

# 2021

## USTA Colorado Junior Team Tennis (JTT)



## Colorado District League Regulations

Operating Procedures  
(Changes from 2019/2020 are in red font and underlined)

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## MAJOR CHANGES FOR 2021

**Note:** These changes were all made for the 2020 season and will carry forward into the 2021 season. No additional changes have been made for 2021.

### Colorado JTT Format Changes

- **10 Futures and 12 Futures – drop hit serve.** Drop ‘bounce-hit’ service is permitted in the 10s and 12s futures divisions.

### Colorado JTT Regulation Changes

**1.00A** Players that are turning 18 years old or are already 18 years old will need to complete Safe Play before registering for a JTT team.

**4.01 Setting Up a Team Match.** It is expected that matches will be played as scheduled. Unless there is an issue (change of site, defaulting a line, etc.), team captains DO NOT need to confirm with the opposing team prior to the team match on Monday.

**5.00 Minimum Number of Players.** A team will consist of at least three (3) players

**7.04B Score entry.** It is the responsibility of the Home Team to report scores by the 48-hour deadline. The Visiting Team may confirm the scores.

### JTT Fall League

Teams in all age divisions may include any combination of boys and girls for form a team (boys only, girls only or coed)

***“Courtesy is expected. Tennis is a game that requires cooperation and courtesy.”***  
(The Code of Tennis, Principle #1)

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The USTA Colorado Junior League Regulations (this document), The Code, the Rules of Tennis and the Emergency Care Guidelines are in effect for all regular season and post season for the Junior Team Tennis (JTT) league matches in Colorado. These regulations do not apply to the Fall JTT League. It is the responsibility of the captains, coordinators, and players to read and observe all of the information included within this booklet, as well as, the other aforementioned rule and regulation booklets.

### **2020 SUBSTANTIVE REGULATION CHANGES ARE IN RED FONT AND UNDERLINED**

Important Dates and Deadlines are not included in the regulations. This information is available on our website ([COLORADOTENNIS.com](http://COLORADOTENNIS.com)).

## GENERAL

USTA Colorado Junior League Regulations may be amended with the approval of the USTA Colorado Junior Recreation Committee. Interpretations of these regulations are the responsibility of the USTA Colorado Junior Recreation Committee.

## AGE DIVISIONS / LEVELS OF PLAY

A full description of the Levels of Play is available on COLORADOTENNIS.com. Facility Coordinators are expected to place all players in an appropriate skill level. The following list of divisions are offered; however, each skill level must have a sufficient number of teams, or the teams may be moved to a different level.

**Age Divisions** – Age as of August 2, 2021

10 & under

12 & Under

14 & Under

18 & Under

**\*\* Carefully review the Levels of Play guidebook for proper placement of players.**

### **Levels of Play**

Futures (F) = Beginner / Novice

Challenger B (CB) = Lower level intermediate

Challenger A (CA) = Upper level intermediate

Championship (CHMP) = Advanced

## ELIGIBILITY

**1.00 Membership and Age Requirements.** Players **do not** need to be current members of the United States Tennis Association. The age a player will be on August 2, 2021 determines the division in which he/she must play; i.e., a player who turns 11 on or before August 2, 2021 must play in the 12 & under division.

**1.00A** Players that are turning 18 years old or are already 18 years old will need to complete Safe Play before registering for a JTT team.

**1.00B** Players who are ranked in the Intermountain Section or Nationally are permitted to participate; however, they must play in the Championship level. In addition, nationally ranked players must play up an age group. Teams / players who won the District tournament the previous year **do not** have to move up in age group unless they are past the age cutoff for that age group; however, they should play at a higher ability level than the previous year.

**1.01 Number of Teams per League.** Players may be on only one (1) team and must be registered on their team before their first match.

**1.02 State Championship Eligibility.** A player must play in **at least two (2) league matches** to be eligible for participation (playing singles and doubles in a single team match is permitted but only counts as one (1) match for a player's State Championship eligibility). A win by default may count as one (1) match for eligibility. A retired match shall count toward advancing for all players involved.

**1.02A** A team must have at least 3 eligible players available during playoffs to participate. Like the regular season, both positions (1 singles and 1 doubles) will be scheduled to start at the same time.

