia Ranking purposes.
2. Award a maximum of 170/85 points to the winners of each division.
3. Are geared toward recreational players, especially those who have participated in local Junior Team Tennis, ALTA, or other local junior recreational programs.
4. Offer priority to Georgia players over out-of-state players to fill the draw.
5. Must play 12 & Under division with Stage 1 (green) balls.
6. May offer 10 & Under divisions with Stage 1 (green) balls as well as Orange Balls.
7. May offer 8 & Under division on 36' court with appropriate balls, nets, and racquets.
8. May offer a one-day format of play.
9. Must be held on a Saturday and/or Sunday during the school year – no weekday matches permitted. Friday evening matches permitted after 5 p.m. for 3-day Level 5 tournaments.
10. May be held during the week during the summer.

5. 8 & Under Co-ed Events

1. May be conducted as separate tournament or as one event within a larger tournament.
2. Are geared toward recreational players.
3. Are formatted as round robins or compass draws to maximize playing opportunities.
4. Are structured to play an entire round robin within a time range (typically 2 – 3 hours).
5. Offer reduced entry fees (maximum of \$10 for the 8 & Under division, plus TennisLink processing fee).
6. Offers Points per Round using Co-Ed 8 Table.
7. Recognize all players with certificates instead of a trophy for the one winner.
8. Utilize court monitors instead of or in addition to officials to aid with continuous play.

6. Non-Elimination Events

1. Are conducted as separate stand-alone tournaments in a half-day (5-hour) format.
2. Are designated "Level 6" for USTA Georgia purposes but do NOT award any points.
3. Are geared toward beginning recreational players.
4. Conduct play through Round Robins to maximize playing opportunities.
5. Offer reduced entry fees (maximum of \$10 for the 8 & Under division, maximum of \$25 for any other age group, plus TennisLink processing fee).
6. Recognize all players with certificates instead of a trophy for the one winner.
7. May utilize court monitors instead of officials to aid with continuous play.

7. Other Tournaments

From time to time, USTA Southern Championships, USTA Southern Designated Championships and certain other events may be held in Georgia. Because they are sanctioned at levels above USTA Georgia, they are not listed in any of these standard USTA Georgia tournament classifications. However, each may be assigned to a specific level for USTA Georgia standing purposes.

B. General Tournament Provisions

It is the responsibility of the Tournament Director to ensure that all USTA Georgia Sanctioned tournaments comply with the criteria for USTA Georgia tournaments, specific to the level of tournament being offered. All USTA Georgia sanctioned tournaments are governed by “The Code”, by the International Tennis Federation’s “Rules of Tennis” and the USTA’s Regulations found in “Friend at Court”.

1. Draw information

Each satellite tournament site, as well as the main site, must have each player’s next SCHEDULED match time and location available when they come off court from the current match.

2. Tournament match times

Play may not begin earlier than 8:00 am, except in cases of significant inclement weather. During the school year (except holiday weekends), tournaments may begin Friday afternoon, no earlier than 5:00 pm and must conclude on Sunday.

3. Inclement Weather Provisions

The tournament director/referee cannot cancel a tournament in progress before 2:00 pm the last day of the tournament.

All singles main draw and consolation matches should be played as far as possible. When considering matches to cancel, doubles may be cancelled in order to play singles matches.

Changes in the tournament schedule due to inclement weather must be available by phone and in writing at the main site as well as posted to the tournament website as quickly as possible.

Tournament matches cannot be played prior to or beyond the tournament sanction date, without the express permission of USTA Georgia.

4. Junior Sanctioned Events

USTA Georgia sanctions the following tournament events for junior players. Accumulated Points per Round in these events are utilized to determine standings for all players.

18 & Under Girls Singles, Boys Singles, Girls Doubles, Boys Doubles

16 & Under Girls Singles, Boys Singles, Girls Doubles, Boys Doubles

14 & Under Girls Singles, Boys Singles, Girls Doubles, Boys Doubles

12 & Under Girls Singles, Boys Singles, Girls Doubles, Boys Doubles (yellow or green ball depending on tournament level, 78’ court only)

10 & Under Girls Singles, Boys Singles, Girls Doubles, Boys Doubles (orange or green ball depending on tournament level, 60’ court only for orange level)

8 & Under Co-ed events (red ball, 36’ court only)

III. Eligibility Requirements and Endorsement Criteria

A. Residency Requirement for State Closed Championship Tournaments

1. Peach State Junior Closed Championship

Only junior players, whose parents have established a legal residency in Georgia, hold a current USTA membership card assigned to Georgia, and who are citizens of the United States or meet the resident alien requirements for a national standing are eligible to participate in the Peach State Junior Closed Championships. Resident alien requirements include resident aliens in possession of a valid alien registration receipt card or aliens who have resided in the United States continuously for more than one year and who are members of families of persons in the diplomatic or consular corps. In the case of a junior player, his/her legal residency is that of his/her parents. Any request for deviation from this rule must be submitted in writing to USTA Georgia. A policy statement on resident status is on file at the USTA Georgia Office. Residency requirements for the Peach State Junior Closed Championships must be satisfied by the posted deadline date of the Peach State Junior Closed.

2. GA State Junior Closed Challenger

Only junior players whose parents have established a legal residency in Georgia and who hold a current USTA membership card assigned to Georgia are eligible to participate in the above USTA Georgia junior closed tournament. In the case of a junior player, his/her legal residency is that of his/her parents. Any request for deviation from this rule must be submitted in writing to USTA Georgia. A policy statement on resident status is on file at the USTA Georgia Office.

These residency requirements must be satisfied at least thirty (30) days prior to the entry date of each "Closed" Championship EXCEPT for the Peach State Junior Closed Championships (above).

B. Eligibility for Restricted Tournaments

1. GA Futures Closed

Entries to this tournament are limited by standings. Those ranked in the top 100 according to the standings list published immediately prior to the close of entries are NOT eligible to enter this tournament. Only junior players, whose parents have established a legal residency in Georgia, hold a current USTA membership card assigned to Georgia, and who are citizens of the United States or meet the resident alien requirements for a national standing are eligible to participate in the GA Futures Closed.

2. Peach State Junior Closed Championship

a. The selection process for the Peach State Junior Closed is as follows:

For BG 12's – 18's divisions:

- 60 GA players will be chosen in standing order from the most recently published USTA Southern Standings list
- 4 Wild Cards. Should the Tournament Committee choose not to award the full allotment of wild cards, then the acceptance spot(s) will go back to the Georgia standings list in rank order. The naming of the wild cards will occur as soon as practically possible after the deadline.

