

## Junior Tournament Regulations January 1, 2020

**Regulation 1: Junior Section Tournaments.** *The Junior Section Tournaments consist of the Missouri Valley Level 3 tournaments and Missouri Valley Level 4 tournaments and other district level tournaments are **not** Junior Section Tournaments, even if they are included in the USTA Missouri Valley Standings List under Regulation 40.*

**Regulation 2: Applicable Rules and Regulations.** These regulations, the ITF Rules of Tennis, USTA Regulations, and The Code are in effect at all Junior Section Tournaments. It is a player's responsibility to know and understand them.

**Regulation 3: Junior Section Tournaments Committee.** The Junior Competition Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, and USTA Missouri Valley Junior Competition Program Manager make up the Junior Section Tournaments Committee. This committee has the discretion to modify USTA Missouri Valley Junior Tournament Regulations for a USTA Missouri Valley Junior Section Tournament. Examples of situations in which the Committee might exercise its discretion include, but are not limited to: correcting administrative errors; change of tournament venue; and changes made to adjust for changes adopted by the USTA.

### *Eligibility Requirements*

**Regulation 4: Residence Requirement.** The following players are eligible to play in Junior Section Tournaments:

- U.S. citizens who reside in the area under USTA Missouri Valley jurisdiction;
- Aliens listed in USTA Regulation IX.C.1.b. who reside in the area under USTA Missouri Valley jurisdiction (A student visa is not sufficient.); and
- Children of members of the United States military whose family resides in the area under USTA Missouri Valley jurisdiction.

The USTA Missouri Valley may require a player to submit proof of residence. The Junior Eligibility Committee shall determine whether a player resides in the area under the USTA Missouri Valley jurisdiction. Within fifteen days of a player being notified that the Committee has determined that the player does not reside in the area under the USTA Missouri Valley jurisdiction, the player may appeal the decision to the Grievance Committee. Absent good cause shown, if the player does not appeal the decision within fifteen days, the Junior Eligibility Committee's decision is final. Decisions as to residence shall be based on all relevant factors, which include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- The residence of each of the player's natural parents or guardians;
- The address listed on the player's USTA membership record in those cases where the player resides in more than one place;
- The state in which the player would qualify for in-state tuition at a state college or university; and
- The state in which the player attends school.

A player who participates in another Section's endorsement process during the calendar year shall be deemed to be resident in that section for the remainder of the calendar year unless the player produces sufficient evidence to satisfy the Junior Eligibility Committee that the player has changed residence to a location within the territory assigned to the USTA Missouri Valley by the USTA Bylaws. The Junior Eligibility Committee is comprised of the:

- Director of Junior Competition;
- Chair of the Junior Competition Committee; and Vice Chair of the Junior Competition Committee.

If the Director of Junior Competition is not available to serve, the Executive Director of USTA Missouri Valley shall appoint a replacement from among the staff. If the Chair or Vice Chair is not available to serve, the member of the Junior Competition Committee with the most seniority shall serve as the replacement.

Districts must apply the residence criteria of MV Regulation 4 to determine whether a player is eligible to play a District Closed tournament. Districts shall set up their own process for determining whether a player meets the residence requirement and for appeals from the determination.

**Regulation 5: USTA Membership.** Each player shall have a USTA membership that is current through the last scheduled day of the tournament.

**Regulation 6: Youth Progression Requirement.** A player who is still eligible for the 8-and-under or 10-and-under divisions becomes eligible for older age divisions of sanctioned USTA Missouri Valley tournaments only by first completing the USTA Missouri Valley Youth Progression pathway.

**Regulation 7: Age Eligibility.** A player is age eligible for an event if the player will not exceed the maximum age for the age division by the last day of the month in which the player's age division in the tournament is scheduled to start. See Table 4 of USTA Regulations. The USTA Missouri Valley may require a player to submit a copy of the birth certificate or other proof of age.

**Regulation 8: Eligibility for Junior Section Tournaments.** A player is eligible for a Junior Section Tournament if the player meets the requirements of USTA Missouri Valley Regulations 4-7.

