

USTA TENNESSEE
JUNIOR TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS
AS OF JANUARY 2019

Basic Information

- I. USTA Membership** USTA Membership is required to play in all USTA Tennessee sanctioned junior tournaments
- II. Age 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.

Junior Age Eligibility

Age Group	Year Born	End of Eligibility
8	2011 or later	Eligible all year
8	2010	Last day of month preceding month of 9 th birthday
10	2009 or later	Eligible all year
10	2008	Last day of month preceding month of 11 th birthday
12	2007 or later	Eligible all year
12	2006	Last day of month preceding month of 13 th birthday
14	2005 or later	Eligible all year
14	2004	Last day of month preceding 15 th birthday
16	2003 or later	Eligible all year
16	2002	Last day of month preceding 17 th birthday
18	2001 or later	Eligible all year
18	2000	Last day of month preceding 19 th birthday

- III. Residency Requirements** – Only players who are “Residents of Tennessee” are eligible to earn a ranking in the state and enter the TN State Qualifier & Closed Tournaments. The residency of a USTA TN junior is determined by the primary residence of the physical and legal custodian or guardian of a said junior player. 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:

- i. **U.S. Citizens** – Citizens of the United States
- ii. **Certain Aliens** –
 - a. Permanent resident aliens in possession of a valid permanent alien registration receipt card (green card) or
 - b. 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.

Non-Resident Alients: Are not eligible to participate in Southern Level 1/1A/2 Tournaments and are not eligible to receive a Southern or Tennessee ranking.

Sanctioned Junior Events:

USTA Tennessee offer sanctioned tournaments for boys & girls in the following levels:

- I. **8-and-Under Red Ball Level (will not have a standings list)**
 - i. **Event Profile:** The court shall be 36' foot court (as described in Friend at Court) and shall use Red low compression ball. Players must use a racquet that is 19", 21", or 23" in length. Events may be coed.
 - ii. **Draw Formats:** Draws shall be Compass Draw or Round Robin format lasting one day
 - iii. **Match and Scoring Format:** The match format shall be 7 point games, 2/3 games, first to 7 points wins. Players alternate serves every 2 points and change sides after each game.
 - iv. **Entry Fee:** The entry fee for a red ball tournament shall be a base fee of \$25 (plus TennisLink fee)(Clay/Indoor \$30) (Max \$5 additional if doubles)
- II. **10-and-Under Orange Ball level**
 - i. **Event Profile:** The court shall be 60' foot court (as described in Friend at Court) and shall use the Orange low compression ball.
 - ii. **Draw Formats:** Draws in TN L4/5/6 are recommended to be one day events and use a Round Robin/Compass Draw format. Draws in TN L1-3 must be RR/Compass/FIC
 - iii. **Match and Scoring Format:**
 - a. Singles L1-L3 must be best of 2/3 short sets (first to 4, win by 2), with a set tiebreak (first to 7 and win by 2) at 4-4, and a set tiebreak (first to 7 and win by 2) for the 3rd set using no-ad scoring
 - b. Singles L4,L5,6 are recommended to be one day events or less, using a Round Robin/Compass Draw/ Non-Elimination format
 - c. Doubles L1-3 must be one regular 6 game set with a set tiebreak (first to 7 and win by 2) at 6-6 using Ad-Scoring
 - d. Doubles L4/5 are recommended to use the same scoring as above using No-Ad Scoring
 - e. One Day L5 may use one regular 6 game set with a set tiebreak at 6-6 using No-Ad Scoring for Singles & Doubles (Max 4 matches per day)
 - iv. **Entry Fees:** Shall follow the same as the levels for 12-18s (see below)
 - v. **Special Provisions for 10-and-Under Orange Ball Level**
 - a. **Tournament Director and Referee:** The tournament director may also serve as the Referee for stand-alone 10U events
 - b. **Point Penalty System:** The Point Penalty System should not be used; however, the Tournament Director, Referee, and other officials have the obligation to promote good sportsmanship, including addressing inappropriate behavior by players and persons associated with the players (parents, coaches, and associated spectators)

III. Sanctioned One-Day TN Entry Level 6 Events (10U-18U)

- i. **Event Profile:** Orange balls will be used for 10U divisions. 10U players must use a racquet that is no longer than 25". The Green Dot ball will be used for the 12-and-under division. Players must use a racquet that is 25" to 27" in length. The court shall be a full-sized 78 foot court. All other age divisions will use yellow ball.
- ii. **Draw Formats:** Various non-elimination formats may be used such as compass draws, round robins, and timed matches.
- iii. **Match and Scoring Format:** Various scoring formats may be used including timed matches, one set to 6, two out of three short sets to 4.
- iv. **Entry Fee:** Entry fees must be collected during online registration only and must be a flat rate not to exceed \$20 plus TennisLink fee. A maximum of \$10 may be added for indoor or clay court events.

