



USTA 2021 Jr. Comp Changes Impact on CDTA

April 2020

Agenda

- Welcome and Intros
- Covid-19 Update
- Background from USTA National
- New USTA Net Generation Pathway
- CDTA Specifics and Level 6/7
- Things Happening Now
- Questions

CDTA Junior Play Committee

Webinar Presenters

- Mike Haber, CDTA Committee Chair, Midwest Junior Comp Committee
- Patty Lambropoulos, CDTA Board Member, Midwest and National Junior Comp Committee
- Paul MacDonald, Midwest and National Junior Comp Committee
- Barb Rueth, CDTA Junior Play Director

Other Jr. Play Committee Members

- Luka Bagos
- Kevin Minor

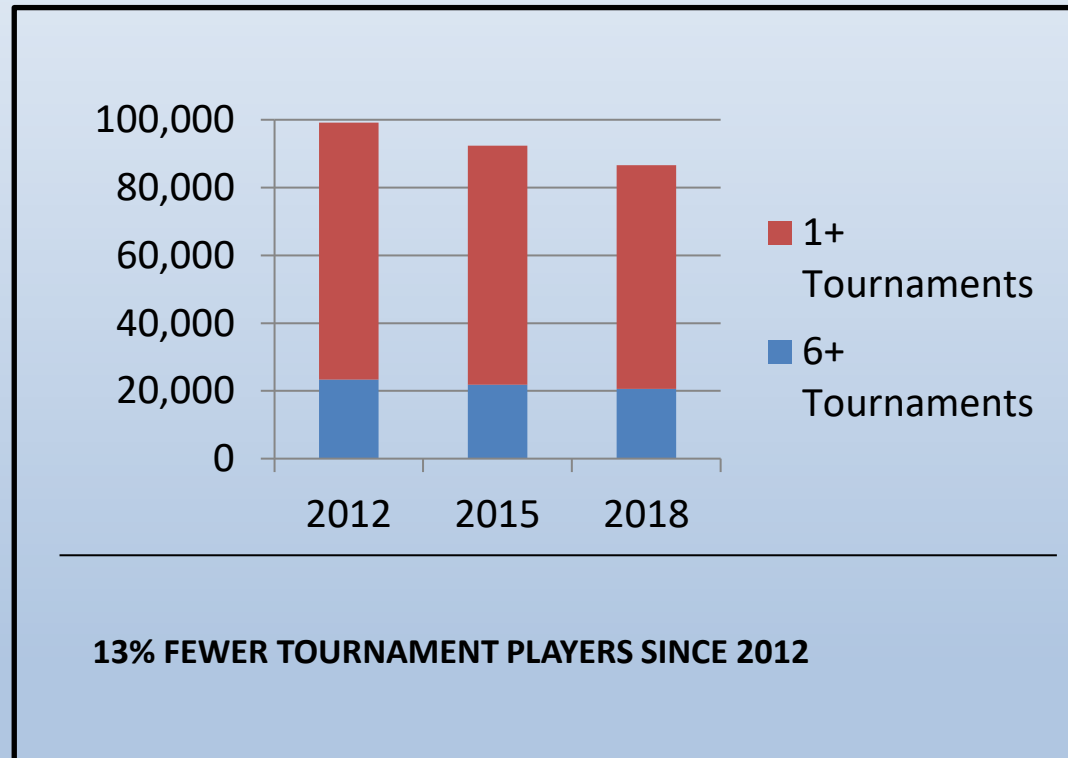
COVID-19 Updates

- As of now, no USTA Programming until May 31
- National Adult League and JTT Championships cancelled
- National L1-L3 tournaments cancelled thru July 11
 - Includes Early Development Camps
- As of now, local and Sectional tourneys can resume June 1
 - Midwest Closed likely to be postponed
 - District Qualifiers likely to be cancelled; could be replaced with a Closed Level 3 Chicago Championship
- Tennis Industry United site to assist clubs/pros ([link slide 32](#))
- USTA grants to facilities to assist with reopening



THE NUMBERS TELL THE STORY

National Junior Tournament Participation



Source: USTA National and Tennis Industry

National Junior Tournament Retention



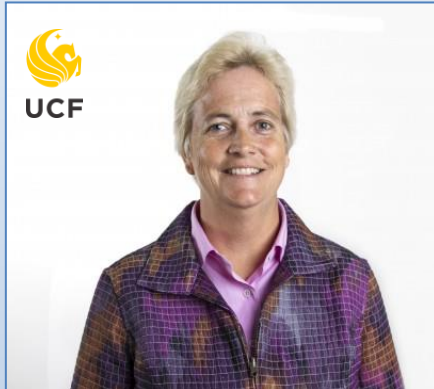
40% CONTINUE PLAYING USTA AFTER ONE YEAR

Source: USTA National and Tennis Industry



THE RESEARCH

University of Central Florida & Emory University Research



“A challenge is the perception noted by all stakeholders [*in the research*] of the inconsistent development pathway for youth players.”

