

SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

**Junior Team Tennis 2026-2027
Coach & Coordinator Meeting**



**MIDWEST
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Advantages to Jr Team Tennis

- **Off Season Practice for High School & Middle School Teams**
 - **Contact local coaches for players**
- **Helps retain new & existing players**
 - **Low Pressure Competition**
 - **Keeps players engaged in the sport**
 - **Teen Beginner Classes**
- **10U PlayTracker Points**
- **WTN Rating**
- **Additional option for tournament players**

REQUIRED FOR ALL COACHES

USTA SAFE PLAY

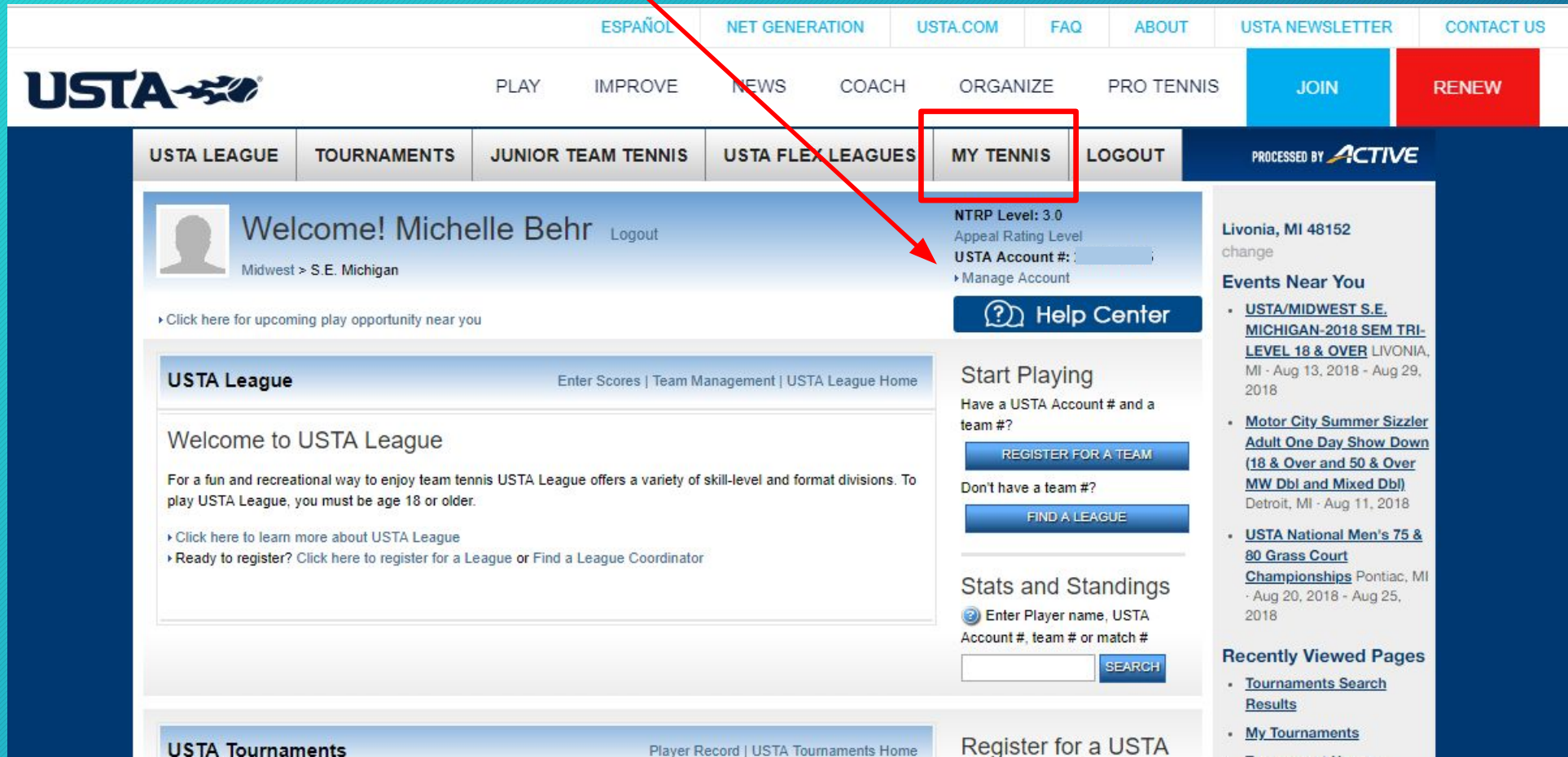
- **Online Course ($\approx$ 90 minutes)**
- **Background Screen (About 10 days)**
- **Players 18 + (Required for Sectionals)**