IV. Sanctioned TN Level 5 Events (10U – 18U)

- i. **Event Profile:** Orange balls will be used for 10U divisions. 10U players must use a racquet that is no longer than 25". The Green Dot ball will be used for the 12-and-under division. Players must use a racquet that is 25" to 27" in length. The court shall be a full-sized 78 foot court. All other age divisions will use yellow ball. Completed on Saturday/Sunday.
- ii. **Draw Formats:** Elimination formats, Round Robins, First Match Loser Consolation, Feed in Consolation
- iii. **Match and Scoring Format:** 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).
- iv. **Entry Fee:** Not to exceed \$40 (\$45 w/doubles) (\$10 may be added if clay or indoors)

V. Sanctioned TN Level 4 Events (10U – 18U) these events will also reward Southern (sectional) Level 5 points

- i. **Event Profile:** The court shall be a full-sized 78 foot court. The Green Dot ball will be used for the 12-and-under division while yellow ball will be used for all other age divisions. Players must use a racquet that is 25" to 27" in length.
- ii. **Draw Formats:** Draws will consist of a maximum of 32 entries and a Feed-In-Consolation (FIC) through the Quarterfinals is encouraged with a 3rd and 4th playoff. A First-Match-Loser-Consolation (FMLC) may be used.
- iii. **Match and Scoring Format:** 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).
- iv. **Doubles:** Doubles is strongly recommended with a maximum of 16 doubles teams with single elimination draws. Scoring will be an 8 game pro-set (7-point tiebreak, win by 2) at 8-8.
- v. **Seeding:** Seeding will follow the most current TN standings list for the corresponding age group and will be adjusted using the TN seeding criteria.
- vi. **Entry Fee:** Online registration only. Hard courts will charge a Flat Rate that is not to exceed \$45 (\$50 w/doubles) (\$10 may be added if on clay or indoors)

VI. Sanctioned TN L3 Events (12,14,16,18s) These events will also reward Southern (sectional) Level 5 points. If doubles are played, it must be Friday night, not before 5pm.

- i. **Event Profile:** The court shall be a full-sized 78 foot court. The yellow ball will be used for all age divisions. Players must use a racquet that is 25" to 27" in length.

- ii. **Draw Formats:** Draws will consist of a maximum of 32 entries using a full FIC draw to the Quarterfinals. If a FMLC draw is used, a doubles draw must be offered.
- iii. **Match and Scoring Format:** Best of three tiebreak sets (7 point Tiebreak at 6 games all) and a Match Tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set (1st to 10, win by 2).
- iv. **Doubles:** Doubles is strongly recommended with a maximum of 16 doubles teams, that may be split into two draws of 8 with single elimination. Scoring will be an 8 game pro-set (7-point tiebreak, win by 2) at 8-8.
- v. **Seeding:** Seeding will follow the most current Southern standings list for the corresponding age group and will be adjusted using the TN seeding criteria.
- vi. **Entry Fee:** Online Registration Only. Hard Courts are not to exceed \$50 (\$55 w/doubles) (\$10 may be added if on clay or indoors)(\$30 if Doubles Only)

VII. Southern Level 3 Events

- i. **Draw Format:** Singles Draws will consist of a maximum of 32 entries and will follow the Waterfall System procedure. An extra singles draw or doubles draw must be offered. Doubles draw will follow the same procedure as a TN L3 event.
- ii. **Match and Scoring Format:** Best of three tiebreak sets (7 point Tiebreak at 6 games all) and a Match Tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set (1st to 10, win by 2).
- iii. **Seeding:** Seeding will follow the most current Southern standings list and shall be used to determine entries, with 1/8 of the draw coming up from the next lower age group in the top 40 in a selection of 32, and the remainder from the age group of the event. USTA Southern will provide the acceptance lists.
- iv. **Entry Fee:** Not to exceed \$50 (\$60 clay/indoor) (\$10 may be added if hosting doubles)

