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USTA Eastern tournaments are governed by the USTA rules and regulations, Rules of Tennis and Friend at Court, however to the extent there are additional regulations and guidance in the regulations contained herein. These are rules that apply to all tournaments held at or by the sectional association.

Commitment to Safe Play

There may be aspects of these Regulations that must be modified on a case-by-case basis. In the event of a regulation change not noted herein, notification of changes shall be posted on the tournament homepage for the event impacted. The facility agrees to maintain a clean and safe environment for all participants and spectators. Monitor and adhere to federal, state, and local government and health officials' guidelines.

Waiver of Claims

Players, participants, and any spectators or individuals that are participating in USTA tournaments, programs, or events acknowledge the risks associated with tennis, accept those risks voluntarily, and in consideration of their acceptance in the USTA tournaments, programs or events, assume all loss or damage, and any claim or demand therefore on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in illness and/or death arising out of or related to their participation, including without limitation as a result of any exposure to infectious syndromes or diseases whether caused by negligence or otherwise. By participating or attending a tournament, program, or event, the players, participants, and any spectators assume all risks whether known or unknown. Furthermore, players, participants, and spectators agree to release and hold harmless the USTA, its affiliated Sectional Associations, and Districts/Subdivisions, and the host facility (hereafter, Released Parties) and the Released Parties employees and agents with respect to any injury or loss caused by negligence or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Selection & Seeding Process Update

The section determines the method of selection of players. This could be subject to change based on the technology and resources available at the time. In an event of a change in seeding or selection, notifications will be posted on the tournament homepage for the event impacted. The section has the discretion to award a maximum number of wild cards as follows: 4 in a draw of 64 or higher; 2 in a draw of 32; 1 in a draw of 16 or fewer. If wildcards are awarded, it will be based on the all factors method of (ranking, rating, strength of schedule, significant wins, etc..) In addition, the all factors method of seeding will also be considered, at the discretion of the section, based on the resources available at that time.

Pilot Events & Team Events

The USTA Eastern Section will determine the price structure and draw formats for pilot events and team events at the various levels.

Draw Formats and Match Formats

Draw Formats and match formats are subject to change based on technology, extenuating circumstances, and number of registrations at the time entries close. In an event of a change in formats, notifications will

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be posted on the tournament homepage for the event impacted.

Sportsmanship:

All players participating in USTA sanctioned events are expected to know the rules of playing a tennis match including keeping score and how to play a tiebreak, be familiar with the general rules of fair play contained in [the Code](#) and agree to abide by USTA Rules and Regulations and the [Player Pledge](#). USTA Eastern strives to provide quality competitive opportunities for players to contest and develop their skills against other players, as they progress through the USTA tournament pathway. The utmost levels of courtesy and sportsmanship are required of all participants and spectators at all times. By registering for a tournament, players and player associates agree to understand and abide by all USTA Eastern rules and regulations. Players and player associates shall be familiar with and abide by USTA Eastern sportsmanship expectations as well as the Code of conduct, and are required to know and understand all other rules and regulations detailed in the [USTA's Official Rule Book: The Friend at Court](#).

During the year, the section accepts sportsmanship nominees from tournament directors and coaches. These players are recognized quarterly for their accomplishments. One sportsmanship winner is determined in each age division at the end of the year, in an awards ceremony. [To nominate a peer for sportsmanship please click here.](#)

USTA SUSPENSION POINT SYSTEM

The USTA Suspension Point System applies to participants in all sanctioned junior and adult tournaments, including Orange and Green Ball Tournaments, as well as other Eastern sanctioned events, such as camps and tennis on campus. It can be found in [USTA Friend at Court](#). All players will be assessed suspension points for misconduct, including a withdrawal that is not evidenced by proper written notification, according to the suspension point table in the regulation. It is very important for players to keep records of emails, suspension point notices, and other information related to the assessment of suspension points. For more on the eastern grievance process, [click here](#).

New in 2022 Suspension Point Regulation Change

In order to encourage and maintain appropriate behavior at tournaments, the USTA Friend at Court includes a Suspension Point System that applies to all sanctioned tournaments.* It is important that all players and tournament attendees understand these rules and expectations. The USTA Suspension Point System and Point Penalty System have been updated to expand when suspension points and/or Code Violations can be assessed to a player for unsportsmanlike conduct.

The change states that a player can be assessed suspension points and/or Code Violations when they, the player, or anyone associated with the player engages in unsportsmanlike conduct. These changes apply to USTA Regulation IV. and Table 17; Friend at Court. The violations have been updated as follows in the "unsportsmanlike conduct" category:

Unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate conduct on court by a player or person associated with a player while the player is still in the playing area but not during a match, after a match that if the conduct would have resulted in a code violation had it occurred during the match **2 points**

Unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate conduct off court by a player or person associated with a player, regardless of location or medium. This includes, but is not limited to, conduct at

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tournament sites, tournament activities, hotels or other housing, and all forms of communication, including online medium or otherwise or online **5 points**

Flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant inappropriate conduct by a player or person associated with a player, regardless of location or medium. This includes, but is not limited to, conduct at tournament sites, tournament activities, hotels or other housing, and all forms of communication, including online medium or otherwise **8-10 points**

Rules of Play. The [USTA Regulations](#) will govern all aspects of USTA Eastern sanctioned tournaments; except that when a USTA Eastern rule is different from the [USTA Regulations](#), the USTA Eastern rule will govern play. Note that USTA Junior National Tournaments that may take place in Eastern are governed solely by the USTA Regulations.

USTA Membership. Players must have an active **USTA Junior Membership** (free) before registering for any tournament. To obtain a membership please go to this [article](#).

Player Eligibility.

