

2015 USTA Tennessee Junior Tennis Guidebook



FOREWORD

Dear USTA Tennessee Players, Parents, and Coaches:

This USTA Tennessee Junior Tennis Guidebook is an effort to provide you with the general information your young player may need as they enter the world of junior tennis in your state and section.

The intent of the Guidebook is not to answer every question you may have, but to highlight USTA programs as well as the areas of junior recreational and competitive tennis that you need to know. The USTA Tennessee Junior Staff and USTA Junior Competition Committee will make updates to the guidebook from time to time as rules and other pertinent information changes.

While every effort has been made to give you the most up-to-date information, if you have additional questions or comments about any of the information provided, please contact our district office at 615-953-1694 or email Kristen Schlukebir at kristenschlukebir@ustatn.com.

Sincerely,

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WELCOME TO JUNIOR TENNIS

Tennis, like other youth sports, can play an important role in the development of our children. Tennis, much like life, can be exciting yet frustrating, inspiring yet challenging. It can be the catalyst for developing life-long relationships and opening children's minds to the world around them. Tennis has the capacity to not only instill character, but to ultimately reveal it.

Understanding the role that tennis plays in a young person's life is critical to helping parents and coaches achieve what may be the most important goal of all - instilling a passion for doing one's best and making the most out of one's potential. Fostering a passion for tennis will in turn help develop the confidence to deal with life's tests. The lessons a child learns on the court will be remembered for the rest of his or her life.

As an adult associated with tennis, whether as parent, coach, official or volunteer, you have a tremendous responsibility to insure that you are a positive influence on our young players. Ask yourself, "What is important about this game?" Your answer will help you keep tennis in its proper perspective.

Youth sports face many challenges. There is no more important time than the present for us to become leaders in making tennis a model for other youth sports programs to follow. Junior tennis can serve as a proud, respectful, competitive vehicle to help children enjoy their lives. We are all ambassadors of this great sport. Please do the best you can. Honor the game.

BENEFITS OF PLAYING TENNIS

Is it any wonder that scientists and physicians around the world view tennis as the most healthful activity in which you can participate? There may be other sports that can provide excellent health benefits and some which can provide mental and emotional growth. But no sport other than tennis has ever been acclaimed from all disciplines as one that develops great benefits physically, mentally and emotionally.

Here are the facts:

- People who participate in tennis 3 hours per week (at moderately vigorous intensity) cut their **risk of death in half from any cause**, according to physician Ralph Paffenbarger who studied over 10,000 people over a period of 20 years.
- Tennis players scored **higher in vigor, optimism and self-esteem** while scoring lower in depression, anger, confusion, anxiety and tension than other athletes and non-athletes according to Dr. Joan Finn and colleagues at Southern Connecticut State University.
- Since tennis requires alertness and tactical thinking, it may **generate new connections between nerves in the brain** and thus promote a lifetime of continuing development of the brain, reported scientists at the University of Illinois.
- Tennis outperforms golf, inline skating and most other sports in developing **positive personality characteristics** according to Dr. Jim Gavin, author of The Exercise Habit.
- Competitive tennis **burns more calories** than aerobics, inline skating, or cycling, according to studies on caloric expenditures.
- Tennis helps kids develop a **strong work ethic** via reinforcements of hard work in practice or lessons
- Tennis helps kids learn to **solve problems** since tennis is a sport based on angles, geometry, and physics
- Tennis helps develop **social skills** through interaction with other kids in practice or in matches

JUNIOR TENNIS PATHWAY

COMPETITION

PARTICIPATION

**WTA/ATP TOUR
GRAND SLAMS**

**PROFESSIONAL
AGES: 22+**

ADULT LEAGUES 18-40, 55, 65

**JUNIOR GRAND SLAMS, ITF FUTURES
EVENTS, CHALLENGER EVENTS,
DIVISION COMPETITION**

**TRAIN TO WIN
AGES: 17-23**

**HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE, TENNIS ON
CAMPUS, ADULT LEAGUE 18+,
COLLEGIATE DIVISION 2-3, COLLEGIATE
NAIA**

**NATIONAL 18U EVENTS, ITF
TOURNAMENTS (ITF G3, G2, G1 & A),
ITF FUTURE EVENTS**

Continue to develop and refine technical
skills

**LEARNING TO
PERFORM**

AGES: 15-18

**USTA JR. TEAM TENNIS, HIGH SCHOOL
LEAGUE**

Develop and consolidate tennis competencies
Develop basic psychological skills
Develop basic competitive skills
Develop decision making

**STATE TOP TIER EVENTS, SOUTHERN
EVENTS, NATIONAL EVENTS &
INTERNATIONAL EVENTS (ITF G5 &
G4)**

Monitor player's growth through frequent
measurements in all physical skills

**MERGING YOUR
GAME**

AGES: 12-15

**USTA JR. TEAM TENNIS, NOVICE STATE
TOURNAMENTS & MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
LEAGUE**

Develop and consolidate tennis competencies
Develop basic psychological skills
Develop basic competitive skills
Develop decision making

**USTA JR. TEAM TENNIS, STATE
TOURNAMENTS, SOUTHERN EVENTS &
SOUTHERN CUP**

Develop and consolidate tennis
competencies
Develop basic psychological skills
Develop basic competitive skills

**EVOLVING YOUR
GAME**

AGES: 8-12

**USTA JR. TEAM TENNIS, NOVICE STATE
(L4/L5) TOURNAMENTS,
MIDDLE SCHOOL LEAGUE**

Develop and consolidate tennis competencies
Develop basic psychological skills
Develop basic competitive skills
Develop decision making

**PLAY DAYS, CLUB TENNIS, USTA JR.
TEAM TENNIS, STATE 8U & 10U
TOURNAMENTS, 10U LOCAL CAMPS**

Developing basic tennis skills
Further development of fundamental
motor skills
Further development of movement skills

FUNDAMENTALS

AGES: 5-9

**GETTING OUT
AND PLAYING
TENNIS**

**TENNIS FESTIVALS, USTA PLAY DAYS,
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING & USTA
JR. TEAM TENNIS**

Developing basic tennis skills
Further development of fundamental motor
skills
Further development of movement skills

**TENNIS FESTIVALS, P.E. CLASSES &
CLUB TENNIS**

Introducing tennis with age appropriate
equipment
Hand-eye coordination
Variety of fundamental movement skills
Promoting confidence in a safe &
enjoyable environment
Introduce fundamental motor skills

**ACTIVE
START**

AGES: 5-6

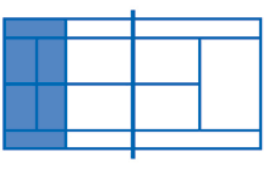
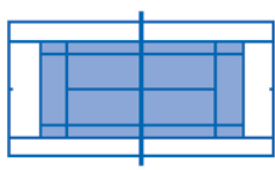
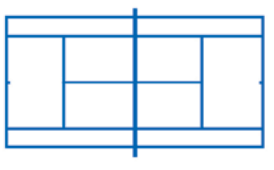
**TRYING
TENNIS**

**TENNIS FESTIVALS, P.E. CLASSES & CLUB
TENNIS**

Introducing tennis with age appropriate
equipment
Hand-eye coordination
Variety of fundamental movement skills
Promoting confidence in a safe & enjoyable
environment
Introduce fundamental motor skills

INTRODUCTION TO COMPETITIVE TENNIS

Beginning in 2011, new rules for 10 and under tournaments were adopted. 10-and-Under Tennis utilizes age-appropriate racquets, balls, and courts that are correctly sized for kids so that they can enjoy the game from the start. Please refer to the chart below for complete details on each progression level.

