

USTA Missouri Valley Section Announces Junior Section Agreement and New Tournament Dates

The USTA Missouri Valley staff and Junior Competition Committee (JCC) are happy to announce that all 17 USTA sections have come to a collective agreement as play commences. Leading into the 2021 unified [junior tour](#), all 17 sections have agreed to terms that will help create consistent playing opportunities across the nation. The USTA Missouri Valley is dedicated to working with all sections to ensure unity in the sport's junior competition.

Since all players will be operating off of the same ranking and tournament structure starting January 1, 2021, the USTA sections Junior agreement aims for equal section L3 and L4 point opportunities, consistent dates for district L5 tournaments, encouraging safe play, and adjusting to the new environment. Each USTA section has agreed to the following:

- Sanction 1 level 3 tournament that will count for national points in the 2020 and 2021 rankings
- Sanction up to 4 level 4 tournaments for the 2020 national rankings
- Sections can include up to 8 level 4 tournaments in the 2021 rankings
- In June, only level 6 and 7 tournaments can count towards the 2021 rankings
- Starting July 1, level 5,6, and 7 tournaments can count towards the 2021 national rankings
- Starting July 25th, level 3,4,5, 6, and 7 tournaments can count towards the 2021 national rankings

In the month of June, all USTA Missouri Valley district **level 5** tournaments will be awarded **level 5 points** in the section junior standings list in 2020 rankings and **level 6** points towards the 2021 rankings. The USTA Missouri Valley will be providing more information regarding resuming ranking in the coming weeks.

For sections that are not able to resume regular programming at the beginning of June, this agreement will limit competitive 2021 junior national standings advantages for players residing in areas less impacted by COVID-19. Players of all sections will not be harshly impacted if one chooses to ease back into competitive play.

With the agreement amongst sections complete, the USTA Missouri Valley is able to move forward with strategically rescheduling the section level 3 and 4 tournaments. For the remainder of 2020, the following are dates of section level tournaments:

Date*	Event	2020 USTA MV Level	2020 National Level	2021 National Level
July 25-27	L4 USTA MV #3	4	4	4
August 1-3	L3 USTA MV	3	3	3
Sept 5-7	L4 USTA MV #4	4	N/A	4
September 25-27	L4 USTA MV #5	4	4	4
October 3-5	L4 USTA MV #6	4	N/A	4
November 7-9	L4 USTA MV #7	4	4	4

The USTA Missouri Valley JCC and section office is in the process of determining sites, draw sizes, and formats for the events listed above, which will be announced in the coming weeks. Please note that the USTA Missouri Valley has removed the October 24th and December 5th level 4 events.

For the full USTA Junior Section agreement, please click [here](#).

\*The dates and tournaments are subject to change. Please contact Noah Bortnick at [nbortnick@movalley.usta.com](mailto:nbortnick@movalley.usta.com) for up-to-date information.