MICHIGAN SPORTS CONCUSSION LAW

- **All volunteers and coaches of youth athletes**
- **Online Training Course**
- **MUST BE COMPLETED EVERY 3 YEARS**

You can now check your SafePlay Status

1. Go to TennisLink and Login
2. Click on “MY TENNIS”
3. Click on “Manage Account”



The screenshot shows the USTA TennisLink website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for ESPAÑOL, NET GENERATION, USTA.COM, FAQ, ABOUT, USTA NEWSLETTER, and CONTACT US. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for PLAY, IMPROVE, NEWS, COACH, ORGANIZE, PRO TENNIS, JOIN, and RENEW. The main navigation bar includes USTA LEAGUE, TOURNAMENTS, JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS, USTA FLEX LEAGUES, MY TENNIS (highlighted with a red box), and LOGOUT. A red arrow points from the third step of the instructions to the 'MY TENNIS' link. The user is logged in as Michelle Behr, with a profile picture and a 'Logout' link. The user's location is listed as Midwest > S.E. Michigan. The 'MY TENNIS' section displays the user's NTRP Level (3.0), Appeal Rating Level, and USTA Account #, with a 'Manage Account' link. A 'Help Center' button is also visible. The 'Start Playing' section prompts the user to have a USTA Account # and a team #, with buttons for 'REGISTER FOR A TEAM' and 'FIND A LEAGUE'. The 'Stats and Standings' section includes a search bar for player name, USTA Account #, team #, or match #, with a 'SEARCH' button. The right sidebar features 'Events Near You' and 'Recently Viewed Pages' sections.

USTA LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS USTA FLEX LEAGUES **MY TENNIS** LOGOUT

WELCOME! Michelle Behr Logout
Midwest > S.E. Michigan

Click here for upcoming play opportunity near you

USTA League Enter Scores | Team Management | USTA League Home

Welcome to USTA League

For a fun and recreational way to enjoy team tennis USTA League offers a variety of skill-level and format divisions. To play USTA League, you must be age 18 or older.

Click here to learn more about USTA League
Ready to register? Click here to register for a League or Find a League Coordinator

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- Motor City Summer Sizzler Adult One Day Show Down (18 & Over and 50 & Over MW Dbl and Mixed Dbl) Detroit, MI - Aug 11, 2018
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NCSI Registrant ID:	[REDACTED]
NCSI Background Check Status:	Approved
NCSI Background Check Expiry Date:	2/16/2019
Safe Play Legal Agreement Status:	Accepted
Safe Play Legal Agreement Expiry Date:	2/16/2019
Safe Sport Course Status:	Complete
Safe Sport Course Expiry Date:	2/5/2020

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AGE DIVISIONS AND LEVELS – S.E. MICHIGAN

***10 & UNDER**

- **Orange Ball (NO teams scheduled for FALL 2026 Season)**
- **Green Ball**

12 & UNDER

- **Beginner (Training)**
- **Intermediate**
- **Advanced**

14 & UNDER

- **Beginner (Training)**
- **Intermediate**
- **Advanced**

18 & UNDER

- **Beginner (Training)**
- **Intermediate**
- **Advanced**

Jr Team Tennis Ratings are by WTN

Reminder: Players can only play up 1 division

10 and Under World

- 5-7 years old – Red Ball Recommended
 - 7-9 years old – Orange Ball Recommended
 - 9-10 years old – Green Ball Recommended (*no yellow unless progressed out)
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- Red □ Orange - 1000 points or age out
 - Orange to Green □ 1000 points, age out or **be assessed by coach
 - *Green to Yellow □ 1500 points (1000 win points) or age out at 11

