



2021 Nationwide Junior Competitive Structure: Top 10 Things to Know

- 1. ONE Nationwide Structure of Tournaments.** The 17 sectional structures and one national structure will be replaced with ONE nationwide structure of junior tournaments. The structure will consist of seven levels of ranking tournaments, with the lowest level of intermediate tournament classified as a Level 7 and USTA National Championships classified as Level 1. For entry-level to intermediate players of all ages, a non-ranking series of events called the Net Generation Circuit will focus on age-appropriate competition, development and fun.
- 2. ONE Nationwide Points-Per-Round Ranking System.** The 17 sectional ranking systems and one national ranking system will be replaced with ONE nationwide ranking system for the Level 1-7 ranking tournaments. One set of nationwide ranking tables will determine the points earned in all ranking tournaments.
- 3. ONE Standings List.** At least monthly, the USTA will continue to publish National Standings Lists (NSLs), using the same Best of 6 singles and Best of 6 doubles results system, with 15% of a player's doubles results counting toward a player's standing. Points will count up and count down as they have in the past. These lists will be filtered by section or district when they are used for selection into closed tournaments and team competitions.
- 4. EVERYTHING Counts.** While sections will continue to hold two Closed Level 3s and four Closed 4s, and in some cases Closed Level 5s, all other tournaments sanctioned by the sections will be open to all players and all results will count in the ranking system. This also permits sections to hold Open Level 4s. This means that, for example, if you are vacationing out of section and play a tournament, it will count. It also allows players who live near section borders to play across section lines and have their results count.
- 5. ONE Quota list criteria for every Section -- no more endorsement requirements for Nationals.** Sections will no longer impose minimum requirements to appear on a section's endorsement list. Sections will continue to get a minimum Quota number of players into USTA National Championships, but these lists will all have the same criteria and will be published on a monthly basis so players better understand their chances of making Nationals. The criteria provides an incentive for players to compete in-section as follows:
 - In the BG 18, 16 and 14 divisions, no more than three singles and three doubles results can be from tournaments sanctioned by an entity other than the Sectional Association; and
 - In the BG 12 divisions, no more than two singles and two doubles results can be from tournaments sanctioned by an entity other than the Sectional Association.
- 6. NEW Ranking Events.** For the first time, the ranking system will be able to count results from mixed doubles events, including mixed doubles matches that are played as part of a team tournament. The new structure has also created the opportunity for sections to organize two high-level ranking events — a Level 2 Intersectional Team Tournament between two or more sections and a Closed Intra-sectional Level 4 Team Tournament.
- 7. GETTING Into USTA National Championships.** No change has been made to the number of players selected into the USTA National Championships — this includes the total players accepted as well as the number of players selected as part of each step in the selection process (Direct Acceptance, National Level 2 Qualifiers, players from the NSL, Quota, and Wild Cards). What has changed is the order of the players. Beginning in 2021, the NSL players will be selected before the Quota players. Any player accepted based on their NSL who is also on a Quota List within a section's Quota will result in the next-highest player on the Quota List that enters getting in.
- 8. UNIFIED Residency Requirements.** Sections will all have the same residency requirements, and residency will determine eligibility to play in closed tournaments and represent a section or district in team competition. A player may be a resident of only one section (and if applicable, one district). Residency will be based on where a player resides, except that a player may change their residency one time per calendar year so long as it is based on:
 - The address of the player's legal guardian; or
 - The physical address of a boarding school or tennis academy, so long as the player is enrolled and residing at the school or academy.
- 9. EVERY Section Is Not The Same.** Every section is slightly different — in size, geography, population, climate—and the new regulations allow for sections to make decisions that best meet the needs of their junior players. Examples of what sections will be deciding include:
 - Draw sizes of their tournaments;
 - Numbers of tournaments at each level;
 - When the tournaments take place on the calendar (except that one of the Closed Level 3s must take place in May or June); and
 - The draw and match formats.
- 10. IT All Starts in 2021.** All of the changes will take effect in January 2021. In the coming months, be on the lookout for webinars and other educational materials that will take a deeper dive into the details of the new structure.

2021 USTA Junior Tournaments Ranking System

Effective January 1, 2021

The USTA has developed a new and exciting nationwide competitive system that brings uniformity across all 17 sections and combines it to one, simplified structure. This model introduces new levels ranging from intermediate Level 7 events all the way to the National Championships at Level 1 with specific draw formats contained within each level.