STAGE	RED	ORANGE	GREEN
AGE	5 - 8	9 - 10	11 and up
BALL	 Red felt or foam <i>Moves slower and bounces lower than orange ball</i>	 Orange <i>Moves slower and bounces lower than green ball</i>	 Green <i>Slightly reduced bounce from yellow ball</i>
COURT SIZE	 36' x 18'	 60' x 21' singles 60' x 27' doubles	 78' x 27' singles 78' x 36' doubles
NET HEIGHT	2'9"	3' center, 3'6" at net posts	3' center, 3'6" at net posts
RACQUET	Up to 23"	23"– 25"	25"– 27"



USTA TENNESSEE PROGRAMS

USTA 10 & Under Tennis

10 and Under Tennis is a chance for kids to learn real tennis and have real fun doing it. 10-and-Under tennis follows almost every other youth sport and uses racquets, balls, and courts that are sized correctly for kids so that they can enjoy the game right from the start. Balls are lower in compression; they bounce lower and don't move as fast so that they are easier to hit, which allows kids the proper time to get to the ball and helps them develop optimal swing patterns. Racquets are sized for small hands, and the courts are smaller and easier to cover. Even the scoring format is simplified. All of these components result in more fun and less frustration. Once kids begin to rally, they start developing skills and tactics they will use as they grow taller and stronger and move up to longer racquets and larger courts.

Play Days

Play days are the perfect way to enhance basic tennis skills and better understand the game. Children learn how to serve, rally, and score in a low pressure setting. Players compete for a designated period of time; scores are not recorded. Emphasis is on growth through fun and friendly competition.

10-and-Under Circuit

Facilities across the state of Tennessee host one-day tournaments for boys and girls aged 10 and under. Players collect points based on results and participation. Winners of the circuits have the chance to play alongside their favorite pros at the U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championships in Memphis.

10-and-Under Early Development Training Camps

These invitation-only 10-and-Under Training Camps bring the best 10U kids together from each area. The camps feature drills, strategies, and fundamentals unique to the 10U tennis format. Each session consists of a dynamic warm-up, partnered hitting rallies using various spins, as well as coach-directed hand-feeding drills, live ball drills with situational points, and match play.

Players participate in a three hour, high-intensity training session, where they receive coaching and feedback from the best area tennis professionals. Participants who attend the Early Development Camps will have the ability to attend the 10U state camp, which brings together all of the players who have participated in the local camps. For any questions regarding 10-and-Under Training Camps, please contact Kristen Schlukebir via email (kristenschlukebir@ustatn.com) or phone (615-953-1694 ext. 202).

USTA School Tennis

USTA School Tennis is dedicated to introducing children and youth to the great sport of tennis within schools. With the help of increased resources, and the full support of USTA Tennessee, USTA School Tennis is reaching out to more kids, in more schools, than ever before.

USTA Tennessee staff can show physical education teachers how to transform a school gym or playground into a tennis court, where students take part in a progressive series of drills and activities designed to develop basic tennis skills. By providing easy-to-use curriculum materials and equipment (including racquets and balls), we make adding tennis in your gym class simple and fun.

USTA TN has partnered with seven equipment manufacturers to offer discounted equipment to schools that become USTA Organizational Members. Matching equipment grants are also available for schools that offer after-school Kids Clubs.

The critical element of USTA School Tennis is to introduce students to the basic skills of tennis during physical education class. The next step is to encourage them to join an after-school program and then join a local USTA Jr. Team Tennis Program.

USTA Junior Team Tennis

USTA Jr. Team Tennis is the largest youth tennis program in the country, helping girls and boys ages 10 to 18 get in the game, get on the court, and have a good time. Teams are coed and are made up of at least six players, three boys and three girls, based on similar ages and skill levels. The emphasis is on skill development, fun, teamwork, and friendly competition.

Tennessee offers five age divisions: 8 & Under, 10 & Under, 12 & Under, 14 & Under, and 18 & Under. All divisions have three levels – Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. Matches are played once a week over a Season, which lasts 4-6 weeks. There are four seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall, & Winter.

The TennisLink online website keeps track of team stats and standings as well as individual player records for convenient at-home browsing. Teams have the opportunity to advance to State, Sectional, and National Championships! For more information on JTT please visit our website at www.ustajtt.com or contact Tara Williams at USTA TN (tarawilliams@ustatn.com)

USTA Tennis on Campus

The USTA's Tennis on Campus Program was developed by the United States Tennis Association to help college campuses create and expand recreational opportunities for their student population through team-based coed league play. The Tennis On Campus program is a great supplement to a college or university's physical education tennis classes, intramural program, or recreational league. TOC offers students and faculty the chance to represent their fraternity or sorority, dorm or any other campus-based organization in a friendly, yet competitive environment. The Tennis on Campus program has many benefits for students and university including: social interaction, emphasis on having fun with friends, a healthy physical workout, increase in the use of campus tennis facilities, more support for the school's varsity tennis teams, USTA Southern Section staff support, as well as curriculum guides and access to low cost equipment.

USTA League Tennis

USTA League Tennis offers men and women ages 18 & up competitive team match play in the world's largest recreational tennis league. Players compete against others of similar ability levels using the National Tennis Rating Program. USTA League Tennis features advancement to State, Sectional, and National Championships. In Tennessee, USTA League Tennis offers leagues for 18 & Over, 40 & Over, 55 & Over; USTA League Tennis also offers a variety of team formats such as Tri-Level League, Combo Doubles League, Mixed Doubles, and Flex League. For more information about USTA League Tennis, please contact Tiffan Davis (tiffandavis@ustatn.com).

Competitive Training Centers

THE USTA Player Development Committee hosts local and state Competitive Training Centers (CTCs) every year. These advanced training camps bring the top players from each geographic area together to practice and compete. The focus is on high-level tournament players striving to improve their game and experience success at the Southern and National Tournaments

Competitive Training Centers provide junior players the best environment to train and develop. Each session offers education, fitness training, sports science information, practice, and competition. This format allows the USTA a chance to scout new talent and allows the best players a chance to practice with each other. CTCs are a joint effort between coaches in the local area and coaches from USTA Tennessee.

Camaraderie is developed at every training center. Players feel like they are part of a team and form friendships that last well beyond the tennis court. This program is not intended to replace any aspect of your regular training, but rather, add new dimensions to it. If you have any questions about the CTC Program please contact Kristen Schluckebir (Kristenschluckebir@ustatn.com) or Karl Davies (davies@sta.usta.com).

