



USTA Mid-Atlantic Junior Tournament Regulations

And Point Tables

The purpose of these regulations is to:

- Foster the development of junior tennis players in the Mid-Atlantic Section;
- Meet the competitive needs of juniors at every skill level;
- Provide a pathway of advancement opportunities to higher skill levels;
- Extend competitive play throughout the year; and
- Address the concerns for school attendance and financial expenditure in pursuit of the sport.

It is the player's and parent's responsibility to be familiar with

USTA Mid-Atlantic Junior Tournament Regulations.

****All information highlighted in yellow represents a new regulation for 2017.**

I. Eligibility Requirements

A. USTA Membership

In order to credit player match results for Standings/Rankings purposes, players must possess a current USTA membership* before registering for any tournament.

Where the tournament registration program (Tennislink) does not confirm that a player possesses a current, valid membership, Tournament Directors shall demand that a valid USTA membership card be presented at tournament check-in. USTA membership can be updated or purchased by credit card on-line or by calling 1-800-990-USTA (8782).

Information about membership benefits is available from the Mid-Atlantic Section office.

* Membership is not required for Entry Level 8 tournaments:

A non-member identification number / player account must be created through the Tennislink Log-In page: <https://tennislink.usta.com/Dashboard/Main/Login.aspx?App=5>

B. Residency Requirements

Only players holding a current USTA membership card assigned to one of the States within Mid-Atlantic Section and who have established legal residency within USTA/MAS will be included in the Section Ranking lists.

Most Entry Level (L8 & L7), Intermediate Level (L6 & L5) tournaments, and Advanced Level L4 Challenger tournaments are open to all USTA junior members.

Advanced Level L4+/L3 tournaments, and Tri-Champion Series events are closed by Section.

A player's legal residence shall be the domicile of that player's parents, or in the absence of a parent, the player's legal guardian. Domicile is defined as the bona fide, true and permanent home of the player's parents or guardian. The USTA/Mid-Atlantic Section reserves the right to require proof of residency.

C. Age Eligibility

The USTA/Mid-Atlantic Section uses the same age-eligibility rule as USTA National. Junior players are able to play in an age division until the month of birth in the year in which they "age out" of their current age division. This means that players who are 10, 12, 14, 16, or 18 years old may continue to play in their age division until the last day of the month preceding the month in which they turn 11, 13, 15, 17, or 19, respectively. NOTE: The start date of a tournament determines the player's eligibility for that tournament.

D. Birth Certificate

The Section reserves the right to require players to submit a copy of their birth certificate or other proof of age that is acceptable to the Section.

II. USTA/Mid-Atlantic BG12-18 Junior Tournaments

A. Pathway

All players participating in Mid-Atlantic Junior Tournaments should familiarize themselves with the **MAS TOURNAMENT PATHWAY**. The pathway begins with short duration tournaments, short match formats and low entry fees, and logically and incrementally progresses to longer competitions, longer match formats and corresponding reasonable increases in maximum recommended entry fees.

B. Junior Tournaments and Events

a.) Junior tournaments are defined by a specific level:

1. Level 1 – Level 1 National Championships
2. Level 2 – Level 2 National Selection Tournaments and events
3. Level 3 -- USTA/MAS CHAMPIONSHIP SUPER 700 events **and National events**
4. Level 4+ - USTA/MAS CHAMPIONSHIP SUPER 660 events
5. Level 4 – USTA/MAS Challengers; **Hard Court USTA/MAS Tri-Champion Series events, and some ITF events**
6. Level 5 -- Intermediate Events; **Clay Court and Indoor USTA/MAS Tri-Champion Series events**
7. Level 6 -- Intermediate Events
8. Level 7 – Entry Level Events
9. Level 8 – Futures – Participation points only

**** Generally competition becomes stronger as you move from one level to the next, L8 to L1.**

b.) Junior Events

10. Junior Team Tennis

11. High School Dual Matches and Play-offs
12. College Showcases
13. Match Play Camps

C. Friend at Court

USTA/Mid-Atlantic Tournaments shall follow the rules and guidelines as published in the Friend at Court, ([link to Friend at Court](#)) unless exception is noted.