VIII. Tennessee State Open Events (12,14,16,and 18s)

- i. **Draw Formats:** Draws will consist of a Full Feed-In Consolation to the Quarterfinals with a playoff for 3rd and 4th place. Compass Draw may be used.
- ii. **Match and Scoring Format:** : Best of three tiebreak sets (7 point Tiebreak at 6 games all) and a Match Tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set (1st to 10, win by 2).
- iii. **Doubles:** Doubles must be offered and should begin on day 1 of the tournament. Doubles consolation is optional and scoring will consist of an 8 game pro-set (7-point tiebreak, win by 2 at 8-8)
- iv. **Seeding:** Seeding will follow the most current Southern standings list. Triple Southern Standing Ranking if player is playing up or if Player is in the top 100 of Southern.
- v. **Entry Fee:** Online registration only. Hard courts are not to exceed \$65 (\$10 may be added if on clay or indoors)

IX. Tennessee State Closed & Qualifier: (12,14,16,and 18s)

- i. **Draw Formats:** Draws will consist of a Full Feed-In Consolation to the Quarterfinals with a playoff for 3rd and 4th place.
- ii. **Match and Scoring Format:** A full 2 out of 3 sets must be played in the Main Draw at the Qualifier. A Match Tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set may be played in consolation matches and at State Closed.

- iii. **Doubles:** Doubles must be offered. Scoring will consist of an 8 game pro-set (7-point tiebreak, win by 2 at 8-8)
- iv. **Seeding:** Seeding will follow the most current Southern standings list
- v. **Entry Fee:** Online Registration only. Hard courts are not to exceed \$65 (\$10 may be added if on clay or indoors)
- vi. **Birth Certificates:** In order to compete in the Qualifier, a player **must** have their birth certificate on file with the USTA Southern office or else they will be replaced. Birth certificates can be emailed to USTA TN Director of Junior Competition to be placed on file.

Endorsement

I. Selections to the USTA Southern Closed Junior Championships

- i. Players must play singles the age division at the Qualifier for which they want to be endorsed in the Southern Closed; players may opt to play in a different age division for doubles, but it is not encouraged.
- ii. Players must submit a birth certificate prior to the tournament, to be placed on file with USTA Southern in order to compete in the Qualifier. Email to tylerstrong@ustatn.com for submission to Southern.

II. Endorsement Selection Process

- i. The top 8 finishers at the 12-18s Qualifying (semifinals of the Main Draw & semifinals of the Back Draw) automatically qualify for the Southern Closed
- ii. The top 4 finishers at the 10 & Under Qualifying automatically qualify
- iii. The next spots in quota are determined by the player's finishing position in the Qualifying and their Southern Ranking upon completion of the Qualifier.
- iv. All players who want to be considered for selection must have applied to the USTA Southern Closed in their age division

III. Alternates

- i. At least 14 places are retained for alternates in the 14-18s age groups
- ii. Players who are not automatically endorsed and want to go to the Southern Closed are encouraged to still enter the Southern Closed in order to be placed on the alternate list.
- iii. Places on the alternate list are chosen based on a players Southern ranking

IV. Waiver Policy:

Under the following special circumstances, Tennessee players may be waived from the Tennessee Qualifying and receive endorsement to the Southern Closed. Written requests must be sent to USTA Tennessee Director of Junior Tennis (tylerstrong@ustatn.com) by **May 15th** and will be evaluated by the Junior Competition Committee. Waivers are given on a highly selective basis.

- i. Written requests for exemption due to Injury, Illness, or Personal Emergency. A Doctor's report 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. Players granted a Medical Waiver will be placed as an alternate on the endorsement list, but are NOT guaranteed to be endorsed into the Southern Closed
- ii. A player may only apply for a medical waiver (with doctors note) twice during their junior career
- iii. Requests for waiver due to high caliber of play will be considered if:

- a. 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)
- b. A player is ranked #1-40 Nationally or #1-10 in Southern

Sportsmanship/Parent & Player Education

I. Sportsmanship/Parent Alert

- i. A parent alert must be signed by the entrant and parent/guardian before the start of play before any Southern Level 1, 2, & 3 Tournaments
- ii. Links to the Parent Alert will be on the Tournament Home Page