OTHER JUNIOR COMPETITION OPPORTUNITIES

Southern Junior Cup

The Southern Junior Cup gives juniors the opportunity to experience the thrill and camaraderie of tennis as a team sport. Each fall, USTA Tennessee section sends a team composed of 6 participants, 3 girls and 3 boys, for 12s, 14s, 16s, and 18s age divisions to compete in the event. Each state competes against the other 8 states with each age division playing 3 singles and 2 doubles, one of which is mixed doubles.

USTA Tennessee selects and sends two coaches to one location with the 14s, 16s, and 18s teams. One coach is chosen and sent with the 12s team, which is held at a different time and location than the other age divisions. Teams are formed by following Southern Ranking. The total team score is kept to determine a sectional winner.

The Junior Competition Committee has the authority to invite the players that will represent USTA Tennessee. Selection will be based on National & Southern ranking as well as sportsmanship.

Regional Training Centers

Players who participate in State Training Camps have the ability to be selected for Regional Training Centers. RTCs enable the USTA to give juniors within a section an opportunity to receive High Performance coaching and excellent competitive opportunities. Regional Training Centers are offered for boys and girls in the 10s, 12s, and 14s age divisions and provide fitness, instruction, and match play with other top juniors in the section. Participation is by invitation only.

BECOMING A JUNIOR TENNIS PLAYER

United States Tennis Association Membership Required

In order to enter USTA Sanctioned Tournaments or to participate in USTA Jr. Team Tennis, you must have a Junior USTA Membership. A USTA membership provides many benefits, including a variety of discounts, entry to special events and early access to professional tournament tickets. You can become a member by calling 1-800-990-USTA (8782) or by visiting www.usta.com. Memberships purchased by telephone will be processed in 24 hours and memberships purchased online are processed immediately. USTA is offering a FREE 10 & Under One Year Membership for new members. Use promotion code "JR10UFREE."

Age Division Eligibility

The USTA has adopted a "month of birth" age eligibility rule for junior players competing in USTA sanctioned tournaments. Junior players may continue to play in the 8,10,12,14,16, and 18 age divisions until the month they turn 9,11,13,15,17,or 19 respectively. When a tournament begins in one month and ends in the next, the start date of a tournament shall be used to determine age eligibility.

2015 Junior Age Eligibility

Age Group	Year Born	End of Eligibility
8	2007 or later	Eligible all year
8	2006	Last day of month preceding month of 9 th birthday
10	2005 or later	Eligible all year
10	2004	Last day of month preceding month of 11 th birthday
12	2003 or later	Eligible all year
12	2002	Last day of month preceding month of 13 th birthday
14	2001 or later	Eligible all year
14	2000	Last day of month preceding 15 th birthday
16	1999 or later	Eligible all year
16	1998	Last day of month preceding 17 th birthday
18	1997 or later	Eligible all year
18	1996	Last day of month preceding 19 th birthday

Birth Certificates

In order to compete in the Tennessee State Qualifier, a player's birth certificate **MUST** be submitted and on file at the Southern Section Office. Please email copies of birth certificates to the USTA TN Director of Junior Competition (kristenschlukebir@ustatn.com). Please note: If a copy of a player's birth certificate is not submitted before the tournament, the player will not be able to participate.

Residency Requirements

USTA sanctioned tournaments in Tennessee are open only to "Residents of Tennessee." This refers to permanent residents of Tennessee and temporary residents who do not reside in TN for the sole purpose of participating in tournaments and who are:

- **U.S. Citizens** – Citizens of the United States
- **Certain Aliens** –
 - Permanent resident aliens in possession of a valid permanent alien registration receipt card (green card) or
 - Aliens who have resided in the United States continuously for more than one year and who are members of families in diplomatic or consular corps.
- The residency of a USTA TN junior is determined by the primary residence of the physical and legal custodian or guardian of said junior player.

USTA JUNIOR COMPETITION

Junior Tournaments

When a junior player is ready for tournament play, USTA Tennessee offers a variety of junior tournament levels to meet your short and long term goals. Whether you plan to improve your game for high school play/team tennis or to eventually play college and/or professional tennis, understanding the information below will help you make the proper tournament decisions. Please consult with your coach and parents prior to finalizing your plans.

There are six different types of tournament levels offered in USTA Tennessee. Tournaments are assigned different levels depending on skill levels and offer players the opportunity to earn state rankings as well as sectional rankings in the more advanced tournaments.

Levels of Competition

ONE-Day Novice (TN Level 5): Introductory and/or recreational level of competition. If you are new to the game and would like to try a tournament, definitely start at the Novice Level.

- Draws are all non-elimination formats
- Matches may use a variety of scoring formats including timed matches, short sets, pro-sets, or one full set
- If the draw size is limited and entries exceed the draw size, players will be selected from the bottom up-all players without ranking points will be selected first and then players will be selected from the bottom of the most recently published standings list.
- Any age group that receives three or fewer entries may be combined with the next higher age group. Tournaments combining age groups must notify the players involved immediately after entries close. Players may withdraw without penalty.
- The Green Dot ball will be used for the 12-and-Under divisions

Intermediate (TN Level 4): For players who have had success in Novice tournaments

- Draws consist of a maximum of 32 entries and a Feed-In Consolation through the Quarterfinals (A First Match Loser Consolation may be used)
- All matches will be the best of three tiebreak sets (7 point set tiebreak at 6-6) and a Match Tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set (1st to 10 points, win by 2); regular scoring

Intermediate (TN Level 3): Higher level competition intermediate tournaments

- Draws consist of either a full feed-in draw of 32 or two 16 feed-in draws. The top 32 players will be selected from the current Southern standings list. If draws are split, tournaments will use the Waterfall System to select players into each draw
- All matches will be the best of three tiebreak sets (7 point Tiebreak at 6-6) and a Match Tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set (1st to 10, win by 2).

Advanced (TN Level 1, 1A, & 2): The most difficult competition is at these tournaments

- Draws consist of a Full Feed-In Consolation to the Quarterfinals
- Singles will have a play-off for 3rd and 4th place
- A full 2 out of 3 sets is encouraged and required in TN L1 tournaments.
- A Match Tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set may be played in the consolation matches

BEFORE PLAYING A JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

1. Ask: Is My Child Ready To Play Tournaments?

This is a tough question. Parents know their children and can best decide whether their child has the interest, demeanor, and maturity to play tournaments. Consultation with your child's tennis coach is also a great place to start. If your child wants to play a tournament, has a basic understanding of the game (including keeping score and being able to hit the three fundamental strokes: serve, forehand and backhand, and sustain rallies over the net), then the time may be right to compete. Tennessee has tournaments for every age and skill level. Our hope is that your child enjoys the experience and will want to play more and more tennis as he/she gets older. Therefore, it is important that the tournament experience is fun and rewarding regardless of wins or losses.

2. Choose A Tournament To Enter

Review the above types of tournaments before you select the type of tournament that is most appropriate for your level of play.