- A. Age Eligibility. The USTA has adopted a “month of birth” age eligibility rule for junior players competing in USTA sanctioned tournaments. Junior players may continue to play in the 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 age divisions until the month they turn 11, 13, 15, 17, or 19, respectively. When a tournament begins in one month and ends in the next, the start date of a tournament will be used to determine age eligibility.
- B. In the 10 and Under space, the Net Generation PlayTracker monitors players as they move through the Net Generation Pathway from Red to Orange to Green to Yellow Ball Tennis. Points for participating are called “Play Points;” points for winning matches are called “Win Points.” While point totals can determine progression from Orange to Green and Green to Yellow, they will also act as motivation for a player progressing from Red to Orange to Green Ball Tennis. Players can view and track their points by logging into Serve Tennis

Thresholds for Advancement

- Regardless of a player’s age, a parent/legal guardian is required to watch an educational video before the player participates for the first time with Red Ball, Orange Ball, and Green Ball Tennis in a Net Generation Program.
- To advance from Orange Ball Tennis to Green Ball Tennis, a player must complete one of the following:
 - 9 years of age
 - At least 7 years of age and successfully assessed by a USPTA or PTR* certified coach that has completed the Net Generation assessment training
 - Have reached 1000 orange ball play points
- Players under 11 years of age are required to earn a total of 1500 points in Green Ball Tennis to become eligible for Yellow Ball Tennis. A player that advances to a new ball color may choose to continue to play in the previous ball color in addition to the new one in order to continue to fully develop their skills.

For more information regarding 10 and Under check the [USTA Net Generation Pathway Regulations](#).

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C. Adult Tournaments

a. Age Group Events

Age Group Events are open to all players with current USTA memberships who have reached or will reach the minimum age limit of the division (25, 30, 35, 40..., 80, 85, and 90) on or before December 31st.

b. Adult tournament NTRP Events

The rating categories are generalizations about skill levels. Players must have a USTA rating to enter sanctioned NTRP events, and they may "play up" in divisions .5 higher than their NTRP rating. Players are not permitted to play events below their rating or more than .5 above their rating.

D. Eastern residency shall determine the junior players who may play in the Closed sectional events, the players that appear on the eastern section quota list, and the junior players who may be selected to represent eastern in a team competition. The Eastern section follows the requirements for citizenship and declaration of residency as outlined in FAC and USTA national regulations. To declare your residency [click here](#).

Method of Tournament Entry. Players will enter USTA Eastern junior tournaments by the entry deadline using the online Registration System.

Entry Deadlines. All entry deadlines for Eastern sanctioned tournaments will be as follows, unless otherwise indicated on the tournament homepage:

All L7 tournaments will close Monday prior to the tournament.

All L6 tournaments will close on Saturday prior to the tournament.

All L5 tournaments will close on Thursday, the week prior to the tournament start date.

All L3 & L4 closed and open events will close on Wednesday, the week prior to the tournament start date.

The Section has the discretion to make changes to the deadlines if necessary.

Late Entries. Tournament entries received after the entry deadline are Late Entries. A player or team showing up at a tournament with no previous entry in the event (often called an "onsite alternate") is a Late Entry.

A. Events with No Draw Size Limit. When an event has no draw size limit, Late Entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Committee in the order they are received before the tournament draw or start times are published. After the tournament draw or start times are published, a Late Entry may replace a withdrawing player or team if the replacement does not invalidate the seeding. A Late Entry is accepted into a draw in the order the Late Entry is received. Late Entries received at the same time are accepted randomly.

B. Events with Limited Draw Sizes. When an event has a limited draw size, Late Entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Committee in the order they are placed on the Alternate List after timely entries in the order they are received. Late Entries received at the same

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time are ordered randomly. After the tournament draw or start times are published, a Late Entry may replace a withdrawing player or team if the replacement does not invalidate the seeding.

Entry Limitations on Players. Players are limited to playing one singles event, one doubles event, and one mixed doubles event per tournament. A player's entries must be in one age division. For example, a player entered in the 14 age division in singles must play in the 14 age division in doubles, unless otherwise stated. The eastern L3 and L4 closed are exceptions to this rule, see section on L3 & L4 tournaments below.

Entry In Concurrent Tournaments.

A player may receive up to 8 suspension points if the following conditions are not met.

A. General Rule. Except as set forth under part B below, **when entries close**, a player cannot be entered in two or more sanctioned tournaments if any parts of the tournaments overlap. Players that are on the acceptance/competitors lists for both tournaments are in violation of the concurrent tournament rule and will be assessed **4 suspension points**.

- A player who is on the alternate list in one tournament is not considered in violation of the Concurrent Tournament Rule if they enter another concurrent tournament.
- A player that enters a National or out of Section tournament that is concurrent with an Eastern tournament. 1) must get written permission from the national or out of Section tournament to register for concurrent events 2) may not be entered in the Eastern tournament when entries close for the Eastern tournament if the player has been accepted into the National tournament. Players that are on the acceptance lists for both tournaments are in violation of the concurrent tournament rule and will be assessed **4 suspension points**.
- Players may remain on the list of accepted players for the Eastern tournament and on the alternate list for a National tournament or Eastern tournament until midnight on the Tuesday prior to the start date of the Eastern tournament. After such time, a player may not withdraw from the Eastern tournament to play in the National tournament or Eastern L3 or L4 (Super Six or Empire Cup). Doing so is a violation of the Concurrent Tournament Rule and will be assessed **4 suspension points**.
- Players may remain on the alternate list of both tournaments, but once a player accepts a position into a draw of one tournament that player may not subsequently withdraw from that tournament to play in another after the deadline. Doing so is a violation of the Concurrent Tournament Rule and will be assessed **4 suspension points**.
- Entering a concurrent Eastern tournament when entries for the overlapping tournaments close on different dates. The player must give notice of withdrawal to one of the tournaments prior to draws being published. For example; registering for an L5 (closes on Thursday) and an L6 (which closes on Saturday) is acceptable but must withdraw from one of the tournaments before draws are published. Failure to withdraw prior to draw

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being published is a violation of the Concurrent Tournament Rule and will be assessed **4 suspension points**.

- No junior player may play in two age divisions in the same tournament unless one of the age divisions is singles and one is doubles. Doing so is a violation of the Concurrent Tournament Rule and will be assessed **4 suspension points**.

Refunds.

Refunds are not required and are at the discretion of the member organization.

i. Withdrawals in Violation of Concurrent Tournament Rule. When a player withdraws from a tournament in violation of the Concurrent Tournament Rule, a player is not entitled to a refund, regardless of when the withdrawal occurs.

Tournament Scheduling Requirements.