For more information on the exciting changes ahead, please visit usta.com/juniortour.

2020 Shadow Ranking Philosophy

To help facilitate the transition to 7 levels of ranked tournaments, the USTA will be importing results from existing 2020 tournaments that count for National and Section ranking points and converting them to the new ranking point table.

For example, a 2020 District or State Level 3 tournament could be assigned as a National Level 5 tournament for 2021. Each Section will be advising the USTA National Office as to the level assignments of their tournaments. 2020 National Level 1-3s will remain the same level in 2021. Starting in 2021, the 2020 tournament results will remain on a player's record with the point values from the new tables until they roll off after 12 months.

In order to inform players about the transition and provide a set of data to be reviewed by the USTA before official implementation in 2021, the USTA will be calculating "Shadow Rankings." Shadow Rankings will be an unofficial National Standings List (NSL) based on 2020 results using the new 2021 ranking tables. Unlike an official NSL, Shadow Rankings will only include 2020 results and therefore will not include a full 12 months of play, only the results to date this year, and they will not be used for any official purpose in 2020. Shadow Rankings will be published regularly during the 3rd quarter of 2020 and are intended for use by players and coaches to better understand how tournament schedules and results will be reflected in the new system.

Prior to publication, Shadow Rankings will be examined and the USTA will consider making adjustments to the 2021 ranking point tables. If any adjustments are determined to be necessary, revised point tables will be published with the Shadow Rankings during the 3rd quarter of 2020.

On January 1, 2021, the first official NSLs of the year will be published with a full 12 months of results calculated based on the 2021 point tables. On or about this time, the first Section Quota Lists will be published, and will continue to be published monthly, giving players information on how their results affect their positions on these lists.

In total, 9 different draw format options will be offered, keeping in mind that not all options are available at all levels. The types of draw formats are listed below and also color coded to easily find corresponding point tables.

Round Robin
Round Robin with Playoff
Modified Feed In Consolation
Compass Draw
Voluntary Consolation
Team Tournament
Feed In Consolation
Curtis Consolation
Flighted Draw (non-round robin)

2021 Point Tables

Point Tables as of 2/21/2020. Values are subject to adjustment prior to 2021 effective date.

Points Per Win at Level 6 and 7 ONLY; Round Robin Table for L3 – L5					
	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7
Points for Winning Level (used to determine fixed points for winning round)	900	540	300	120	32
Main Draw and Round Robin Win	225	135	75	30	8
MD Points for winning 2 rounds	450	270	150	60	16
MD Points for winning 3 rounds	675	405	225	90	24
MD Points for winning 4 rounds	900	540	300	120	32
MD Points for winning 5 Rounds	1125	675	375	N/A	N/A
Consolation (non-main draw win)	NA	NA	NA	19	5

Round Robin Preliminary Round & FMLC Draw Playoff					
For round robin groups of 3 players only with a 4-person playoff					
	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7
	Points Per Win	Points Per Win	Points Per Win	Points Per Win	Points Per Win
Preliminary Robin Matches	71	43	24	30	8
Champion Bracket Main Draw Matches	229	137	76	30	8
Champion Bracket Consolation Matches	71	43	24	19	5
2nd Place Round Robin Bracket Matches	41	25	14	19	5
3rd Place Round Robin Bracket Matches	34	21	11	19	5
4th Place Round Robin Bracket Matches	27	16	9	19	5

Modified Feed In, Compass Draw, and Single Elimination					
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Champion	3000	1650	900	540	300
2nd Place	2400	1238	675	405	225
3rd Place	1950	825	450	270	150
4th Place/Semifinals	1800	578	315	189	105
Reached Quarterfinals	1110	297	162	97	54
Reached Round of 16	750	231	126	76	42
Reached Round of 32	450	165	90	54	30
Reached Round of 64	270	99	54	32	18
Reached Round of 128	120	50	27	16	9
Reached Round of 256	90	33	18	11	6
Points earned for each consolation round	105	62	16	9	5

Team Tournament - Points Per Win							
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7
Position # 1	300	180	150	90	45	18	10
Position # 2	275	156	128	78	39	16	9
Position # 3	250	131	105	67	33	13	7
Position # 4	225	108	83	56	28	11	7
Position # 5	200	84	60	45	23	9	5
Position # 6	175	59	25	33	17	7	4