3. Finding a USTA Sanctioned Tournament

- Go to <http://tennislink.usta.com/Tournaments/Common/Default.aspx>

The screenshot shows the USTA TennisLink website interface. On the left, under the heading 'Find a Tournament', there is a text input field labeled 'Enter Zip Code, Tournament ID# or Tournament Name'. Below this field is a dropdown menu labeled 'Select an Option' and a blue 'SEARCH' button. Below the search button is a link that says 'Tournaments Advanced Search'. To the right of this section is a 'Find a Ranking' section with a text input field for 'Enter USTA Membership # or player name' and a blue 'SEARCH' button. Further right is a 'Shortcuts' section with a list of links: 'Currently Registering Online', 'Currently Registering In Progress', 'Just Completed', 'All Upcoming', 'National Adult Tournaments', 'National Junior Tournaments', and 'US Open National Playoffs'. On the far right is a 'USTA Tournaments Information' section with a list of links: 'Edit Registration', 'Help', 'Tournament Data Manager', 'USTA National Winter Championships', 'USTA National Open Championships', 'USTA National Regional Championships - Oct', and 'USTA National Playoffs'.

- Under 'Find a Tournament' Input the Tournament ID number, if known.
- If you do not know the ID number, click on 'Tournament Advanced Search'

Advanced Search

Enter Zip Code, Tournament ID#, or Keyword

Select one or more search criteria if you need to focus your search.

Age Group: ☒ All ☐ Youth ☐ Adults

Start Date: November 2013

Location: City State Zip

Search within Unlimited miles

Sanctioning: ☐ All ☒ Sanctioned ☐ Non-Sanctioned

Shortcut: Select a Shortcut

National/Section/District: *All Sections and Districts

Division: *All Divisions

Category: *All Tournaments

Surfaces: *All Surfaces

SEARCH

- Refine the search by entering in the Zipcode of the tournament location or keyword search
- Under 'Age Groups' select 'Youth' for Junior Tournaments
- Select the Month and/or Year of the tournament(s) you wish to register
- Under 'National/Section/District' select the Section where you wish to play a tournament. (if you are wanting to look for all tournaments in the Southern Section, select 'Southern' but if you want a tournament in Tennessee, select 'Southern-Tennessee')
- Once you have entered in your desired fields, click 'Search'

4. Register For A USTA Sanctioned Tournament

- Click on the Tournament name of the tournament for which you wish to register to go to the Tournament Home Page
- Tournament Home Page** – Here you will see all of the information about that tournament.
(example)

Tennessee State Indoor Open Championships (STA L4) TN L2

Sanctioned By	Tournament ID:	Dates:	Divisions:	Skill Level:
USTA SOUTHERN TENNESSEE	704224013	November 29 - December 1, 2013	Championships: BG(18-12)jd,COMP; Championships: BG(10 (60'Court/Orange Ball) jd,COMP	
	Section: Southern	District: Tennessee	Surface Type: Hard Indoor	Draws Posted: 11/28/2013
				Last Updated: 11/9/2013 8:38:55 AM (Eastern Time)

Organization Org Name: Knoxville Racquet Club Org Phone: (865) 588-1323 Org Fax: (865) 588-4205 Org Website: krctennis.com Org Address: 5535 Lonas Drive Knoxville, TN 37939 Map	Contacts Director: Robert B. Cameron Director Phone: 865-966-2644 865-588-1323 Director Cell: Director Fax: Director Email: Rcame59433@aol.com Referee: Sandra Smith Referee Phone: Referee Email:	Entry Info REGISTER NOW Entries Close: Friday, November 22, 2013 11:59 PM (Eastern Time) Entry Information: \$97.25 per player for BG(18-12)jd,COMP, Championships. \$3.00 for BG(18-12)jd,COMP, Championships. \$48.88 per player for BG(10 (60'Court/Orange Ball) jd,COMP, Championships. \$3.00 per player for BG(10 (60'Court/Orange Ball) jd,COMP, Championships. Maximum fee charged per player is \$90 plus the processing fees for the number of events you select. Checks Payable to: Send Checks to: Tournament Website:
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- iii. Click on the RED '**Register Now**' button to register for the tournament
- iv.

Register for Tennessee State Indoor Open Championships (STA L4)
TN L2

Tournament ID: 704224013	Location: Knoxville, TN	Dates: November 29 - December 1, 2013	Entries Close: Friday Nov, 22 2013 11:59 PM (Eastern Time)
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Enter the USTA # of the player you wish to enter in this tournament. For instructions regarding how to use the registration system, to select and pay for doubles partners, withdrawal, etc, please [click here](#).

Please note that the player's membership must be current through the end of the tournament to register online. If you are not a USTA member but would like to become one, please [click here](#) to JOIN USTA NOW.

USTA Number: [Forgot Member #](#)

Note: If you are registering for a Doubles Event you will be asked to enter your partner's USTA Number during the registration process.

- v. **Register Player Page** – enter the USTA number of the person you wish to register for the tournament. The registration system will validate the player's eligibility and USTA membership status, and will only allow entry into the appropriate events/divisions. If the player is not a member or the membership has expired, you must apply or renew the membership before continuing.
- vi. **Choose Event Page** – verify that the information about the selected player is accurate. If not, follow instructions to contact the USTA Membership Dept. Then, select the events/divisions for which you wish to register, taking note of the message regarding the number of events for which a player is allowed to enter.
- vii. When the information is accurate, Click 'Continue'
- viii. **Cart Summary Page** – shows a summary of the entries and the costs. If you wish to edit your entry, or continue searching for another tournament to register, you may click the appropriate button to do so. Otherwise, Click 'Proceed' to Checkout
- ix. **Credit Card Page** – input the cardholder name, credit card type and number, and expiration date, as well as the statement mailing address zip-code. Then, place the order.
- x. **Confirmation Page** – this page requires that the player acknowledge that they must print the confirmation page, or write down the confirmation number. It will be used if the player wants to withdraw or change an entry at a later date.

5. Familiarize Yourself With The Rules

- **Rules of Tennis**-You are expected to know the rules of playing a tennis match including keeping score and how to play a tiebreak
- **Tournament Website**-Each tournament will publish information about its event on the online tournament page including directions to the tournament and start times

6. Obtain Your Match Start Time

You are responsible for obtaining the start times for your matches. Tournaments are required to post the draws, including start times, to the online tournament page no later than 48 hours before the start time of the first match of the event. If you cannot locate your start time, call or email the tournament director. The contact information can be found on the online tournament page. Always check the tournament website and your start time the night before you play.

7. What To Bring With You To The Tournament

In addition to tennis racquets, you should bring your USTA card, a water bottle, sunscreen, a towel, and extra tennis clothes. If you think that you will be playing more than one match in a day, you might also want to bring some fruit, food, and a sports drink. Some tournaments also require players to adhere to a certain dress code. The tournament home page will list these requirements, if any.

SPORTSMANSHIP

The Code that appears in "**Friend at Court**" the USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations gives guidelines for players on proper tennis etiquette and the courtesy they are expected to show toward their opponents; however there is some more specific information that players, parents, friends, and coaches should know.

Everyone associated with a tournament (players and their parents, friends and coaches, officials, volunteers, and organizers of USTA Tennessee sanctioned tournaments) has the duty of encouraging and maintaining the highest standards of personal conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship. We expect good sportsmanship from every junior player as well as the parents, coaches, and friends who accompany them.