DR. JILL FJELSTUL

Associate Professor, Rosen College of Hospitality
Management (UCF)



“There is a need for a junior competitive pathway that uses rating to ease players into more competitive play (rankings). This would meet the demands of the athlete while also protecting their health and wellness to have them play for a lifetime.”

NEERU JAYANTHI, M.D.

Director, Emory Tennis Medicine Program and President of the
International Society for Tennis Medicine and Science

Quotes from UCF Survey

"The website, the structure, the service and often the professionals can be **overwhelmingly confusing** and seemingly unnecessarily complicated **creating a barrier** that prevents tennis from growing."

"It just feels like **in tennis you are completely alone** not like in other sports. I really wish my son would switch to another sport."

"There's **too much pressure** on playing just one sport; it leads to repetitive use **injuries and burn out**. Our son was pretty happy to put down his racquets after his last match senior year."

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WHAT
PARENTS ARE
SAYING

"Too competitive for young ages, **not fun**, and it's **just about points** and winning even for young kids."

"In my career I've actually **turned down certain roles and taken certain jobs** through my career so I can travel with my children."

"**Cheating**...I hate it and it's always the kids who it hurts the most are the ones you don't want it to... **that's basically the reason my older kid ended up quitting.**"

"Tennis is taking away some of the fun and pushing for a more competitive experience to the **detriment of kids physically and mentally.**"



THE NEW NET GENERATION PATHWAY

2021 Net Generation Pathway



USTA Resources for You

WELCOME KIT FOR TEAM CHALLENGE



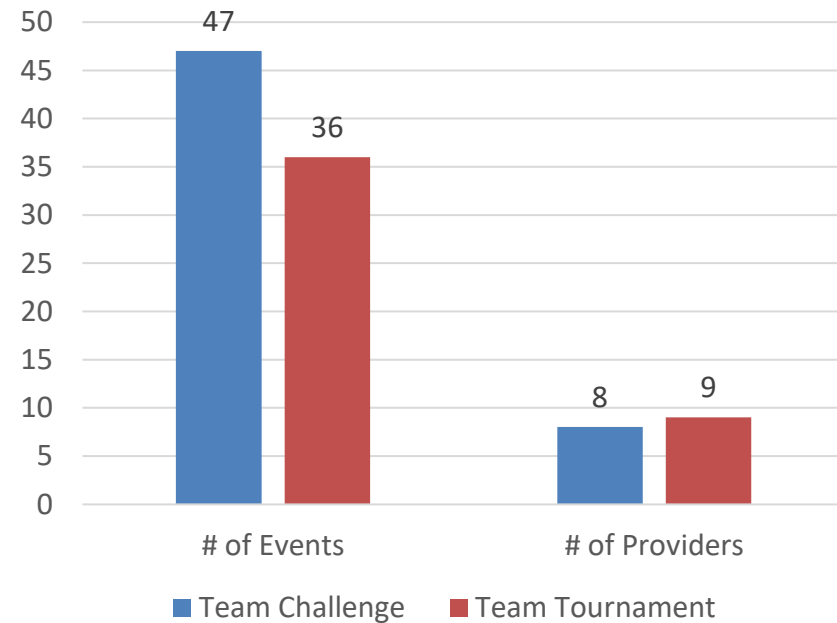
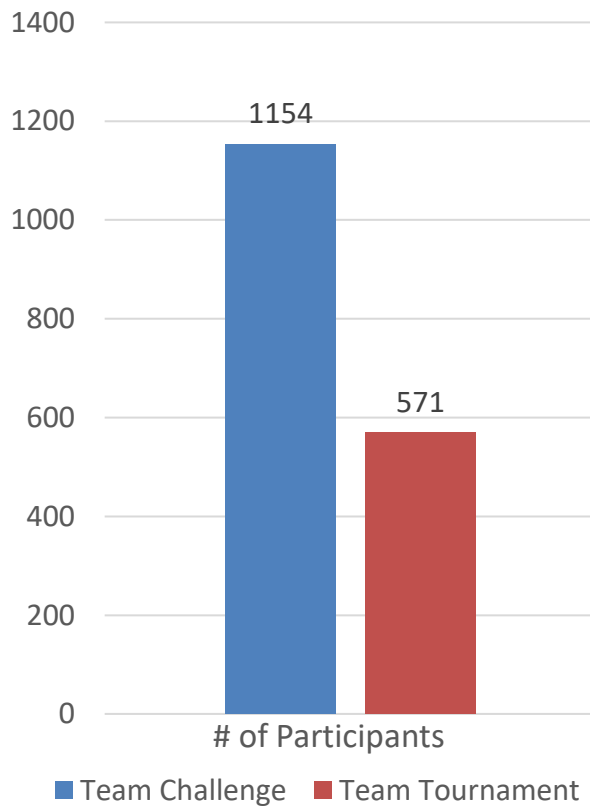
USTA Resources for You

