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 Eastern and USTA National tournament pathways. The utmost levels of courtesy and sportsmanship are expected of all participants and spectators at all times. Players are required to know and understand all other rules and regulations detailed in the USTA’s Official Rule Book: The Friend at Court; and those posted on the Junior Competition Homepage at eastern.usta.com.

Requirements and Regulation Reminders:

- Players must be current USTA Members to participate in sanctioned tournaments and be eligible for ranking.
  » To obtain a USTA Membership, please call: 1-800-990-8782
- Tournaments are offered in the 12 & Under (12U), 14U, 16U, & 18U divisions.
  » Players become ineligible to play in an age division on the 1st day of their birthday month, the year they turn 13, 15, 17, or 19.
- Playing in or registering for *Concurrent Tournaments* is not allowed; and penalizable by the Code of Conduct with Suspension Points. Players may not play or register for overlapping tournaments; unless the start dates of the tournaments are more than three days apart.
- Players and spectators are required to know and abide by all other rules and regulations in the USTA’s Official Rule Book: The Friend at Court; and those posted on the Junior Competition Homepage at eastern.usta.com.

Important Changes for 2017…

- L2O & L2R tournaments will be merged into a single level called L2’s
- +L1 Tournaments Eastern Grand Prix tournaments have been removed from the calendar to accommodate the expansion of the 2017 National Tournament Schedule
- Point tables will likely be adjusted for 2017 events, changes will not be retroactive, information to follow
- USTA National has made changes to the National Competitive Tournament Structure and National Rankings; We have quick linked to information on our Junior Competition Homepage but further information can be directed to jrcomp@usta.com.

Information & Resources:

- All USTA Eastern Rules and Regulations, as well as FAQ’s and many other helpful resources can be found on our Junior Competition Homepage at eastern.usta.com
  » We also recommend that players purchase the USTA’s Official Rule Book: The Friend at Court; at USOpenShop.com and keep it in their tennis bags in case a dispute arises during USTA play.
- Questions regarding USTA National Tournaments, National Rankings or play outside of the Eastern section should be directed to jrcomp@usta.com
Eastern Super Six:
National L3 (January/June) & National L4 (March, April, September & November) “Sectional” tournaments.

**Draw Size:** 32 Singles

**Draw Format:** Feed in Consolation with a QF Playoff (FIC-R16)

**Match Formats:**
- BG14-18: 2 of 3 Sets
- BG12: 2 of 3 sets with a 10pt Match tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set

**Registration Fee:** $115 per player

**Notes:** Selection will be based on section standing in the age group of the event and the next youngest age division. Up to 2 players will be selected to the events from the next youngest age group, provided the applicants are in the top 25 of the Eastern Standing list of the next youngest age division; *(please note this will not occur in the 12U division.)* *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 players is selected to an older age division they will automatically withdrawn from the younger division.*

**Dates:**
- January 14th – 16th
- February 24th – 26th
- April 29th – May 1st
- June 2nd – 4th & June 9th – 11th
- September 16th – 18th
- October 13th – 15th

Eastern Empire Cup:
National L3 & L4 Doubles ONLY events. The doubles *team* in each age division who earns the most points over the course of all six Empire Cup segments each year, will win the Empire Cup, and have their names etched onto the Cup and into the history of USTA Eastern. Standings will be updated on eastern.usta.com

**Draw Size:** Open Doubles Draws

**Draw Format:** Modified Feed in Consolation + 3/4 Playoff

**Match Formats:** 2 of 3 sets with a 10pt Match tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set

**Registration Fee:** $45 per player/$90 per team

**Notes:**

**Dates:**
- February 3rd – 5th
- March 17th -19th
- March 31st – April 2nd
- May 12th – 14th
- October 20th 22nd
- December 15th – 17th

Eastern Sweet 16:
High Performance; Compass Draw event in which players are guaranteed at least 4 scheduled singles matches. Selection will be based off of standings in the age group of the event. Players may register for multiple age groups, but will only be admitted to one; selection is done for the older age groups first – if a players is selected to an older age division they will automatically withdrawn from the younger division.

**Draw Size:** 16 Singles 8 Doubles

**Draw Format:** Compass Draw

**Match Formats:**
- BG14-18: 2 of 3 Sets;
- BG12: 2 of 3 sets with a 10pt Match tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set

**Registration Fee:** $140 per player

**Date:** November 10th – 12th
**L1 & L1A Championships:** Advanced tournament play open to all USTA members.

**Draw Size:** Open Singles Draws  
**Draw Format:** Single Elimination  
**Match Formats:** 2 of 3 sets OR 2 of 3 sets with a 10pt Match tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set  
**Registration Fee:** Maximum Entry fee is $50 for Singles & $25 for Doubles

**Dates:**  
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**L1B Challengers:** Intermediate tournament play open to all USTA members

**Draw Size:** Open Singles Draws  
**Draw Format:** Single Elimination  
**Match Formats:** 2 of 3 sets OR 2 of 3 sets with a 10pt Match tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set  
**Registration Fee:** Maximum Entry fee is $50 for Singles & $25 for Doubles  
**L1B events may be scheduled during any week on the calendar.**

**L2 Opens:** Intermediate events open to either ALL USTA members.

**Draw Size:** Open Singles Draws + Doubles Option  
**Draw/Match Formats:** **BG 12’s will utilize a Short Set format:** the 1st player/team to wins 4 games by a margin of 2 games, with a 7pt tiebreak at 4-all and include a consolation match providing each participant with at least two matches. **BG14-18’s may run full set (6-game) format, and may include either a Consolation Match or Doubles option for all players.**

**Registration Fee:** Maximum Entry fee is $50 for Singles & $25 for Doubles  
**L2 events may be scheduled during any week on the calendar.**

**L3 UPS:** Unranked, non-elimination events for entry level players. Round Robin, Compass Draws and timed match formats are allowed. Please contact the tournament director to find out more information about the specific L3 you are interested in playing. Trophies for winners and finalists awarded and winners names are listed on the L3 Honor Roll on our website. The maximum entry fee for L3 events is $40 and they **may be scheduled during any week on the calendar.**