Feed In Championship through Quarterfinals					
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Champion	3000	1650	900	540	300
2nd Place	2400	1238	675	405	225
3rd Place	1950	990	540	324	180
4th Place	1800	825	450	270	150
FIC Winner/5th	1350	578	315	189	105
FIC Runner-up (6th)	1050	495	270	162	90
FIC Semifinalist	900	396	216	130	72
FIC Quarterfinalist	750	347	189	113	63
FIC Quarterfinalist Qualifier (R1 losers in 16 draw fed in here)	600	297	162	97	54
Reached FIC Round of 16	450	231	126	76	42
Reached FIC Round of 16 Qualifier (R1 losers in 32 draw fed in here)	360	198	108	65	36
Reached FIC Round of 32	300	149	81	49	27
Reached FIC Round of 32 (R1 losers in 64 draw fed into FIC here)	210	116	63	38	21
Reached FIC Round of 64	150	83	45	27	15
Reached FIC Round of 64 Qualifier (R1 losers in 192 & 256 draw fed in here)	90	50	27	16	9
Reached FIC Round of 128	60	33	18	11	6
Reached FIC Round of 128 Qualifier (R1 losers in 192 & 256 draw fed in here)	30	17	9	5	3
Points Per Win – FIC Consolation Draw (currently used at BG 14s USTA National Champ. Only)	15	8	5	3	2

Feed In Championship through Round of 16 + Quarterfinal Playoffs					
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Champion	3000	1650	900	540	300
2nd Place	2400	1238	675	405	225
3rd Place	1950	990	540	324	180
4th Place	1800	825	450	270	150
5th Place – Quarterfinal Playoff Winner	1350	578	315	189	105
6th Place – Quarterfinal Playoff Runner Up	1080	528	288	173	96
8th Place – Quarterfinal Playoff Round 1 Losers	960	462	252	151	84
FIC Winner (9th place)	840	429	234	140	78
FIC Runner up (10th place)	720	363	198	119	66
FIC Semifinalist	630	314	171	103	57
FIC Quarterfinalist	540	264	144	86	48
Reached FIC Round of 16	450	231	126	76	42
Reached FIC Round of 16 Qualifier (R1 losers in 32 draw fed into FIC here)	360	198	108	65	36
Reached FIC Round of 32	270	149	81	49	27
Reached FIC Round of 32 Qualifier (R1 losers in 64 draw fed in here)	210	116	63	38	21
Reached FIC Round of 64	150	83	45	27	15
Reached FIC Round of 64 Qualifier (R1 losers in 128 draw fed in here)	90	50	27	16	9
Reached FIC Round of 128	60	33	18	11	6
Reached FIC Round of 128 Qualifier (R1 losers in 192 & 256 Draw fed into FIC here)	30	17	9	5	3

Curtis Consolation (Max Draw of 64)

A Curtis Draw of 64 feeds the R64 and R32 losers into a consolation. The R16 and QF losers are fed into the Curtis.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Champion	3000	1650	900	540	300
2nd Place	2400	1238	675	405	225
3rd Place	1950	825	450	270	150
4th Place/Semifinal	1800	578	315	189	105
5th Place (Curtis Consolation Winner)	1350	512	279	167	93
6th Place (Curtis Consolation Runner-up)	1050	462	252	151	84
7th/8th (Curtis Consolation Semifinalist)	930	396	216	130	72
Reach Curtis Consolation Quarterfinals	840	330	180	108	60
Reach Curtis Consolation Round of 16	750	248	135	81	45
Reached Round of 32	390	83	45	27	15
Points Per Win in Consolation with Round of 64 and Round of 32 Losers	45	17	9	5	3

Flighted Level 4 Tournament (non-round robin)						
	Finish	# of players getting points	#1 Flight	#2 Flight	#3 Flight	#4 Flight
Champion	1	1	540	351	270	189
2nd Place	2	1	405	263	203	142
3rd Place	3	1	324	211	162	113
4th Place/Semifinalist	4	1	270	176	135	95
(Points Earned by QF That Wins 2 Consolation Rounds)			263	169	131	91
Reached Quarterfinal (Draw 16 Only)			95	61	47	33
Points earned for Each Consolation Win			84	54	42	29