### *Selection for Tournaments*

**Regulation 9: District Tournaments Designated for Section Points.** The Districts determine the selection process for District Championships and other district tournaments designated for section points. The Districts sanction and administer these tournaments even though district tournaments that follow USTA Missouri Valley Regulations 40-42 are included in the USTA Missouri Valley Standings List, *unless* the district notifies USTA Missouri Valley that the tournament should not be included.

**Regulation 10: Missouri Valley Level 4 Tournaments.** Annually, the USTA Missouri Valley sanctions 7 Level 4 tournaments for boys and girls in the 18, 16, 14, and 12 divisions. Four Missouri Valley Level 4 tournaments receive USTA National Level points.

a) *Maximum Draw Size.* The maximum draw size is 32 for singles and 16 for doubles.

b) *Singles.* Players are selected into the singles draw from among those who apply to enter in order of their standing on the most recent USTA Missouri Valley Standing List published before the draw is made.

c) *Doubles.* Players are selected into the doubles draw based on the combined singles rankings of the teams. Before the entry deadline, partners may apply online for entry by *each* player listing the other as partner. If both players apply online together for entry and are both selected for singles the team will be selected for doubles during the online selection process. After online singles entries close, a team may be placed in the doubles draw by both partners contacting the tournament director with their partner's information. If both players do not confirm with the tournament director, the team is not accepted into the doubles draw. Players may also send a request to the Tournament Director to be placed into the blind draw, which is where the tournament director randomly selects a random partner. All doubles registrations need to be confirmed by noon on the Friday after the Singles online entry deadline.

- Players do not have to be in the singles draw to play doubles. If a player is not in the singles draw and wishes to play doubles, the player must still have applied for entry in the tournament and appear on the alternates list. Any player who was not selected for singles will be considered for the doubles draw only if the player informs the Tournament Director that the players still wants to play in the doubles draw.
- A player has the responsibility to communicate with his or her partner about doubles at the tournament. If a player's partner does not make the singles draw or no longer wishes to play doubles, the player has the responsibility to communicate with the Tournament Director and find a new partner before the doubles deadline.
- If a player in the doubles draw withdraws and the player's partner still wants to play doubles, the partner may play with any other player who applied for entry in the tournament and is on the alternate list or any other player who is on the singles alternate so long as the new team does not affect seeding. The player who seeks to play with a new partner is responsible for finding the partner and providing this information to the Referee. The Referee is not required to substitute the new partner into the draw if the Referee learns of the substitution less than one hour before the scheduled start of the first match in the doubles draw.
- The entry deadline for doubles is at noon on the Friday after the singles online entry deadline unless otherwise specified on the tournament homepage.

d) *Player must play in same division in singles and doubles.* A player must play in the same age division in singles and doubles.

**Regulation 11: Missouri Valley Level 3 Tournaments.** Annually, the USTA Missouri Valley sanctions two Level 3 tournaments for boys and girls in the 18, 16, 14, and 12 divisions. Two Missouri Valley Level 3 tournaments receive national level points.

a) *Maximum Draw Size.* The maximum draw size is 32 for singles and 16 for doubles.

b) *Singles.* Players are selected into the singles draw from among those who apply to enter in order of their standing on the most recent USTA Missouri Valley Standing List published before the draw is made.

c) *Doubles.* Players are selected into the doubles draw based on the combined singles ranking of the team. Before the entry deadline, partners may apply online for entry by each player indicating the other as partner or by each partner emailing the Tournament Director. A player without a partner may also request to be placed into a blind draw before the doubles entry deadline.

- Players in the singles draw are not required to play doubles
- Players in the singles draw who wish to play doubles are required to team with another player, also in the singles draw unless not all of the players in the singles draw choose to play doubles. In this case, the player may team with any player on the Alternates List.
- The doubles deadline is stated on the tournament homepage.

d) *Player must play in same division in singles and doubles.* A player must play in the same age division in singles and doubles.

**Regulation 12: Missouri Valley Level 4 Team Tournament.** Annually, the USTA Missouri Valley sanctions two Missouri

Valley Level 4 Team Tournaments for boys and girls in the 18, 16, 14, and 12 divisions.