For BG 10's divisions (Green):

- 32 players will be chosen in standing order from the most recently published USTA Southern 10U Green Ball standings list.

For BG10's divisions (Orange):

- 16 players will be chosen in standing order from the most recently published USTA Georgia 10U Orange Ball standings list.

b. The USTA Southern PPR Standings List published immediately following the close of entries will be used as the major consideration for entry into the Peach State Junior Closed Championship for the BG 10s - 18s divisions.

C. Age Eligibility for tournaments from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

No player may enter an event for which he/she is no longer age-eligible.
See the chart in Appendix H for the cut-off dates for event eligibility.

D. Endorsement to Other Tournaments

1. USTA Southern Closed Junior Championships

- a. The USTA Georgia Junior Competition Committee will determine the ranking date annually that will be used for the purposes of the Georgia endorsement list to the Southern Closed.
- b. The Quota for the number of players accepted into the Southern Closed may vary, as it is determined each year by Southern according to each state's proportion of junior USTA members.

2. National Endorsement Procedure for Juniors

Georgia's juniors seeking endorsement to USTA National Championships should follow procedures for Southern endorsement as determined by USTA Southern.

IV. Tournament Entry

A. Use of the online TennisLink registration system

All sanctioned tournaments use the USTA's searchable tournament schedule on TennisLink. Registering online enables entrants to modify (or cancel) their registration prior to the close of entries. It also familiarizes them with the tournament home page, where important information regarding applicants, competitors, seeds, draws, match times, results and other key information from the tournament director is posted (such as weather or traffic delays).

Use of a tournament's unique ID number at this link will take you straight to the home page: <http://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments/schedule/search.aspx> Note: a portion (minimum \$3) of every online entry fee is a processing fee, which is non-refundable. See the Resources Page in Appendix A for step-by-step instructions for using this system.

B. Deadlines

Tournament deadlines are set in order to give tournament directors and referees ample time to do draws, schedule, order t-shirts and trophies, arrange staffing, and attend to other details. Tournament Directors are specifically prohibited from extending the deadline established during the sanctioning process without the express permission of USTA Georgia. No player should ask or expect the director to extend the deadline, which is normally set at 11:59 pm (~midnight) on a specified day.

C. Late entrants

1. USTA Georgia will allow late entrants to be accepted into all USTA GA tournaments, Levels 1-5, in the event that the draw is *not* full, provided that such late entrants do not affect the seeding and/or potential seeding at the time the tournament registration closes and further provided that late entrants do not prevent timely entrants to be accepted into the draw under any circumstances. USTA Georgia reserves the right to randomly audit the entry process of all Tournament Directors to ensure compliance with this regulation. Failure to comply with the deadline and late entry requirements could result in loss of future tournaments.

2. Doubles events at Level 1-5 tournaments MAY accept late entrants, provided that at least one partner was entered into the Doubles on time. This provision will allow the pairing of doubles partners subsequent to the close of singles entries.

D. Limited to one event of the same type

Players CANNOT play the same event (e.g., singles) in two different age divisions.

Example: Girls 12 Singles and Girls 14 Singles

If circumstances dictate, the tournament Referee may allow play in two different event types (e.g., singles and doubles) in different age divisions.

Example: Girls 12 Singles and Girls 14 Doubles

E. Prohibition against Multiple Entries in Concurrent Tournaments

Players may not enter two (2) tournaments at the same time. Entering two tournaments at the same time is a violation of the USTA rules and applies to tournaments sanctioned by USTA Georgia, USTA Southern, and/or USTA. Georgia players may be assessed five (5) junior suspension points for violation of this rule.

F. Applicants – Competitors – Players – Alternates – what’s the difference?

Players who register online are listed on the tournament homepage appear as “Applicants”. Players selected using Tournament Director selection are listed as “Players” or “Competitors”. Entrants not selected are listed as “Alternates”. A manual entry (by phone, fax or paper, if permitted) will also appear as an “Applicant” until after entries close.

G. Refund of entry fees

Each Tournament Director sets his/her own policy regarding refunds. In general, any withdrawal after the close of entries should expect to forfeit the entry fee, regardless of circumstances. In the event of inclement weather forcing cancellation of an entire tournament (i.e., no matches played), the Tournament Director will post the policy regarding partial refunds on the tournament website. However, because of certain fixed costs incurred in preparing for each tournament, it is unlikely that a full refund would ever be granted for a cancelled tournament.

V. Tournament Administration

A. Acceptable Scoring Formats for Standing Purposes

The scoring format must be announced in advance by the tournament and must follow guidelines set forth by USTA GA for standings purposes. Please refer to the Glossary found in Appendix B to understand the exact terminology in use by tournaments when publishing the scoring formats.

See Appendix C for the Chart of Acceptable Scoring Formats for Standing Purpose.

B. Scoring Format Changes in the Event of Inclement weather

Inclement weather may cause modifications in the format, in order to improve the odds of completing the tournament. Any change in scoring due to inclement weather must start at the beginning of a round in any event. Allowed format changes are also listed in Appendix C.

C. Rest Periods*

1. Divisions 12 & Under through 18 & Under must take a 10-minute rest period before the third set.
2. Divisions 10 & Under through 18 & Under must take a 3-minute rest period if a Deciding Match Tie-Break is played in lieu of a third set.
3. Coaching is permitted during all 10-minute and 3-minute rest periods. Coaching is NOT permitted at any other time during a match.
4. Rest between matches (BG 12 – 18):
 - a. After all best of three set singles matches, a minimum of 120 minutes rest must be offered to the player before their next singles match, whether or not the 3rd full set was actually played. See FAC 2019 edition, pg. 96, “Recovery Rule” footnote to Table 11.
 - b. After all pro-set formats, a minimum rest period of 30 minutes must be offered.
 - c. After all other match formats, a minimum rest period of 60 minutes must be offered.
5. Rest between matches (BG 10s, Co-ed 8s):

With matches using the Red, Orange, Green Ball formats, the referee shall offer the players reasonable rest depending on the format played and length of previous match.
6. Overnight “12-Hour Rule”: A player must be offered a minimum of twelve (12) hours from the conclusion of his/her final match on one day and the scheduled start of his/her first match the next day.