A. Latest Start Time Guideline. No match should be scheduled after these times on nights NOT preceding school

- after 9:00pm in the 12s and 14s divisions (8:30pm preferred in 12U)
- after 10:00pm in the 18s and 16s divisions

Except that no match should be scheduled after these times on nights preceding school

- after 6:00pm in the 12s and 14 divisions
- after 7:00pm in the 16s and 18s divisions
- In the 10's division, no 10U Match may be scheduled OR begun after 8:00pm.
- Player's Friday matches may not be scheduled prior to 4PM on a school day without advanced notification and prior approval from Section.
- Matches are not to start before 8:00am on a weekend or vacation day.
- **Excessive Delay Limit:** Beginning in January, players whose matches are not called to court within 30 minutes of the latest allowable match schedules (12U&14U: 9:00pm / 16U-18U: 10:00pm) will be rescheduled to the following day, unless both players agree otherwise.

B. 12-Hour Overnight Rule Requirement. All players will be given at least 12 hours of rest between the completion of their last match of any day and the start of play of their first match of the following day.

C. Maximum Number of Matches in a Day Requirement – All Divisions. The scheduling guidelines for junior divisions in USTA Friend at Court. will be mandatory for all junior tournaments. The number of matches that may be played in one day is dependent on the age division and match formats being used, please see this table to determine how many matches may be played in one day.

D. Doubles Scheduling Requirement. Doubles events will be scheduled as early as possible during the sanction period at all junior tournaments.

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E. Separating players from the same Family and Region or Section(if possible). The singles draw shall avoid the presence in the same quarter of more than one of the four players with the highest standing from the same Family, Region or Section who are in the tournament, whose standing shall be determined using the most recently published National Standings List.

First Match Times.

A. Tournament Responsibility for Publicizing First Match Start Times. The draw for each event must be published with start times to the Tournament homepage no later than three (3) days before the start date of the tournament, except that a tournament may delay the publication of a doubles draw with start times until two (2) days before the start date of the tournament provided the tournament posts a notice about the delayed publication. A waiver to this rule may be approved by prior written consent of the USTA Eastern staff.

B. Players Responsible for Obtaining Start Times. Players are responsible for obtaining their own starting time by checking the Tournament Home Page or by calling the pre-tournament phone number beginning three days (3) prior to the tournament if the start times are not available on the website.

Play to Completion

All players are expected to play all scheduled matches to completion. It is considered unsportsmanlike to not play all scheduled matches. If a player has an injury, illness or personal circumstance and therefore does not intend to or is unable to play a scheduled match, the player **MUST** notify the tournament director, in writing, at least one (1) hour before the start of their next match. Failure to do so will result in a Default/no show code of the match and penalty points on a players record.

Additionally, Junior players demonstrating a pattern of unsportsmanlike withdrawals and walkovers may be assessed penalty points for unsportsmanlike conduct if there is a demonstrated pattern of failure to play to completion. In the event a pattern of withdrawals and walkovers becomes apparent within a 3 month period the player will be asked to provide documentation associated with each withdrawal and walkover. Failure to provide satisfactory evidence may result in penalty points assessed per incident; may be subject to additional unsportsmanlike penalty points and may lead to suspension.

In addition, to the USTA Point Penalty System USTA Eastern will support the following:

Failure to notify the tournament director in writing and verbally at least eighteen (18) hours before the start of their next match. **2 unsportsmanlike conduct suspension points**

The Lateness Rule:

The Point Penalty System is in place for lateness and is to be enforced at all USTA Eastern sanctioned tournaments. The lateness clock begins when the match is called to go out on court, as opposed to the scheduled match time. The PPS is as follows:

5 minutes or less late = (loss of toss plus 1 game)

5:01 - 10 minutes = (loss of toss plus 2 games)

10:01 - 15 minutes = (loss of toss plus 3 games)

More than 15 minutes = Default

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While the loss of game formula must stay in place for lateness by the tournament director, at his/her discretion may hold the default up to 45 minutes for extenuating circumstances. According to USTA regulations, an extension is never allowed beyond 45 minutes.

The Lateness Rule for Short Sets:

Penalties for lateness when timed matches (game format) of 20 minutes or longer used.

a. Timed matches (game format) of 20 to 30 minutes.

- If one player or team is late 5 minutes or less: loss of toss plus 1 game;
- If one player or team is late 5:01 - 10 minutes: loss of toss plus 1 game and 2 points;
- If one player or team is late 10:01 - 15 minutes: Loss of toss plus 2 games;
- If one player or team is late more than 15 minutes: default;
- If both players or teams equally late up to 15 minutes: no penalty;
- If both players or teams more than 15 minutes late: The Referee may default both players, or the Referee may reinstate the match using the principle in effect when both players are late but arrive at different times;
- If both players or teams late but arrive at different times: In singles, the penalty accrues when the first player arrives. In doubles, the penalty accrues when the first team arrives. Penalize the opponent(s) based on the difference in their arrival times.

The Overrule Rule:

Once a player has been overruled twice in the same match they are "in the code." The 3rd overrule, a point penalty is assessed (a point is awarded to the opponent) in addition to the assessment of a COC/Suspension penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct. On the 4th overrule, the player loses a game; after the 5th overrule, the player is defaulted.

Rest Periods & the Recovery Rule

A. Rest Periods are dependent on the match formats being used, as well as match duration (Recovery Rule). If two different match formats are being used, the rest period is determined by the format of the 1st match scheduled. If a singles match lasts longer than 120 minutes or 2 hours, the Recovery Rule applies. Please refer below to determine how much rest time a player is entitled to:

- Best of 3 or 5 tiebreak sets - 60 Minutes
- Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set - 60 Minutes
- Pro-Sets or 2 of 3 Short Sets (L20/R's) - 30 Minutes
- Doubles - 30 Minutes
- L7 and L6 tournaments using a 6 game pro set - Players shall be offered reasonable rest, which in many cases will be no more than 15 minutes.
- 10 and Under/Timed matches - Players shall be offered reasonable rest, which in many cases will be no more than 15 minutes.

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- A. Recovery Rule – A player should be offered two hours of rest after a singles match that uses a format consisting of the best of 3 tiebreak sets or more if the player's next match is singles. The rule does not apply to short set matches, matches that play a tiebreak in lieu of a final third set, nor to any indoor match that lasts less than two hours.
- B. Set Breaks – Between the 2nd and 3rd sets players are entitled to a set break. If a full 2 of 3 tiebreak sets are being played, a player is entitled to a 10 minute set break that begins as soon as the final point of the 2nd set is completed. If a 10 point tiebreak is being played in lieu of a 3rd set, players are only entitled to a 2 minute set break that begins as soon as the final point of the 2nd set is completed.

