



**SOUTHERN
GEORGIA**

**Tournament Criteria for USTA Georgia Championship Tournaments
Georgia Level 4**

1. The tournament must meet "Requirements for All USTA Georgia Sanctioned Junior Tournaments."
2. The tournament must use at least one USTA-certified official (separate from referee) for each eight (8) courts used, per site.
3. Junior Championship tournaments are open to all players, ages 10-18, regardless of past or current rankings. The 36' Format for 8 & Under may also be offered.
4. Winner and runner-up awards must be provided for all completed events in the main draw and consolation.
5. The tournament must supply USTA-approved balls suitable to the surface and age division.

BG10 - 18

At the start of each day, all Level 4 tournaments (BG10-18) shall provide 3 new balls for each Main Draw match. Used balls may be used for Consolation matches **for boys & girls 10's & 12's only.**

BG 12U must use either Stage 1 green or green-dot balls.

BG 10U must use either Stage 2 orange or orange-dot balls.

The type of ball used for BG10U and BG12U must be stated on the home page.

BG8U

All BG8U divisions must use Stage 3 red balls.

New balls must be provided at the beginning of each day. The balls may be re-used for the remaining matches that day, unless in obvious need of replacement.

6. Singles scoring format may be any format authorized for USTA Georgia and USTA Southern Section rankings. USTA Georgia strongly recommends the following:

BG12-18	2 out of 3 sets regular scoring (Main Draw)
	2 out of 3 sets with 3rd set match tie-break (Consolation Draw)
BG10	2 out of 3 short sets (sets to 4 games) with a 7-point tie-break for the 3 rd set (both Main and Consolation draws)
BG8	2 out of 3 7-point games (first to 7 points wins the game)
7. The match format may be the following as recognized by USTA (single elimination, FIC through Quarterfinals, round robin, compass).
8. A consolation and/or doubles are strongly encouraged. If a tournament sanctions main draw, FIC, and doubles, the draws will be limited to 16 for singles and 8 for doubles.
9. All level 3 and 4 tournaments in metro-Atlanta are limited to 16-draws during the ALTA season, due to court limitations.

10. Selection and Seeding Guidelines:

- ✚ The Tournament Director Selection process must be used.
- ✚ All USTA Georgia Level 4 events should make player selections using Georgia Standings.
- ✚ Players are primarily seeded using Georgia Standings.
- ✚ Additional guidelines:
 - **Out of state players...**
 - A player from outside Georgia (or one who has recently moved to Georgia) may be considered for seeding based on his/her Southern or National standing by comparing his/her standing to the standings of those being considered for seeding based on Georgia Standings.
 - **Players applying from the next younger age group**
 - In BG14-18 age divisions, if the number of players entering an event exceeds the draw size limit, up to 25% of the draw may be composed of players from the next younger age division (12-16) provided that each player is ranked in the top 30 in the next younger age division Georgia Standings,
 - Players ranked standing, as of tournament deadline in the top 30 in Georgia standings, **SHOULD** be selected and **MAY** be considered for seeding.
 - If more players (ranked in the top 30) than 25% of the draw size limit apply, the players with the highest lower division standing should be selected.
 - **10 and under players are NOT considered for selection or seeding in any older age divisions based on 10 and under standings.**

11. Doubles scoring format may be any format authorized by the USTA (8-game pro-set, no-ad, 2 out of 3 sets, etc.).

12. Maximum entry fees will be as follows:		<u>BG12-18</u>	<u>BG10</u>
Base Fee:	Single Elimination	\$20-\$30	\$20-\$25
	Compass Draw	\$25-\$30	\$25-\$30
Add Consolation		\$10	\$5
Add Doubles		\$10	\$5
Add T-Shirt		\$5	\$5

The maximum entry fee may be \$45 for BG12-18 and \$35 for BG10. Tournaments should use these fees as a guideline. Tournaments that do not use flat rates will be evaluated by S&S on an individual basis. The 36' 8 & Under entry fee cannot exceed \$10.

13. Any tournaments that are not designated as 8 & Under, Satellite, Super Championship, or State Championship will fall under this category.

14. Refund policy regarding inclement weather must be posted on the tournament website by the close of entries.

15. In order to be specified as a USTA Georgia Junior Championship tournament, the above guidelines must be followed.

16. 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.