## **FACILITY REQUIREMENTS**

**2.00 Number of Required Courts.** Each team must guarantee use of at least two (2) courts at the scheduled match time at the same address for all JTT league matches. Staggering is no longer allowed.

**2.00A 10 & Under Court Size.** All 10 & Under matches must be played on a 60' court, with the exception of the 10 & Under Championship division. The 10 & Under Championship division will use a "Green" ball on a 78' court. Players in this division must qualify through the Youth Progression requirements to be eligible to play 10 & Under Championship.

**2.01 Blackouts.** Facilities may provide USTA Colorado with blackout dates, but will be required to reduce the number of teams they may field based on the team count chart (available on COLORADOTENNIS.com). Efforts will be made to adjust schedules to accommodate blackout dates that are submitted on time; however, they are not guaranteed. If a schedule cannot be altered to accommodate a blackout date, the home facility may require teams to reschedule the affected match(es).

**2.02 Facility Coordinator.** Each facility must appoint a JTT facility coordinator who shall serve as the primary contact person with USTA Colorado for all teams participating in that facility. The facility coordinator must ensure that there are sufficient courts available based on the number of teams they have. All facility coordinators are required to attend one of the facility coordinator meetings offered at the beginning of each year. Facility coordinators are responsible for educating their team coach/captains on The Code and the Rules & Regulations.

## **COURT SURFACES / TENNIS BALLS / PAINTED LINES ON COURTS**

**3.00 Alternative Court Surfaces.** Alternative tennis court surfaces (i.e. clay or other USTA approved surfaces) may be used for all or some of the individual matches.

**3.01 Tennis Balls.** The home team will furnish new balls for each team match. See chart [inside back cover](#) for the type of ball that is designated for each division. The Futures division for 12's, 14's, & 18's shall use a Green Ball.

**3.02 Painted Lines on Courts.** Any permanent lines that are painted on tennis courts must be shown in the diagram of a tennis court, located inside the Friend at Court (Rules of Tennis). 60' and 36' lines used for 10 & Under tennis are approved lines. **USTA Colorado sanctioned league matches (including JTT) may NOT be played on courts with Pickleball lines or any other unapproved lines on the courts.**

## **COACH / CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES**

**4.00 General.** Each team must have a Team Coach/Captain. Parents should have a moderate to strong knowledge of JTT rules and regulations to be in charge of a match. Teach and expect proper sportsmanship with all players. Ensure that the players arrive at the proper time and place for their match each week.

**4.01 Setting Up a Team Match.** It is expected that matches will be played as scheduled. Unless there is an issue (change of site, defaulting a line, etc.), team captains DO NOT need to confirm with the opposing team prior to the team match on Monday. It is a nice gesture (but not required) for Home teams to provide snacks and drinks for the visiting team. Everyone is encouraged to work out any time or lineup conflicts that may arise during the season.

**4.01A Communications.** Sign up to receive Junior League *Alerts!* on [COLORADOTENNIS.com](http://COLORADOTENNIS.com).

**4.02 Team Lineups.** Exchange lineups simultaneously prior to the beginning of the match. The lineup is considered official after both captain's exchange lineups on site. If a match is rescheduled after lineups have been exchanged, the lineup would stand only for those positions that had already started (first service attempt) their match. All other positions, even those that were in warm-up may be changed including defaulted courts. Prior to the match, it is recommended for captains to login to TennisLink and print the scorecard that contains both teams' rostered players. Each captain should keep a copy of the match scorecard with lineups and scores in case of a discrepancy. Both captains should sign the scorecards at the completion of the team match.

**4.03 Score Entry.** [See 7.04B](#)

**4.04 Removal of Captain.** USTA Colorado retains the right to remove any person from the role of coach/captain or co-captain if it is deemed advisable to do so. We expect team coach/captains to display good sportsmanship at all times and to demand the same of all players on their team(s).

## **TEAM ROSTERS**

**5.00 Minimum Number of Players.** A team will consist of at least three (3) players of the same gender, except for the 10 & Under division ([See 5.00A](#)) and ability level; however, it is highly recommended that a team be comprised of at least 5 or 6 players. Those facilities with excessive defaults the preceding year will need to roster 5 players. Three (3) players are required to be present and able to play at each match during the regular season and the State Championships.