III. Entry Level – Intermediate Tournaments

A. L8 Tournament Formats (Futures)

Recommended for entry level players playing first tournament

- a. Shall be no longer than half-day per draw
- b. Non-Elimination draw formats shall be used - guarantee 3 matches
- c. May use timed matches; short sets; Fast4 formats
- d. Boys and Girls 12s L8 Tournaments shall use the Green-dot balls

B. L7 Tournament Formats (Entry Level)

Recommended for entry level players with some competition experience

- a. Shall be no longer than one day per draw
- b. Match formats determined by number of rounds to be played
- c. May use timed matches, short sets, super sets, and 8 game pro-sets
- d. Summer/Outdoor: 2 matches guaranteed; Winter/Indoor: 2 match minimum recommended
- e. Draws of more players may be split to guarantee multiple matches
- f. Boys and Girls 12s L7 Tournaments shall use the Green-dot balls

C. L6 Tournament Formats (Intermediate)

Recommended for Intermediate players with competition experience and success at L7

- a. Shall be no longer than 2 days (unless exception is granted and noted on website)
- b. Format is best 2 out of 3 sets with Tie-break in lieu of 3rd (unless noted)
- c. Summer/Outdoor: 2 matches guaranteed; Winter/Indoor: 2 match minimum recommended
- d. Sanctioning Guideline: 40 miles per each age group (population centers will be taken into consideration)

D. L5 Tournament Formats (Advanced Intermediate)

Recommended for Advanced-Intermediate players who have had repeated success at L6. Intro to Advanced Competition.

- a. Shall not exceed 3 days (unless exception is granted and noted on the website)
- b. Match Format is 2 out of 3 sets with Tie-break in lieu of 3rd; semi-finals & finals are 2 out of 3 sets
- c. Summer/Outdoor: 2 matches guaranteed; Winter/Indoor: 2 match minimum recommended
- d. Sanctioning Guideline: Generally 4-5 events per age division per month to be distributed regionally.

E. USTA/MAS Tri-Champion Series (L5 and L4)

- a. The USTA/MAS Tri-Champion Series will replace the state championships
- b. The events will be played on three (3) surfaces: Clay; Hard; and Indoor as follows:
 - i. Clay Courts (L5): July
 - ii. Hard Courts (L4): August
 - iii. Indoor Hard Courts (L5): December (Consolations played through second round maximum to guarantee two matches)
- c. For each surface, the section shall offer three (3) sites per age division.
- d. Sites will be distributed regionally throughout the Section
- e. All events will be closed to Mid-Atlantic players.
- f. Players may only compete in one (1) age division.
- g. Players shall register for ONE (1) site only, but are not required to play in their state of residence. For example, a player from Northern Virginia may opt to play B16s at a site in DC or MD because that is closer to his residence. But, he may ONLY register for 1 site.
- h. Draws Size will be limited to 32 singles and 16 doubles teams; Singles FIC; Doubles SE.
- i. Results from these events contribute to the Tri-Champion Points Race which determines an overall 2017 Champion per age group. To win the championship all points must be earned in same age division.

F. Selection – For All L8- to L4 Tournaments:

- a. When court space is limited, draw sizes may be limited
 - i. Tournament Directors must indicate this on their Tournament Home Page
 - ii. Players are selected based on their position on the most recent Mid-Atlantic Standing List*
 - iii. To fill a draw, non-ranked players may be selected randomly
 - iv. *Some Pilot tournaments may use a selection process based on a Published Player rating – insuring level-based play