Tournament Directors & Tournament Entries

- I. Sanctioning: All tournaments must be sanctioned on TennisLink during the Sanction Period approved by USTA Tennessee for the following year.
To complete the sanction process, the following are required:
 - i. The Tournament Director must be an active USTA member
 - ii. The host CTA, Facility, or Organization must be an active USTA Organizational Member through the end of the tournament scheduled dates
 - iii. A \$45 sanction fee must be paid for TN L1-L5s
 - a. \$20 sanction fee for TN L6s
- II. Tournament Director Workshop: All Tournament directors must attend a yearly Tournament Director workshop organized by the USTA Tennessee office.
- III. Website Posting Requirement: All sanctioned tournaments must post on the Tournament Homepage all items on Page 58 of the 2017 Friend at Court as well as a link to the medical release form.
- IV. Medical Release Form: A medical release form must be signed by both the player and parent at each tournament. The form must be presented at the tournament's on-site registration in order to participate.
- V. Head Tax: Following the tournament, all Tournament Directors for TN L1-5 tournaments are required to submit their head tax payment online. The head tax is \$3 per player.
 - i. To submit a head tax payment online, click the link below:
<http://form.jotformpro.com/form/43224342972958>
 - ii. A late fee of \$50 will be assessed for tournaments that do not pay within 30 days. Tournaments that fail to pay within 60 days will lose their sanctions for the following calendar year
- VI. Tournament Director Selection Process: All tournaments are required to use the Tournament Director Selection Process in the OLS
 - i. Players will be selected into the event after the close of registration by the tournament director. Credit cards will not be charged until after the players are selected.
- VII. Referees: The Referee must be confirmed before the tournament is submitted for sanction approval

- VIII. **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.
- IX. **One Event Limitation**
- i. Players CANNOT play the same event (ex: singles) in two different age divisions(ex: G12 Singles & G14 Singles)
 - ii. Players CAN play in two different event types (ex: singles & doubles) in different age divisions (ex: G12 Singles & G14 Doubles)
- X. **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 violation 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, five junior suspension points for second offense for violation of this rule.
- XI. **Seeding & Results:** Seeding shall be determined using the 2017 USTA Tennessee Seeding Procedures based on the tournament level and shall be posted on the Tournament Homepage **72** hours prior to the tournament start date and the tournament director must publish the date of the standings list that was used. Results shall be posted within **24** hours
- XII. **Rain/Refund Policy:** Tournaments that are canceled due to weather are to follow this rain policy
- i. Age Divisions where play has begun = No Refund
 - ii. Age Divisions where there was no play at all – partial refund after deduction for actual expenses
 - iii. No tournament may be rescheduled without the approval of the USTA TN Director of Junior Competition
- XIII. **Athletic Trainers:** Required for the Qualifier and are recommended for the Tennessee State Open & Closed Tournaments
- XIV. **Age Divisions:** Tournament Directors hosting TN Level 1-5 tournaments must offer a 10-and-under division. Age divisions may only be split up for TN L4 events on separate weekends; however, all age divisions must be offered.

Junior Rest Periods & Daily Match Limitations

- I. **Rest Periods Between Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets**
- i. Players in all divisions receive a mandatory 10 minute rest period before starting the full 3rd set
 - ii. Players may receive coaching during the 10 minute break
 - iii. Players may not practice on the court during the 10 minute break
 - iv. If a player leaves the court during the 10 minute set break before a full 3rd set and is late in returning, the player will be penalized 1 game (as stated in Friend at Court, page 126).
- II. **Match Tiebreak in Lieu of 3rd Set**
- i. Players will receive a 3-minute set break after the 2nd set when a Match Tiebreak is being played in lieu of the 3rd Set

- ii. Coaching is allowed during the three-minute rest period , but should occur on the court or near the court.
- iii. Players should stay on the court or in an area near the court designated by an official
- iv. A player may receive additional time for a restroom break where the player will be given reasonable time to return to the court. A player's right to coaching is waived if a request for a bathroom break is made during the 3-Minute break
- v. If a player is late returning, they will be penalized

III. Rest Periods Between Matches

- i. A minimum rest period of 120 minutes must be offered between all singles and doubles matches that play a full 2 out of 3 sets. This does not apply to short set matches and matches that play a tiebreak in lieu of a final third set, nor to any match played indoors where the duration of the match is less than 120 minutes
- ii. A minimum rest period of 60 minutes must be offered for all 10U singles matches and matches played with a 10-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set.
- iii. A minimum rest period of 30 minutes must be offered between all doubles matches using an 8-game pro set. In 10U tournaments, a 15 minute rest period must be offered in between doubles matches.
- iv. For 8U tournaments, since the matches are very short in nature, the FAC indicates a rest period of no more than 15 minutes will be appropriate.
- v. A player should be offered a minimum of 12 hours rest from the conclusion of his final match and the start of their first match the following day