Flighted Level 5 Tournament (non-round robin)						
	Finish	# of players getting points	#1 Flight	#2 Flight	#3 Flight	#4 Flight
Champion	1	1	300	195	150	105
2nd Place	2	1	225	146	113	79
3rd Place	3	1	180	117	90	63
4th Place/Semifinalist	4	1	150	98	75	53
(Points Earned by QF That Wins 2 Consolation Rounds)			147	94	72	50
Reached Quarterfinal (Draw 16 Only)			53	34	26	18
Points earned for Each Consolation Win			47	30	23	16

Bonus Points for Wins vs. Ranked Opponents	
Top 10	225
#11-#25	203
#26-#50	169
#51-#75	135
#76-#100	101
#101-#150	68
#151-#250	45
#251-#350	23
#351-#500	11

2021 RANKED EVENTS COMPARISON



	Level 7	Level 6	Level 5	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1 - Gold Ball
Event Duration	Up to 1 day	Up to 2 days*	Up to 3 days	Up to 4 days	3+ days	3+ days	4+ days
Geographic Level	Section/District	Section/District	Section/District	Section	Section/National	National	National
Recommended Skill Level							
Ball Colors	● ** ●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Draw Formats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Round robin •Round robin with playoff •Compass draw •Team format 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Round robin •Round robin with playoff •Compass draw •Team format •Feed-in or modified feed-in championships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Round robin •Round robin with playoff •Compass draw •Team format •Curtis Consolation •Feed-in or modified feed-in championships •First match consolation •Voluntary consolation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Round robin •Round robin with playoff •Compass draw •Team format •Curtis Consolation •Feed-in or modified feed-in championships •First match consolation •Voluntary consolation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Round robin •Round robin with playoff •Compass draw •Team format •Curtis Consolation •Feed-in or modified feed-in championships •First match consolation •Voluntary consolation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Round robin •Compass draw •Team format •Curtis Consolation •Feed-in championships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Round robin •Compass draw •Team format •Curtis Consolation •Feed-in championships
Scoring Formats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Short sets (first to 4 games) •Best 2 of 3 short sets (3rd set is a 7 point tiebreak) •Single set (first to 6 games) •Timed matches •Best 2 of 3, 10-point tiebreak games •Match 10-point tiebreak (doubles only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Best 2 of 3 sets (3rd set is 10-point tiebreak) •Best 2 of 3 short sets (3rd set is 7-point tiebreak) •8 game pro-set •Best 2 of 3, 10-point tiebreak games •Single set (doubles only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Best 2 of 3 tiebreak sets •Best 2 of 3 sets (3rd set is 10-point tiebreak) •Best 2 of 3 short sets (3rd set is 7-point tiebreak) •8 game pro-set (doubles only) •Single set (doubles only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Best 2 of 3 tiebreak sets •Best 2 of 3 sets (3rd set is 10-point tiebreak) •Best 2 of 3 short sets (3rd set is 7-point tiebreak) •8 game pro-set (doubles only) •Single set (doubles only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Best 2 of 3 tiebreak sets •Best 2 of 3 sets (3rd set is 10-point tiebreak) •Best 2 of 3 short sets (3rd set is 7-point tiebreak) •8 game pro-set (doubles only) •Single set (doubles only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Best 2 of 3 tiebreak sets •Best 2 of 3 sets (3rd set is 10-point tiebreak) •Best 2 of 3 short sets (3rd set is 7-point tiebreak) •8 game pro-set (doubles only) •Single set (doubles only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Best 2 of 3 tiebreak sets •Best 2 of 3 sets (3rd set is 10-point tiebreak) •Best 2 of 3 short sets (3rd set is 7-point tiebreak) •8 game pro-set (doubles only) •Single set (doubles only)

* A Level 6 event may last up to 3 days based on court availability and section discretion

** Sections have the option for green ball play for 12s divisions only



2021 USTA Southern Date Blocks

Applicable to National Level 3 and 4 Events

Date	Draw Size	Open/Closed
January 16-19 **	128	Closed
January 30-February 1	64	Closed
February 13-16	64	Closed
March 13-15	64	Closed
April 24-26	64	Open
June 5-June 10**	160	Closed
July 17-20	128	Open
September 4-7	128	Open
October 9-12	128	Closed
November 26-29	64	Open

**Level 3 Date Block, all other dates are Level 4 Date Blocks

Open: Open to all section players within the USTA

Closed: Open only to USTA Southern players