- a) *Maximum Draw Size.* The maximum draw size is 16 players (8 teams of two).
- b) *Team Selection.* Teams are selected based on combined singles ranking from the most recent USTA Missouri Valley Standing List published before the draw is made. If two teams have the same combined ranking, the team with the higher ranked singles player will be placed ahead of the other team on the entry list.
- c) *Online Entry.* Players must apply online for entry as a team. A team will be considered for selection only if each player correctly applied online for entry, which means each player applied for the tournament with the other player listed as a partner. Players are responsible for applying correctly and correcting any errors before the entry deadline.
- d) *Withdrawal of a Player.* Because players are required to apply for entry in the tournament as a team, the withdrawal of one player is considered the withdrawal of the team. A player whose partner withdraws before the deadline may apply for entry with another partner. No new entries are accepted after the entry deadline, unless authorized by the Tournament Committee.
- e) *Tournament Format.* The tournament uses a Compass Draw format. In each round:
  - The two highest ranked players will play singles against each other;
  - The other two players will play singles against each other; and
  - The players will play doubles.
- f) *Entry Deadline.* The entry deadline for doubles is at noon on the Friday after the singles online entry deadline unless otherwise specified on the tournament homepage.

### **Regulation 13: USTA Missouri Valley Team Event.**

If the USTA Missouri Valley hosts a team event, selection will be as follows:

- a) *One Team per District.* The USTA Missouri Valley Team Event will have one team from each district. The BG12-14 divisions will be combined into one team.
- b) *Four Players per Age Division per Team.* Each district will select four players per age division by a selection process of its choice.
- c) *Lineups.* The line-ups for each team will be submitted to the USTA Missouri Valley by the district before the start of the event. Players will be required to play in lineup order for the duration of the tournament. A District may alter its lineup after submitting it only if a player withdraws.
- d) *Doubles Teams.* The number one singles player will play doubles with the number two singles player; the number three singles player will play doubles with the number four singles player.

**Regulation 14: USTA Missouri Valley Standing List.** The USTA Missouri Valley uses the USTA ranking program and the USTA Missouri Valley assigned Points Per Round to generate the USTA Missouri Valley Standing Lists that are used to select players for at-large entry into the Missouri Valley Level 3 and Level 4 Tournaments and certain team events. See Regulation 38 for how standings are calculated.

### *National Tournaments and Endorsement Process*

#### **Regulation 15: National Endorsement List.**

The USTA accepts players on the USTA Missouri Valley Endorsement List based on a quota system that the USTA determines at the end of each calendar year. The USTA Missouri Valley quota is determined by the ratio of its junior membership and the number of its players in the top 150 in all divisions compared to the total junior membership and total players in the top 150 in all divisions and is subject to change. See the tournament homepage for the number of quota spots in each age division.

- a) *National Clay Court Championships Endorsement List.* Players are listed in the order in which they appear on the USTA Missouri Valley Standings List published immediately after June Level 4.
- b) *National Championships Endorsement List.* Players listed in the order in which they appear on the USTA Missouri Valley Standings List published immediately after June Level 3
- c) *National Indoor Championships Endorsement List:* Players are listed in the order in which they appear on the USTA Missouri Valley Standings List published immediately after September Level 4. ;
- d) *National Winter Championships Endorsement List.* Players are listed in the order in which they appear on the USTA Missouri Valley Standings Lost published immediately after November Level 3
- e) *National Doubles Championships Endorsement List (BG14-18 Divisions):* USTA Missouri Valley will order teams who register based on the highest combined singles ranking of the most recent USTA Missouri Valley Standings list available.

**Regulation 16: Zonals.** The USTA Zone Team Championships is a National Team event in which the USTA Missouri Valley selects players to represent the section. The USTA Missouri Valley sends teams of 6 boys and 6 girls to each Zone Team Championship. The number of teams the USTA Missouri Valley sends varies based on the schedule released by the USTA. Players are selected using criteria determined by the Junior Competition Committee, which criteria are published on the USTA

Missouri Valley Tournament homepage at least sixty days before the entry deadline.