Coaching

During individual competition, either verbally or by signals of any kind, is prohibited except during an authorized intermission (the 90-second odd game changeover is not an authorized intermission). Authorized intermissions include the 10 minute mandatory set break between the 2nd and 3rd set when a best two of three set match format is being used.

- A. The 2 minute set break between a 2nd set and a 10 point match tiebreak is not an authorized intermission during which coaching is allowed. (The same rules apply to team competition unless they have been modified in advance by an agreement between the teams.) Violation of this regulation renders the player and coach or advisor liable to disciplinary action, which may include disqualification of the player and/or removal of the coach or advisor from the premises.

Pickleball Lines

USTA Eastern allows sanctioned play on courts with pickleball lines. It is recommended if the facility wanted to do pickleball lines, they should use the blended color to the court and not the yellow lines. However, this is not a requirement. Additionally, the lines should be permanent (not removable) and pickleball can not be played at the same time on adjacent courts. Lastly, facilities hosting USTAE sanctioned play on pickleball courts could have their sanctioned play rescinded if too many complaints are received.

The USTA Junior Tournament Pathway

The USTA Junior Tournament Pathway includes the following:

Level 1 (L1) - National Championships; National Team Events

Level 2 (L2) - National L2 Open & Eastern L2 Intersectional Team Competition

Level 3 (L3) - National L3 Open, Eastern L3 Closed Super Six Events, Eastern Empire Cup Doubles and Eastern L3 Closed Mixed Dubs

Level 4 (L4) - Eastern L4 Closed Super Six Events, L4 Closed Empire Cup Doubles, L4 Closed Mixed, and Eastern L4 Unity Cup

Level 4 (L4) - Eastern L4 Open Series

Level 5 (L5) - Eastern Open Advanced/Intermediate Sectional Events (up to 2 may be closed)

Level 6 (L6) - Eastern Open Intermediate Sectional Events

Level 7 (L7) - Eastern Open Intermediate Sectional Events

Junior Circuit- 10 and under orange and green ball tournaments

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Level 1-3 National events are included on the USTA National Junior Schedule and sanctioned by the USTA National Office. Sectional Level 3 - 7 and 10 and under junior circuits are sanctioned by the USTA Eastern Section. Entry and selection to National events are based on the USTA Junior National Tournament, Ranking, and Sanction Regulations, and entry and selection to USTA Eastern events are based on the rules and regulations outlined in this document.

2023 Point Tables [Click Here](#)

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USTA National Tournament calendar and other information [Click here](#)

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Team Tournaments

L2 Intersectional Team Tournament. Annually each Sectional Association shall be authorized to sanction one L2 closed team tournament with other Sectional Associations. Entry into this tournament will be closed to residents of the appointed Sectional Associations. Format is subject to change based on learnings from previous year.

1. Duration: 2-3 day team event
2. Draw size & Selection Process
 - a. 4 boys and 4 girls will be selected FROM EACH SECTION by the National Standing list published on November 16, 2022 for a total of 16 boys and 16 girls. The players will then be waterfalled onto four teams using the most recent ITF World Tennis Number.
3. Draw Format:
 - a. 4 boys and 4 girls per team with each team playing in a round-robin group of 4 teams (3 team matches guaranteed). Each player will play 3 singles matches and 2 mixed doubles and 1 gender doubles matches during this event.
 - b. A team match will consist of 4 boys singles, 4 girls singles, and 3 mixed doubles and 1 gender doubles.
4. Scoring Formats:
 - a. Singles - Best 2 of 3 tiebreak sets with a 10 point match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set. MIXED
Doubles - 8 game Pro set with a 7-point match tiebreak played at 8 games all. Gender
Doubles - 8 game Pro set with a 7-point match tiebreak played at 8 games all. No ad scoring permitted in all events.

L4 Unity Cup Team Tournament Annually each Sectional Association shall be authorized to sanction one L4 closed or open team tournament. Entry into this tournament will be closed to residents of the Eastern Section. Format is subject to change based on learnings from previous year.

1. Duration: 2-3 day event
2. Draw size and selection process: The event will be limited to 16 boys and 16 girls. A total of 4 teams/4 players on a team. Round Robin. With a full draw, players will play up to 3 singles and 3 doubles matches. We MUST HAVE a MINIMUM of 12 Boys and 12 Girls for the event to run. Players will be selected using the most recently published national standing list. Competitors will be waterfalled onto teams using the ITF World Tennis Number.

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3. Match Formats: During a team match, each player will play one singles match and one doubles match. Singles matches in 14, 16s and 18s shall be the best of 3 Tiebreak Sets with a 10-Point Match Tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set, with regular scoring. Singles matches in 12s shall be the best of two short sets to 4, 7-point match tiebreak at one set all. All doubles match formats shall be an 6-game pro set, 7-point tiebreak at 6 games all. No-ad scoring.
4. Entering into two Age Divisions:
5. Players may enter up to two different age divisions . When selection is done, players are considered for the oldest age division first. If selected into the older age division entered, you will not be considered for the younger age division. If you are not selected into the older age division, you will only be considered for selection into the younger division.
 - a. Team Composition and Team Matches
 - b. Competitors will be waterfalled onto teams using the ITF World Tennis Number. What is a waterfall: When players enter team tournaments as individuals, the tournament director will waterfall players into teams. The purpose of waterfalloing players is to have teams composed of evenly distributed levels.

Dominant Duo's or 2- player team tournament A Dominant Duo is a 2-player team tournament. In Eastern, levels 5-7 may utilize this format. Players register with a partner and play through the draw as a team. (Both play a singles match and a doubles match.) Players earn points based on individual wins.

