



EASTERN JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

FACT SHEET

Welcome to the 2023 Eastern
Junior Team Tennis Sectional Championships
#USTAEASTERNJTT

FACT SHEET & REGULATIONS

USTA Net Generation Pathway Regulations and USTA Eastern Regulations govern all Eastern JTT Regional and Sectional CHampionships. Fair and inclusive level-based play is the foundation of USTA JTT and associated regulations.

Team Management (coaches and captains) is responsible for understanding USTA Section Regulations and to ensure players and parents follow all regulations while participating in any JTT competition; JTT Coordinators have oversight in each established play area.

All resources and forms necessary to manage a season are available at the [USTA Eastern Junior Team Tennis Home page](#).

SAFE PLAY

As the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the United States, the USTA is committed to providing a safe and respectful environment for young athletes. Safe Play is the USTA's comprehensive athlete safety program governing appropriate behavior between Adults and Junior players.

The USTA worked with the U.S. Center for SafeSport and the United States Olympic Committee to develop Safe Play policies, procedures, and educational resources to support the USTA Safe Play program.

Compliance with the requirements of Safe Play, including clearing USTA background screening and successfully completing Safe Play education is required for all JTT Team Coaches, Captains, Managers and any players over 18 yrs. To complete Safe Play, check your status, or renew certification, go to [SafePlay](#)

USTA EASTERN REGIONS

The USTA Eastern six geographic regions are:

- Long Island
- Metro
- New Jersey
- Northern
- Southern
- Western

Teams should participate in the Regional Championship of the region their club or facility is located at. If a team does not have a facility and is made of individual players, they should participate in the region where the majority of the players reside.

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS EVENTS

- **Regional Championship** - USTA Eastern will host one Regional Championship per division (14U & 18U Intermediate, 14U & 18U Advanced). The winning teams of each Regional Championship will advance to the Eastern Sectional Championship

- **Sectional Championship** - The winning teams of each Regional Championship will participate at the Eastern Section Championship in their respective division. If a team is not able to participate, their spot will be allocated to the Regional finalist. If a Region is not able to send a representative, the spot will be allocated to the best Finalist amongst the other participating regions.

-**World Team Tennis Nationals** - The 18U Advanced and Intermediate division champion will be invited to represent USTA Eastern at the World Team Tennis Nationals. If the finalist team is not able to participate, the spot will be allocated to the 3rd place. If third place is unable to compete, USTA Eastern will select a team based on the Sectional Championship results.

DATES

Event	Date	Division	Location
JTT Regional Championships	April 29- 30, 2022	14U & 18U Intermediate	Multiple
JTT Regional Championships	May 6-7, 2023	14U & 18U Advanced	Multiple
JTT Sectional Championships	June 17-18, 2023	14U & 18U Intermediate 14U & 18U Advanced	Queens, NY
WTT Junior Nationals	July 17-20, 2023	18U Advanced & Intermediate	Orlando, FL

2023 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

LOCATION

USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

DATES

The event will be held on June 17-18, 2023 and will have limited indoor backup. In the event of inclement weather during those dates, the tournament will be finished on Monday June 19, 2023.

WAIVERS

[USTA NTC Waiver & Player Profile](#)

Players, coaches & parents should complete the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center waiver release prior to arriving - [Waiver & Release](#) - All players on court must have a [Player Profile](#)

[USTA Eastern Waivers](#)

The Eastern section requires each participant to sign and complete this [Waiver and Liability Release Form & Photo Release Waiver](#)

TEAM REGISTRATION

All teams competing in the Eastern Sectional Championships should complete Team Registration by June 1st, 2023.

TEAM COMPOSITION

To participate in the USTA Eastern Junior Team Tennis Regional and/ or Sectional Championship, each team must have a minimum of 3 eligible boys and 3 eligible girls.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to compete at the Eastern Sectional Championships, players must play at least one match at the Regional Championships and should be part of a Regional Championship winning team. If an eligible player on an advancing team is unable to participate, resulting in a failure of the team to meet the minimum team size requirement, an eligible substitute player may be added. Substitute players must be approved by USTA Eastern.

Players should be age-eligible throughout the entire duration of the season, which culminates with the Junior Team Tennis Sectional Championship (WTT National Invitational for the 18U Advanced division).

COACHING

Coaching during matches is permitted by one Safe Play certified adult per team. Each team coach must be designated prior to the start of the event. Coaching is only permitted on changeovers on court or through the fence. Team management, parents or spectators may not speak to any players during play (in any language), and must view matches from outside of the court.

Safe Play clearance is required for All JTT Team Coaches/ Managers listed on the Team Roster form and any players over 18 yrs. To become Safe Play approved, or renew your certification, click [here](#)

RANKING POINTS

The Sectional Championship will award L6 points and the Intermediate divisions will award L7 points.

OFFICIALS

USTA Officials will be present at the site throughout the Regional & Sectional Championships.

TEAM UNIFORMS

Team uniforms or jerseys are mandatory, players & should wear the team uniforms/ jerseys while on court.

TRAINERS

Trainers will be available for the duration of the event.

STRINGING

Stringing will be provided by Solow Sports and will be available throughout the event.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Cafe on site. \$10 food vouchers will be provided to players and captains for Saturday lunch only.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The USTA Standard of Conduct will be applied. Sportsmanship is expected from all participant players, coaches and parents.

FORMAT OF PLAY

EVENT FORMAT

- Sectional Championship

The event will consist of Group Round Robin and playoffs. Each division will have 6 teams and will be divided into two groups of 3, Group A and Group B. An all factors method will be used to determine the top two seeds, including record at Regional Championships, strength of team and other factors, will be used to select the top two seeds. The top two teams of each group will advance to the semi final playoffs, the third team of each group will play for 5th place. Group winners and 2nd place will be determined by the team with the most games won. In the event of a tie in the group stages, the winner will be decided by the following criteria:

- 1) Head to head match result, 2) Percentage of games won, 3) Greatest number of individual matches won
- 4) If the tie remains, the tied teams will select two players to play a mixed doubles 10 point tiebreaker.

TEAM MATCH FORMAT

A team match will consist of Boys singles, Girls Singles, Boys Doubles, Girls Doubles and a Mixed Doubles.

The winner of each team match will be decided by total games.

SCORING

Each singles and doubles match will play one set to six games, no ad, with a tiebreak at 6-6.

TEAM LINEUPS

The coaches/managers for each team will exchange lineups or hand in their team lineup to the designated official no later than 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the team match. No substitutions may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to, or illness of a player prior to the start of such match and except under such further circumstances as a local/ area competition may authorize. If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute is entitled to a five minute warm-up.