

USTA JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS REGULATIONS 2016 CHAMPIONSHIP YEAR

USTA Southern adopts the following rules to be in addition to the National Regulations

Each addition below refers back to the appropriate (or corresponding) National Regulation. Changes shown in red.

1.04D - USTA Southern Section Championships will also hold 10 & under and 12 & under age categories at Intermediate and Advanced play levels. Each State shall determine the ages and levels they may hold.

1.04F (1) - Deadlines are determined and announced by the local program. However, all teams must be registered in TennisLink Team Tennis prior the start of the teams' local play, and all players must be registered prior to playing a match.

1.04F (2)b - Local Coordinators are responsible for monitoring score entries. Local programs must set a rule for failure to comply with score entry deadline regulations.

1.04H - USTA Southern Section Seasons will run between September 1 and August 31.

1.04J - Players with a sectional standing (12-18's standings 1-300 and 10's standings 1-100) in any age group as of July 31 in the previous Championship year must enter at the advanced level (NTRP 3.5 & above). 10 year olds with a 10's standing playing in the 12's, 14's or 18's may only play in Intermediates or Advanced, provided they do not have a standing of 1-300 in the 12's 14's and 18's. Players with a 1-100 standing in the 10's who are playing in the 10's must play Advanced. Standings are referring to results through July 31 date previous to the Championship year.

Each State shall determine benchmarks for Beginners.

Benchmark from other sections will apply to any players new to USTA Southern from another section.

1.05 - The Yellow Ball is used for 12U Advanced, 14U & 18U Intermediate and Advanced. The Stage (2) Orange ball is required for all 10 and under play. The Stage (1) Green Ball may be used for 12 and under play and will be used at the Section Championships for the 12U Intermediate division.

2.01A - Each State will establish the geographical area for each Local program. Any playoff structure should be announced prior to the beginning of a season by the Local program.

2.01B - This regulation does apply in USTA Southern for the 18U, 14U, 12U, and 10U Intermediate and Advanced. States will determine for all beginner age divisions and 8 & under age divisions.

2.01D (2) - Refer to 1.04J

2.02B(1) - Each State association shall hold a State USTA Junior Team Tennis League Championship for the 18 & under, 14 & under, 12 & under and 10 & under age categories to determine the State Champions. The winning teams in the 18 & under, 14 & under, 12 & under and 10 & under at the Intermediate and Advanced level shall be eligible to compete in the USTA Junior Team Tennis Section Championships. The winning teams 18 & under and 14 & under at the Intermediate and Advanced level shall be eligible to compete in the USTA Junior Team Tennis National Championships. Wildcards may be drawn to fill a draw for the Section.

2.01F(1) MORE THAN ONE TEAM

Players may play on more than one team in a local program during the same season provided that in the USTA Championship Junior Team Tennis Program, players may not play on more than one team in the same division.

2.03G(2) - In Championship play, a team may use different individual players for every line in the team match (singles, doubles and mixed doubles) OR may choose to play one boy and/or one girl twice, in the mixed doubles position only. A team may choose to play players twice regardless of the number of players on the roster; this option is not limited to teams with only 3 boys and/or 3 girls. Players who have played twice in a team competition may not play twice again until after three rounds of competition have been completed by their team. The "playing twice" rotation begins again in the fourth round of round robin play and in the Playoffs and/or Finals.

Ranking and Standings Points:

National and Southern Championships will include points toward Southern Rankings and Standings. National Championships Advanced will be Southern Level 2 and Intermediate will be Southern Level 3. Southern Championships Advanced will be Southern Level 2 and Intermediate will be Southern Level 3. If States choose to use the necessary programs to award points for State Championship the Advanced will be Southern Level 4 and Intermediate will be Southern Level 5. Scoring must meet the Southern requirements for Rankings and Standings.

There are no standings for MXD.

Suspensions:

Any USTA Southern players who have been suspended under USTA Southern Suspension Points regulation will be suspended from Championship play during the suspension period. States will have the option to suspend from Local Play.