**Regulation 17: Intersectionals.** The USTA Intersectional Championships is a National Team Championship in which the USTA Missouri Valley selects players to represent the section. The BG 14s and 16s divisions are held at different locations. The USTA Missouri Valley will send one team with a maximum of 4 boys and 4 girls to each Championship. Players are selected using criteria determined by the Junior Competition Committee, which criteria are published on the USTA Missouri Valley Tournament homepage at least sixty days before the entry deadline. The line-up order is determined by the order in which the players were selected. The coach has discretion to determine who plays singles. Generally players higher in the lineup will have more opportunity to play singles.

**Regulation 18: USTA BG18 National Team Championships.** The USTA BG18 National Team Championships is a National Team Championship in which the USTA Missouri Valley selects players to represent the section. The boys and girls championships are at different locations. The USTA Missouri Valley will send one team with a maximum of 7 boys or 7 girls to each respective event. Players are selected using criteria determined by the Junior Competition Committee, which criteria are published on the USTA Missouri Valley Tournament homepage at least sixty days before the entry deadline. The coach has discretion to determine who plays singles. Generally the players higher in the lineup will have more opportunity to play singles.

#### *Entry and Withdrawal Process*

**Regulation 19: Submission of Entries.** On-line application for entry is required for each tournament. The application must be completed before the entry deadline. In case of a problem with an on-line application, contact the Junior Competition Program Manager via phone or email before the entry deadline. If you reach voicemail, leave a message so that the Junior Competition Program Manager can verify that your call was received before the entry deadline. No late applications are permitted.

#### **Regulation 20: Entry Restrictions and Order of Selection.**

- a) *Restrictions on division in which player may play.* A player may play in only one singles and one doubles division per tournament. A player must play in the same age division for singles and doubles.
- b) *Order in which draws are filled.* The USTA Missouri Valley fills the draws in its tournaments in the following order: 18, 16, 14, and 12 divisions.
- c) *Player who enters two age divisions.* For USTA Missouri Valley Junior Section Tournaments that have limited draws, players may apply for entry in up to two age divisions. Unless notified to the contrary, the USTA Missouri Valley assumes that a player who applies for two age divisions prefers to play in the older division. A player who applied for entry in two age divisions and who is selected for the older age division is removed from the entry list for the younger division unless the player previously notified the USTA Missouri Valley that the player prefers to play in the younger division. A player who applied for entry into two age divisions and who was not selected for entry into the older age division is then considered for entry into the younger age division. If the player is not selected for the younger age division, the player is placed on the alternate list for the younger age division only. A player is not allowed to appear on two alternate lists.

**Regulation 21: Late Entries.** The Tournament Committee shall not accept late entries or add players to the alternates list.

**Regulation 22: Withdrawal from Tournament.** A withdrawal occurs when a player withdraws from a tournament after the entry deadline but before playing the first match because of injury, illness, personal circumstance (which includes a personal emergency), or an administrative error made by the tournament. A player who decides to withdraw from a tournament shall immediately notify the Tournament Director of the reason for the withdrawal. The Tournament Director shall notify the Junior Competition Program Manager of the identity of all players who withdrew from the tournament after the draw has been made. Players may be required to submit verification of the reason for the withdrawal (doctor's note, written description, and other relevant information) before the last scheduled day of the tournament. See MV Regulation 36.

**Regulation 23: Alternate List.** The Tournament Committee must prepare an alternate list of players who applied for entry into the tournament but were not accepted into the draw. The players shall be listed in the order in which their names appear on the USTA Missouri Valley Standing List that was used to accept players into the draw.

- The Tournament Committee must use the Alternate List to replace withdrawing players until 9:00 p.m. the day before the draw is scheduled to start. A tournament official shall promptly notify the player at the top of the Alternate List when there is an opening. The Tournament Director has the discretion to set the amount of time in which a player has to respond before a tournament official notifies the next player on the list or uses the on-site alternate list.
- After 9:00 p.m. of the day before the draw is scheduled to start, the On-Site Alternate List shall be used to replace withdrawing players.