** Refer to Friend at Court, Tables 11 and 12 (pages 96 & 97, 2020 edition) for full details regarding rest periods.*

D. Match Limitations

1. Daily play Limitations*

Players are limited to a certain number of matches per day, based upon the format of play; please refer to Appendix D for the chart of Match Limitations.

** Refer to Friend at Court, Table 8 (page 87 in the 2020 edition) for full details on match limitations*

2. Night play Limitations*:

1. Ages 10 – 14 should not begin or resume a match later than 8:00 pm, and should have a 12 hour rest period before the next day's first match.
2. Ages 16 – 18 should not begin or resume a match later than 10:00 pm, and should have a 12 hour rest period before the next day's first match.
3. * Effect of Inclement Weather on match limitations and rest periods. *

Scoring formats and scheduling guidelines, particularly the times matches may start or resume, are subject to change during inclement weather. However, the rest period between matches and the maximum number of matches per day is not subject to change. In no event may a sanctioned tournament continue match play beyond the sanctioned dates for the tournament.

VI. Standings

A. Qualifications

1. All players who meet the residency requirement as described in III.A.1 shall be eligible to appear on the official USTA Georgia standings lists.
2. Numeric standings shall be generated for the following age divisions: 8 & Under, 10 & Under, 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 16 & Under, 18 & Under.
4. Players are responsible for confirming the accuracy of their computer-generated player record. Questions regarding corrections to the player record should be directed to the Tournament Director within 14 days of the tournament end.

B. Combined Singles and Doubles Standings

1. Points earned during the previous twelve (12) months' play in both singles & doubles determine the USTA Georgia Standings Lists.
2. The USTA Georgia Standings List includes results from both singles and doubles matches played at all tournaments counting for USTA Georgia standings (See Appendix E).
3. All tournament results are shown, but only the six (6) best (highest point values) are added to form a Standing. The lists include all eligible players who have earned at least one (1) ranking point during the computation period. The Standings Lists will be updated and published at least monthly on the USTA website. The USTA Ranking page is found here: <http://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments/>.

4. Players receive credit for 100% of the singles points from their best six (6) singles events, along with 25% of the points from their best six (6) doubles events.

<i>Example:</i>		Total Combined Standing points =1,800 points
<i>Best six singles results total:</i>	<i>1,500 points</i>	<i>100% credit for singles points = 1,500 points</i>
<i>Best six doubles results total:</i>	<i>1,200 points</i>	<i>25% credit for doubles points = 300 points</i>

5. The singles and doubles results for each player earned in a division other than the 10& Under for the previous 12-month period shall be counted as results in the next-older division at 20%.

6. The final Year-End Standings will be published on TennisLink no later than January 20th.

C. USTA Georgia Sanctioned Tournaments for Standings Purposes

See Appendix E for the List of all Sanctioned Tournaments for Standings Purposes. This list includes USTA Southern and National tournaments as well as USTA Georgia tournaments

VII. Points per Round (PPR) System

See Appendix F for the Points Per Round (PPR) Tables.

A. Points Per Round Basics

1. PPR is the standings system used by USTA at the state, sectional and national level, awarding points for each round won in a tournament. Points vary according to the tournament level, which is established by the state, sectional and national organizations.
2. To read the PPR table,
 - a. find the column corresponding to the applicable Tournament Level
 - b. find the row corresponding to the highest level reached in the tournament
 - c. find the intersection of the two to find the point value for that win

B. Requirement to win a round in order to receive any points

1. Byes do not qualify as wins.
2. Walkovers, withdrawals, and defaults prior to the commencement of a match, regardless of reason, do qualify as wins for the advancing player and will qualify for Bonus Points.
3. If a player advances in the first round due to default or walkover, then loses in the next round, the player will receive points for the first round.
4. Retirements qualify as wins for the advancing player and earn PPR and, if applicable, Bonus Points.
5. A player who advances because of a default that occurs after the first point in the match will receive PPR for advancing and, if applicable, Bonus Points.

D. Earning points in multiple age divisions

1. The USTA Georgia Singles/Doubles Combined Standings include results in multiple age divisions.
2. USTA Georgia Singles/Doubles Combined Standings will reflect the previous 12-months points in both the upper and lower age divisions. Points earned in an age division will be applied to a player's record in that division, as well as all younger divisions for which the player is eligible in both singles and doubles. In addition, the singles and doubles results for each player earned in a division other than the 10& Under division for the previous 12-month period shall be counted as results in the next-older division at 20%.
3. Points acquired in upper age divisions in both singles and doubles will be treated as though they were earned in a lower age division for which the player is eligible. USTA Georgia Standings will be computed from the six (6) best tournament point totals in both singles and doubles, regardless of the age division in which the points were actually earned.

BG18 Results included only from 18s

BG16 Results included from 16s and 18s if eligible in both divisions

BG14 Results included from 14s, 16s and 18s if eligible in all three divisions

BG12 Results included from 12s, 14s, 16s and 18s if eligible in all four divisions

BG10 Results included from 10s, 12s, 14s, 16s and 18s if eligible in all five divisions

Coed 8 Results included only in the Coed 8 division

D. Forfeiture of points if defaulted under Point Penalty System

A player who is defaulted from a tournament for code violations under the Point Penalty System for misconduct forfeits any points accumulated during the tournament in the main and feed-in draws and also loses credit for the tournament. This applies to both singles and doubles.

E. PPR Bonus Points for Significant Singles Wins

1. Bonus points are a method of rewarding significant wins over players whose standings are in the top 40 by awarding points in addition to the points per round for such wins. Bonus points are based on the opponent's Standing from the previous month as defined in the Standings "View Important List Notes" on the online Standings List.

<u>Player's Current Standing</u>	<u>Bonus Points Awarded for Win</u>
1 – 10	40
11 – 20	20
21 – 40	10

2. Bonus points may be accumulated in all tournament levels for Singles matches only.
3. Bonus points are attached to the event in which they are earned. If an event total (including both PPR and Bonus Points) is not among a player's six (6) best tournament results, then neither the PPR nor the Bonus Points will count toward the standing total.

F. Standing tie-break procedures using PPR

In the event of a tie between players on the Standings List, the order in which they are listed shall be determined by the first of the following procedures which breaks the tie.

1. Player whose best event has the highest number of points, second 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.

