



MISSOURI VALLEY
HEART OF AMERICA

**USTA Heart of America
Junior Team Tennis
2019**

Important dates

Winter Season	January 19/20 to March 9/10
Team Registration	Friday, December 21
Background Check Completed	Friday, December 21
Register & Complete "Safe Play"	Friday, December 21
Player Registration	Friday, January 4
Coaches Meeting	Friday, January 11

Summer Season	June 5 to July 10
Team Registration	Monday, May 13
Background Check Completed	Monday, May 20
Register & Complete "Safe Play"	Monday, May 20
Player Registration	Monday, May 27
Coaches Meeting	Friday, May 31
Sectional Championships	July TBA

Fall Season	September 14/15 to October 26/27
Team Registration	Monday, August 26
Background Check Completed	Monday, September 2
Register & Complete "Safe Play"	Monday, September 2
Player Registration	Monday, September 2
Coaches Meeting	Monday, September 9

Divisions of Play

**For each age group – 10s, 12s, 14s & High School
there will be 2 divisions of play.**

10s – Coed Play Minimum of 6 Players to register a team of any combination of boys & girls	Green Ball	Players that have participated in the Youth Pathway progression tournaments, have played JTT previously. At least 50% of the team must meet this criterion.
	Orange Ball	Players NEW to match play. This is a player first season playing JTT. Players are looking to gain confidence and just starting in organized play.
12s – Coed Play Green Ball – Minimum of 6 players to register a team of any combination of boys & girls Open Division - Minimum of 6 players to register a team of any combination of boys & girls	Green Ball	Will use GREEN Ball for all JTT Match Play. This player has limited match play experience, may have played some JTT or JTL. No tournament experiences. Cross play will be allowed in this division.
	Open Division	Will use YELLOW Ball for all JTT match play. This player has played and has been successful at JTT match play in the past. This player has participated in USTA HOA Challengers and/or Open tournaments. At least 50% of the team must meet this criterion
14s – Coed Challenger Division – Minimum of 6 players to register a team of any combination of boys & girls Open Division - Minimum of 6 players to register a team of any combination of boys & girls	Challengers Division	Will use YELLOW ball for all JTT match play. This player has limited match play experience, may have played some JTT or JTL. No tournament experiences. Cross play will be allowed in this division.
	Open Division	Will use YELLOW Ball for all JTT match play. This player has played and has been successful at JTT match play in the past. This player has participated in USTA HOA Challengers and/or Open tournaments. At least 50% of the team must meet these criteria

High School

Winter = Boys & Girls Season

Fall = Boys Season

Minimum of 6 players to Register a Team

Summer = Coed

Minimum of 3 Boys & 3 Girls
to Register a Team

SCORING FORMAT

10s Division	Will play best of 2 out of 3 shortened sets to 4. No Ad scoring for sets 1 & 2. In case of split sets players will play a set tiebreaker to 7 by 2 for the 3 rd set.
12s, 14s & High School	Will play best of 2 out of 3 shortened sets to 4. No Ad scoring and a set tiebreaker will be played at 3 games all. For the 3 rd set players will play a match tiebreaker to 10 points by 2.

Age Regulations

10s Division	In 2019, 10&Under players cannot play up in age groups per Youth Progression Pathway rule.	
	Winter Season	Player cannot age out before April
	Summer Season	Player cannot age out before August
	Fall Season	Player cannot age out before December
12s, 14s & High School	Winter Season	Player cannot age out before April
	Summer Season	Player cannot age out before August
	Fall Season	Player cannot age out before December

General Regulations

There will not be any Mixed Doubles play in the Winter and Fall seasons.

It is the responsibility of the Home Team to enter the scores by the Monday after playing the match.

ALL teams – Home and Away – WILL have a Coach/Parent Representative. This person shall be knowledgeable of ALL JTT rules, scoring format, match format and have a line up sheet complete to hand to opposing team's representative.

For ALL matches in the 12s, 14s & High School divisions, NEW balls will be used.