**5.00A** Teams in the 10 & Under division may include any combination of boys and girls to form a team (boys only, girls only or coed)

**5.01 Unrostered Players.** Each player's name is to be listed on the team roster, as shown on TennisLink, prior to participation in any match. Matches played by non-registered players may result in matches being declared defaults for standings purposes if the players are not registered within 48 hours of the completion of the match. The USTA Colorado Junior Recreation Committee Interpretations address when defaults will occur and when they will not. If this situation arises, Contact USTA Colorado league department staff.

**5.02 Additions, Moves & Deletions.** Additions to rosters may be made until the last regular season match. Players without the required number of matches will not be eligible for the State Championships. Players who have not played a league match may be moved to another team up until the last regular season match, but must still meet minimum eligibility requirements to be eligible for the State Championships. Players who submit a player deletion form prior to the deletion deadline stated on the league calendar will receive a refund of their league fee, less the Active.com fee and Safe Play fee. Deletions requested after the deadline will not receive a refund. Players who have played any matches for the team cannot be deleted, regardless of any deadlines.

## INDIVIDUAL DEFAULTS / TEAM DEFAULTS

**6.00 Individual Defaults.** Defaulting any position for reasons, other than sickness, injury, or an emergency is unacceptable and will be tracked by USTA Colorado.

**6.01 Team Defaults.** If a team defaults both of the individual matches without notifying their opponent prior to the match, they will not be eligible to advance to the State Championships and all prior and future scores may be nullified. If this situation occurs, USTA Colorado should be notified right away.

**6.01A** If a team does notify their opponent that they cannot field a full team prior to the match, they will remain eligible for the State Championships. Proper notification requires that the captain of the defaulting team speak directly to the captain of the opposing team at least 2 days prior to the match of their inability to make a match.

**6.01B** If only 1-2 players are available, an attempt should be made to reschedule the match.

**6.01C** If a team is unable to field a full team with rostered players then the team can recruit a non-rostered player to play. It will be scored as a 6-0, 6-0 win by default for the team that has enough rostered players.

## MATCH REGULATIONS

**7.00 Staggering Matches.** The Junior Team Tennis league schedules are no longer set up based on a staggered match format. Both individual matches are scheduled to start at the same time and may not be staggered. Players may not play in both singles and doubles in a team match.

**7.01 Number of positions.** An individual may participate in either one singles or one doubles match during each team match, but may not play both in a team match. The same applies during the State Championships, an individual may only participate in one singles or one doubles match during each team match since State matches are not staggered.

**7.02 Match Format.** A team match will consist of 1 singles and 1 doubles position. Play will be the best two of three sets using no-ad scoring with a set tie-break, also called a 7-point tie-break (first to 7 by 2), if play reaches 6 games all. A 7-point tie-break (first to 7 win by 2) will also be played in lieu of the third set. A 2-minute break between the second set and the tiebreak in lieu of the third set is permitted. Warm-up time is limited to 5 minutes.

**7.02A** All 10 & Under divisions (CB, CA, and CHMP) and the 12 & Under Futures division will start the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> sets at 2-all in games.

**7.02B Counting** games requires that all matches be played out completely and accurately. Players should not retire a match for any reason other than illness, injury or emergency. Captains/Coordinators are **NOT** permitted to change the format of a match.

**7.02C** The Coman Tiebreak shall **NOT** be used in Junior Team Tennis.

**7.03 Coaching.** COACHING IS ILLEGAL! Coaching is not permitted at any time during any JTT league match. Parents, spectators, captains, teammates, and coaches may not volunteer advice on line calls, scoring, or strategy. Excessive cheering or clapping is not permitted. It is the responsibility of both team coach/captains to work together to control the spectators' conduct during match play.

**7.03A Court Monitors.** It is acceptable and recommended to have a "Monitor" assist beginner players with scoring, tiebreakers, or rules. This does NOT include calling



lines. Other than a monitor, no other spectators should be on the court. The players should be encouraged to learn these topics throughout the summer so it becomes less necessary to have a monitor on the court as the season advances. Our goal is to provide the opportunity to have a positive experience during each match.