1. Duration 2-3 days
2. Draw Size and selection process:
 - a. Teams will be selected based on their combined national standing or average ITF World Tennis Number. Players will not be selected individually. Only teams will be selected. The Tournament Committee will accept teams into the event in the following order:
 - i. first, on highest combined standings using the most recently published National Standings List of the division or lowest average ITF World Tennis Number; and
 - ii. second, if there is a tie, the team with the player that has the highest standing on the National Standings list or lowest ITF World Tennis Number
3. Allowable Draw formats
 - a. **3 match minimum and 5 match maximum.** It is most successfully run using full draws of 8, 16, or 32 teams. A popular draw format is a 16-team (32 players) compass draw because it guarantees 4 singles and 4 doubles matches to each player. It can also be run as a round robin or FIC-Q. These draw formats are dependent on the number of registrations when entries close.
 - i. 0-3 teams Draw canceled
 - ii. 4-6 teams one round robin group
 - iii. 7-8 teams Compass draw
 - iv. 9-14 teams two or more round robin groups, with playoffs if necessary
 - v. 15-16 Compass Draw
 - vi. 17-32 Feed-in championship through Q or Compass Draw
4. Match Formats:
 - a. Scoring format singles - short sets - two short sets to 4, 7-point match tiebreak at one set all; ad-scoring
 - b. Scoring format doubles - one standard tiebreak set to 6, 7-point tiebreak at 6 games all;

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no-ad scoring

- Match composition: Each team will have a #1 singles player and a #2 singles player, determined by their standing on the National Standing List or WTN (whichever is used for selection). In a compass draw, each team match consists of a #1 singles match, #2 singles match, and a doubles match. The team that wins 2 out of the 3 matches wins the team match. After each team match, the teams move to a different part of the compass draw depending on the team result. Please note, players earn points based on individual wins and not team wins. Even if a team does not advance in the draw, players receive credit for any individual matches won. Each team will be guaranteed four team matches, unless the draw is not full for reasons such as teams withdrawing due to injury, illness, or personal circumstance. Each player plays one singles match and one doubles match. In same gendered duos, each team will have a #1 singles player and a #2 singles player. In co-ed duos, each player will compete in line 1. The team that wins two out of the three matches wins the team match.
- Dominant Duo Match Scorecard

<u>Boys or Girls Dominant Duo</u>	<u>Co-Ed Dominant Duo</u>
# 1 Doubles	#1 Mixed Doubles
#1 Singles (Boys and Girls)	#1 Singles (Boys)
#2 Singles (Boys and Girls)	#1 Singles (Girls)

[To invite/find/accept a partner while registering for an event](#)

[Invite doubles partner after registration from your USTA account](#)

[Setting yourself as looking for a partner after registration](#)

[Accept a partner invite from email link](#)

- Entry fee: Set by Section
- Awards: 1st and 2nd place teams

Waterfall Team Tournaments Enable you to run your team event with any type of format. PLAYERS REGISTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL - and are assigned to a TEAM. In Eastern, levels 5-7 may utilize this format. This format is what is used in the L2 Intersectional team tournament and L4 Unity Cup.

- Duration. 2-3 days
- Draw Size. The draw will be limited. Events will require at least 12 players to register.
- Draw Format, Match Format and Selection Process.
 - These are pilot events and therefore will be subject to trying various formats and selection processes. All of which will be indicated on the tournament homepage.
- Team Distribution: Waterfall Process
 - When players enter team tournaments as individuals, the tournament director will waterfall players into teams. The purpose of waterfaling players is to have teams of evenly distributed levels. Tournament directors will indicate a waterfall deadline on their tournament homepage.
- Replacement of Withdrawing Players After the Draw is Done

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- a. The waterfall should not be re-done if a player withdraws. The tournament will replace a player who withdraws, is defaulted, or is otherwise removed from the draw after the waterfall is done, but before the player's first match with next highest remaining alternate for the division. If the withdrawal is by the player waterfalled into the #1 position on a team, the lower-waterfalled player on the team will be moved into the #1 position and the alternate will take the #2 position.
6. During-Tournament Alternate Procedure if Team Unable to Field Full Roster
 - a. If at any time a player at the tournament is unable to compete in one or more matches, the tournament director will work to find an alternate to substitute in for the player. If an alternate substitutes in for one or more matches, the alternate will play in the singles and/or doubles lineups in the last position and all other players or teams will move up a position. The matches played will count toward the team score and will count for junior national ranking. In singles, if an alternate is not found and a default occurs in the #1 position, the default will occur in the #2 singles position and the #2 players will move up a position. In doubles, if an alternate is not found and a default occurs in, the default will occur in the last doubles position and all other teams will move up a position. A player, for reasons of illness, injury or personal circumstances, or default due to lateness, who does not play a match, is eligible to play another match on the same day and on a subsequent day. A player who is defaulted for reasons other than lateness is not permitted to play in a subsequent match.
7. Entry fee: Set by Section
8. Awards: 1st and 2nd place teams

L3 Closed Super Six Level 3 Tournaments. Annually, each Sectional Association shall be authorized to sanction at least two Closed Section Level 3 Tournaments. Closed Section Level 3 Tournaments are limited to residents of the Sectional Association.

1. Duration. The tournament should not exceed more than four days. Players may not make up matches after the last sanctioned day of the tournament without prior written approval of the Sectional Association.
2. Draw size. The draw size will be limited. January and May are the designated L3 Closed Super Six singles tournaments and will be limited in the Boys and Girls 12 divisions to 32 players and Boys and Girls 14-18 divisions to 48 players. A draw size of fewer than 8 players will be canceled.
3. Draw format. Formats permitted. The draw shall be the following formats:
 - a. Feed-In Championship through the round of 16 with a quarterfinal playoff for 5th place and a playoff for 3rd place;
 - b. Match format. Ad scoring will be used in all divisions. The match format shall be the following:
 - c. In the Boys and Girls 14, 16, and 18 Main Draw Matches: Best of 3 Tiebreak sets with a full 3rd set; 10 minute coaching break between the 2nd and 3rd set. Ad- scoring
 - d. In the Boys and Girls 12 main draw and all age division consolations: Best of 3 Tiebreak sets with a 10-Point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of the 3rd set; Ad- scoring
 - e. Match formats may be shortened when inclement weather or other circumstances.
4. Selection Process: Selection will be based on the most recently published National combined standing list in the age group of the event.

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- a. Players may register for multiple age divisions, but will only be admitted to one; selection is done for the older age groups first. If a player is selected to an older age division they will automatically be withdrawn from the younger division. If the player is not selected to the older division, they will only be eligible for the younger division. Please keep this in mind when registering.
5. Entry Fee: \$145/player
6. Awards: Awards will be given to the top 5 finishers.
7. Official: USTA-certified official is required to be onsite daily.
8. Other: Use of singles sticks is required.