**Regulation 24: On-Site Alternates.** The Tournament Committee must prepare an on-site alternate list of those on-site players who applied for entry into the tournament but were not accepted into the draw. The players must be listed in the order in which

their names appear on the USTA Missouri Valley Standing List that was used to accept the players into the draw. The Tournament Committee must accept alternates into the draw in the order in which the names appear on the on-site alternate list. Only on-site alternates who are on site for the first round of the age division in which they are on-site alternates are eligible for entry into the draw.

**Regulation 25: Refund of Entry Fee.** A player is entitled to a refund of the entry fee only if the player withdraws more than six days before the start of the first event of the tournament. In those tournaments in which doubles events are held, the entry fee for singles includes the fee for the doubles event. If a doubles event is canceled, players entering the singles do not receive a refund. A player entering only a doubles event who does not get to start a match is entitled to a refund. The fee for electronic entries is not considered part of the entry fee and is non-refundable. For the Missouri Valley Level 4 Team Tournament, if one member of the team withdraws within six days of the start of the tournament, the team member who did not withdraw is entitled to a refund.

**Regulation 26: Playing to Completion.** To play to completion means to play all the player's matches in a tournament including main draw, mandatory FIC, mandatory consolation, and mandatory place play-offs. A player is not awarded any points for the tournament nor will the player be awarded a qualifying spot into another USTA Missouri Valley tournament if the player does not play to completion for any reason other than:

- Retirement from a match because of injury, illness, or personal circumstance;
- Inability to play because of injury, illness, or personal circumstance when the player's problem becomes apparent before the match or during the warm-up; or
- Tournament administrative error.

The Referee, determines what constitutes a legitimate personal circumstance.

### ***Tournament Administration***

**Regulation 27: Tournament Data Manager (TDM).** USTA Missouri Valley Junior Section Tournaments and all tournaments included in the USTA Missouri Valley Standings list are required to use TDM for seeding, making the draw, score entry, updating and processing withdrawals, and all other tasks associated with recording results.

**Regulation 28: Seeding.** Seeding is done to ensure that players of recognized outstanding ability do not meet each other in the early rounds.

- a) *Singles.* Seeding for all singles events is based on the most recent USTA Missouri Valley Standing List published before the draws are made.
- b) *Doubles.* Seeding for all doubles events is based on the combined standing of the most recent USTA Missouri Valley Standing List published before the draws are made. In the event of a tie, the higher seed goes to the team with the highest ranked singles player.
- c) *Number of Seeds.* The number of seeds is determined by the number of players in the draw and the seeding ratio specified by USTA Regulations.

**Regulation 29: Separating players from the same district.** Whenever possible when making the draw, players will be randomly placed in the draw to avoid meeting a player from the same district in the player's first match. Sometimes changes in the draw are necessary after the draw has been published. No attempt will be made to separate players by district after the draw has been published unless it becomes necessary to remake the entire draw.

**Regulation 30: Draw Formats at Section Events.** Only the following draw types may be used *unless* the USTA Missouri Valley Junior Competition Program Manager, Chair of the USTA Missouri Valley Junior Competition Committee, and Vice Chair of the Junior Competition Committee determine that a change of format is necessary.

- a) *Doubles.* All doubles events use a single elimination draw.
- b) *Level 3 & 4 tournaments.* Level 3 and 4 events will use a FIC-R16 draw.
- c) *Missouri Valley Level 4 Team Tournament.* The Missouri Valley Level 4 Team Tournament will use a Compass Draw in a Team Competition Format.
- d) *Other events.* All other events with 6 or more participants use a FIC-R16 or FIC-QF draw.

### **Regulation 31: Match Formats for Section Events**

#### ***a) Level 3 and 4 Outdoor Tournaments***

*Singles.* Level 3 and 4 main draw and consolation matches are the best of three tiebreak sets with a 10-point Match tiebreaker in lieu of the third set. Level 3 and 4 matches that were scheduled outdoors but are started indoors are the best of 3 short sets, best 3 short sets with a 7 point tiebreaker in lieu of the third set, or best 3 short sets with a 10 point tiebreaker in lieu of the third set. Short Sets are defined as the first player/team who wins four games wins the set, provided there is a margin of two games over the opponent(s). If the score reaches four games all, a tie-break game or tie-break shall be played.