It is considered unsportsmanlike conduct to engage in displays of temper, swearing or abusive language, obscene gestures, racquet throwing, hitting the ball in anger, "gamesmanship" or stalling or cheating. Any of the above may be considered grounds for disqualification by the tournament referee or his /her designee whether they occur during or between matches. Official USTA referees, umpires, tournament officials, and their representatives are required to enforce the Point Penalty System. The names of players receiving point penalties will be sent to USTA TN immediately following the tournament in which the violations occurred.

Please note that in order for a junior player to compete in any sanctioned USTA tournament, at least one parent must watch a sportsmanship video called "Parenting My Champion" and submit their statement of completion via the web. A Link to the video shall be on the tournament home page. In addition, in order for a player to compete in any Southern Level 1, 2, & 3 tournaments, a Parent Alert document must be signed by the entrant and parent/guardian before start of play; a link to the document should be found on the tournament home page.

WHAT HAPPENS AT A JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

1. Checking In For Your First Match

When you arrive at the tournament, you should first locate the tournament desk. Unless otherwise instructed, players should check in at the Tournament Desk at least 15 minutes prior to their first match time. Once you have checked in, you are indicating that you are ready to play. If courts are available, you may play earlier than your scheduled time. First match times are given by the Tournament Director. Make sure you know the directions to the tournament site ahead of time, allowing for traffic and any "uncontrollable" situation.

2. Enjoy Your Match

When a court is available, the tournament desk will give you balls and send you and your opponent to your assigned court. You will be expected to limit your warm-up to five minutes. Be sure to call the score clearly before every point as this will eliminate any confusion. Please use the scorecards if they are provided.

Tennis is a sport that entrusts sportsmanship and fair play to the players on the court, so be sure to keep that in mind while you're playing. Unsportsmanlike conduct on the court, by you as well as by your family and friends, is subject to the Point Penalty Suspension System. You may be suspended from playing tournaments if your bad behavior persists. The best way to understand what is expected of you is to read "**The Code**," - the general rules of sportsmanship and fair play that is located in "**Friend at Court**" the USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations.

3. Be Courteous

Every player should show respect for the tournament director, referee, officials, volunteers and tournament sites. Remember the workers at the tournament desk are usually volunteers. Please show your consideration and appreciation for the hospitality extended by thanking the tournament desk staff before you leave or sending the tournament director a thank you note or email once the tournament is over.

4. Be Flexible

Be prepared for changes in weather. Bring extra clothes and jackets, an umbrella, food, books, cards and games, blanket, folding chair, first-aid kit, extra racquet, water jug, ice chest, towels, and practice balls. Some matches are played at alternate sites so you will need to stay flexible and make the best of the situation, especially when the weather becomes unpredictable.

5. Problems With line Calls During A Match

Tennis one of the few sports in which the amateur participants umpire themselves. Your child will need to call whether balls on his/her side of the court are in or out. If the ball hits any part of the line, it must be called "good." A player only makes calls on their own side of the court. If you feel that your opponent is not making calls correctly, you may warn them; and only when necessary, request a line judge (player should go to the net and raise their racquet above their head to get the Umpire's attention). Parents never act as line judges, nor call the Umpire to the court themselves-this is the player's responsibility.

6. Other Issues That Arise During Tournament Play

If at any time during a match you have any issue (i.e. bathroom break, water, etc.), or a potential conflict that requires a resolution that you or your opponent cannot agree on (i.e. score, etc.), you should summon an Umpire. Players should walk to the net and raise their racquets above their head to get the Umpire's attention.

7. Coaching During A Match

Coaching is NOT allowed by ANYONE once a match has begun. You (or anyone) may coach a player before a match, or during the either 3 or 10 minute break between the second and third sets. Otherwise, coaching is prohibited and the player will be subject to the Point Penalty System. Coaching (according to "The Friend at Court") is defined as "communication, advice or instruction of any kind, audible or visible, to a player."

8. Tournament Evaluation

In an effort to provide quality tournaments to our juniors, USTA Tennessee would appreciate it if you would complete the online tournament evaluation form on the tournament home page. If you have a serious complaint that needs to be brought to the attention of USTA Tennessee, please contact the Director of Junior Competition by email to kristenschlukebir@ustatn.com.

UNDERSTANDING THE ONLINE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Here is an explanation of some abbreviations you will find in the online schedule:

Single Elimination(SE): When you lose, you are finished. There is no consolation draw. Most doubles tournaments are single elimination.

First Match Losers Consolation: If you lose your first match, you go to the consolation draw. All players are guaranteed at least 2 matches.

Modified Feed-In Consolation: The first 2 rounds feed into the consolation draw. If your first round is a "bye" and you win your first match (played in the 2nd round) and then lose your 2nd match (played in the 3rd round), then you are out of the tournament. All players are guaranteed at least 2 matches.

Feed-In Consolation (through Quarterfinals): Full Feed-In Consolation through the Quarterfinals. Regardless of when you have your first loss, you will feed into the consolation draw. Most tournaments that are FIC do so through the quarterfinals, if you lose in the semi-finals then you go into a 3rd/4th playoff. Each player can lose twice before they are done

Feed-In Consolation (through Semi-finals): Full Feed-In Consolation through the semi-finals. This follows the same procedure as FIC through the Quarterfinals, but also places the losers in the semi-finals into the consolation draw.

Compass Draw: All first round players who lose go to their own draw, players who lose from that draw go onto their own draw again, and so forth. Players who win their first round and then lose the 2nd round, will go to their own separate draw. Typically each player is guaranteed 4 matches. In addition, players won't play the same player twice throughout the tournament.

Round Robin: All players in the draw play each other. Round Robins are most common in draws with 3-6 players.

Other Abbreviations in the Online Schedule:

BG: Boys' and Girls'

(18-12): The divisions offered at the tournament (i.e. 18 and under, 14 and under, 12 and under)

s: Singles – Singles divisions offered for the ages listed in the parentheses

d: Doubles – Doubles divisions offered for the ages listed in parentheses

xj: Mixed Doubles – Mixed doubles offered for the ages listed in parentheses

e: Co-ed – Co-ed divisions listed for the ages listed in parentheses

JUNIOR RANKINGS

Points Per Round Ranking System

USTA Tennessee shall rank junior players in the boys' and girls' 18, 16, 14, 12, and 10 age divisions. Rankings shall be based on a Points Per Round (PPR) ranking system. Points are accrued by a player depending on what round they achieve in any tournament. The level of the tournament determines the amount of points accrued. Byes do not qualify as wins; however, defaults, retirements, walkovers, and withdrawals do. Bonus points are awarded only to the singles event in which they earned.

