



## 2017 USTA NORCAL JUNIOR GRAND PRIX CIRCUIT & SUMMER INVITATIONAL

**Grand Prix Circuit Period & Designated Tournaments:** All Junior Open Tournaments and Junior UTR Round Robin Tournaments that start on or after January 1 and end on or before July 31 shall be designated as part of the Grand Prix Circuit.

**Junior Grand Prix Points Race:** NorCal shall begin publishing a separate Junior Grand Prix Points Race combined ranking list. The rankings shall be calculated using the same method used for the USTA NorCal Final Ranking Lists, except that:

- only the singles and doubles results from the Grand Prix Circuit Tournaments shall be included; and
- a player's combined ranking will be based on the player's eight (8) best singles and eight (8) best doubles Grand Prix Circuit Tournaments.

As soon as possible after the last Grand Prix Circuit Tournament is concluded, a final Junior Grand Prix Points Race List will be published for the purpose of selecting players for the Grand Prix Invitational.

*Ranking points earned at Grand Prix Circuit Tournaments will also count for USTA NorCal rankings.*

**Grand Prix Players of the Year:** The number one listed player in each division on the final Grand Prix Points Race List, *provided that* the player meets the sportsmanship eligibility for selection, shall be designated the Grand Prix Player of the Year. Note that points earned in the Invitational do not count toward this award.

### Grand Prix Invitational:

- **Tournament Date:** The Invitational shall be held no sooner than two weekends following the end of the Grand Prix Circuit Period.
- **Entry Fee:** \$35 base entry fee per player
- **Selection of Players:** The top eight (8) players in each age division on the Junior Grand Prix Points Race List shall be invited to play in the Grand Prix Invitational Tournament, *except that* a player shall not be eligible if they have been defaulted from a Grand Prix Designated Tournament for reason other than lateness. Players that decline the invitation will be replaced with the next highest eligible player available on the Grand Prix Points Race List. The next highest eligible player on the Grand Prix Points Race List shall be designated as the alternate and shall replace any player who withdraws or who is defaulted.
- **Seeding:** Seeding shall be based on the Grand Prix Ranking List used to select players. In the event there is a tie between two players under consideration for selection or for the purposes of determining the seeds, a coin toss shall determine selection and seeding.
- **Competition Format:** Singles Round Robin with Players of Ordered Finishers from Each Flight (same format as is used for the USTA NorCal Masters)

Preliminary Rounds: Preliminary rounds shall be played using a Round Robin format. The players in each division shall be divided into two flights of four players each. The 1st seed shall be placed in one flight and the 2nd seed shall be placed in other flight. The 3rd and 4th seeded players shall be drawn to separate flights. The 5th and 6th seeded players shall be drawn to separate flights. The 7th and 8th seeded players shall be drawn to separate flights.

Treatment of Defaults, Withdrawals, Walkovers and Retirements: A player is credited with a win when there is a default, retirement, withdrawal or walkover of the opponent (unless an alternate takes the place of a player - see below). A player who is defaulted for any reason other than lateness shall not play in subsequent matches and may not be declared the winner of the round robin. A player who is defaulted, retires, or creates a walkover shall finish lower than every other player who has an identical match record.

Substitution of a Player with an Alternate: During the preliminary rounds, a player that withdraws or is defaulted for any reason other than lateness, whether it is before the first match or a subsequent match in the preliminary rounds, shall be replaced with an alternate, if an alternate is available.

Determining Top Finishers: After completion of the preliminary rounds (whereby each player plays every other player in the flight - 3 rounds per player), the top finishers shall be determined as described in the USTA Regulations (USTA Regulation II.B.6.c. and d.).

Championship Match: The top finisher in each of the two flights shall play one Championship match to determine the winner of the tournament.

Playoff for 3rd & Fourth Place: The 2nd best finishers in each of the two flights shall play one match to determine 3rd and 4th place.

- **Match Format:** All matches shall be the best of three tiebreak sets.
- **Tournament Schedule:** Provided inclement weather doesn't affect the schedule, the rounds shall be played as follows:
  - Day 1: First two rounds of Round Robin
  - Day 2: Third round of Round Robin; Championship, 3rd/4th Playoff