VIII. Junior Suspension Point System

See APPENDIX G for the Junior Suspension Point Table.

Please also refer to page 114, Table 17, [USTA 2020 Friend At Court](#)

A. General

Players, anyone associated with a player (including, but not limited to, parents and coaches), officials and organizers of any tournament are under a duty to encourage and maintain high standards of proper conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship. They are under an obligation to avoid acts which may be considered detrimental to the game of tennis. Such detrimental acts include, but are not limited to, the acts set forth in USTA Regulation IV.C, pages 103 – 107, 2019 Friend at Court and/or in the USTA Georgia table which follows.

B. Point Penalty System (PPS)

1. The **USTA Point Penalty System (PPS)**, as defined in USTA Tournament Regulations, will be in effect in all USTA Georgia sanctioned tournaments. The objective of the Point Penalty System is not to punish, but to secure compliance with the Rules of Tennis and USTA Regulations.
2. The Point Penalty System applies to violations during the warm-up as well as the match as follows:
 - During all matches (main draw, compass draw, consolation, qualifying and doubles);
 - During tournament activities;
 - At tournament facilities;
 - At facilities, such as hotels, dormitories, and homes where players stay.

C. Suspension Points

1. The **USTA Junior Suspension Point System** is in effect in all USTA Georgia sanctioned junior tournaments. Junior Suspension Points may be accrued from any USTA sanctioned event.
2. If a player receives ten (10) or more Junior Suspension Points during a 12-month period, the player will be suspended from competing in USTA Georgia sanctioned junior events for a minimum of three (3) months.
3. Extreme abusive conduct as defined in the Point Penalty System could result in a longer suspension.
4. Appeal Process - If any of the ten points accrued are from USTA National tournaments, appeals should go to the USTA Grievance committee (USTA Regulations IV.F.10.a) If all of the ten points accrued are from USTA Southern tournaments, appeals should go to the USTA Southern Grievance committee (USTA Regulations IV.F.10.b). If all suspension points accrued are from USTA Georgia tournaments, appeals should go to the USTA Georgia Grievance committee.

D. Suspension Procedure

1. Each tournament Referee will submit an online Code of Conduct Report for every violation cited by any tournament official under the Point Penalty System (PPS). The USTA National office will record and keep track of all Junior Suspension Points; effective January 1, 2015, this is no longer handled by USTA Georgia.
2. Every effort will be made by USTA to notify any player who has accumulated six (6) or more suspension points that he/she is more than half-way to a suspension. Timing sometimes makes this impossible. Absence of such notification in no way alters the validity of suspension points assessed.

Example: At the beginning of a tournament, a player might have only 4 points on record, but be assessed 5 points for failure to follow instructions plus 2 points for an audible obscenity during one incident. $4 + 5 + 2 = 11$, which would be an automatic suspension, but timing would not have permitted an advance notification.

3. The player will be notified using the contact information on file with USTA Membership when he/she reaches ten (10) or more Junior Suspension Points. Appeals procedures, if applicable, will be communicated to the player at that time.
4. After serving the suspension these ten (10) Junior Suspension Points will be cleared from the player's record. All other suspension points, if any, shall remain on the player's record and count toward a second suspension. In the example in D. 2 above, the player would have one point remaining on his/her record following his/her suspension.
5. All Tournament Directors, USTA Southern, and USTA Georgia will be notified of each suspension.
6. Suspensions apply to all USTA Sanctioned programs and tournaments, including Adult League, Junior Team Tennis, Adult tournaments and Junior tournaments in other sections.
7. Repercussions from suspension will include elimination of selection for any special programs sponsored by USTA Georgia such as Junior Southern Cup, USTA Tennis Player Development Programs, USTA Competition Training Center programs, USTA Southern Training Camps, USTA Georgia Training Camps, etc.
8. Players whose suspensions extend up to the sanctioned start date of the Peach State Junior Closed Championships or through the Peach State Junior Closed Championship may not be eligible to request a Waiver for the USTA Southern Closed Junior Championship.

Appendix A

Resources, “How To” Guide, and Contacts

- A. Tips for searching tournaments online: <http://tennislink.usta.com>
Click “TOURNAMENTS”
- i. If you know the unique tournament ID number, enter it under “Find a Tournament” and click “SEARCH”
 - ii. To broaden your search for Georgia tournaments, click “Tournaments Advanced Search” under “Find a Tournament” in smaller font.
 - a. Under “Advanced Search”
 - Confirm “Sanctioned Tournaments” is selected
 - Choose “Southern – Georgia” from **National/Section/District** drop down menu
 - You may enter a keyword from the tournament if you know one (for instance, part of the tournament name, or “level 5” if you are searching for Satellite events only)
 - Enter the **Month** and **Year** that you are searching for a tournament from drop boxes
 - Enter “Junior Divisions” from **Division** drop down menu
 - Click “SEARCH”
 - iii. If you are searching for Southern tournaments, choose “Southern” without a state designation
If you are searching in another section or for a national event, choose the appropriate tournament.
- B. Tips for searching recent published standings online: <http://tennislink.usta.com>
Click “TOURNAMENTS”
- i. If you are searching by USTA number or player name, enter it under “Find a Ranking” and click “SEARCH”
 - ii. To broaden your search for all Georgia players, click “Rankings Advanced Search” under “Find a Ranking” in smaller font.
 - a. Under “Rankings Search”
 - Choose “Southern – Georgia” from **National/Section/District** drop down menu
 - Choose **Year & Division** from drop down menus and click “FIND IT!”
 - Click the most recent published list (published date is found on the right)
 - iii. If you are searching for a Southern standing, choose “Southern” without a state designation from “Rankings Search”.
If you are searching in another section or for a national event, choose “National” from “Rankings Search”.

To view (online) “The Code” or “Friend at Court” or “The Rules of Tennis”, <http://www.usta.com/Improve-Your-Game/Rules/>

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USTA Southern – www.southern.usta.com
5685 Spalding Drive, Norcross, GA 30092
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USTA National – www.usta.com
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Appendix B Glossary

Adult Decision – refers to a match not completed due to disciplinary action on the part of an adult responsible for the player (parent, coach, other). An adult decision prior to a match is treated as a default; if the match is in progress, it is treated as a retirement. Suspension Points apply. An advancing opponent receives all points associated with a win.