IV. Daily Playing Limitations

- i. The Maximum Number of matches played per day can be found in 2014 Friend at Court (Table 8; page 100)
 - a. There are no Maximum Number of Matches per Day for 8U
 - b. A maximum of 2 singles matches per day can be played when playing 2 out of 3 sets; 3 singles per day when playing a tiebreaker in lieu of a 3rd set and in all 10U tournaments
- ii. Players may be required to play 1 match using "best of 3 tiebreak sets" and 2 matches using "tiebreak in lieu of 3rd set" if advertised as such on the tournament homepage and with the approval from USTA Tennessee Director of Junior Competition

V. Night Play Limitations

- i. Ages 8-14 CAN NOT begin or resume a match later than 8pm and should have a 12 hour rest before the next match the following day
- ii. Ages 16-18 CAN NOT begin or resume a match later than 10pm and should have a 12 hour rest before the next match the following day

VI. Rest Periods in Inclement Weather Situations: Scoring formats and scheduling guidelines are subject to change during inclement weather situations; however, the rest period between matches and maximum number of matches per day are NOT subject to change. Alternative scoring formats may be used, if request is granted by USTA TN Director of Junior Competition.

Rules & Regulations for Rankings Using Point Per Round System

- A junior player must win a round to receive points for that round
- Byes do not qualify as wins
- Walkovers, defaults, and retirements qualify as wins and players receive points for advancing
- Bonus Points are awarded only to the singles event in which they are earned. If an event total (including both round points and bonus points) is not among a player's best six events, neither the event points nor the bonus points will count toward the player's standing or ranking point total. No bonus points are awarded for doubles.

I. Ranking Tie-Break Procedures

- i. Players whose best events has the highest number of points, second best, etc. through six events
- ii. Total bonus points earned in all events played during computation period
- iii. Highest single opponent bonus points earned, second highest, third highest, etc.
- iv. Best random draw number

II. Standings

- i. The Standings List will include results from multiple age divisions.
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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
- iv. Includes all eligible players that have earned at least one (1) Tennessee PPR point during the previous 12 month period
- v. The Standings List will be updated and published monthly

III. Final Rankings

- i. FINAL RANKINGS will not reflect any results in multiple age divisions
 - a. 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
- ii. The Final Ranking will include all eligible players that have earned at least one (1) Tennessee PPR point during that ranking year
- iii. 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.

IV. Mixed Doubles

- i. Mixed doubles may be offered at a tournament; however, no points will be accumulated toward rankings in mixed doubles divisions.

Junior Combined Standings/Final Rankings (Singles/Doubles)

- a. 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
- b. The ranking system includes results from singles and doubles matches in all tournaments that are sanctioned in Tennessee. Only results from Southern Level 1, L-1A, and L2 events will be included in Tennessee's standing list. The points earned in singles competition are combined with the points earned in doubles competition to form a Combined Ranking that is used for the USTA Tennessee Standing Lists and the USTA Tennessee Final Rankings List.
 - i. 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

Ranking Procedures

I. Player Record Corrections & Reporting

- i. Players are responsible for the accuracy of their computer-generated player record. Questions/Concerns regarding corrections to the player record should be directed to USTA TN Director of Junior Competition (tylerstrong@ustatn.com)
- ii. All appeals and corrections are encouraged to be addressed within 2 months following the event in questions and must be made by January 10th of the following year
- iii. Corrections may not be reflected on player record until the next Junior Standing List is published

II. USTA Tennessee Points Per Round (PPR) Tables

- i. Players are awarded points based on their finish in any tournament based on the tournament level.

Selection Criteria for Southern Junior Cup

- i. Team Tennessee will be 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.

- ii. 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.
- iii. Teams are formed using the last Southern ranking list published in July.
- iv. 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.
- v. The total team score is kept to determine a sectional winner.
- vi. Participants will be representing USTA Tennessee in this prestigious team event
- vii. Team Tennessee members will play singles, doubles, and mixed doubles in the exciting battle for bragging rights against other teams from the other states within the Southern Section
- viii. Selected Players will be notified by phone & email once selections are made

Tennessee Points Tables

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	

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	

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			

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	6
Champion	2560	1920	960	320	160	80	0
2 nd Place	1920	1440	720	240	120	60	0
3 rd Place	1536	1152	576	192	96	48	0
4 th Place/SF	1280	960	480	160	80	40	0
Quarterfinalist	640	480	240	80	40	20	0
Reached R16	384	288	144	48	24	12	0
Reached R32	230	172	86	29	14	7	0
Reached R64	102	76	34	13	6	4	0
Reached R128	51	38	17	6	3	2	0
Reached R256	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pts. Earned for Each Consolation Match Won	100	75	37	12	6	2	0