TEAM TOURNAMENT SUPPLIES



Plus giveaways for your kids and financial incentives for you for running Team Challenges and Team Tournaments! (website link slide 32)

CDTA 2019 Team Challenge/Team Tourneys



2021 Net Generation Pathway



Tournament Structure Highlights



No more structural advantages of being from one Section vs another



Boys and girls can play with and against one other...mixed doubles will count in the new system



Finally, we can all be speaking the same language

Will provide a simple, clear pathway for our customers



Incentives to play instead of requirements to meet



You can take your points with you



Everything counts...and counts in the same way no matter where you play

Overview of Levels

1	National Championships	(4+ days)	100%
2	National	(4+ days)	60%
3	National/Sectional Closed	(4+ days)	30%
4	Section	(Up to 4 days)	18%
5	Section/District	(Up to 3 days)	10%
6	Section/District	(Up to 2* days)	4%
7	Section/District	(Up to 1 day)	1%

Points Per Round Percentages

New Tournament General Classifications

2020 MW level	2021 Natl/ MW level	
N/A	Level 1	National Events
N/A	Level 2	
Level 1	Level 3	National & Sectional Events
Level 2	Level 4	Sectional Events
Level 3	Level 5	
Level 4	Level 6	District Events
Level 5	Level 7	
Org/Grn	TBD	

