



**SOUTHERN  
GEORGIA**

## **Tournament Criteria for USTA Georgia Satellite Tournaments Georgia Level 5**

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. Satellite 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. 8 & Under players cannot play in the regular Boys/Girls Singles divisions. (An 8 & Under player can only play in one singles division in a tournament.)
4. Georgia players will have priority over out-of-state players to fill the draw.
5. Junior Satellite tournaments are geared to recreational players, especially those who have participated in local USA Team Tennis leagues, ALTA, and other junior recreational leagues.
6. Trophies must be provided for 1st and 2nd place, main draw only.
7. The tournament must supply USTA-approved balls suitable to the surface and age division.

### **BG10 - 18**

At the start of each day, all Level 5 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 be tagged Green Level 1 and use green-dot balls.

BG 10U must be tagged Orange Level 1 and use orange 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.

8. Selection and Seeding Guidelines:
  - a. All USTA Georgia Level 5 events should make player selections using Georgia Standings.
  - b. Players are primarily seeded using Georgia Standings.
  - c. Additional guidelines:
    - i. **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.
9. The entry fee may start at \$25 with a \$35 maximum with t-shirt for Boys/Girls 12-18s. The entry fee may start at \$15 with a \$25 maximum with t-shirt for Boys/Girls 10s. The 8 & Under entry fee cannot exceed \$10.

10. Scoring format must be short scoring: 2 out of 3 sets, with a “match” tie-break in lieu of a third set for Boys/Girls 12-18s. The Boys/Girls 10s must use 2 out of 3 short sets (sets to 4) with a 7-point tie-break for the third for Main Draw and Consolation.
11. Match format must be standard with a Feed-In Consolation through Quarterfinals (FIC) only, guaranteeing each player a minimum of two matches. The FIC must extend through the Semi-finals in any case where a player would not otherwise be guaranteed two matches. Any draw with fewer than six (6) entrants may be played as a Round Robin.
12. During the school year the Junior Satellite tournament must be on the weekend only (Saturday and Sunday) – no Friday matches permitted.
13. During the summer the Junior Satellite tournament must have a minimum 2-day format but it does not have to be held on a weekend.
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 Satellite 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.