Team Events					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				

USTA Tennessee Tournament Junior Tournament Levels For Standings/Rankings

**Tournaments in Red are tournaments held in Tennessee

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 BG 12-18

(STA L3)

(STA L1, NAT L3)

(STA L1)

(STA L1, NAT L3)

(STA L1A, NAT L4)

(STA L1A)

(STA L1A, NAT L4)

(STA L1)

TN Level 1A

Tennessee State Closed Junior Championships

Winter Indoor Level 2 Championship

ALL USTA Southern Level 2 Championships

(STA L4)

(STA L2)

(STA L2)

TN Level 2

Tennessee State Open Junior Clay Court Championships

Tennessee State Open October Cup

Tennessee State Open Junior Championships

Tennessee State Indoor Championships

Jr. Team Tennis State Championships Advanced

2016 KRC Mid-Spring (BG 10-18)

Racquet Club Junior Championships

McCallie John Strang Championships

Chattanooga Doubles

** Other STA L3's from out of state

(STA L4)

(STA L4)

(STA L4)

(STA L4)

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Abbreviation Key

TN = Tennessee

STA = Southern

NAT = National

L = Level

Example: TN L2 = Tennessee Level 2

STA L3 = Southern Level 3

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

ALL out of state STA L4's

TN Level 4&5

All other USTA Tennessee Sanctioned Tournaments

(STA L5)

TN Level 6

Half day, non-elimination events

No points rewarded

Results are recorded

Rules of the Courts

- I. **Junior Suspension Point System:** The Suspension Point System applies to all tournaments sanctioned by USTA Tennessee and all other junior tournaments in the Southern Section, USTA National Levels, and ITF Events. This system applies to conduct:
 - a. During all Matches (main draw, consolation, doubles, etc.)
 - b. During tournament activities
 - c. All Tournament Facilities
 - d. At facilities, such as hotels, dormitories, and private housing
- II. **Conduct of Players & Parents & Spectators**
 - a. The USTA Point Penalty System (PPS) shall be utilized at all USTA Tennessee sanctioned tournaments both for player tardiness and conduct control. The purpose of the Point Penalty System is to deter inappropriate behavior rather than punish a player
 - b. All point penalties issued (not warnings) must be reported to the USTA Tennessee Director of Junior Competition by the Tournament Director or Referee.
 - c. Players have the right to file a formal grievance against other players, parents, officials etc. (To file a formal grievance, contact USTA Tennessee for a Grievance Form). A player or tournament official may be required to appear before the USTA Tennessee Grievance Committee for hearing and possible disciplinary action
 - d. The action of parents and/or spectators can result in warnings, Code Violations, ejection from site, and/or suspension from tournament sites for an extended period of time.
 - i. A player will receive suspension points if his/her parent/guardian/coach interferes with match (i.e. coaching, harassing any player, and other forms of unsportsmanlike conduct)
 - ii. In extreme cases, the Tournament Referee can eject a parent from the facility
 - iii. Scenarios related to inappropriate actions by parents at a tournament should be sent in writing to USTA Tennessee to evaluate
 - iv. USTA Tennessee and USTA Southern have the right to suspend any parent from all tournament sites over a period of 30 to 90 days
 - e. Players playing in STA Level 1,2,3 tournaments and their parent/guardian must sign the parent alert before they are eligible to play in a tournament of that level. Parent of players playing in STA Level 4 and 5 tournaments must view the tennis parenting presentation that can found at www.southerntennis.com/sportsmanship Failure to follow these regulations may result in the player being removed from the tournament.

Junior Suspension Violations and Points Given for Violations

The Junior Suspension Point System procedure will be as follows:

- I. Upon assignment 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.
- II. When a player reaches 6 Junior Suspension Points within a twelve-month calendar period, the player and/or parent will be notified that he/she is nearing the possibility of suspension
- III. The player will be notified when he/she reaches 10 or more Junior Suspension Points within a twelve-month calendar period. 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 ruling begins immediately.
 1. At the conclusion of the suspension period, the first 10 Suspension Points will be canceled
 2. Tournament Directors and Referees will be notified of any suspension
 3. Consequences for violating a suspension include non-selection for any programs offered by USTA Tennessee, such as Southern Junior Cup, USTA Player Development programs and events, USTA Tennessee Training Programs, debarment from USTA Tennessee sanctioned events, and suspended ranking.

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