



MIDWEST

USTA Junior Team Tennis Midwest Section Championships

Juniors participating in USTA Junior Team Tennis throughout the USTA/Midwest Section will have an opportunity to participate in the 2018 season-ending USTA Junior Team Tennis Midwest Section Championships, July 28th – July 29th, 2018. Teams must be registered on TennisLink by Midnight EST July 19th except for Wisconsin and Western Michigan district play off teams. Their deadline is noon EST July 22nd for entry into the Section Championships.

- Each district qualifies one team in each level to attend this two-day event. The 10 and Under Orange ball Division does not need to qualify through their district. The 10 and Under Green Ball division will need to qualify through their district however multiple teams from the district may be invited at the discretion of the USTA Midwest section office. **All teams must compete locally in the division they plan to advance in. In the event a district does not send their winning team to sectionals (10's Green, 12's, 14's and 18's), other districts may be contacted to provide a "wildcard" team.**
- All participants of the USTA/Midwest Sectional Championships must be registered on TennisLink for USTA Junior Team Tennis at www.usta.com and play in **at least two** of their local league team matches. Teams may substitute one player to their team only if the team goes below the minimum needed.
- If a player has a junior rating of 3.5 or above, they must play in the Advanced Division no matter which age division they play in.
- A coach's informational conference call will take place on Thursday, July 26th at noon EST and 7:00pm EST. **It is mandatory for each coach of a team to be on one of these calls.**
- Matches will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 28th at North Central H.S. and Carmel H.S.
- Awards will be presented to the first, second, third and fourth place teams and a sportsmanship "pin" will be presented to one player from each team per every team match.
- The Advanced Division is classified as a Midwest Section Level 3 Tournament for points per round rankings. The Intermediate Division is classified as a Level 4 Tournament for points per round rankings.

- ❖ Teams for the Midwest Section Championships must consist of a minimum of three boys and three girls for 14's* and 18's* divisions. **(Only one girl & one boy may play two matches within a team match. The two players playing twice must play singles and mixed or doubles and mixed.**
- ❖ Teams for the Midwest Section Championships must consist of a minimum of two boys and two girls for the 12's* division.
- ❖ Teams for the Midwest Section Championships 10's Orange and 10's Green must consist of a minimum of 4 players **(Gender Neutral). The same doubles pair may not play twice within the same team match.**

***If a team is short a boy or girl then they will need to forfeit singles.**

Age: The cut of date for age eligibility is August 31st.

Ability levels:

Midwest Section Championships will be using Junior Ratings for 2018.

10 and Under:	Not Applicable
12 and Under:	Not Applicable
14 and Under Advanced:	This level consists of juniors 14 and under juniors with a Junior Rating of 3.5 and above.
18 and Under Advanced:	This level consists of juniors 18 and under and having a Junior Rating of 3.5 and above.

Match Format 14's and 18's:

- Matches will consist of one eight game pro-set. A 12-point tie-breaker will be played at seven games all. The total number of games won by each team will decide the overall match winner. If the total number of games results in a tie, a 12-point tie-breaker will be played by a mixed doubles team. This mixed doubles team may be any two players, (one boy and one girl), from the team. This 12-point tiebreaker will decide the overall match winner.
- Each team match will use two courts. Matches will start with girls and boys doubles, followed by girls and boys singles and then finish with one mixed doubles match. If a team match starts with one court open coaches must start with players that are doubling up. Followed by doubles and finish with singles.

Match Format 12's:

- Matches will consist of one six game set. A 12-point tie-breaker will be played at 5 games all. The total number of games won by each team will decide the overall match winner. If the total number of games results in a tie, a 12-point tie-breaker will be played by a mixed doubles team. This mixed doubles team may be any two players, (one boy and one girl), from the team. This 12-point tiebreaker will decide the overall match winner.

- Each team match will use two courts. Matches will start with 2 gender specific doubles, followed by 2 gender specific singles (1 boys, 1 girls), and finish with 2 mixed doubles matches. A total of 6 matches.

Match Format 10's Green and 10's Orange:

- Matches will consist of one six game set. A 12-point tie-breaker will be played at 5 games all. The total number of games won by each team will decide the overall match winner. If the total number of games results in a tie, a 12-point tie-breaker will be played by a gender-neutral doubles team. This doubles team may be any two players, from the team. This 12-point tiebreaker will decide the overall match winner.
- Each team match will use two courts. Matches will start with (2) gender neutral doubles, followed by (2) gender neutral singles and then finish with (2) gender neutral doubles. A total of 6 matches. *Note, the same doubles pair may not play twice within the same team match.