



2021 Junior Tournament Rules and Regulations

I. Basic Information

a. Residency Requirements

- i. To be eligible to compete in the Joe Creason Kentucky State Championship, a player must have a permanent address in Kentucky. Residents of Boone, Campbell, and Kenton counties are not deemed to be residents of the Kentucky district. All entrants must all be U.S. citizens, resident aliens in possession of a valid alien registration receipt card, or aliens who have resided in the United States continuously for more than one year.
- ii. To be eligible to be selected to represent Team Kentucky in the Southern Junior Cup, a player must have a permanent residence in Kentucky (excluding Boone, Campbell, and Kenton counties) for three (3) months.
- iii. USTA Kentucky shall have full authority to make conclusive interpretations and decisions regarding residency.

b. Junior Sanctioned Events

- i. *Divisions Offered (not all divisions must be offered at each tournament)*
Boys and Girls 18U Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles
Boys and Girls 16U Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles
Boys and Girls 14U Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles
Boys and Girls 12U Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles
Boys and Girls 10U Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles

c. 2021 USTA Tennis Age Eligibility Chart

Age Division	Year Born	End of Eligibility
8	2012	Last day of month preceding month of 9 th birthday
10	2010	Last day of month preceding month of 11 th birthday
12	2008	Last day of month preceding month of 13 th birthday
14	2006	Last day of month preceding month of 15 th birthday
16	2004	Last day of month preceding month of 17 th birthday
18	2002	Last day of month preceding month of 19 th birthday

II. Event Guidelines

a. Tournament Director Guidelines

- i. USTA Kentucky shall hold the sanction over National Level 6 and 7 events and tournament directors should follow all state regulations for these events.
- ii. USTA Southern will hold the sanction over National Level 3, 4, and 5 events held within the Southern section and tournament directors should follow USTA Southern rules and regulations.
- iii. USTA National will hold the sanction over National Level 1 and 2 events and tournament directors should follow USTA National rules and regulations.

iv. Seeding Procedures

1. Seeds shall be awarded on a 1:3 ratio using the “Power of Two”. Please use the following chart to determine the number of seeds to place in your draw:

Total Players in Division	# of Seeds
2-11	1 or 2
12-23	4 or 2
24-47	8, 4, or 2
48-95	16, 8, 4, or 2
96+	32, 16, 8, 4, or 2

2. Seeding for Singles and Doubles Divisions (Level 6 and 7)

- a. Level 6 and 7 tournaments shall use the most recent National Ranking to in a respective age division to determine seeding using the chart in 2-iv.
 1. Change in 2021: Players will no longer receive credit for a higher ranking in a younger age division.

v. Draw Format and Size

1. 10U Grand Prix
 - a. All 10U events shall use Round Robin or Compass Draw formats for green and orange ball events.
 - b. Draw limits at these events shall be 16.
2. 12U-18U Divisions Level 6
 - a. A draw must have at least 3 participants to be held.
 - b. Draws of 3-5 players are recommended to use a round robin format.
 - c. Draws of 6-16 players can use the following draw formats:
 - a. Modified Feed-In Consolation
 - b. First Match Losers Consolation
 - c. Round Robin (Minimum of 3 in each group)

- d. Players shall play no more than 2 singles matches in a singular day.
- e. Draw limits at these events shall be 16.
- f. If match limitations exist, the consolation final can be unfinished.
- g. All 3rd-4th place playoff matches should be completed except in extreme circumstances.

3. 12U-18U Divisions Level 7

- a. A draw must have at least 3 participants to be held.
- b. The following draws are approved for Level 7 events:
 - a. Round Robin
 - b. Round Robin with Playoffs
 - c. Compass Draw
- c. Players shall play no more than 2 singles matches of 3 tiebreaker sets in a singular day, including 10-point tiebreaker in the 3rd set.
- d. Players shall play no more than 3 singles matches of 8-game pro sets in a singular day.
- e. If match limitations exist, the consolation finals and 3rd-4th place playoff can be unfinished.

- vi. **Head Tax:** All Level 5-7 tournaments hosted in the state of Kentucky are subject to a \$1 per unique player fee, which will be collected through Stripe on the Serve Tennis Platform.