10 and Under World

- **Play Points vs Win Points**
 - **Play Points – 100 per event (JTT season or Junior Circuit Tournament)**
 - **Green Ballers can earn a max of 500 play points of the 1500 needed**
 - **Win Points – 100 for singles & 50 for doubles**
 - **500 points max per event**

JTT SEASONS OF PLAY

FALL (Oct-Dec)

- **S.E. Michigan Local Track (Non-Advancing) 6 or 7 weeks**

WINTER (Jan-Mar)

- **S.E. Michigan Local Track (Non-Advancing) 6 weeks**

SUMMER (Mid-July)

- **Option, but not happened yet**
- **Sectional (Midwest) Event – TEAMS MUST MEET CRITERIA TO QUALIFY*****

2026-2027 Local Track Schedule

• FALL 7 weeks

- Oct 24-25
- Oct 31-1
- Nov 7-8
- Nov 14-15
- Nov 21-22
- Nov 28 - 29 Thanksgiving Break (11/26)
- Dec 5-6
- Dec 12-13
- Dec 19-20 OFF - MAKE UP WEEK
- Dec 26-27 OFF – Xmas & New Years

• WINTER 7 weeks (Tentative)

- Jan 2-3
- Jan 9-10
- Jan 16-17
- Jan 23-24
- Jan 30- Jan 31
- Feb 6-7
- Feb 13-14
- Feb 20-21 MAKEUP WEEK
- Feb 27 - 28th District Championship

**** Dates Subject to Change

TENTATIVE DISTRICT DATES: 2/27 - 2/28.

Local District Playoffs - Subject to Change

February 27th and February 28th

Sectional Format may be followed based on a coaches vote:

- **Gender Requirement**
 - **18U & 14U: 3 boys & 3 girls**
 - **12U: 2 boys & 2 girls**
 - **10U: 4 kids, gender neutral**
- **Age Requirement**
 - **Remain age eligible thru Aug 31st 2027**
- **WTN Rating Requirement to be announced**

KEY DATES – S.E. Michigan - *Subject to Change

Fall Season

Team Commitment Due

- **Friday, August 28th @ 4:00 PM**

Court Availability Due

- **Friday, August 28th @ 4:00 PM**

Player Minimums*

- **Wednesday, September 16th @ 4:00 PM**

Match Schedules “Live”

- **Thursday, October 1st**

Matches Begin

- **Saturday, October 25**

**2 court teams need 8 players, 3 court teams need 10 players*

PLAYER FEES

Team Registration Fee (Payment per season)

- \$25 to register for season
 - Jr. USTA Memberships FREE & Required to play
 - *Players must RE REGISTER for the Winter Season*

Match Fee (Paid Every Match Players Participate)

- \$20
- NO FOOD

How to Run a JTT Home Match

- Steps to Hosting a Home JTT Match
 - Communicate/Confirm with opposing team at least 24 hours prior with time and location.
 - Arrive ON TIME (Communicate if you will be late).
 - Turn in your lineup (Make sure that all of your players are present first).
 - Explain policies procedures for the home club to opposing team.
 - Explain scoring criteria
 - Timed, no ad (if there is a tie, enter that into the system as a timed match and not a win/loss)
 - Put players on court ON TIME.
 - Let them know when their warmup time has passed, and let them know to begin play *immediately*.
 - Collect scores *immediately* after and make both players come report to home club coach so there is no confusion.
 - Both coaches must sign scorecard and identify a sportsmanship winner at the conclusion of each match.
 - Enter scores immediately after (You have 24 Hours)
 - Communicate if there are any issues inputting scores
 - Enter from the winner's perspective
 - When inquiring about a specific match in an email or text message, always include the match number.

BEFORE AND DURING THE MATCH

LINEUPS

- **Must be exchanged before match begins (please try to accommodate home team's preferences for exchanging)**
- **Order of strength (Use best judgement)**

