



**SOUTHERN  
GEORGIA**

## **Tournament Criteria for USTA Georgia Satellite One-Day Tournaments Singles and Doubles Tournaments Georgia Level 5**

**Sanction Dates:** Tournament is 1-day ONLY. Rain days are NOT permitted. Refund Policy should be posted in the “Notes” section on the Tournament Homepage.

Options: Singles Tournament on Saturday and Doubles Tournament on Sunday.  
These would be listed as two (2) separate tournaments.

**USTA Georgia Sanction Fee:** \$35 per tournament

**Entry Fee:** \$20 Maximum (Ages 10 – 18); \$10 Maximum (Age 8); plus \$3 TennisLink fee

**Format:** Round Robin. Goal is to play 3-4 matches in a 3-4 hour window.

**Divisions:** Only 3 Age Divisions allowed per “Shoot Out”. Examples include:

- 8, 10, & 12 Under
- 10, 12, & 14 Under
- 14, 16 & 18 Under

**Scoring:** The following scoring guidelines, which are the same as those played in Junior Team Tennis state competition, are recommended by USTA Georgia’s Junior Competition Committee (JCC) for **both Singles and Doubles** matches. Any other formats require pre-approval from the Director of Competition or Chair of the JCC.

Coed 8’s - All matches are the best 2 out of 3 seven-point games. Players/teams spin for the serve to start the match, and then alternate service, with each player/team serving two points. “Sudden death” is played at 6-points all: the next point wins (it is not necessary to win by 2 points). Players/teams switch ends at the completion of each 7-point game. The player/team who received serve to start the first game will serve to start the second game. Adult monitoring and play supervision (correcting line calls and scoring mistakes) is allowed and encouraged, but no coaching is allowed.

Boys & Girls 10s (SG and DB) – All matches are the best of 2 no-ad short sets (4 games), with a “sudden death” played at 3-games all: the next game wins the set (it is not necessary to play a set tiebreak nor to win by 2 games). If the players/teams split sets, the final set is a 7-point tiebreak: the first player/team to 7 points wins (it is not necessary to win by 2 points). Adult monitoring and play supervision (correcting line calls and scoring mistakes) is permitted, but no coaching is allowed.

Boys & Girls 12s-18s (SG and DB) - All matches are the best of 2 no-ad short sets (4 games), with a set tiebreak (first to 7 points by 2) played if the set score is tied at 3-games all. Should the players/teams split sets, the final set is a match tiebreak (first to 10 pts by 2).

**Rest Periods and Coaching** (all ages): Normal 2 minutes rest periods are allowed between all sets, including the third set tiebreak. Coaching is NOT allowed during any of these rest periods.

**Limited Draws to 8:** Tournament Director is permitted to have up to four (4) draws per Division.

**Deadlines:** 2-3 days prior to Tournament

**Match Block Times:** MUST be specified in the "Notes" section. i.e. "Boys 10 & Under matches will be played between 9:00 AM-Noon."

**Specific Criteria for 1-Day Satellite "Shoot Out" tournaments:**

1. A USTA certified Official can referee the 1-day "stand alone" Events. The Tournament Director CANNOT also serve as the Tournament Official. The Tournament Official MUST be listed in the "Notes" section of the Tournament Homepage. TennisLink will not recognize a non-certified Referee.
2. Trophies are only required for 1<sup>st</sup> Place in each Division.
3. T-shirts and/or tournament "gifts" are not required, but the "Notes" section of the Tournament Homepage MUST specify whether shirts or other gifts will be furnished to players.
4. Players may enter only one age Division.
5. Points will be earned according to the current USTA Georgia points table for Satellite tournaments.
6. Refund policy regarding inclement weather must be posted on the tournament website by the close of entries.
7. New Red 36' court balls MUST be provided for first round of 8 & Under matches. Balls may be re-used in subsequent matches for the remaining day's matches.
8. New Orange 60' court balls MUST be provided for first round of 10 & Under matches. Balls may be re-used in subsequent matches for the remaining day's matches.
9. New Green 78' court balls MUST be provided for the first round of 12 & Under matches. Balls may be re-used in subsequent matches for the remaining day's matches.
10. New Tennis balls MUST be provided for first round of 14 & Under, 16 & Under, and 18 & Under matches. Balls may be re-used in subsequent matches for the remaining day's matches.
11. The Junior Competition Committee recommends to the Sanction & Schedule Committee that new Tournament Directors (those who did not sanction USTA Georgia events in the prior year) be limited to no more than two (2) tournaments in their first year, at either Level 5 or 4.