L4 Closed Super Six Level 4 Tournaments. Eastern has been authorized to sanction no more than three (3) Closed Section Level 4 Tournaments. Closed Section Level 4 tournaments are limited to residents of the Sectional Association. Duration. The tournament should not exceed more than four days. Players may not make up matches after the last sanctioned day of the tournament without prior written approval of the Sectional Association.

1. Draw size. The draw size will be limited in the Boys and Girls 12-18 divisions to 32 players. A draw size of fewer than 8 players will be canceled.
2. Draw format. Formats permitted. The draw shall be the following formats:
 - i. Feed-In Championship through the round of 16 with a quarterfinal playoff for 5th place and a playoff for 3rd place;
 - ii. Draw formats are subject to change depending on the number of entries or if sanctioned as a team event.
3. Match format. Ad scoring will be used in all divisions. The match format shall be the following:
 - a. In the Boys and Girls 14, 16, and 18 Main Draw Matches: Best of 3 Tiebreak sets with a full 3rd set; 10 minute coaching break between the 2nd and 3rd set. Ad- scoring
 - b. In the Boys and Girls 12 main draw and all age division consolations Best of 3 Tiebreak sets with a 10-Point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of the 3rd set; Ad- scoring
 - c. Match formats may be shortened when inclement weather or other circumstances prevent a tournament from finishing on time.
 - d. Match formats for team events **ONLY** may **use the** Two short sets to 4, 7-point match tiebreak at one set all in singles.
4. Selection Process: Selection will be based on the most recently published National combined standing list in the age group of the event.
 - a. Players may register for multiple age divisions, but will only be admitted to one; selection is done for the older age groups first – if a player is selected to an older age division they will automatically be withdrawn from the younger division. If the player is not selected to the older division, they will only be eligible for the younger division. Please keep this in mind when registering.
5. Entry Fee: \$145/player
6. Awards: Awards will be given to the top 5 finishers.
7. Official: USTA-certified official is required to be onsite daily.
8. Other: Use of singles sticks is required.

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L3 and L4 Closed Empire Cup Doubles and Mixed Doubles and L4 Open Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

The Eastern Section has been authorized to sanction a certain number of Closed Section Level 3 Tournaments (2) and Closed Section L4 (3). Closed Section Level 3 & 4 tournaments are limited to residents of the Sectional Association. The Eastern Section has been authorized to sanction a certain number of Open Section L4 tournaments (4). Open section L4 tournaments are open to everyone.

1. Duration. The tournament should not exceed more than four days. Players may not make up matches after the last sanctioned day of the tournament without prior written approval of the Sectional Association.
2. Draw size. The draw size will be limited. Boys and Girls 12-18 divisions can range from 16- 48 team draws. A draw size of fewer than 2 teams will be canceled.
3. Draw format. Formats permitted. The draw shall be the following formats:
 - a. Modified Feed-In Championship with a quarterfinal playoff for 5th place and a playoff for 3rd place;
 - b. Single Elimination ONLY if offered with another singles or doubles draw.
 - c. Draw formats are subject to change depending on the number of entries or if sanctioned as a team event.
4. Match format. No-Ad scoring may be used. The match format shall be the following:
 - a. All divisions Main Draw Matches: Best of 3 Tiebreak sets with a 10-Point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of the 3rd set; No Ad- scoring
 - b. All divisions Consolation Matches: 8 game pro set; w/ a tiebreak at 8 games all. No-Ad Scoring.
 - c. **If combined with singles or another doubles event:** An 8 game pro set; w/ a tiebreak at 8 games all, or One standard tiebreak set to 6, 7-point tiebreak at 6 games all. No-ad scoring.
 - d. Match formats may be shortened when inclement weather or other circumstances prevent a tournament from finishing on time.
5. Selection Process: Selection will be based on the most recently published National combined Standing List (NSL) in the age group of the event. Priority is given to teams with two ranked players. Only after all teams with two ranked doubles players have been accepted will additional teams be considered. Remaining teams will be selected based on the individual with the highest doubles ranking; with a team with two unranked doubles players being accepted last. Players must register for all Doubles events with a partner or unless the tournament homepage states otherwise.
 - a. Vacancies. A team shall constitute a doubles entry. If one accepted player in a pairing must withdraw, and the event has registered teams on the alternates list, then an alternate team shall be placed in the draw to replace the withdrawing team. If there are no registered alternate teams, the remaining partner may secure an alternate partner as long as the new partner does not impact seeding for the event and the alternate is secured in a timely manner.
 - b. For the purpose of determining selection of teams, below is the process of calculating combined rankings and combined ranking points:
 - c. Teams will be selected and seeded in the order of their combined National Standing List using the most recently published list available at that time. For example, Player A holds the #1 standing and Player B holds the #10 standing. The Team of A&B would have the combined standing of 11. A team with a combined standing greater than 11 is selected after Team A&B.

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Ties are broken in favor of the team with the highest ranked member. All teams not selected will be placed on Alternate Lists that are ordered using the same methods of selecting players or teams into the tournament described above.

- d. Players may not register for more than one age division
 - e. Alternates. All players and teams not selected will be placed on Alternate Lists that are ordered using the same methods of selecting players or teams into the tournament described above. The Alternate Lists will be used to replace withdrawing players and teams, except that a Late Entry may not be accepted into the draw if it invalidates the seeding.
 - f. Substitutions. If one accepted player in a pairing must withdraw, and the event has registered teams on the alternates list, then an alternate team shall be placed in the draw to replace the withdrawing team. If there are no registered alternate teams, the remaining partner may secure an alternate partner as long as the new partner does not impact seeding for the event and the alternate is secured in a timely manner. The Referee and Tournament Committee should keep in mind that it is generally desirable to encourage play.
6. Seeding: All Eastern doubles tournaments will use the National Combined Standing List.
 7. Entry Fee: \$60/player (unless combined with singles or another event, \$30/player)
 8. Awards: Awards will be given to the top 3 finishing teams.
 9. Official: USTA-certified official is required to be onsite daily.