G. Seeding

- a. Seeding shall be based on the most recent USTA/Mid-Atlantic Standing List*
- b. Seeding number **must** be a power of 2: 2, 4, 8, etc
- c. Seeding ratio is a maximum of 1 seed per 3 players, except that any draw size may have 2 seeds:
 - i. 2-11 Players: 2 Seeds maximum
 - ii. 12-23 Players: 4 Seeds Maximum
 - iii. 24-47 Players: 8 seeds Maximum
 - iv. 48 +: 16 Seeds
- d. If there is not enough information to seed the maximum number, the tournament director may choose to seed the next lower power of 2
- e. Round Robins should not be seeded
- f. *Some Pilot tournaments may be seeded based on a Published Player Rating, with highest (strongest) players selected as seeds

H. Additional Events

- a. Junior Team Tennis (JTT) events are organized and run separately from the regular junior tournament structure which deals exclusively with individual and doubles tournament play (see the section on JTT on the Mid-Atlantic website). However, players in the Intermediate and Advanced JTT State and Sectional Championship events will earn points toward their Mid-Atlantic Standings/Rankings. Please review associated [point tables](#).
- b. High School Participation will be awarded participation points and match win points, as long as the match is posted on the tennislink searchable schedule and the player holds a current USTA Membership OR a non-membership Player Identification Number. Please review [point tables](#).
- c. College Showcases; Match Play Camps and Pilot Events may award points as noted on the event Home Page.

IV. BG12-18 Advanced Junior Tournaments: L4, L4+, L3

LATE ENTRIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED FOR ANY L4, L4+, L3 EVENT

A. USTA/MAS Challenger Events: Non-designated (L4)

Recommended for Advanced Level Players

- a. Non-designated events will count toward a player's section ranking but not toward a player's National ranking
- b. All Challenger events will be open to residents and non-residents
- c. The Challenger event schedule will consist of five (5) calendar events in each age division and each Challenger event will be limited in entry by the following schedule:
 - i. 14s-18s Challengers: Open to 48 players using single elimination format and offering a doubles draw of up to 24 teams, single elimination format. A Play-off for 3rd/4th place shall be offered. Challenger tournaments will count for Section Level 4 points and will be indicated in title as L4. There will be one event per age division in each of the months on the below schedule.
 - ii. 12s Challengers: Open to 32 players using single elimination format and offering a doubles draw of up to 16 teams, single elimination format. A Play-off for 3rd/4th place shall be offered. Challenger tournaments will count for Section Level 4 points and will be indicated in title as L4. There will be 2 concurrent tournaments per month (except for June/July) based on the below schedule.
 - iii. Players may only register for ONE 12s Challenger location. Each draw will offer equal points.
- d. The L4 Challenger schedule is as follows:
 - i. February: Challenger #1
 - ii. April: Challenger #2
 - iii. June/July: CLAY COURT Challenger #3 -based on available weekends in the National Schedule
 - iv. November: Challenger #4
 - v. December: Challenger #5

- e. Selection to Challenger events is as follows:
 - i. Open to USTA members from all sections
 - ii. First Priority to Mid-Atlantic players from most current MAS standing list.
 - iii. To non-residents based on most recent National Standing list
 - iv. Seeding is based on most recent National standing list if event has non-resident participation. Seeding for events with MAS residents only will use current MAS standing list.

B. USTA/MAS L4+ and L3 Tournaments

Recommended for Advanced Level Players.