Alternate List – a list which rank-orders the players waiting to get into a selection tournament based on strength (standings). Late entrants into any tournament are automatically placed at the bottom of the list, regardless of standing.

Bonus Points – a method of awarding points for significant wins over top 40 Georgia players.

Championship Tournament – a level 4 tournament open to players regardless of level, awarding 330 points to the champions in each age division.

Closed tournament – a tournament open only to USTA members, most often limited to residents of a certain state.

Coaching – communication, advice or instruction of any kind, audible or visible, to a player. USTA Georgia expressly prohibits coaching by any person associated with a player EXCEPT during authorized rest periods, which do include the break prior to a 3rd set or 3rd set match tiebreaker.

Coed event – a tournament event allowing both boys and girls to compete in the same division of play, currently limited to the 8 & Under age group.

Compass Draw – a draw type, which maximizes both the number and the parity of matches played. Winners and losers after each round progress in different directions of the draw, thus meeting only winners (or losers) from the prior round.

Doubles Points – in the Points Per Round (PPR) system, doubles wins are awarded 25% of the listed value toward the combined Singles/Doubles Standings Lists.

Draw Types – In USTA Georgia, the most common are: Feed-in Consolation (FIC), Compass, Single Elimination, and Round Robin. See those individual definitions for additional information.

Endorsement – Process whereby the USTA GA Dir. of Competition recommends players for Sectional events.

Feed in Consolation (FIC) – a draw type in which the losers from the main draw feed into the consolation bracket through a designated round of the main draw, usually the Quarterfinal (QF) or Semi-final (SF) round; points continue to accrue for wins in the consolation bracket according to the Points per Round (PPR) table.

Friend at Court (FAC) – a USTA publication containing the Code, the Rules of Tennis, and the USTA Regulations governing tournament competition. See the Resources section to view or purchase a copy of FAC.

Green Balls (yellow ball designated with a green dot) – USTA-approved non-pressurized low compression Stage 1 balls, approved for play on the 78' regulation court for Level 1-3 10 & under competition and Level 5 12 & under competition.

Match Tiebreaker – a tiebreaker played in lieu of a 3rd set. For age divisions 12 – 18, this is usually a 10-point match tiebreak, whereby the first player to reach 10 points by a 2-point margin wins the tiebreaker. For the 10 & Under division, a 7-point match tiebreaker is also permitted. The Match Tiebreaker counts as a 3rd deciding set, and is scored “1-0”.

Medical Release Form – a form required for each junior player prior to his/her first match of any USTA Georgia sanctioned junior tournament. No player is allowed to compete without this signed form, which can be found online at: [USTA Georgia Medical Release Form](#)

No-Ad Scoring – a format in which the deciding point of the game is played at 40-all, without first playing deuce and then “ad” points. The receiver chooses the side from which to receive the serve on the deciding game point.

Non-Elimination Tournament – a tournament structured to provide players with multiple matches, regardless of whether they win or lose their matches. Common forms include Round Robins and/or Compass draws. All Georgia Level 6 tournaments are non-elimination formats; players earn match experience but no standings points.

Non-Sanctioned Tournament – an event run, often for charitable or fund-raising purposes, which uses the TennisLink system for organizing draws, accepting entries, and communicating with players. Results from non-sanctioned tournaments do NOT count toward USTA Georgia standings.

Open tournament – a tournament open to any USTA member, regardless of residence.

Point Penalty System (PPS) – System which governs tennis competition, sportsmanship, and etiquette, and under whose jurisdiction all sanctioned events are played. In Georgia, the PPS is linked to a Suspension Point System, whereby players are suspended from all USTA play if they accumulate ten (10) Suspension Points in a twelve (12) month period.

Points per Round (PPR) – Ranking system used by USTA awarding points for each round won in a tournament. Points vary according to the tournament level, which is established by the state, sectional and national organizations. All USTA Georgia tournaments beyond level 5 also earn USTA Southern points; a few also earn national points.

Quota – Number of players automatically advancing from the Georgia endorsement list to the Southern Closed Championships. Quota is set by Southern each year, based on proportion of junior tournament players in each of the nine Southern states.

Ranking – Since January 1, 2013, USTA Georgia has not published “Rankings” – see “Standings” instead.

Referee – Official, certified by USTA Georgia, who is in charge of all aspects related to play once a tournament begins.

Retirement – the terminology describing the situation when a player is unable to continue playing a match due to injury, illness, or personal emergency. The advancing opponent receives all applicable points for a win by retirement.

Round Robin – a draw type limited to entries of fewer than six (6) players, in which each player plays every other player. The winner is determined by the most wins within the draw, with the head-to-head meeting breaking a two-way tie. Additional tiebreaking procedures for Round Robins are found in Friend at Court, pages 86-87 (2015 edition).

Rules of Tennis – the International Tennis Federation’s (ITF) accepted rules governing the sport of tennis. See the Resources section to view a copy of the Friend at Court, which includes the Rules of Tennis.

Sanctioned Tournament – an event run by a USTA Member Organization which has applied for sanction by a USTA organization (state, section, or national) and which agrees contractually to run the event in accordance with established criteria. Only results from sanctioned tournaments count toward standings.

Satellite Tournament – a level 5 tournament geared toward recreational or novice players, awarding 170 points to the champions in each age division.

Searchable Schedule – the USTA TennisLink database for all tournaments, sanctioned and non-sanctioned, which can be searched by state, by section, by month, by city, by keyword, etc. [USTA Tournament Search Link](#)

Seeding – the process whereby the Referee separates players with higher standings into defined lines of a draw so that they do not meet each other in earlier rounds. Current state and/or southern standings are the initial and primary seeding criteria, but seeding can and should take other factors known to the Tournament Committee into account as well.

Set Tiebreaker – a tiebreaker played at 6-games all (regular scoring) or at 4-games all (short sets) whereby the first player to reach 7 points by a 2-point margin wins the tiebreaker. The tiebreaker counts as a game played, so the set would be scored 7 – 6.

Short Set – a variation of the traditional set in which the set is played to four (4) games rather than six (6). This may be achieved by starting at 2-games all, or by ending when one player reaches 4 games.

Single Elimination – Draw type in which players are eliminated after one loss, without feeding into a consolation.

Singles Points – in the Points Per Round (PPR) System, Singles points are awarded 100% of the listed value for the Combined Singles/Doubles Standings Lists.