Ranking Rules

1. Tennessee Standings List:

- The Standings List will include results from multiple age divisions.
- The Standings List will reflect the previous 12-months points in both upper and lower age divisions. Points earned in an age division will be applied to a player's record in that division, as well as all younger divisions for which the player is eligible in both singles and doubles.
- Example: If a 14 year old plays in 18s, and already has a record in 16s, the points from the 18s tournament will count in 18s, 16s, and 14s. If he/she plays in the 18s and only has a record in the 14s, the results will only count in the 18s and 14s – Not the 16s
- Includes all eligible players that have earned at least one (1) Tennessee PPR point during the previous 12 month period
- The Standings List will be updated and published monthly

1. Final Rankings

- FINAL RANKINGS will not reflect any results in multiple age divisions
 - Example: If a player is looking at the Boys 14s Year-End Ranking, no results will be included when the player competed in 16s or 18s – ONLY 14s
- The Final Ranking will include all eligible players that have earned at least one (1) Tennessee PPR point during that ranking year
- For publication purposes, the USTA Tennessee ranking year for juniors will include all tournaments beginning on or after January 1st to tournaments beginning on or before December 31st.

2. Junior Combined Standings/Final Rankings (Singles/Doubles)

- USTA Tennessee, USTA Southern, and USTA National standings and rankings are a combination of singles and doubles. Individual singles and doubles standings rankings are not posted
- Standings & Rankings from Level 5 Grand Prix events use only results from the singles divisions
- The ranking system includes results from singles and doubles matches in all tournaments that are included in the calculations for the USTA Tennessee Standings List. The points earned in singles competition are combined with the points earned in doubles competition to form one final point total that is used for the USTA Tennessee Standing Lists and the USTA Tennessee Final Rankings List.
 - Players receive 100% of their singles points from their best six (6) singles events along with 25% of their doubles points from their best six (6) doubles events. See example chart below:

Best six (6) Singles Tournaments = 1500 Points
Best six (6) Doubles Tournaments = 1200 Points
25% of 1200 = 300 Points
Total Points = 1500 + 300 = 1800 Points

- #### 3. Player Record Corrections
- Players are responsible for regularly reviewing their player records and for submitting corrections and additions to Kristen Schlukibir at kristenschlukibir@ustatn.com. Players should address appeals and corrections within 2 months following the vent in question and must be made by January 10th of the following year; corrections may not be reflected on player record until the next Junior Standings List is published.

Tennessee Points Tables

2015 Main draw with Feed-In-Consolation through the Quarterfinals						
Tournament Level						
Player Result	1	1A	2	3	4	5
Champion	2560	1920	960	320	160	80
2 nd Place	1920	1440	720	240	120	60
3 rd Place	1536	1152	576	192	96	48
4 th Place/SF 2	1280	960	480	160	80	40
FIC Champion	1024	768	384	128	64	32
FIC Finalist	896	672	336	112	56	28
FIC SF	768	576	288	96	48	24
FIC QF	640	480	240	80	40	20
FIC QF Qualifying	512	384	192	64	32	16
FIC R16	384	288	144	48	24	12
FIC R16 Qualifying	307	230	114	38	19	10
FIC R32	230	172	87	29	14	7
FIC 32 Qualifying	154	115	57	19	10	5
FIC R64	102	76	39	13	6	3
FIC R64 Qualifying	77	58	30	10	5	3
FIC R128	51	38		6	3	
FIC R128 Qualifying	26	19		3	2	

4.

2015 Main draw with Feed-In-Consolation through the Semifinals						
Tournament Level						
Player Result	1	1A	2	3	4	5
Champion	2560	1920	960	320	160	80
2 nd Place	1920	1440	720	240	120	60
FIC Winner	1536	1152	576	192	96	48
FIC Runner-Up	1280	960	480	160	80	40
FIC SF PL Winner	1024	768	384	128	64	32
FIC SF	896	672	336	112	56	28
FIC SF Qualifying	768	576	288	96	48	24
FIC QF	640	480	240	80	40	20
FIC QF Qualifying	512	384	192	64	32	16
FIC R16	384	288	144	48	24	12
FIC R16 Qualifying	307	230	114	38	19	10
FIC R32	230	172	87	29	14	7
FIC 32 Qualifying	154	115	57	19	10	5
FIC R64	102	76	39	13	6	3
FIC R64 Qualifying	77	58	30	10	5	3
FIC R128	51	38		6	3	
FIC R128 Qualifying	26	19		3	2	

2015 Main draw with Feed-In-Consolation through Round of 16 + Quarterfinal Playoffs						
Tournament Level						
Player Result	1	1A	2	3	4	5
Champion	2560	1920	960	320	160	80
2 nd Place	1920	1440	720	240	120	60
3 rd Place	1536	1152	576	192	96	48
4 th Place/SF	1280	960	480	160	80	40
5 th Place-QF Playoff Winner	1024	768	384	128	64	32
6 th Place-QF Playoff Runner Up	922	691	345	115	58	29
8 th Place-QF Playoff Cons Losers	820	615	307	102	52	26
FIC Winner (9 th Place)	720	540	270	90	46	23
FIC Runner Up (10 th Place)	620	465	232	78	40	20
FIC Semifinalist	545	410	204	69	35	18
FIC Quarterfinalist	470	350	175	60	30	15
Reached FIC R16	384	288	144	48	24	12
Reached FIC R16 Qualifying	307	230	114	38	20	10
Reached FIC R32	230	172	87	29	14	7
Reached FIC R32 Qualifying	154	115	57	19	10	5
Reached RIC R64	102	76	39	13	6	3
Reached RIC R64 Qualifying	77	58	30			

2015 Main Draw, Modified Consolations, First-Match Losers, First-Round Losers, Compass Draw, Single Elimination, Round Robins						
Tournament Level						
Player Result	1	1A	2	3	4	5
Champion	2560	1920	960	320	160	80
2 nd Place	1920	1440	720	240	120	60
3 rd Place	1536	1152	576	192	96	48
4 th Place/SF	1280	960	480	160	80	40
Quarterfinalist	640	480	240	80	40	20
Reached R16	384	288	144	48	24	12
Reached R32	230	172	86	29	14	7
Reached R64	102	76	34	13	6	4
Reached R128	51	38	17	6	3	2
Reached R256	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pts. Earned for Each Consolation Match Won	100	75	38	12	6	2

2015 Team Events					2015 Significant Wins Bonus Points			
Position on Team	1	2	3	4	Standings of Player IN PREVIOUS MONTH		Bonus Points	
Position #1					1	-	10	150
Points Earned Per Win	300	150	65	35	11	-	20	125
Position #2					21	-	50	100
Points Earned Per Win	275	130	55	30	51	-	75	50
Position #3					76	-	100	35
Points Earned Per Win	250	110	45	25				
Position #4								
Points Earned Per Win	225	90	35	20				
Position #5								
Points Earned Per Win	200	70	25	15				
Position #6								
Points Earned Per Win	175	50	15	10				

Tennessee Junior Tournament Levels

TN Level 1

Tennessee State Junior Qualifying Championships
Southern Winter Level 1 Championships BG 12-18
Southern Closed Championships BG 10s
Southern Closed Championships BG 12-18
ALL USTA Southern Level 1A Championships
Southern 10's Closed Team Championships
Southern Clay Court Closed BG 12-18 (Sept)
Southern Junior Cup 12-18s

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(STA L1, NAT L3)
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(STA L1, NAT L3)
(STA L1A, NAT L4)
(STA L1A)
(STA L1A, NAT L4)
(STA L1)

TN Level 1A

Tennessee State Closed Junior Summer Championship
Tennessee State Closed Junior Spring Championships
Winter Indoor Level 2 Championship
ALL USTA Southern Level 2 Championships