*Shortening Singles Matches.* When conditions justify shortening singles match formats, the USTA Missouri Valley Junior Competition Program Manager may authorize the playing of an 8-game Pro Set, 6 game set, and Short Sets *provided that* the shortened format is used in all matches in a round

*Doubles.* Doubles matches are an 8-game Pro Set with a 7-point tiebreak if the score reaches 8 all.

b) *Indoor Level 3 and 4 Tournaments*

*Singles.* All singles main draw matches shall be the best of three tiebreak sets with a 10-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of the third set .

- Level 3 and Level 4 indoor consolation are best of 3 short sets, best 3 short sets with a 7 point tiebreaker in lieu of the third set, or best 3 short sets with a 10 point tiebreaker in lieu of the third set. Short Sets are defined as the first player/team who wins four games wins the set, provided there is a margin of two games over the opponent(s). If the score reaches four games all, a tie-break game or tie-break shall be played.

**Regulation 32: Starting Times and Days.** Tournaments with doubles may start no earlier than 8am , *provided that* the Referee may set an earlier start time if the Referee determines that inclement weather requires an earlier start. Tournaments run on the following days:

Dominant Duo Tournament:	Saturday-Sunday
Indoor Level 4:	Saturday-Monday
Level 3	Saturday-Monday
Outdoor Level 4:	Saturday-Monday
Summer Level 3:	Wednesday or Tuesday-Sunday
MV Team Event	Saturday-Monday

**Regulation 33: Scheduling.** The scheduling guidelines in USTA Regulation II.D.9. and Table 8 are mandatory.

**Regulation 34: Inclement Weather.** Indoor court backup is not required for USTA Missouri Valley Section events. If indoor courts are available and the referee decides after consulting with the tournament director , players may be required to pay an additional fee, which is determined by the Tournament Director. If the Referee determines that there is inclement weather, the Junior Competition Program Manager (after consulting with the Tournament Director) may change the match format (provided the format is used for an entire round) or cancel an event. When cancelling events, USTA Regulation III.G.5.a. is followed. Tournaments normally do not get cancelled or rescheduled due to inclement weather forecasts.

**Regulation 35: Suspension Point System.** The USTA Suspension Point System applies to all junior tournaments sanctioned by the USTA Missouri Valley including the Junior Section Tournaments. It is a player’s responsibility to know and understand the suspension point system and his or her status. Every effort is made to notify the player each time a suspension point is assessed. Failure to notify the player does not invalidate any penalties or points assessed.

**Regulation 36: Injury, Illness, or Personal Circumstance.** If because of illness, injury, or personal circumstance, a player withdraws from the tournament after the draw has been made or decides not to play a match, then the Referee, USTA Missouri Valley Junior Competition Program Manager, or Tournament Committee will require the player to provide a document that verifies the illness, injury, or personal circumstance. If the reason for the withdrawal is illness or injury, the player must deliver written verification of the illness or injury from a medical professional no later than the last scheduled day of the tournament. If the reason for the withdrawal is personal circumstance, the player must deliver a written description of the situation to the Referee before the last scheduled day of the tournament. The Referee determines whether the situation is a personal circumstance. Failure to provide the required documentation in a timely manner results in the match being treated as a default rather than a withdrawal or walkover.

**Regulation 37: Defaults in Valley Level 3 and 4 Tournaments.** Any player at a Level 4 or Level 3 Tournament who:

- Is defaulted because of:
  - Misconduct;
  - Unsportsmanlike conduct;
  - Failure to follow the instructions of an official; or
  - Point Penalty System
  - OR
- Withdraws from the tournament after the draw has been made or decides not to play a match for a reason other than injury, illness, or personal circumstance is *ineligible* to play in the next two Level 3 or higher events and is *ineligible* for placement on the next endorsement list *unless* the player appeals the default to the USTA/MV Grievance Committee within 24 hours and before the start of the next tournament and the USTA/MV Grievance Committee stays the *ineligibility* or determines that the issuance of the default was not warranted. Note this provision does not apply to players defaulted because of lateness for the start or resumption of a match or to a member of a doubles team that is defaulted if that player was not in any way responsible