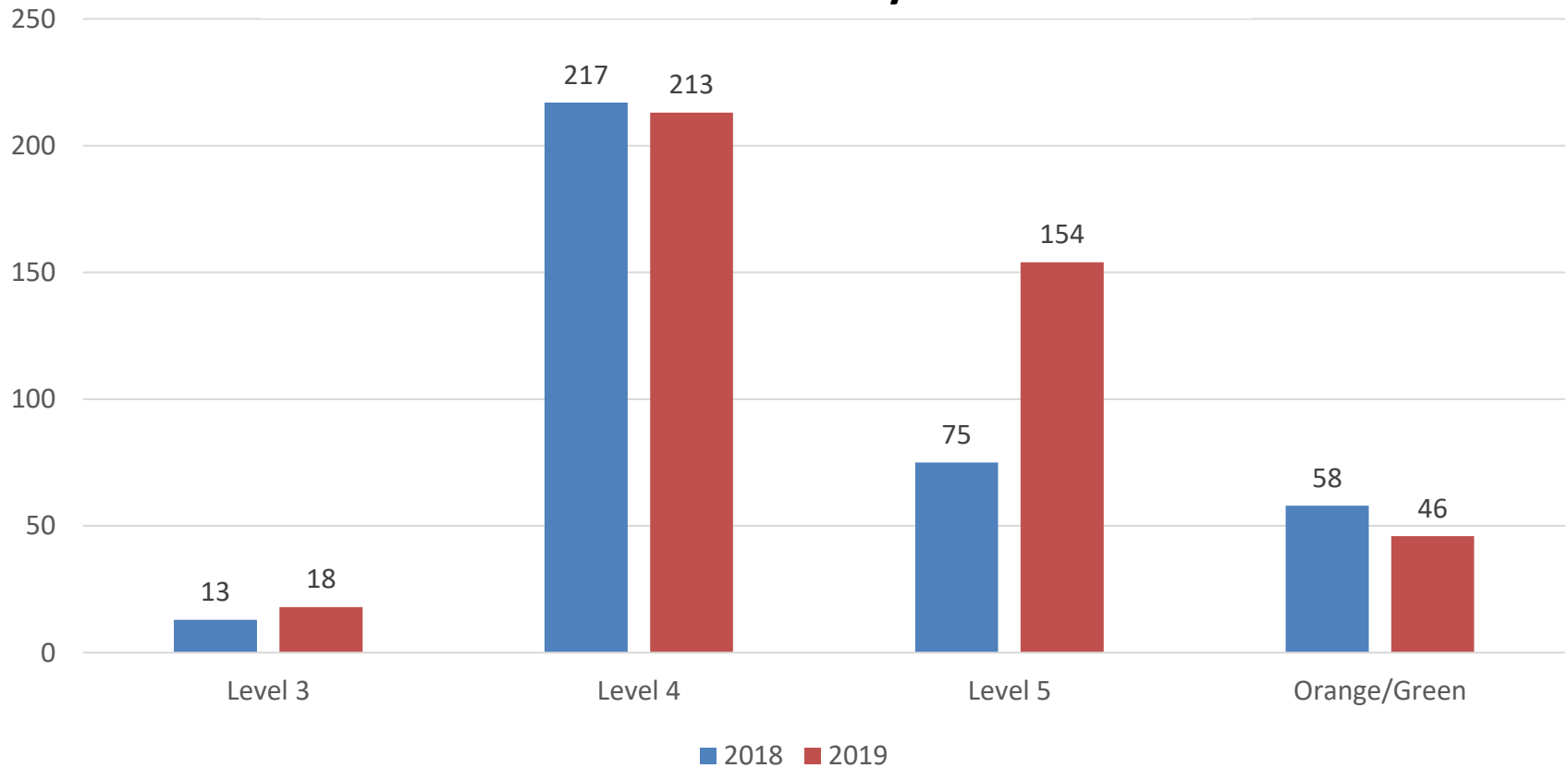
New Ranking Calculations

- One nationwide Standings List and PPR table
- Best of 6 singles and best of 6 doubles count for standing
 - 15% of doubles results count for singles standing
- For BG 14,16,18: no more than 3 results from tournaments outside of Section count for ranking
- For BG 12: no more than 2 results from tournaments outside of section count for ranking
- 20% of a players' points move as a player ages up