(STA L4)
(STA L4)
(STA L2)
(STA L2)

Abbreviation Key

TN = Tennessee
STA = Southern
NAT = National
L = Level

Example: TN L2 = Tennessee Level 2
STA L3 = Southern Level 3

TN Level 2

Tennessee State Open Junior Clay Court Championship
Tennessee State Open October Cup
Tennessee State Open Junior Championships
Tennessee State Indoor Championships
Jr. Team Tennis State Championships Advanced
2014 KRC Mid-Spring (BG 12-18)
Racquet Club Junior Championships
McCallie John Strang Championships
Chattanooga Doubles
** ALL out of state STA L3's

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Skill Level Key

STA L1-4 = Advanced
STA L5 = Intermediate

TN L1-2 = Advanced
TN L3/4 = Intermediate
TN L5 = Beginner/Entry Level

TN Level 3

10U Grand Slam Memphis
GPS Winter Open
Memphis City Junior Championships
Knoxville Spring Challenge
2015 Municipal (MUNY) Spring Jr.
2015 CBRC Junior Clay Court Championships
Richland Junior Tennis Championships
Jr. Team Tennis State Championships Intermediate
** ALL out of state STA L4's

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TN Level 4

All other USTA Tennessee Sanctioned Tournaments

(STA L5)

TN Level 5

One Day Tournaments

USTA TENNESSEE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION & RULES

Sanctioned Vs. Non-Sanctioned Tournaments: A sanctioned tournament is one that is approved by the USTA. The club, organization, or person running the tournament has paid a sanctioning “fee” to the USTA and has agreed that it will be run in accordance with USTA rules and regulations. Sanctioned tournaments are used for USTA Tennessee Ranking (and also Southern Ranking, depending on the tournament level). Non-sanctioned tournaments are not used for ranking and do not have to follow the USTA rules and regulations.

Open VS Closed Tournaments: An “Open” Tournament is one that is open for any USTA member that meets the age and gender requirements for that tournament. Entries into “Closed” tournaments are restricted, normally by a requirement of residency within a specified geographic area. Some tournaments require that a player be “endorsed” for participation by the player’s state. The Southern Closed Championships requires endorsement from the state.

Tournament Entry Fees: It depends on the tournament, but entry fees in Tennessee range from approximately \$20 (Novice Tournaments) to as much as \$50-\$80. Sectional and National Tournaments can be more. Your entry fee covers the cost of court time for all of your matches (the fee may not include matches that have to be moved indoors due to inclement weather), new balls for each match (and another set if you split sets and are playing out an entire third set), umpires/referees/tournament administrators, trophies, and sometimes include t-shirts and other tournament mementos for the player.

Certified Tennis Officials: A Certified Referee is generally responsible for supervising all aspects of play at a sanctioned tournament. A Roving Official (also known as an Umpire) is an official who exercises jurisdiction over more than one court. He/she has passed a provisional certification course, and is responsible for assuring that the competition is fair and played under the ITF (International Tennis Federation) and the USTA Regulations. There are other kinds of officials as well; each must pass certification for their specific level. The people who become officials are doing the best jobs possible and are trying to be fair to all sides. If you are interested in ensuring fair play in tennis and would like to become an official, please contact Donna Williams (donnamille@hotmail.com) or the USTA TN Director of Junior Competition (kristenschlukebir@ustatn.com).

Late Entrants: Acceptance of late entrants into a tournament is at the sole discretion of the tournament director, and is generally discouraged by USTA Tennessee. Late entrants should expect to pay a significant additional penalty, in addition to the entry fee. No late entrant may be accepted who would otherwise affect selections or seeding. Any late entrant will be placed at the bottom of any applicable alternate list.

One Event Limitation: In Tennessee junior tournaments, players CANNOT play the same event (ex: singles) in two different age divisions(ex: G12 Singles & G14 Singles). In addition, players CANNOT play in two different event types (ex: singles & doubles) in different age divisions (ex: G12 Singles & G14 Doubles).

Prohibition Against Multiple Entries in Concurrent Tournaments: Players may not enter two tournaments at the same time. Entering two tournaments at the same time is a violations of the USTA rules in Tennessee, and applies to tournaments sanctioned by USTA TN, USTA Southern, and/or USTA. Tennessee players may be assessed two junior suspension points for first offense and five junior suspension points for second offense for violation of this rule.

Warm-up Period: Warm-up time is limited to 5 minutes. All practice serves must be taken during warm-up.

Player Attire. Appropriate tennis attire is required for all matches. Rules of the host club will govern. Any dress code must be published to the tournament website no later than the time entries open.

Seeds: To ensure that the best players in a tournament do not meet each other in the first round, they become “seeds.” The Tournament Director determines a seeded player based on the most

current Standing List available before the tournament deadline. This seeded player is also more likely to receive a bye than players who are not seeded. The number of players seeded is a formula of 1 seed for every 3 players to the power of 2. Seeded players are placed in a specific spot on the draw and usually shown in a bold font or another color font. There is always a number next to their name which designates what number seed they are.

The Draw: Once the Tournament Director selects the tournament participants, a draw is produced. A Tournament starts play with their "Main Draw," original pairings of the first round matches of a tournament. Main Draw pairings are made within the tournament software program, and are totally random with the exception of placement of the "seeded" players of the tournament. "Byes" are placed in a specific spot(s) on the draw (a "Bye" spot occurs only in the first round of the tournament and means that the player moves on to the next round of the tournament without having to play a match). After the first round match is played, the winner advances to the second round (next set of brackets, see image below) for their next match. If the tournament is "single elimination," the loser of the first round match is finished in the tournament. If the Tournament is FMLC (First Match Losers Consolation) or FIC (Feed-In Consolation), the loser of the first match enters the "Back Draw" or Consolation Draw, which is another set of brackets set up just like the Main Draw, where the player will continue to advance to the next round as long as they keep winning their matches. Once the player loses in the Back Draw (two total losses in the tournament), then they are then finished playing in the tournament.

Selection of Players For A Draw: All tournaments are required to use the Tournament Director Selection Process. This means that players will be selected into the tournament after the close of registration by the tournament director. Credit cards will not be charged until after the players are selected. Tournament Directors use the most recent State and Sectional standings list to select the players.

Endorsement: All junior players wishing to participate in the Southern Closed must be endorsed into the tournament. To be considered for endorsement, a player must compete in the TN State Qualifier in the age division for which they wish to be endorsed in the Southern Closed. Waivers from the Tennessee Qualifying Championships are given on a highly selective basis and only under the following special circumstances: **1)** Requests for exemption due to Injury, Illness, or Personal Emergency; A Doctor's note must accompany any requests due to injury/illness stating that in the physician's opinion, the player is not able to participate in the Qualifier but will be in adequate physical condition to participate in the Southern closed. **2)** Requests for exemption due to high caliber of play in the event that a highly ranked player has the ability to compete in a higher level tournament during the same date as the Qualifier (i.e. National Tournament, Junior Wimbledon, ATP/WTa event). Requests must be made to USTA TN Director of Junior Competition (kristenschlukebir@ustatn.com) by May 22nd and will be evaluated by the Junior Competition Committee.