#### **7.04 Scoring, Score entry and standings.**

**7.04A Scoring.** All JTT matches shall use no-ad scoring. The first team or player to win 4 points wins the game. If the score reaches 3 POINTS ALL, the 7th (or next) point becomes the GAME POINT. In singles, the receiver may choose to either receive in the ad or deuce court. In doubles, the receiving team may choose to receive in either the ad or the deuce court. (Both players must remain on the same receiving side they played during the match.) In calling the score of a no-ad game, players may either use 1, 2, 3 and game or 15, 30, 40 and game. They may call a game of 3-all, deuce.

**7.04B Score entry.** Scores should be reported immediately following the completion of a match by inputting scores in TennisLink. Failure to report scores within 48 hours of the completion of the team match may result in penalties to include loss of match. It is the responsibility of [the Home Team to report scores by the 48-hour deadline. The Visiting Team may confirm the scores.](#) If a score is disputed, it is the responsibility of the captain disputing the match to notify the League Coordinator promptly of the reason for the dispute. If USTA Colorado is not notified of the reason for a disputed match, USTA Colorado may confirm the match as it is entered. Any scores not entered by the score entry deadline will be recorded as a double defaults. Scores for make-up matches must be entered in TennisLink within 3 weeks of the original match date or by the score entry deadline, whichever occurs first. **The score entry deadline will not be extended.** See the league calendar on COLORADOTENNIS.com for specific dates. Double defaults may be entered for outstanding matches that are more than three weeks past their scheduled match date.

**7.04C Standings.** Standings can be viewed on TennisLink throughout the season. Standings are based on the total number of GAMES won. TennisLink will break a tie in the following order: Most Sets Won, Most Individual Wins, Least Games Lost, Least Sets Lost, Least Individual Losses. The winner of a third set tie-break receives one extra game. The first-place team in each division will be eligible to advance to the State Championships. In situations where the number of advancing teams is uneven, a second place team may be invited as a wildcard to the State Championships. ([See 10.01A](#))

#### ***Rationale for Games Won Standings:***

- A. Every game matters – players shouldn't give up if losing or take it easy if winning
- B. A lower skilled player can contribute to the team, even if he/she never wins a match

**7.05 Tiebreak Procedure.** If the 1st or 2nd set reaches 6 games all, the players must play a 7-point tiebreak (first to 7 by 2). The serving order does not change. The team that received the first point of the tiebreak begins serving the next set. If a match splits sets and goes to the 3rd set tiebreaker, that tiebreaker will also be a 7-point tiebreak (first to 7 win by 2). The Coman Tiebreak Procedure is **NOT** to be used in JTT.

#### **7.05A How to play a Tiebreak.**

Doubles – the first server shall serve 1 point from the right side. The second server shall serve 2 points, starting from the left side and ending on the right side. The third server shall serve 2 points, starting on the left and ending on the right side. The fourth server



shall serve 1 point from the left side and then players change ends of court. The fourth server shall then serve 1 point from the right side. Play continues in such a manner until one team wins at least 7 points with a 2-point margin. Teams change ends of the court every 6 points.

Singles – the first server shall serve 1 point from the right side. The second server shall serve 2 points, starting from the left side and ending on the right side. The players continue to alternate serving 2 points each until one wins a minimum of 7 points with a 2-point margin. Players change ends of the court every 6 points.

**7.06 Lateness.** A default may be called 15 minutes after the established starting time. If matches are being staggered, the lateness clock does not start until a court is available. If a default is taken because of lateness, the match should not be played. If the match is played, the lateness penalty no longer applies and the scores for the match shall count.

**7.07 Point Penalty System.** The Point Penalty System is not in effect for regular season / unofficiated league matches. With the exception of District Championships, all league matches are unofficiated. Other players and/or spectators (including team captains) may not officiate the match, even if they are USTA certified officials. All players are expected to abide by The Code. The Point Penalty System is in effect for all District Championship matches.

## **SCHEDULE OF PLAY / SCHEDULE CONFLICTS**

**8.00 Schedule of Play.** All JTT matches will be scheduled for Mondays. Times may differ by geographic area of the state. See the JTT Calendar for specific match times. Teams competing against facilities in year-round school districts may need to schedule matches after school hours. All facilities need to be understanding and cooperative when such a schedule change is necessary.