Chicago District Tournament Activity

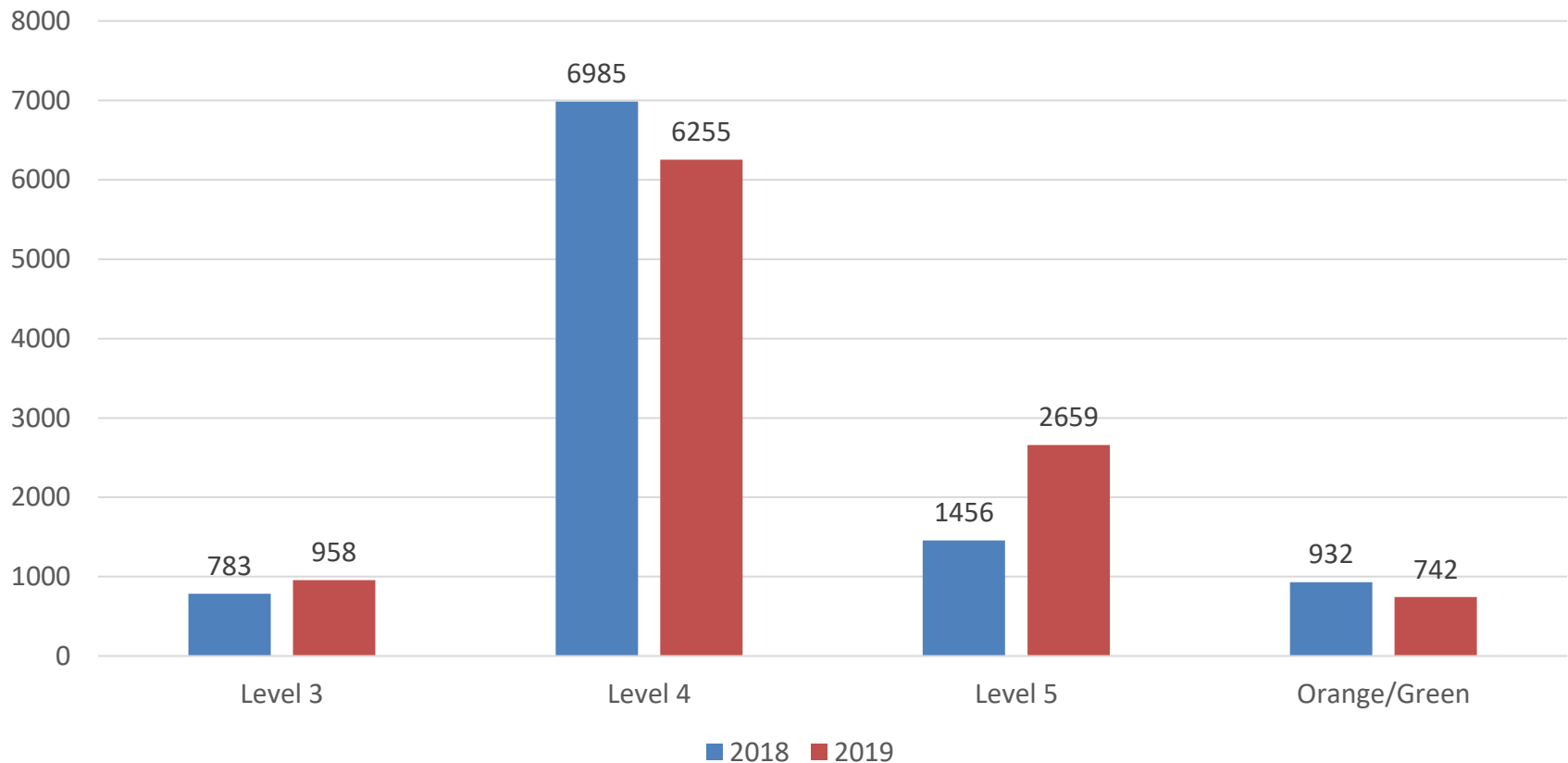


of Tournaments by Level



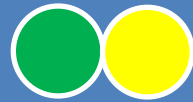
Chicago District Tournament Activity

Participants by Tournament Type & Year



2021 Level 7 & 6 Duration

L7



Low Intermediate

Up to one day

12-18s



Intermediate

One - two days

12-18s

L6

2021 Level 7 & 6 Scoring Formats



L7

Single Short Set

Single 6 Game Set

Best of 3 short sets with 7pt. TB

Best of 3 Match TB

20 minute timed matches (min.)

Match Tiebreak (doubles/mixed only)

One-Day Events

2/3 short sets
No-ad scoring
7pt TB at 4-4
7pt TB for 3rd set

Two-Day Events - Scoring Options

2/3 short sets
Ad scoring
7pt TB at 4-4
10pt TB for 3rd set

2/3 full sets
Ad scoring
10pt TB for 3rd



L6

2021 Level 7 & 6 Draw Formats



L7

Round Robin
Round Robin with playoff
Compass
Team



L6

Round Robin
Round Robin with
playoff
Compass
Team (Dominant Duo)
FICQ (feed in champs
thru quarterfinals)
MFIC (modified feed-in
consolation)

Sample Points for 2021 Level 6 & 7

Points	Level 6	Level 7
Champion	120	32
Round Robin Points per Round (max 4 rounds)	30	8
Consolation Wins	19	5
Selection Process from Standings List	Top Down	Bottom Up



CHANGES WE ARE MAKING NOW

Midwest Social Media Posts

USTA JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS (RANKING) BREAKDOWN BY LEVEL FOR PLAYERS IN USTA/MIDWEST SECTION

SECTION LEVEL 4 (UP TO 4 DAYS):

In 2020, these were called Midwest Section Level 2s.

Each Section will sanction 4 Closed Level 4s and 4 Open Level 4s. You can play in any Section's Open Level 4 event.

Each Section will sanction one Closed Level 4 Team Event (Team Cup).



USTA JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS (RANKING) BREAKDOWN BY LEVEL FOR PLAYERS IN USTA/MIDWEST SECTION

SECTION LEVEL 5 (UP TO 3 DAYS):

In 2020, these were called Section Level 3s.

Each Section will get an allotment of Open Level 5 tournaments to sanction.

The Midwest will also have up to two Closed District events to sanction as needed.



CDTA 2020 Sanctioning Changes

- Allowing > 1 tourney per age division on same weekend
 - Staggered registration deadlines based on 2019 signups
- Loosening geographical restrictions

Transitioning Away From TennisLink

- New Tennis Management Tool (TMT) platform in 2021
- TennisLink to be used for all **2020** tournaments
- New application process on TMT for **2021** events (expected to launch in early Q3 of 2020)
- TennisLink will not accept Sanction forms for Tournaments with a start date of 1/1/2021 or later
- National, Sections, and Districts will not open up 2021 Sanctioning until the new system is ready
- Training coming for the TMT system

Questions?



- Please type questions in the Chat Box.

Links to Websites

Tennis Industry United

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/organize/program-resources/national/tennis-industry-united-overview.html>

Team Challenge Information/Registration

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/organize/creating-play-opportunities/national/team-challenge-program-info.html>

Team Tournament Information/Registration

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/organize/creating-play-opportunities/national/host-a-team-tournament.html>

Midwest USTA 2020 Junior Tournament Schedules

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/play/youth-tennis/programs/midwest/junior-tournament-schedule.html>

Thank you for your time!



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