Stage One Ball – a USTA-approved ball appropriate for play on the 78’ court in the 10 & Under and 12 & Under age divisions; sometimes called the “green ball” or “green-dot ball”.

Stage Two Ball – a USTA-approved ball appropriate for play on the 60’ court in the 10 & Under age division; sometimes called the “orange ball”.

Stage Three Ball – a USTA-approved ball appropriate for play on the 36’ court in the 8 & Under age division; sometimes called the “red ball”.

Standing – the sum of a player’s six (6) best tournament results within a given age division within a rolling twelve (12) month period. Most people who refer to rankings really mean standings. [USTA Tournament Rankings Link](#)

State Championship Tournament – a level 2 tournament open to all players ages 10 - 18, but generally more selective because limited draw sizes restrict entries to players with higher standings, awarding 670 points to the champions in each age division.

Sudden Death – a form of scoring in tennis where play ends as soon as one competitor reaches a designated score. Whereas traditional tennis scoring requires a 2-point winning differential, sudden death scoring eliminates the necessity to win by 2 points. Most commonly used for 10 & under and/or 8 & under matches played to 7 points, the first player to reach 7 points wins the game or set, as applicable.

Super Championship Tournament – a level 3 tournament open to all players ages 10 - 18, but generally more selective because limited draw sizes restrict entries to players with higher standings, awarding 500 points to the champions in each age division.

Suspension Points – the designated penalty points assessed for misconduct or violation of rules under the Point Penalty System. See Appendix G for the specifics found in the Point Penalty System chart.

TDM – Tournament Data Management system, the software developed and supported by USTA for running tournaments. This system ties together the TennisLink entry and payment process to the USTA rankings programs.

Ten & Under terminology – Youth Progression

36’ court – approved court size for 8 & Under division, often played sideways on a regulation court, in which the singles boundary demarcates the service line and the doubles line demarcates the baseline. A smaller 30” net is used and racquet size is limited to 23” or shorter. Red balls are used on the 36’ court for sanctioned tournaments.

60’ court – An approved court size for players ages 10 & Under, often played on a regulation court on which the baseline has been moved in by nine (9) feet, the singles line has been moved in by three (3) feet, and the singles line becomes the doubles line. The regular net is used together with Orange balls; racquet size is limited to 25” or shorter.

78’ court – An approved court size for players ages 10 & under, also known as a full size court. 10 & under matches being played on a 78’ court use the green dot ball.

Red balls – USTA approved low compression Stage 3 balls, approved for play on the 36’ court for children ages 8 and under.

Orange balls – USTA approved low compression Stage 2 balls, approved for play on the 60’ court for children ages 10 and Under.

Green balls – USTA approved low compression Stage 1 balls, approved for play on the 78’ court.

TennisLink – the web-based system used to administer, enter and track results for all USTA programs, including tournaments, leagues, and junior team tennis. The searchable tournament schedule is the primary tool for identifying and entering tournaments. [USTA Tournament Search Link](#)

The Code – the basic guide to sportsmanship and fair play, which is the underpinning for all the Rules and Regulations related to the sport of tennis. See the Resources section to view or purchase Friend at Court, which contains the Code.

Tiebreaker – see “Set Tiebreaker” or “Match Tiebreaker”.

Tiebreaker format – a specific order of service and position of players is required for tiebreakers. See Rule 5 and Rule 10 in the [Friend at Court’s ITF Rules of Tennis](#) for more information.

Tournament Committee – the group of individuals consisting at minimum of the Tournament Director, Referee and one other person who make all decisions related to the administration of a tournament.

Tournament Director – the independent contractor representing a USTA member organization (such as a club or tennis center) who handles all aspect of tournament administration prior to, during, and at the conclusion of a tournament. The Tournament Director hires all support staff, including Referee and Umpires, handles all financial matters, assists the Referee in making the draw and schedule, communicates all information with players, and records results into TDM.

Tournament Director Selection – a process whereby the tournament director actively selects participants after entries close from among the applicants. This is most often done in events which have limited draw sizes (in which case entrants are selected based on standings or other published criteria). Applicants’ credit cards are not charged the entry fee until the selection is made; those who are not selected are not charged any fees at all.

Tournament Evaluations – an electronic link on every tournament home page through which players and parents are encouraged to give feedback and constructive criticism to assist both the individual tournament director and USTA Georgia in improving junior tournaments, acknowledging things done well, and addressing shortcomings.

Two of Three Full Sets – the traditional format in which a set consists of six deuce games, in which the set must be decided by a two-game margin or, at six-games all, by a seven-point set tiebreaker.

Umpire – an official working under the supervision of the Referee to assist players in interpretation of the rules of tennis and to enforce the Point Penalty System.

Waivers – Waivers are given on a Highly selective basis. Decisions on waivers will be made by the Southern Junior Tennis Waivers Sub-committee by a majority vote. Waivers considerations include, but are not limited to, illness, injury, and moving to another section. A waiver form can be found at [USTA Southern Waiver](#) .

Walkover – the terminology referring to a match that does not take place because a player chooses not to play due to injury, illness or personal emergency. An advancing opponent receives all applicable points for a win by walkover.

Withdrawal – the terminology referring to a match that does not take place because a player chooses not to play any of his/her scheduled matches in an event prior to playing the first point of a his/her match. If a withdrawal occurs after the close of entries but before the start of the player’s first match, the Tournament Director may replace the player with the player at the top of the alternate list. If the withdrawn player is not replaced by an alternate, the advancing opponent receives all applicable points for a win by withdrawal.