**8.01 National Holidays.** Team captains are required to reschedule one or all of their individual matches if their opposing team's player(s) cannot play a regular league season match scheduled on a National holiday. Note: This rule only applies for Independence Day and only when July 4 falls on a Monday. A one-week advanced notice must be given for requests to reschedule regular season matches due to a national holiday. If a one-week notice is not provided, the opposing team is not required to accept the request to reschedule.

**8.02 League Department Scheduling Conflicts.** There are occasions when the league coordinators must schedule a match that is a known conflict. Such situations may include, but are not limited to, facility blackout dates, numbers of teams that create the need to add a portion of an additional round robin, etc. These situations are determined by the league coordinators and will be communicated to the facility coordinators / captains when they occur, resulting in a mandatory reschedule situation.

**8.03 Tournament Conflicts.** League matches do not take precedence over tournament matches, nor do tournament matches take precedence over league matches. If a player signs up for a tournament and creates a conflict with a scheduled league match, the player must choose which match he/she will play and which match he/she will default should a substitute player not be available for the league match.

## RESCHEDULED MATCHES / DEADLINE / PROCEDURE

**9.00 Rescheduled Matches.** Rescheduling of a team match should only be requested as a last resort. To ensure enough players each week, Teams should make every effort to reschedule matches if players are going to be unavailable.

**9.01 Deadline for Rescheduled Matches.** All rescheduled matches must be played on or before the last regular season match. If an agreeable time cannot be determined, USTA Colorado will select the date. If some lines have been completed and others have not, captains can input the completed match scores and input double defaults for the outstanding scores to ensure that the matches that have been played count. If the other lines are completed prior to the deadline, the scores can then be emailed to the League Coordinator or Area Coordinator.

**9.02 Procedure for Rescheduled Matches.** With the agreement of both captains, scheduled matches can be played at a different date, time, and/or location. It is urged, but not required, for a team to reschedule a match if the opposing team asks. If a team is unable to reschedule when requested, they are permitted to take the win by default. Although allowed, this is not the best option because this league is meant to allow kids to play. All rescheduled matches that were requested to be rescheduled should take place within one week of the original date and time. The team that was asked to reschedule a match will be permitted to dictate the new time, date, and location of the match. If an agreement has been made and a new match date, time, and/or location has been set, this becomes the scheduled match; therefore, if a team needs to reschedule this match, the same process will be followed as when the first match was rescheduled. USTA Colorado does not need to be notified of rescheduled matches. Captains should utilize vacation schedules and notify opposing teams as early in the season as possible of any match dates that may need to be rescheduled. A team match should only be rescheduled once.

**9.02A Rainouts.** Any rained-out matches should be rescheduled at a time mutually agreed upon by both team captains. If a match has started and is suspended because of rain, begin with the same set and game score when play resumes. Once a match has started, no player changes may be made. Any completed matches stand as played with the same players.

## STATE (DISTRICT) CHAMPIONSHIPS

**10.00 Advancement to State Championships.** Regular season division winners, and possibly some wildcard teams will be invited to play in the State Championships.

**10.01 State Format and Standings.** The State Championships will use a round robin format until the final rounds (in most cases). Games won will be the criteria to determine the winning team.

**10.01A Standings.** In the event of a tie, whether in round robin or single elimination competition, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:

- A. **Games Won.** Winner of the most games.
- B. **Games Lost.** Loser of the fewest games.
- C. **Head to Head.** Winner of head to head matches
- D. **A method to be determined by the Championships Committee:**  
Coin toss or procedure to be announced prior to commencement of championship competition.

**Standings Addendum for Single Elimination rounds during State.** The following tiebreak criteria will only be used during single elimination rounds of State Championships if teams are tied with Games Won, Games Lost and Head to Head.

E. **Super Tiebreak.** The Super Tiebreak will be a doubles tiebreak, first to 7 by 2. Each team is allowed to play any eligible player from their roster in the Super Tiebreak.

**10.02 Eligibility.** Players must meet USTA Colorado eligibility requirements to be eligible to play in the Colorado JTT State Championship. It is the team captain's responsibility to ensure that all players participating at State are eligible. If an ineligible player is played during State, that match shall count as a default win for the opposing team, even if the discovery is made upon the conclusion of that match. A player must play in **at least two (2) league matches** to be eligible for participation (playing singles and doubles in a single team match is not permitted. A win by default may count as one (1) match for eligibility. A retired match shall count toward advancing for all players involved.

**MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE  
TO JTT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

LEAGUE	LOCAL MATCHES REQUIRED TO ADVANCE STATE	# DEFAULTS THAT COUNT TOWARD ELIGIBILITY
JTT	2 matches	1 default may count

A RETIRED Match shall count for all participants.

**10.03 State Championship Team Confirmation.** It is required for all first-place teams, to confirm with the USTA Colorado league coordinator (via email) if they will be available to participate in State Championships, should their team finish in an advancing position (i.e. 1st place or wild card). Teams are required to have three (3) players for every match during the JTT State Championships.

**10.04 Inclement weather during State Championships.** The tournament committee may decide to make alternate plans in order to complete the tournament. Such plans may include, but are not limited to, relocating/rescheduling matches to a later date or time, and/or using alternate scoring formats.

**10.05 Match Format during State Championships.** Scoring in the State Championships shall be the best two of three sets with a match tiebreak (first to 7 by 2) played in lieu of the third set. Each team match will be one singles and one doubles (3 players).

**10.06 Wild card selection.** Wild card teams may be invited to participate should the Tournament Committee determine that it would improve the numbers for the event. It will be the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee to decide if wild card teams are invited to participate, including if a first place or wild card team is unable to participate. NOTE: If a team withdraws, the next place team in that flight does not automatically get to go. The Tournament Committee will determine the wild card team to fill the vacancy if needed. Wild card teams will be randomly drawn from a statewide pool of second place teams.

**10.07 Defaults during State Championships.** During JTT State Championships, if a team turns in a lineup with a default, the opposing team will be allowed to receive their lineup back, be told which line is being defaulted, and to adjust their lineup if they would like.

## **GRIEVANCES AND FORMAL COMPLAINTS**

**11.00 Formal Complaint.** A formal complaint may be filed with USTA Colorado for Code of Conduct violations in situations that do not rise to the level of a grievance. There are no fees to file a formal complaint. Formal complaints will be kept on file at USTA Colorado. Formal complaints may not seek punitive action against involved parties.

**11.01 Grievances.** A grievance or complaint alleging a violation of the USTA Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Orders, League Regulations or standards of good conduct, fair play and sportsmanship must be filed in writing with the Oversight Committee by the team captain of the team that has competed in the match or by a USTA Colorado League Coordinator or Area League Coordinator. A grievance or complaint filed by a team captain during local league competition must be filed within 48 hours after the violation or within 24 hours after the end of local league play, whichever occurs first by e-mail, or mail to USTA Colorado. A \$75 fee will be assessed to the party who is filing the grievance; however, it will be refunded if the Oversight Committee upholds the grievance. The USTA Colorado League Coordinator may file a grievance or complaint within 48 hours after becoming aware of the violation. The Oversight Committee will send a copy of the complaint to the parties against whom the complaint is made. As soon as reasonable, the Oversight Committee will investigate the complaint with anyone deemed appropriate and render its decision in writing to both parties. The committee shall have the authority to correct any violations found by reasonable means and/or suspend the player(s) from the Junior Team Tennis program and/or reverse any points earned by the player(s) in prior matches.



# THE NEW 10 AND UNDER YOUTH TENNIS PROGRESSION

Designed to help players develop their fundamentals and get the most out of tennis, the Youth Progression system rewards kids for competing and inspires them to play more often.



The Youth Progression serves as a guide for coaches, parents and players to ensure that kids 10 and under participate in events using the appropriate ball for their skill level. Now that balls and courts are tailored to a player's skill level, children can improve and have fun right from the start. Kids will be able to track progress on their Player Progression Page. The more they play, and the more they improve their skills and clear each level, the more stars and trophies they accumulate.