- a. These events are open to juniors in the Mid-Atlantic Section meeting the Residency Requirements as set forth in ELIGIBILITY. Level 4+ and Level 3 Tournaments count for *both* Section and National Ranking. **They are titled as a ‘Super Six Series’.**
EXCEPTION: Some DOUBLES ONLY events offer Section L4+ Points, but do NOT count for National Points. They are NL0 events.
- b. There shall be a total of 6 Advanced Singles and 6 Advanced Doubles Super Six Series events per Age Division per Year.
- c. SINGLES ONLY events shall be scheduled as 3-day events; 2 out of 3 tie-break sets;
EXCEPTION: The JUNE SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP (see SCHEDULE, below)
- d. DOUBLES ONLY shall be scheduled as a 1-day event; 8 game pro-set
- e. All draws shall be Full Feed-In (FIC) Draw Format
- f. Selection and seeding of USTA/MAS Section L4+, L3 tournaments is completed by the Mid-Atlantic Section office.
- g. **SELECTION: BG14s, 16s, 18s** Selection of players to the Super Six Series SINGLES:
 - i. In Draws of 32 players, 28 will be selected from the most recent USTA/MAS Standing List in the age division of the event; 4 Players will be selected from the next younger age division, as long as the player is:
 - In the Top 8 of the USTA/MAS Standing List in the next Younger Age Division AND
 - The Player is in the Top 150 of the most recent National Standing List of the Younger Age Division
 - If no players from the younger age division meet these criteria, the remaining 4 spots will be awarded to players from the Standing List of the age division of the event.
 - ii. In Draws of 48 players, 44 will be selected from the most recent USTA/MAS Standing List in the age division of the event; 4 Players will be selected from the next younger age division, as long as the player is
 - In the Top 8 of the USTA/MAS Standing List in the next Younger Age Division AND
 - The Player is in the Top 150 of the most recent National Standing List of the Younger Age Division
 - If no players from the younger age division meet these criteria, the remaining 4 spots will be awarded to players from the Standing List of the age division of the event.

h. **SELECTION: BG12s Singles and/or Doubles** Players will be selected from the most recent USTA/MAS Standing list in **the BG12s Age Division**

i. **SEEDING:** Seeding for L3 Super 700 Championship singles events will utilize the all factors method of seeding as listed in the Friend At Court including MAS and National Standings, ratings, and recent results.

C. **SCHEDULE:** USTA/MAS Championship SUPER SIX SERIES (Level 4+ and Level 3) Tournaments – Designated Events

a. LEVEL 3- SUPER 700 EVENTS

- i. SUPER 700 Events will receive both National and Section Level 3 Points.
- ii. USTA/MAS CHAMPIONSHIP SUPER 700 singles events will be held twice per year (2) tournaments in each age division with a “back draw” or full feed in consolation (FIC). Championship #1 will be limited to a draw of 32; Championship #4 will be a maximum draw of 64.
- iii. USTA/MAS CHAMPIONSHIP Doubles Only SUPER 700 events will be held twice per year. Doubles only draws will be limited to 16 teams with a Full Feed In consolation through the quarters. The match format for Championship #1 will be 8-game pro-sets. The match format for Championship #4 may be an 8-game pro-set or 2/3 tie-break sets.
- iv. The Level 3 SUPER 700 events will be held as follows:
January:
Championship #1 Singles Only; 2/3 tie-break sets; FIC; Draw limit = 32
Championship #1 Doubles Only; 8-game Pro-sets; FIC; Draw limit = 16 teams
June:
Championship #4 Singles Only; 2/3 tie-break sets; FIC; Draw limit = 64
Championship #4 Doubles Only; 2/3 tie-break sets; FIC; Draw Limit = 16 teams
- v. A Play-Off for 3rd/4th Place **shall** be held.
- vi. The Main draw shall be played to completion, barring inclement weather.
- vii. The FIC Consolation will be played to the finals.

b. LEVEL 4+ - SUPER 660 EVENTS

- i. SUPER 660 Events will receive both National Level 4 and Section Level 4+ points
- ii. USTA/MAS CHAMPIONSHIP SUPER 660 events will be held four (4) times per year as follows:
February:
Championship #2 Doubles Only; 8-game Pro-sets; FIC; Draw limit = 16 teams
March:
Championship #2 Singles Only; 2/3 tie-break sets; FIC; Draw limit = 32

April:

Championship #3 Doubles Only; 8-game Pro-sets; FIC; Draw limit = 16 teams

May:

Championship #3 Singles Only 2/3 tie-break sets; FIC; Draw limit = 48

September:

Championship #5 Singles Only; 2/3 tie-break sets; FIC; Draw limit = 48

Championship #5 Doubles Only; 8-game Pro-sets; FIC; Draw Limit = 16 teams

October:

Championship #6 Singles Only; 2/3 tie-break sets; FIC; Draw limit = 32

Championship #6 Doubles Only; 8-game Pro-sets; FIC; Draw limit = 16 teams

iii. The main draw will be played to completion

iv. A Play-Off for 3rd/4th Place **shall** be held

v. The Consolation for all SECTION L4+ events shall conclude **ON SUNDAY**; No consolation matches will be played on Monday (unless tournament is affected by inclement weather)

***ENDING CONSOLATION PLAY ON SUNDAY will eliminate players missing school.**

V. USTA BG12-18s National Tournaments and Events

A. National Level Tournaments are scheduled by the USTA National Office. These events include but are not limited to:

Certain International Tennis Federation (ITF) Levels 4 to 1

National Level 3 Tournaments

National Selection Tournaments Level 2

National Championships Level 1 or 1A

Other events as listed on the National Junior Schedule

Entry to these events may be based on a player's position on the Section Endorsement List, on the National Standing List, results in a Qualifying draw, a Wild Card, or USTA/MAS Section Selection/Endorsement.

It is the Player's responsibility to know and understand [the entry process for these events](#).

The deadline for most of the tournaments on the [National Junior Schedule](#) will be:

THURSDAY AT NOON EASTERN TIME!

a. MAS Selection to National Team Events, including but not limited to:

Zone Team Championships Level 2

Intersectional Team Championships Level 1

BG18s National Team Championship Level 1

MAS Selection to Intersectional Team Championships and Zone Team Events will be determined by player position on the most current USTA-MAS Standings list at the time of the deadline.

MAS Selection to BG 18s National Team Championships will be as follows: One spot to June MAS BG 18s Super 700 Level 3 Championship winner, one spot to a wildcard selected by coaches' commission, the remaining 5 spots will be based on the current USTA-MAS Standings List calculated immediately following the June MAS Super 700 Championships. If the winner of the June MAS Super 700 Championship elects not to participate or if a wildcard is not granted, the remaining two spots will default to the standing list.

Various Sections and private organizations coordinate "Invitational" events and offer Sections the opportunity to enter players or a team. Where USTA/MAS agrees to participate in such events, players are selected after considering any specific selection criteria stipulated by the event organizers and the need for time-certain commitments. When possible position on the most current standing list and wildcard will be considered for selection. For specific events the entry criteria will be posted on tennislink.

Note: The Youth Programs Committee (YPC) has final approval on all players selected to National and or Team events. The YPC may decline to endorse a player's participation in any National or Team event where that player (or related party, including a parent or coach) has exhibited unacceptable personal behavior, poor sportsmanship, withdrawal after selection of players has been determined, or any acts determined detrimental to the game.

Players who enter a National Championship are selected based on their Quota position on the USTA/MAS Endorsement List and or players entering USTA/MAS L3 or L4+ tournaments may NOT withdraw after the deadline to compete in another tournament (for example, an ITF event). If a player is discovered in another draw, FIVE (5) penalty points will be added to their Point Penalty Record. Taking a Quota Spot from another potential player and then failing to participate is considered Unsportsmanlike Conduct.

VI. Scheduling and Junior Match Play

A. Online Entry Acceptance and Notification

- a. We urge all players to register online and refer to the tournament home page for pertinent information regarding registration, draws, scoring, hotels, directions and weather updates
- b. Main draw players and alternates may view lists published on the TennisLink Tournament Home Page for a specific event in which they've registered, no later than six days after on-line registration has closed
- c. When possible, draws will be published on the Wednesday prior to every Friday/Saturday start date for L4, L4+ and L3 events

FOR LEVELS L4, L4+ and L3: LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

B. Tournament Withdrawal

- a. A player desiring to withdraw from a tournament after the entry deadline has passed must notify the Tournament Director (TD) in writing. Fax or e-mail is acceptable. Sending a copy of the communication to the MAS office is

appreciated, but does not alleviate the player of the responsibility to notify the TD directly.

b. Refunds are NOT required after the tournament deadline

- c. After play has started, a player who does not intend to play the next match (complete the tournament), shall notify the tournament director in writing with in one (1) hour of the end of the previous match of his/her intention not to play. Failure to do so will result in a Default/no show code for the match; five (5) penalty points on a player's record; loss of points for the tournament; and the event will not count toward the player's Endorsement List eligibility.