COACHING

- **DON'T.**
- **Guidance allowed for 10U and beginner levels.**

MATCH FORMAT

10U Divisions, 12U & 14U BEG

FOUR PLAYER – 2 COURT

5 Minute Warm-Up

20 Minutes of Singles

#1 Home vs. #1 Away

#2 Home vs. #2 Away

5 Minute Warm-Up

20 Minutes of Singles

#3 Home vs. #3 Away

#4 Home vs. #4 Away

20 Minutes of Singles

#1 Home vs. #2 Away

#2 Home vs. #1 Away

20 Minutes of Singles

#3 Home vs. #4 Away

#4 Home vs. #3 Away

30 Minutes of Doubles

#1 Home vs. #1 Away

#2 Home vs. #2 Away

18U BEG & 12U,14U,18U ADV

FOUR PLAYER – 2 COURT

7 Minute Warm-Up

33 Minutes of Singles

#1 Home vs. #1 Away

#2 Home vs. #2 Away

7 Minute Warm-Up

33 Minutes of Singles

#4 Home vs. #4 Away

#5 Home vs. #5 Away

40 Minutes of Doubles

#1 Home vs. #1 Away

#2 Home vs. #2 Away

2 COURT – 4 PLAYER

- All 10U Divisions
- 12U, 14U & 18U Beginner (Training) Levels
- 12U, 14U & 18U Advanced Levels

MATCH FORMAT

18U INT

SIX PLAYER – 3 COURT

7 Minute Warm-Up

33 Minutes of Singles

#1 Home vs. #1 Away

#2 Home vs. #2 Away

#3 Home vs. #3 Away

7 Minute Warm-Up

33 Minutes of Singles

#4 Home vs. #4 Away

#5 Home vs. #5 Away

#6 Home vs. #6 Away

40 Minutes of Doubles

#1 Home vs. #1 Away

#2 Home vs. #2 Away

#3 Home vs. #3 Away

12U & 14U INT

SIX PLAYER – 3 COURT

5 Minute Warm-Up

20 Minutes of Singles

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#2 Home vs. #2 Away

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#3 Home vs. #3 Away

3 COURT – 6 PLAYER

- 12U, 14U & 18U Intermediate Levels

REPORTING SCORES

- Have **BOTH** players/coaches report/confirm the score
- Submit scores online on TennisLink
 - Match Number
- Home team coach should report scores within 24 hours
- Physical scoresheet does not **NEED** to be submitted to office
 - You may scan and email it to maya.solomon@midwest.usta.com if you feel the need.

If you need to reschedule, let me know **Immediately** of the new date agreed upon.

DEFAULTS

Total Team Defaults

For matches to not be considered total team defaults, notice must be given to the opposing coach 24-hours before the match is scheduled to occur. If 24-hour notice is not provided, it is up to the discretion of the opposing coach whether to take the total team default or reschedule the match.

IF A TOTAL TEAM DEFAULT OCCURS – THE TEAM DEFAULTING OWES THE OPPOSING TEAM \$120 (3 ct league) OR \$80 (2 ct league)

If a match needs to be rescheduled, please try to provide at least one-week notice to the opposing coach. The facility will be accountable for paying and facilities with outstanding debt to another facility will not be scheduled for the following season or included in Districts until paid.

Rescheduling a Match

If a match is rescheduled, please notify the District Office prior to the originally scheduled date.

MIDWEST TRACK – Summer Sectionals

TEAM REQUIREMENTS

- **10U OB & GB 4 player minimum, gender neutral**
- **12U Must have 2 boys and 2 girls**
- **14U & 18U Must have 3 boys and 3 girls & be eligible (2024: 1 match)**
- **ALL: Age eligibility cutoff is August 31, 2027**
- **ALL: Rating must match division**
 - **2024:**
 - **10U & 12U No rating band**
 - **14U INT 40-28**
 - **14U ADV 40-1**
 - **18U INT 40-25**
 - **18U ADV 40-1**

NO NATIONALS

Season Best Practices

- **Use Parent Volunteers to help organize**
 - **District host Parent/Volunteer Meeting** □ **Educate or ask for volunteers**
- **Master signup sheet for players**
- **Promise players a minimum number of matches per season**
- **Encourage players to play when available (i.e. if they can't play Fall, remind them to come back for Winter)**

Need a Refresher?

- All information, including this Powerpoint Link will be sent out after the meeting
- What I need from you...
 - *Check Safe Play Status immediately (You and any player 18 yrs old)*
 - Team Commitments Forms
 - Court Availability Forms
 - Player Minimums Due September 16th
 - Update contact information for parents/coaches/office
 - *Communication*
 - *Grace for me! :)*

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS?