Appendix C

Chart of Acceptable Scoring Formats for Standings Purposes

Singles scoring formats		8U	10U	12U	14U	16U	18U
A.	Regular Scoring: Best of three deuce/ad sets with a "Set" tie-break played at 6-all in any set.			X	X	X	X
B.	No-Ad Scoring: Best of three no-ad sets with a "Set" tie-break played at 6-all in any set.			X	X	X	X
C.	Regular or No-Ad Scoring with a ten (10) point "Match" tie-break played in lieu of a third set.			X	X	X	X
D.	Best of three games consisting of seven (7) points, with sudden death played at 6-points all (not necessary to win by 2 points).	X					
E. 1.	Short Sets with sudden death: 4-game no-ad sets in which it is not necessary to win the set by 2 games (example: a 4-3 set score is acceptable). A 7-point "Match" tie-break is played in lieu of a third set. * See restrictions below.		X	X*	X*	X*	X*
E. 2.	Short Sets with set tiebreak: 4-game deuce or no-ad sets with a "Set" tie-break played at 4-games all. A ten (10) point "Match" tie-break played in lieu of a third set for ages 12 - 18; a seven (7) point "Match" tiebreak is played for the 10 & Under division. * See restrictions below.		X	X*	X*	X*	X*
F.	Timed matches, as designated by the tournament committee	X	X				

Doubles scoring formats:		8U	10U	12U	14U	16U	18U
A.	All of the relevant approved Singles formats.	X	X	X	X	X	X
B.	10-game pro-set (either deuce or no-ad scoring) with either a "Set" or "Match" tie-break played at 10-all.			X	X	X	X
C.	8-game pro-set (either deuce or no-ad scoring) with either a "Set" or "Match" tie-break played at 8-all.			X	X	X	X
D.	6-game no-ad set with a seven (7) point "Match" tie-break played at 6-all.		X				
E.	Best of three games consisting of seven (7) points, with sudden death played at 6-points all (not necessary to win by 2 points).	X					
F.	Timed matches, as designated by the tournament committee	X	X				

This scoring format is only used for the 12-18 age groups in case of inclement weather or in a One Day or 4 hour tournament.

Appendix C (continued)

Chart of Acceptable Scoring Formats in the event of Inclement Weather

Singles format changes (inclement weather)		8U	10U	12U	14U	16U	18U
A.	"Match" tie-break in lieu of third set;			X	X	X	X
B.	No-Ad Scoring;			X	X	X	X
C.	Short Sets, No-Ad Scoring, with set tiebreak: 4-game no-ad sets with a "Set" tie-break played at 4-games all. A ten (10) point "Match" tie-break is played in lieu of a third set for ages 12 - 18; a seven (7) point "Match" tiebreak is played for the 10 & Under division.		X	X	X	X	X
D.	Short Sets, Regular Scoring, with set tiebreak: 4-game deuce sets with a "Set" tie-break played at 4-games all. A ten (10) point "Match" tie-break is played in lieu of a third set for ages 12 - 18; a seven (7) point "Match" tiebreak is played for the 10 & Under division.		X	X	X	X	X
E.	Short Sets with sudden death: 4-game no-ad sets in which it is not necessary to win the set by 2 games (example: a 4-3 set score is acceptable). A 7-point "Match" tie-break is played in lieu of a third set.		X	X	X	X	X
F.	Timed matches, as designated by the tournament committee	X	X				
Note: Pro-sets are NOT approved for Singles Standings purposes.							

Doubles format changes (inclement weather)		8U	10U	12U	14U	16U	18U
A.	No-Ad Scoring.			X	X	X	X
B.	Timed matches, as designated by the tournament committee	X	X				

Appendix D Match Limitations

	8s	10s	12s	14 - 18s
	Maximum games	Maximum games	Maximum matches	Maximum matches
All matches (SG and DB)				
Best of 3 tiebreak sets	n/a	n/a	2 SG	2 SG + 1 DB
			1 SG + 2 DB	1 SG + 2 DB
			3 DB	3 DB
All matches (SG and DB):				
	n/a	60 games SG	3 SG	3 SG
Tiebreak in lieu of 3rd set or short sets		60 games SG + 15 games DB	2 SG + 1 DB	3 SG + 1 DB 2 SG + 2 DB
		75 games DB	3 DB	1 SG + 3 DB 4 DB
Main Draw Singles matches:				
Best of 3 tiebreak sets	n/a	n	2 main SG	2 main SG + 2 DB and/or cons SG
Doubles and/or consolation Singles matches: 8 game pro set			1 main SG + 3 DB and/or cons SG	1 main SG + 3 DB and/or cons SG
			4 DB or cons	4 DB or cons SG
Main Draw Singles matches:				
Tiebreak in lieu of 3rd set or short sets:	n/a	60 games SG	3 main SG	3 main SG + 2 DB or cons SG
and		60 games SG + 15 games DB	2 main SG + 2 DB and/or cons SG	2 main SG + 3 DB and/or cons SG
Doubles and/or consolation Singles			1 main SG + 3 DB and/or Con SG	1 main SG + 4 DB and/or Con SG
8 game pro set		75 games DB	4 DB or cons SG	5 DB and/or cons SG
Combination of SG / DB				
not shown above:	18 games	75 games (max SG = 60 games)	117 games (max SG = 88 games)	117 games (max SG = 115 games)

Appendix E

Sanctioned Tournaments for Standing Purposes

Georgia Level 1 Points include the following events

“The Peach State” Georgia Junior Closed Championship
Southern Ozaki Junior Cup
All National Level 1 events
All National Level 2 events
All Southern Level 1 events
All Southern Level 1A events
United States ITF Grade A, B & 1-3 events (main draw only)

Georgia Level 2 Points include the following events

All Georgia State Junior Championships *designated by USTA GA
All National Level 3 events
All Southern Level 2 events
United States ITF Grade 4 & 5 events (main draw only)
Southern JTT Championships (advanced division)
USTA JTT National Championships (advanced division)

Georgia Level 3 Points include the following events

All Georgia Level 3 events
Georgia Closed Futures Championships
All Southern Level 3 events held in Georgia
USTA Georgia JTT Championships (advanced division)
Southern JTT Championships (intermediate division)
USTA JTT National Championships (intermediate division)

Georgia Level 4 Points include the following events

All Georgia Level 4 events
USTA Georgia JTT Championships (intermediate division)

Georgia Level 5 Points include the following events

All Georgia Level 5 events
USTA Georgia JTT Championships (beginner division)

Appendix F Points Per Round (PPR) Tables

PPR Table 1: Main Draw with a Feed-in Consolation (FIC) through the Quarterfinals or Semi-Finals

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Co-ed 8s
Champion	1000	670	500	330	170	30
Finalist	820	549	410	271	139	25
3rd Place	730	489	365	241	124	22
4th Place/SF	640	429	320	211	109	19
FIC Champion	590	395	295	195	100	18
FIC Finalist	550	369	275	182	94	17
FIC SF	500	335	250	165	85	15
FIC QF (players are fed into this round from the QF of the main draw)	450	302	225	149	77	14
FIC QF Qualifying Rd	410	275	205	135	70	12
FIC R16 (players are fed into this round from R32 of the main draw)	360	241	180	119	61	11
FIC R16 Qualifying Rd	320	214	160	106	54	10
FIC R32 (players are fed into this round from the R32 in the main draw)	270	181	135	89	46	8
FIC R32 Qualifying Rd	230	154	115	76	39	7
FIC R64 (players are fed into this round from the R64 in the main draw)	180	121	90	59	31	5
FIC R64 Qualifying Rd	140	94	70	46	24	4
FIC R128 (players are fed into this round from the R128 in the main draw)	90	60	45	30	15	3