III. Scoring Formats

- a. USTA Southern shall dictate all scoring formats for National Level 3-5 events.
- b. USTA National shall dictate all scoring formats for National Level 1-2 events.
- c. USTA Kentucky shall dictate all scoring formats for National Level 6-7 events.
 - i. The following score formats are allowed for Level 6 12-18U singles events:
 - 1. Best 2 of 3 Tiebreak Sets with a 10-point tiebreaker for the 3rd set
 - 2. Best 2 of 3 Short Sets to 4 with a 10-point tiebreaker for the 3rd set
 - 3. 8-game pro set with 7-point tiebreaker at 8-8
 - 4. No-ad scoring for singles divisions should be approved by the state coordinator.
 - 5. Any other scoring formats must be approved by the state coordinator and only implemented in special circumstances.
 - ii. The following score formats are allowed for Level 6 12-18U doubles events:
 - 1. Doubles Only Events:
 - a. Best 2 of 3 Tiebreak Sets with a 10-point tiebreaker for the 3rd set

- b. Best 2 of 3 Short Sets to 4 with a 10-point tiebreaker for the 3rd set
 - c. 8-game pro set with 7-point tiebreaker at 8-8
 - 2. Events with Singles Divisions Also Offered:
 - a. 8-game pro set with 7-point tiebreaker at 8-8
 - b. 6-game pro set with 7-point tiebreaker at 6-6
 - 3. No-ad scoring can be used for doubles events without approval from the state coordinator.

IV. Ball and Equipment Regulations

a. 12U-18U Divisions

- i. Ball Color
 - 1. All Level 6 and Level 7 events should use regulation yellow balls for singles and doubles events.
- ii. Court:
 - 1. The court shall be a full 78-foot court.

b. 10U Divisions

- i. Ball Color
 - 1. Grand Prix events shall use regulation green balls for all play.
 - 2. Orange ball events can be hosted in connection with Grand Prix events but those events shall not be given ranking credit.
- ii. Court
 - 1. Orange Ball divisions: The court shall be a 60-foot court
 - 2. Green Ball divisions: The court shall be a 78-foot court

V. Rest Periods and Match Limitations

a. Rest Period Between Matches

- i. A minimum rest period of 60 minutes must be offered between all singles and doubles matches consisting of at least 2 sets, including regular scoring, no-ad scoring, and tiebreak in place of the 3rd set.
 - 1. In all singles matches where the format is two out of three standard tiebreak sets, a rest period of two hours shall be offered. This does not apply to any no-ad, short set, or match tiebreak matches.
- ii. A minimum rest period of 30 minutes must be offered between all singles and doubles matches using an 8-game pro set.
- iii. Players should be offered a minimum of 12 hours from the conclusion of their final match and the start of their next match the following day (“12-hour rule”).

b. Night Play Limitations

- i. Children aged 8-14 can not begin or resume any match later than 8 p.m.
- ii. Children aged 15-18 can not begin or resume any match later than 10 p.m.

c. Multiple Entry Violations

- i. Players may not enter two tournaments that occur at the same time. This is a violation of USTA Friend at Court Rules.
 1. A player can get permission from the tournament directors of both tournaments should one tournament ending and one tournament beginning overlap. It is the player's responsibility to obtain written permission to register for these concurrent events.
- ii. Players can not play in the same event (singles or doubles) in two different age divisions.
 1. Players can play in two different event types in different age divisions. For instance, a player can sign up for Boys 12's singles and Boys 14's doubles.

VI. Levels/Points/Standings/Rankings

a. National Standing List Calculation

- i. 100% of the singles ranking points from a player's 6 best Junior Ranking Tournaments.
- ii. 15% of the ranking points from a player's best 6 doubles and/or mixed doubles Junior Ranking Tournaments played.
- iii. Ranking Points earned in an older age division tournament count towards a player's standing in one or more younger age divisions provided that a Junior Ranking Tournament has been played in the division and they are among the player's best 6 results.
- iv. 20% of the Ranking Points earned in a younger age division tournament count towards a player's standing in the next-older age division if they are among the player's best 6 results, regardless of whether a Junior Ranking Tournament has been played in that division.

VII. Special Selections and Endorsements

a. Southern Junior Cup

- i. 3 boys and 3 girls from the 12, 14, 16, and 18's division will be invited to play for Team Kentucky.
- ii. TBD: Selection of the team and age eligibility rules will be determined by USTA Southern when date of the tournament is released. Regulations will be updated at that time.
- iii. Players will be selected based off current Southern standing in that age division at the time of selection, UTR rating, head to head results against other players under consideration, as well as behavior incidents and suspension points. If players qualify for the team in 2 different age divisions, the player will be allowed to choose which division they wish to represent the state for at the competition.