Level 4 Open Singles Series Tournaments: The Eastern section has been authorized to sanction no more than four (4) Open Section Tournaments in singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Open Section Level 4 tournaments are open to everyone.

Separating players from the same Sectional Association. The singles draw shall avoid the presence in the same quarter of more than one of the four players with the highest standing from the same Sectional Association who are in the tournament, whose standing shall be determined using the most recently published National Standings List.

1. Duration. The tournament should not exceed more than five days. Players may not make up matches after the last sanctioned day of the tournament without prior written approval of the Sectional Association.
2. Draw Size. Boys and Girls 12-18 singles will be limited to 32 players. A draw size of fewer than 8 players will be canceled.
3. Draw format. Formats permitted in singles. The draw shall be the following formats:
 - a. Feed-In Championship through the round of 16 with a quarterfinal playoff for 5th place and a playoff for 3rd place;
 - b. Draw formats are subject to change depending on the number of entries or if sanctioned as a team event.
4. Match format. Ad scoring will be used in all divisions. The match format shall be the following:
 - a. In the Boys and Girls 14, 16, and 18 Main Draw Matches: Best of 3 Tiebreak sets with a full 3rd set; 10 minute coaching break between the 2nd and 3rd set. Ad- scoring
 - b. In the Boys and Girls 12 main draw and all age division consolations Best of 3 Tiebreak sets with a 10-Point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of the 3rd set; Ad- scoring.
 - c. Match formats may be shortened when inclement weather or other circumstances prevent a tournament from finishing on time.

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- d. Match formats for team events ONLY may **use the** Two short sets to 4, 7-point match tiebreak at one set all
- e. **If combined with a doubles event:** Doubles will utilize an 8 game pro set; w/ a tiebreak at 8 games all. No-Ad Scoring, or One standard tiebreak set to 6, 7-point tiebreak at 6 games all. No-ad scoring.
5. Selection Process for Singles. Selection will be based on the most recently published national standing list. Players may only register in one age division.
6. Entry Fee. \$145/player
7. Awards. Awards will be given to the top 5 finishers.
8. Official: USTA certified official is required to be onsite daily.
9. Other: Use of singles sticks is required.

L5 Tournaments Annually, each Sectional Association shall be authorized to sanction one or more Section Level 5 Tournaments. Section Level 5 Closed tournaments are limited to residents of the Sectional Association. Section Level 5 Open Tournaments shall be open to residents of any Sectional Association. A total of 36 events (singles, doubles and mixed doubles) have been allocated to USTA Eastern, 2 of which may be Closed. Eastern will try to distribute these events evenly across the section.

1. Duration. The tournament may not exceed three days. Players may not make up matches after the last sanctioned day of the tournament without prior written approval of the Sectional Association.
2. Draw size. The draw size may be 16, 24, 32 or 48 players.
3. Allowable Draw formats:
 - i. 0-2 Draw canceled
 - ii. 3-5 One round robin bracket
 - iii. 6-16 Compass Draw or Voluntary Consolation
 - iv. 17-64 Feed-in championship through Q or Voluntary Consolation
 - v. Consolations may not be played to completion, but all will finish in the same round. All players must be scheduled for at least 2 matches. (A withdrawal or walkover may be considered a scheduled match.)
- b. Voluntary Consolation - As per Friend at Court: A voluntary Sign-Up Consolation draw comprises all first match losers who choose to play in the draw. Only players who intend to complete the consolation should enter and will be manually added by the tournament director. During the registration process, players will be required to answer a question, indicating if they will play the consolation. If the question is left unanswered it will be assumed by the tournament director they don't want to play.
- c. Split draws using the flighted format may be used. Players will be flighted 1-16 into the first flight, and 17-32 into the second flight based on their most recently published national standing. If it's not a full draw, we will split the draws evenly. For example, 18 players sign up. Draw A will have 9 players and Draw B will have 9 players. All draws in this format must use the same consolation.
- d. All doubles events that are offered with singles will play a single elimination draw.
- e. Draw formats are subject to change depending on the number of entries or if sanctioned as a team event.
4. Match format. No-Ad scoring may be used. The match format shall be any of the following:

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- a. Best of 3 sets
 - b. Best of 3 with 10-point match tiebreak in lieu of third set
 - c. Two short sets to 4, 7-point match tiebreak at one set all may be used in all **team events and consolations.**
 - d. All doubles events combined with singles may play an 8 game pro set; w/ a tiebreak at 8 games all. No-Ad Scoring, or One standard tiebreak set to 6, 7-point tiebreak at 6 games all. No-ad scoring.
 - e. Match formats may be shortened when inclement weather or other circumstances prevent a tournament from finishing on time.
5. Selection. Selection will be based on the most recently published national combined standing. Players may only register in one age division.
 6. Seeding: Seeding will be based on the national combined standing list or WTN. Players may only register in one age division.
 7. Entry Fee: \$65/player without an official \$75/player with an official. Doubles or MXD \$30/player if guaranteeing multiple matches or \$20/player if single elimination.
 8. Awards: Awards will be given to the top 2 finishers.

L6 Open Tournaments Annually, each Sectional Association shall be authorized to sanction Section Level 6 Tournaments. Section Level 6 Tournaments shall be open to residents of any Sectional Association or District Association.

1. Duration. The tournament may be sanctioned over 2-3 days. Players may not make up matches after the last sanctioned day of the tournament without prior written approval of the Sectional Association. Can be sanctioned any weekend on the calendar.
2. Coed events permitted. Section and District Level 6 tournaments may have coed events.
3. Draw size. The draw size shall not exceed 32 players.
4. Draw format. Formats permitted. The draw shall be one of the following formats:
 - a. Round robin;
 - b. Round robin with playoff
 - c. Compass Draw
 - d. Feed-In Championship through the quarterfinals **Consolations are not played to completion, but all will finish in the same round. All players must be scheduled for at least 2 matches. (A withdrawal or walkover may be considered a scheduled match.)**
 - e. Additionally, the single elimination draw format may be used for doubles and mixed doubles events when singles events or doubles events are offered as part of the same tournament.
 - f. Maximum number of rounds in each draw. **Each draw** may offer a maximum of four rounds of play; no player shall earn ranking points for playing more than four matches. When more than one event is offered, such as singles, doubles, and/or mixed doubles, the maximum number of rounds is per event, not per tournament. For example, a player that plays in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles can play four rounds of singles, four rounds of doubles, and four rounds of mixed doubles. Additionally, when a team format is played and a team match consists of a player playing singles and doubles and/or mixed doubles, a player can play up to four matches of singles, four matches of doubles and/or four matches of mixed doubles.