PPR Table 2: Main Draw with a Feed-in Consolation (FIC) through the Round of 16

	Place	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Co-ed 8s
Champion	1	1000	670	500	330	170	30
Finalist	2	820	549	410	271	139	25
3 rd	3	730	489	365	241	124	22
4th/SF	4	640	429	320	211	109	19
5th - QF playoff winner	5	590	395	295	195	100	18
6th - QF Playoff runner up	6	560	375	280	185	95	17
8th - QF playoff Cons losers	8	520	348	260	172	88	16
9th - FIC winner	9	480	322	240	158	82	14
10th - FIC Runner up	10	440	295	220	145	75	13
FIC Semi Finalist		400	268	200	132	68	12
FIC QF		360	241	180	119	61	11
Reached FIC R16		320	214	160	106	54	10
Reached FIC R16 qual (feed in R32 losers)		280	188	140	92	48	8
Reached FIC R32		240	161	120	79	41	7
Reached FIC R32 qual (feed in R64 losers here)		200	134	100	66	34	6
Reached FIC R64		160	107	80	53	27	5
Reached FIC 64 qual (feed in R128 losers here)		140	94	0	0	0	0

PPR Table 3: Main Draw Single Elimination, Round Robin, or Compass Draws ++

Place of Finish	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 5 One Day and 4 hour Shoot Outs	Co-ed 8s
1	1000	670	500	330	170	85	30
2	820	549	410	271	139	69	25
3	730	489	365	241	124	62	22
4	640	429	320	211	109	54	19
5 - 8	450	302	225	149	77	39	14
9 - 16	360	241	180	119	61	30	11
17 - 32	270	181	135	89	46	23	8
33 - 64	180	121	90	59	31	16	5
65 - 128	90	60	45	30	15	8	3

PPR Table 4: Team Events

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Co-ed 8s
Each individual win	240	160	120	80	40	10
Maximum per event	1000	670	500	330	170	50

++ Order of finish in a compass draw is as follows:

- 1st & 2nd place EAST Winner/Finalist
- 3rd & 4th place ¾ PLAY-OFF
- 5th & 6th place NORTHEAST Winner/Finalist
- 9th & 10th place NORTH Winner/Finalist
- 13th & 14th place NORTHWEST Winner/Finalist
- 17th & 18th place WEST Winner/Finalist
- 21st & 22nd place SOUTHWEST Winner/Finalist
- 25th & 26th place SOUTH Winner/Finalist
- 29th & 30th place SOUTHEAST Winner/Finalist

Appendix G

Junior Suspension Points Table

For each penalty imposed under the Point Penalty System (PPS), USTA will assess Suspension Points as follows:

NOTE: Time violations (delay between points, between sets, after changeovers) are NOT subject to Suspension Points.

Penalty Assessed under PPS	Suspension Points
Point	2
Game	2
Default	2
Defaults	
For Flagrant Unsportsmanlike Conduct, on or off court	8 - 10
For Refusal to Play or continue to play	5
For an Adult Decision	5
For a No-Show	5
For a Late Arrival	1
For Disqualification for Ineligibility	3
Improper Entry in Multiple Tournaments	
Entry (at close of entry period) in two tournaments with scheduled overlapping dates, unless approved in advance IN WRITING, by both Tournament Committees	5
Improper Withdrawal	
Withdrawal after entry period has closed, for any reason other than injury, illness, personal circumstances, or previously authorized entry into another tournament (described above).	4
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	
Unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate conduct on court after a match	2
Unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate conduct off court, at locations including Tournament sites, hotel, housing, or Tournament-sponsored events	5
Racquet Abuse	2
Ball Abuse	2
Visible or Audible Profanity or Obscenity	2
Retaliatory Calls	2
Failure to Follow Instructions of an Official	2
Not Using Best Effort to Win	2
Verbal Abuse of an official or another player (by player or person associated with the player)	5
Gross Misconduct	
Physical violence against another person, on or off court, by a player, parent, coach or any other person associated with the player	10
Illegal use of drugs, or Possession of illegal drugs	8
Possessing or drinking alcoholic beverages	8
Gambling activity (see USTA Regulation IV.C.19)	8
Willful destruction of property	8
Playing While Under Suspension	
Competing in any USTA Georgia sanctioned event while under suspension by USTA GA, Southern, or USTA.	10

Appendix H Age Eligibility Chart (2020)

Division	Year of Birth	Eligibility through
8	2011	Last day of month preceding month of 9 th birthday
8	2012 & later	Eligible all year
10	2009	Last day of month preceding month of 11 th birthday
10	2010 & later	Eligible all year
12	2007	Last day of month preceding month of 13 th birthday
12	2008 & later	Eligible all year
14	2005	Last day of month preceding month of 15 th birthday
14	2006 & later	Eligible all year
16	2003	Last day of month preceding month of 17 th birthday
16	2004 & later	Eligible all year
18	2001	Last day of month preceding month of 19 th birthday
18	2002 & later	Eligible all year

Appendix I Red, Orange and Green Ball Tennis

	8 & Under	10 & Under	12 & Under (Level 5 Tournaments) 10 & Under (Level 1-5 Tournaments)
Ball Type	Red Felt Ball	Orange Felt Ball	Green Felt Ball
	Any brand of Stage 3 “USTA Approved” balls	Any brand of Stage 2 “USTA Approved” Balls	Any brand of Stage 1 “USTA Approved” Balls
Racquet Length	21-23 inches	23-25 inches	26-27 inches
Court Size	36’	60’	78’
Net Height	2’9” (normal height for portable nets)	3’ at center strap	3’ at center strap
Scoring Method for Competition	Best of 3 games to 7 points Sudden death at 6 points all(next point wins the game)	2 out of 3 short sets 7 point match tiebreak in lieu of the third set	2 out of 3 regular sets 10 point match tiebreak in lieu of the third set