MAS/YPC Comment: Failure to notify the tournament director is considered Unsportsmanlike Conduct. If you are unable to complete the next match, it is strongly recommended that the player plays one point and retires.

C. Making the Draw(s) for USTA/MAS Junior Tournaments

The making of the draw for all USTA/MAS Junior Tournaments is the responsibility of the Tournament Referee, assisted by at least one but preferably two members of the Tournament Committee.

D. Inclement Weather Policy

- a. All tournaments must post a refund policy with regard to inclement weather on the tournament homepage.
- b. Member Organizations are not required to refund players for tournaments affected by inclement weather.
- c. MAS recommends that a credit be offered to players affected by the cancellation for a future tournament hosted by that same organization. The decision to offer such a credit is at the discretion of the Member Organization – but MUST be posted on the tournament Home Page.
- d. All tournaments must be played to completion, weather and darkness permitting.
- e. A tournament cannot be cancelled prior to the tournament start date, unless permission is given by the USTA Mid-Atlantic Section.
- f. The Tournament Committee shall not make the decision to cancel matches for the remainder of the day until at least 2pm of the day in question; or to cancel the tournament until at least 2pm of the last scheduled day of play. The Tournament Director must make every effort to complete as many matches as possible, and to complete a round within the draw. **Exceptions can be made for severe conditions or if permission is given by the Mid-Atlantic Section.
- g. In the event that a tournament must be shortened, the use of no-ad scoring, third set tie-breaks, and shortened sets (or combinations of these formats) is recommended.
- h. If events must be cancelled, the preferred order is:
 - i. Doubles Consolation
 - ii. Singles Consolation'

iii. Doubles

iv. Singles

E. Scheduling Junior Match Play

- a. USTA Tournament Regulations as found in the [Friend at Court](#) establish formal guidelines for scheduling junior tournament match play. While USTA/MAS requires Tournament Directors to adhere to these Guidelines in planning their events, circumstances can and do arise that require Referees/Directors to exercise their authority to revise the schedule in a manner consistent with the Guidelines. At all times, the health of the players involved should receive consideration.

Exception: For all Level 4 and Level 4+ tournaments, to complete the tournament in 3 days, the Referee may schedule up to two (2) singles matches and two (2) doubles matches per day.

VII. Section Rankings and Standings

A. Residency Requirements

To be considered for any USTA/Mid-Atlantic Ranking List, a player must be a USTA member in good standing. The player must also maintain a residence or reside within the USTA/Mid-Atlantic Section. No player qualifying and receiving a ranking in another USTA section will be ranked in the USTA/Mid-Atlantic Section.

B. Tournaments that count for Mid-Atlantic Section Ranking Lists

- a. Junior Team Tennis State, Section and National Championships
- b. High School Tennis Matches
- c. All USTA/Mid-Atlantic sanctioned Section tournaments
- d. National Tournaments on the USTA Online Searchable Schedule
- e. Some special events, as noted on the Tournament Home page