ORANGE LEVEL		
HOW TO COLLECT STARS/TROPHIES	GEAR	
1 Tournament = ★ ★		
Team Tennis Season = ★ ★ ★		
Tournament Champion =  	<b>Tennis Ball</b> Orange Felt	<b>Racquet</b> Up to 25"
Tournament Finalist = 		<b>Court</b> 60'x21' (Singles) 60'x27' (Doubles)
GREEN LEVEL		
HOW TO COLLECT STARS/TROPHIES	GEAR	
1 Tournament = ★ ★		
Team Tennis Season = ★ ★ ★		
Tournament Champion =  	<b>Tennis Ball</b> Green Dot	<b>Racquet</b> Up to 29"
Tournament Finalist = 		<b>Court</b> 78'x27' (Singles) 78'x36' (Doubles)

Stars and Trophies are each worth 50 points each.

To advance, players must accumulate a combination of 20 stars and/or trophies, or 1,000 points.

# JTT Fall League Rules and Regulations

## MATCH FORMAT:

- Matches will consist of 1 court of singles and 1 court of doubles (min. of 3 players).
- Matches will start with a 15-minute practice followed by a 1 hour and 15 minute timed match.
- The winning team will be determined by total number of games won between the two matches (singles and doubles). Games will be no ad scoring. In the event of a tie, one additional game may be played to determine the winner.
- Players can be substituted in and out of matches and between courts. Substitutions may only occur at the end of a game.
- Each team may have a coach/parent between the courts. Coaching is allowed.

## TEAM REQUIREMENTS:

- Levels of Play:
  - Futures, Challenger B, Challenger A, Championship.
    - We may combine some levels of play depending on numbers of teams.
  - Teams in all age divisions may include any combination of boys and girls to form a team (boys only, girls only or coed)
- Team Minimum:
  - All teams must have a minimum of 3 players


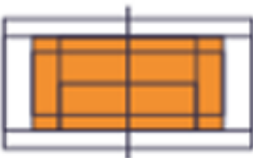

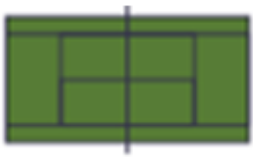

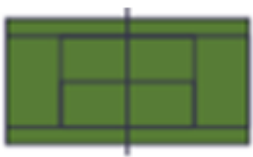
## COACH/TEAM MANAGER:

- **Practice:** Coach/Team Managers will be in leading the 15-minute practice and warmup to get the players ready for the timed match that follows.
- **Match:**
  - **Time:** All matches will be a timed 1 hour and 15 minutes. **Matches cannot go past 1 hour and 15 minutes.**
  - **Substitutions:** Coach/Team Managers will be assisting with the substitutions of players between games. This is a non-advancing league, therefore it should be challenging and fun for the kids. Be aware of the dynamics on the court and try and keep match ups fair and player friendly.
  - **Coaching:**
    - Encourage players to demonstrate sportsmanship and team unity.
    - Encourage parents to demonstrate good sportsmanship to their team and other participants.
  - **Lateness:** A default may be called after 30 minutes (15 minutes after practice is finished).
- **Reporting Scores:** Scores should be reported immediately following the completion of the match by inputting scores into TennisLink. It is the responsibility of both team captains to make sure scores have been reported and confirmed by the 48-hour deadline.



- **Reschedule Matches:** Rescheduling of a team match should only be requested as a last resort. To ensure enough players each week, teams should make every effort to reschedule matches if players are going to be unavailable. Please see JTT League Regulations 9.00 for more information.

### **Ball Type Requirements for JTT and JTT Fall League**

<b>AGE &amp; LEVEL</b>	<b>BALL</b>	<b>COURT</b>
<b>10 &amp; Under</b> (F, CB & CA)	<b>Orange Ball</b> Reduced Bounce 	 60' X 21' (SINGLES) 60' X 27' (DOUBLES)
<b>10 &amp; Under</b> (CHMP) <b>12 &amp; Under</b> (F, CB, CA) <b>14 &amp; Under</b> (F) <b>18 &amp; Under</b> (F)	<b>Green Ball</b> Reduced bounce from yellow ball 	 78' X 27' (SINGLES) 78' X 36' (DOUBLES)
<b>12 &amp; Under</b> (CHMP) <b>14 &amp; Under</b> (CB, CA, CHMP) <b>18 &amp; Under</b> (CB, CA, CHMP)	<b>Yellow Ball</b> Normal Bounce 	 78' X 27' (SINGLES) 78' X 36' (DOUBLES)

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