for the default

### ***Junior Ranking Regulations***

**Regulation 38: Combined Standing Lists and Combined Ranking Lists.** The USTA Missouri Valley publishes a new Standings List weekly for each division. The USTA Points Per Round ranking program generates the combined singles and doubles rankings using the Points Per Round system designated by points tables published on the USTA Missouri Valley website. Only those players who meet the eligibility criteria in MV Regulation 39 appear on the USTA Missouri Valley Standing Lists. Only results of tournaments that meet the criteria in MV Regulations 40-42 are included in the USTA Missouri Valley Standings List. A player's combined ranking and combined standing is based on the player's best 6 singles results and best 6 doubles results during the previous 12 months. One hundred percent of the singles points are combined with 15% of the doubles points. One hundred percent of the combined points "count down" for the division in which they were earned; 20% of the combined points count up for the next older age division. and

- In the BG 18,16, and 14 Divisions, no more than 3 singles and 3 doubles results can be from tournaments *not* sanctioned by the USTA Missouri Valley or a USTA Missouri Valley district; and
- In the BG 12 Divisions, no more than 2 singles and 2 doubles results can be from tournaments *not* sanctioned by the USTA Missouri Valley or a USTA Missouri Valley district. Byes, withdrawals, walkovers, disqualifications, defaults, and retirements are treated as follows:

a.) *Byes.* A player who advances because of a bye does not receive Points Per Round for advancing.

b.) *Withdrawals, walkovers, and disqualifications.* A player who advances because of a withdrawal, walkover, or disqualification shall receive Points Per Round for advancing but shall not receive any Bonus Points.

c.) *Defaults before the first point of the match.* A player who advances because of a default before the first point of a match shall receive Points Per Round for advancing but shall not receive any Bonus Points. Examples of these defaults include, but are not necessarily limited to, defaults for:

- Lateness for the start of a match;
- Failure to show up for a match;
- Refusal to start a match;
- Code violations under the Point Penalty System occurring during the warm-up; and
- Misconduct before a match or between matches.

d.) *Defaults after the first point of the match.* A player who advances because of a default after the first point of the match receives Points Per Round and any Bonus Points that apply to the match. Examples of these defaults include, but are not necessarily limited to, defaults for:

- Code violations under the Point Penalty System;
- Lateness after a rest period;
- Lateness for resumption of a suspended match; and
- Refusal to continue to play a match.

e.) *Players defaulted for misconduct or code violations receives no Ranking Points.* A player who has been defaulted for misconduct or code violations under the Point Penalty System shall not receive any Ranking Points that the player had accumulated in the tournament, provided that a doubles player

**Regulation 39: Eligibility Criteria.** A player is eligible for the USTA Missouri Valley Standings list if the player:

- Is a USTA member;
- Meets the age eligibility requirements of the division;
- Meets the requirements of Regulation 4 during at least part of the preceding twelve months;
- Has played at least one tournament specified for inclusion by Regulation 40 in the age division in the previous 12 months; and
- Has accumulated at least one ranking point in the division from an on-court win. Advancing to the next round because of a bye, withdrawal, walkover, default, or disqualification before the start of the match are not considered on-court wins.

**Regulation 40: Tournaments Used to Create USTA Missouri Valley Standing List.** These tournaments are used to create the USTA Missouri Valley Standing List:

- USTA sanctioned district and section tournaments (Level 3-Level 7);
- USTA National tournaments (Level 1- Level 3);
- ITF tournament (that use TDM); and

- Any other tournament designated for points by the district will be included in the USTA Missouri Valley Standing list *provided that* the event meets the requirements for inclusion, which is determined by the USTA Missouri Valley Junior Competition Committee annually.