C. Weekly Standings List

- a. Published every Tuesday
- b. The Combined Standings List consists of 100% of a player's best six (6) singles point totals and 15% of a player's best six (6) doubles point totals recorded in the Standings program over the preceding twelve (12) month period
- c. All age-eligible players who have played at least one tournament in an age division and have at least one match win in the division, will receive a Standing
- d. Bonus Points for wins over players in the top 100 of the Final Ranking List from the previous month will be added according to the point chart
- e. New Residents Rule: Players whose families have moved to the Mid-Atlantic Section, holding a National Standing in the Top 150 of an age group, will be placed as 'Eligible' on the Mid-Atlantic Standing List, at a position commensurate with the rankings of adjacent players, *for a period not to exceed 4 months of adjusted position*, for the sake of selection into a Section Level 4, 4+ or 3 event. The 'New Residents Rule' will be used for Selection into tournaments with limited draws and for seeding, **but not for selection to USTA Mid-Atlantic Competitive teams**, as long

as the Parents can show proof of residency to the satisfaction of the Junior Competition Committee, such as (but not limited to):

1. Military Transfer Orders
2. School registration
3. Driver's License
4. Home Purchase

For example: A new player whose national standing is 89 will be placed on the MAS Weekly Standing List between 2 players who are ranked 72 and 105 on the National Standing List, for the purpose of selection and seeding in tournaments with limited draws.

D. Doubles Only Standings List

- a. Individual doubles rankings will be published weekly
- b. Includes a player's best six (6) doubles results
- c. Used for Selection and Seeding in Doubles Only Tournaments

E. Monthly Final Ranking List

- a. Published at the beginning of each month for the preceding month
- b. Removes players who age up in the month of publishing
- c. Is used to calculate Bonus Points during the current month
- d. The December monthly Final Ranking list will be published as the 2017 Year End Final List.

F. Endorsement List for National Championships

- a. Establishes Players in the USTA/MAS Quota
- b. When possible, published the Monday prior to the tournament deadline - must be published before Close of Business the Wednesday before the deadline
- c. Must have at least 1 match win (played)
- d. The winners of the June Level 3 USTA/MAS Super 700 Championship draws will automatically be placed as #1 on the endorsement list for the USTA National Hard Court Championship in August for the corresponding age group. These winners do not need to meet the requirements listed below in Regulation VII F e.
- e. Player must enter and compete in at least 3 of the USTA/MAS SUPER SIX events in the 12 months preceding the publish date
 - i. Enter and compete means that the player must enter the tournament and play until he or she is eliminated. **Withdrawals and/or Defaults DO NOT COUNT** as completing the tournament; Results will not be added to a player's Standing and would not qualify the player for inclusion on the Endorsement List
 - ii. The 3 events may be all singles, all doubles, or a combination of the two.
 - iii. If a player is unable to complete the tournament, the player should retire.

MAS/YPC Comment: The reason that Withdrawals and Defaults do not count toward a player's participation in SUPER SIX EVENTS is to encourage play within the Section. A player shall not enter and then withdraw, expecting the event to count.

VIII. Points (point tables)

To receive points for a tournament, the following rules apply:

- a. Points are based on the level of tournament, the draw type and the player's results (where they finish)
- b. For all ranking lists*, Points count down to lower age divisions as long as the player is age eligible for the younger age division and has at least 1 match win (played) in the younger age within the previous twelve (12) months.
- c. Byes do not qualify as wins; Player must win the following match to earn points
- d. Withdrawals qualify as wins for the advancing player and earn Points-Per-Round, but do not earn Bonus Points
- e. Retirements and Walkovers qualify as wins for the advancing player; earn Points-Per-Round; and if eligible, Bonus Points
- f. A player who advances because of a default that takes place before the commencement of the first point in the match or because the opponent is disqualified, shall receive Points-Per-Round for advancing, but shall not receive Bonus Points
- g. A player who is defaulted from a tournament for code violations under the Point Penalty System or misconduct forfeits any points accumulated during the tournament
- h. POINTS COUNTING UP- During 2017 calendar year MAS will consider counting a percentage of a player's total points from tournaments of a specific age division to the next older age division. This procedure is based on the 2017 USTA National system; date of implementation has not been determined, however it will not occur before September 1st, 2017.**
 - i. MAS will examine the ramifications and effectiveness of the National system before implementation**
 - ii. MAS does not wish to impact the endorsement list before summer National Championships**