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- The player with the highest percentage of games won of all games completed;
- The head-to-head win-loss record in matches involving the players who remain tied.
- If all the steps have been applied and a tie still cannot be broken, a random drawing among the remaining tied players shall be done to determine their order of finish.

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- B. All Other Match Formats. The Referee shall use the steps set forth in USTA Regulation II.B.6.c. and d.

Standing lists

A player's ranking and standing will be based on the player's best 6 singles and best 6 doubles results during the previous 12 month period and will be calculated in the following manner with respect to: combined ranking (15% doubles); bonus points; counting points up; points counting down; treatment of defaults, withdrawals, walkovers, retirements, byes; minimum win requirement; breaking ties.

USTA Sanctioned Section tournaments (L3-L7), USTA National tournaments (L1-L3) and ITF tournaments (that use serve tennis) will be included.

Section Quota List (formerly known as endorsement list)

The criteria for inclusion on the lists and method of calculating the lists shall be the same criteria used for National Standings Lists *except*:

1. Players must meet the requirements of **USTA Regulation IX.C.1.**
2. Only those players who are residents of the Sectional Association may appear on each Sectional Quota List.
3. The following results will be included:
 - a. In the Boys' and Girls' 12 Divisions, a player's best 6 singles results and best 6 doubles and/or mixed doubles results may include no more than 2 singles results and 2 doubles and/or mixed doubles results, respectively, that are from tournaments sanctioned by a body other than the Sectional Association or one of its District Associations, *except that* an Intersectional Level 2 Team Tournament (see **Regulation III.F.1.**), the USTA Boys' and Girls' 18 National Team Championships, the USTA Boys' and Girls 16 and 14 Intersectional Team Championships, and the USTA Boys' and Girls' 16, 14, and 12 Zone Team Championships shall be considered as though sanctioned by each Sectional Association participating in the tournament.
 - b. In the Boys' and Girls' 18, 16 and 14 Divisions, a player's best 6 singles results and best 6 doubles and/or mixed doubles results may include no more than 3 singles results and 3 doubles and/or mixed doubles results, respectively, that are from tournaments sanctioned by a body other than the Sectional Association or one of its District Associations, *except that* an Intersectional Level 2 Team Tournament (see **Regulation III.F.1.**), the USTA Boys' and Girls' 18 National Team Championships, the USTA Boys' and Girls 16 and 14 Intersectional Team Championships, and the USTA Boys' and Girls' 16, 14, and 12 Zone

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Team Championships shall be considered as though sanctioned by each Sectional Association participating in the tournament.

4. Quota for 2022 will be published [here](#).
5. Section Quota Lists will be published monthly.

Seeding. Eastern will either use the most recently published national combined standing list or ITF WTN for seeding in all sanctioned tournaments. The seeding method used will be identified on the tournament homepage. The Section can also use the all Factors Method of seeding when it deems necessary. All Factors Method. The All Factors Method of seeding is based on the players' chances of winning the tournament as determined by the Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee shall consider all reasonably available information, including ranking lists, ratings, standing lists, recent records, types of surface, and particularly head-to-head encounters.

Player Attire. Appropriate tennis attire is required for all matches. Rules of the host club will govern. Any dress code must be published to the tournament website no later than the time entries open.

Warm-up Period. Warm-up time is limited to 5 minutes. All practice serves must be taken during warm-up.

Certified Officials at Tournaments. All L3 and L4 Closed Super Six, Empire Cup, Mixed Dubs, L4 Open Series singles, doubles and Mixed Doubles tournaments require at least one USTA Certified Official be on site daily. All other levels have the option to have an official present and have the right to charge a higher entry fee because they are providing this additional level of service.

Rescheduled Tournament

In the event a tournament needs to be rescheduled or matches need to be finished outside the original tournament dates, due to extenuating circumstances, the tournament must contact the Section Association for instructions on how to proceed.

Awards.

- A. All Round Robins. Awards will go to the 1st place finishers in each singles Round Robin. Medals are acceptable awards for L7 tournaments and 10 and under.
- B. All L3 & L4 Singles Tournaments. Awards will go to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th place finishers.
- C. All L3 & L4 Doubles Tournaments: Awards will go to the top 3 finishing teams.
- D. All Other Tournaments. Singles and doubles awards will be presented to: 1st and 2nd place finishers;
- E. Sportsmanship Awards. Sportsmanship Awards are encouraged to be presented to a player in each draw at each tournament.

USTA Eastern Position on Videotaping and Photography. Videotaping and photography at sanctioned USTA Eastern events is permissible, so long as it is: (1) approval is obtained verbally or in writing prior to the match, from all players, or, if a player is a minor, the parent/guardian of that player and (2) unobtrusive to the players or match. Any objection will be directed to the Tournament Director or Certified Official, who will intercede on the player, parent, or guardian's behalf to ask that any videotaping and photography stop, or that the camera be repositioned to exclude the objecting player. Videos or photographs taken may be used for only personal, educational, or noncommercial purposes, and may not be modified,

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US Open Junior Awards Gala

Eligibility for US Open Eastern Junior Awards Gala:

The top three ranked players in each age division using the National Combined Standing List as of 7/12/23 will be the guests of USTA Eastern for a day at the US Open in Flushing, NY.

National Doubles Eastern Endorsement

Eastern receives 1 endorsement into the USTA National L1 doubles tournaments in each age division. We will endorse based on the following criteria:

1. Players MUST register with a partner
2. The section will endorse teams after registration is closed based on registered pairs
3. Section endorsement will be based on combined doubles only ranking of pairs
4. Priority for endorsement will go to teams with two Eastern Players

Battle of the Sections selection process (this process may change once more information becomes available on 2023 event)

The three highest-ranked players based on the recently published national standing list in each division (boys' 16s, girls' 16s, boys' 18s, girls' 18s) who register will be selected to compete. The fourth spot in each division will be determined by the "all factors method", which considers all reasonably available information, including standing lists, WTN, recent records, types of surface, and head-to-head encounters.