**Regulation 41: Mandatory Draw Types.** Only tournaments that use the following draw types may be included in the USTA Missouri Valley Standing Lists (See MV Regulation 30, which specifies which draw types are authorized for USTA Missouri Valley Junior Section Tournaments.):

Level	Draw Type
7	0-2 Draw Cancelled 3-5 One Round Robin bracket 6-7 Two Round Robin bracket with cross play (4th place finisher in 4-draw pool will not participate in cross play) 8-9 Two Round Robin brackets with no cross play. There will be two 1st place finishers. 10 Two Round Robin brackets with no cross play. There will be two 1st Place finishers. 11-13 Three Round Robin brackets with no cross play. There will be three 1st place finishers and three finalists 14-16 Compass Draw. There will be one 1st place finisher 17+ Multiple Round Robin brackets with no cross play. There will be four 1st place finishers and four finalists
6	0-2 Draw Cancelled 3-5 One Round Robin Bracket 6-8 Feed-In Championship through Semifinals 9-12 Feed-in Championship through Quarters with 3rd/4th playoff 13-16 Feed-in Championship through the Quarters with a 3rd/4th playoff, Consolation final will not be played Compass Draw, Dominant Duo
5	0-2 Draw Cancelled 3-5 One Round Robin Bracket 6-16 Feed-in Championship through Quarters with 3rd/4th playoff 17-24 Feed-in Consolation through Quarters or Feed-in Consolation through R16 with 5-8 playoff, 3rd/4th playoff Compass Draw, Dominant Duo
4	32 FIC-R16 Doubles - Single Elimination Dominant Duo Team Format
3	32 FIC-R16 Doubles - Single Elimination

**Regulation 42: Match Formats.** Only tournaments that use the following match formats may be considered for USTA Missouri Valley Standing Lists (See MV Regulation 31, which specifies which formats are authorized in USTA Missouri Valley Junior Rev. 1/7/2020



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Best of three tiebreak sets;

Best of three tiebreak sets with a Match Tiebreak in lieu of the deciding final set;

Best of three tiebreak Short Sets;

Best of three tiebreak short sets with a Match Tiebreak in lieu of the deciding final set; and

8-game Pro Set.

6-game Pro Set

Match formats not included on this list that have received prior section approval are included on the USTA Missouri Valley Standing Lists. (Match formats must sometimes be shortened to complete the tournament.)

**Regulation 43: Bonus Points.** The USTA Missouri Valley awards bonus points for wins over players ranked in the top 60 at USTA Missouri Valley Level 3, 4, and 5 events. Bonus Points are earned for wins in singles in the main draws, feed-in-championships, consolations, and qualifying draws. However, if a tournament total is not among a player's best five tournaments, neither the Points per round nor the Bonus Points count toward the player's ranking point total. The Bonus Points Standing List will be published at the beginning of each month and apply to tournaments starting on or after that publication date and before the next publication date. In a subsequent month, the Standings List will change (specifically players in the top 60), but any wins over the previous top 60 will stand as long as the tournament remains one of the player's best six events.

If a player has a win over an opponent who was not on the top 60 bonus points list published at the beginning of the month, but later the opponent enters the top 60 on the standings list, the player does not receive bonus points. Bonus points will be assigned based on the chart below:

Rank	Bonus Points
Top 10	150
11-20	75
21-30	35
31-40	15
41-50	8
51-60	4

**Regulation 44: Correction of Records and Publication of Rankings.** Players may view the Standing Lists and their rankings and records at [www.missourivalley.usta.com](http://www.missourivalley.usta.com). If a player notices an error, the player should promptly e-mail corrections to the Tournament Director. The USTA Missouri Valley Standing List is run each Tuesday. For corrections to be considered for the new weekly list, a change must be submitted by 12 noon the day the list is run. If the USTA Missouri Valley staff is not notified by this deadline, the change will not be considered until the following week's list. The USTA Missouri Valley has no obligation to consider corrections submitted more than 15 days after the list is published. Computer rankings will not be changed unless there is an error in data input or processing.

Tournament	National Level
L4 USTA MV #1	4
L4 USTA MV #3	4
L3 USTA MV #1	3
L4 USTA MV #5	4
L4 USTA MV #6	3
L3 USTA MV #2	4