Withdrawing From A Tournament (Refund of Entry Fees): After you have registered for a tournament and your entry is accepted, you are expected to participate in the tournament and play every match. If you need to withdraw from the tournament due to illness, injury, or personal emergency, you may withdraw online prior to the tournament deadline. However, once the tournament deadline has past, you will need to contact the tournament director immediately and notify him/her that you are unable to play! This is a courtesy you owe the tournament and your opponent (A Tournament Director is not obligated to refund your entry fee after the tournament has closed).

"No Excuses" Withdrawals: All players who withdraw from a Tennessee tournament FOR ANY REASON will be subject to penalty according to the Point Penalty System (PPS) and issued two Suspension Points for that withdrawal. Defaults (with the exception of a default for lateness) will incur five suspension points.

You Must Play And Complete A Tournament: All scheduled matches (including any consolation or playoff matches) in a tournament must be played to completion without default in order for that tournament to count toward ranking and endorsement purposes. Defaults include: Not showing up for a match, unsportsmanlike conduct and warnings, which culminate in the match being defaulted. A retirement due to injury or illness, once the match has started, is NOT considered a default.

USTA POINT PENALTY SYSTEM

The object of the USTA Point Penalty System (PPS) is to help officials fulfill their role of ensuring fair conditions of play, to act as a deterrent to bad conduct, and to allow a player to bring himself under control. The PPS gives the chair umpire the power to deal with unsportsmanlike behavior or misconduct by issuing penalties. Points are awarded to the opponent, usually, but not necessarily, after one warning. In tournaments having no chair umpire, the referee, or an appointed designee on the basis of first-hand observation, may issue penalties. Use of the PPS is mandatory in any sanctioned tournament. This system applies to any violations occurring during both the warm-up period and the match.

There are numerous types and degrees of unsportsmanlike behavior. Although some guidelines have been suggested in the USTA Yearbook, the chair umpire/referee has the final authority to determine the seriousness of the offense and to issue penalties accordingly. For example, the umpire is allowed to be the sole judge as to whether a player is deliberately stalling to gain time or to upset his opponent.

The Junior Suspension Point System procedure will be as follows:

Upon receipt of a Junior Suspension Point, the Referee will fill out and sign, along with the player's signature, a Code of Conduct Report. This report will indicate whether a player feels that he or she was unjustly penalized. This must be filled out immediately. The Tournament Director or Referee will be responsible for mailing it to the USTA Tennessee office within 48 hours after the completion of the tournament. The player will also receive a copy of the report. The USTA Tennessee office records and monitors all Junior Suspension Points.

When a player reaches 6 Junior Suspension Points, the player and/or parent will be notified that he/she is nearing the possibility of suspension. The player will be notified when he/she reaches 10 or more Junior Suspension Points. The player will have one week to submit a written appeal to the USTA Tennessee office Grievance Committee. After the appeal, if the suspension is deemed appropriate, the suspension from any USTA Tennessee sanctioned event will become effective immediately for a period of three months. A player may continue to play sanctioned events while under appeal; however, any suspension from the final rulings begins immediately.

- At the conclusion of the suspension period, the first 10 Suspension Points will be canceled
- Tournament Directors and Referees will be notified of any suspension
- Repercussions from violating a suspension will include elimination of selection for any special programs sponsored by USTA Tennessee, such as the Southern Junior Cup, USTA Player Development programs, USTA Training programs, etc. and could include being expelled from entering any USTA Tennessee sanctioned event. A ranking for the year might also be withheld.

Violations and Suspension Points

Code Violation: For each penalty imposed under the PPS USTA Regulations (excluding time violations for delay between points, after warm-up, after a 90-second changeover, after a Set Break), two (2) points shall be assessed for the following:	
Point	2
Game	2
Default – Match	2
Default	
Default for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct	8
Default for refusal to play or continue to play (for reasons other than illness, injury or personal emergency)	5
Default for No-Show	5
Default for Late Arrival	1
Disqualification for Ineligibility	3
Improper Entry or Withdrawal	
First Offense: Being entered when entries close in two or more sanctioned tournaments scheduled to overlap unless each Tournament Committee approves the multiple entries in writing	2
Second Offense: Being entered when entries close in two or more sanctioned tournaments scheduled to overlap unless each Tournament Committee approves the multiple entries in writing	5
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	
Failure to complete tournament for ANY reason other than retirement during a match due to injury or illness. This includes walkovers, late withdrawals, and defaults	1
Unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate conduct on court after a match or off court at locations such as the tournament site, hotel, housing, or tournament sponsored event	5
Racquet or Ball Abuse	2
Visible or Audible Profanity or Obscenity	2
Retaliatory Calls	2
Failure to follow the instructions of an Official	2
No using best effort to win	2
Verbal abuse of an official or another player (by player or any person associated with player)	5
Gross Misconduct	
Physical violence or abuse against another person on or off the court by a player, parent, relative, coach, or other person associated with the player	10
Illegal use of drugs or possession of drugs	8
Possessing or drinking alcoholic beverages	8
Gambling Activity (See USTA Regulation IV.C.20)	8
Destruction of property	8
Player While Under Suspension	
Playing in any USTA sanctioned event while under suspension by USTA Tennessee, USTA Southern Section, or USTA National	10



USTA TENNESSEE JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS USTA Tennessee Release & Medical Release

Please complete this USTA Tennessee Release and Medical Release, sign it, have your parent or guardian sign it, and take the signed form with you to the USTA Tennessee tournament you are entering. In order to participate in the event, this form, signed by your parent or guardian and you, must be presented at on-site registration. Please use black ink and print clearly.

Name: _____ USTA Membership # _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone (Home): _____ Phone(Parent Office): _____

Name of Event: _____

Age Division: (circle one) B18 B16 B14 B12 B10 B8 G18 G16 G14 G12 G10 G8

USTA Tennessee Release: USTA Tennessee requires a signed release covering all entrants in USTA Tennessee events. The release must be signed by the entrant and parent or guardian of any entrant who is a minor.

Acceptance of my entry in these events is without assumption or responsibility of any kind by USTA Tennessee, its state associates or committee or management of any event in which I may be entered or may participate. In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I do hereby discharge USTA Tennessee, its officers, committees, and representatives and their successors and assigns, of and from any and all claims and damages, losses or injuries which may be suffered or sustained by me in connection with my activities during the period for which such permission is granted and any period traveling to and from the events described, and all claims are hereby waived and released, and I covenant not to sue therefore.

(Signature of Entrant) (Signature of Parent/Guardian)

(Date) (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Medical Release: I hereby consent to the rendering of emergency first aid and other medical procedures, which at the time of injury or illness seems reasonably advisable. I further understand that I will be responsible for payment of any such medical procedures. In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I hereby agree to abide by all applicable rules and regulations and codes of USTA Tennessee and/or the same as may be adopted by USTA Tennessee for this USTA Tennessee tournament, and hereby consent to be tested for drugs pursuant to the provisions thereof.

(Signature of Entrant) (Signature of Parent/Guardian)

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