



## 2020 USTA New England Junior Ranking Tournament Summary

In response to the USTA Nationwide Junior Tournament Restructure effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. USTA New England will implement a gradual transition that will allow the NE community time to become familiar with the changes and ask us questions about how to navigate the pathway.

Implementation Date: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

### Ranking Tables and Tournaments:

- New point tab will take effect.
- The section point table will have 7 levels of tournaments.
  - Junior tournaments are offered at seven levels of play. In 2020, New England is introducing a new tournament level for players new to the tournament pathways. As junior improve, they are free to try the next level of competition but are not required.
  - Most players blend levels to find the right mix of tournaments specifically for them.
  - Roughly 90% of New England juniors play in Levels 7, 6, and 5.
  - All levels award ranking points, which increase with each level of play.
- Level 1 and 2 are national tournaments.
- Level 3 tournaments are both USTA New England and national sanctioned events. USTA New England Level 3s will be closed to section players.
- Level 4 tournaments
  - Four Level 4 tournaments are USTA New England sanctioned events closed to section players.
  - Four Level 4 tournaments are USTA New England sanctioned events open to all USTA players.
- Level 5, 6, and 7 tournaments are USTA New England sanctioned events closed to section players.
  - Note: this will change January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – 5, 6, and 7 will be open to all players nationwide.

### Ranking System:

- A player ranking will be based on the player's best 6 singles plus 15% of their best 6 doubles results during the previous 12-month period.
- **Points Counting Up:** 20% of the Ranking Points earned in a division count towards a player's standing in the next-older division. The events at which the points are earned will part be of the PPR calculation in the next-older division if they are among the best size results in either singles or doubles in that division.
- **Points Counting Down:** Ranking points earned in an older age division count towards a player's standing in one or more younger age divisions.
  - Points count up to only one age division (points count down to all divisions)
  - Points count up 20% (points count down 100%)



Level	Length	Match and Scoring Format	Draw Formats
<p>7: Low Intermediate</p> <p>For juniors who are new to tournaments but have some match play experience.</p>	<p>½ day up to 1 day</p>	<p>One set to 6 games</p>	<p>Round Robin</p> <p>Green and yellow ball will be offered</p>
<p>6: Intermediate</p> <p>For improving juniors who are comfortable with tournament tennis and competition. Many juniors find this level perfect for their entire junior tennis journey.</p>	<p>Up to 2 days</p>	<p>One set to 6 games</p>	<p>Round Robin</p> <p>Pilot – Feed-in through Quarterfinals</p>
<p>5: High-Level Intermediate</p> <p>For experienced junior players. This is a core level for very competitive match play - players in these tournaments typically rank from between 5 to 75 in New England.</p>	<p>Up to 3 days</p>	<p>2 out of 3 full sets</p> <p>10-point tiebreak in lieu of the third can be offered</p>	<p>Single Elimination</p> <p>Pilot - Feed-In through Quarterfinals</p> <p>Pilot - Round Robin with a Playoff</p>
<p>4: Advanced</p> <p>In 2020, there will be eight tournaments (singles and doubles) offered in New England at this level for highly ranked juniors competing for selection into national championships. These draws are limited, and players need to earn selection (based on ranking).</p> <p>Note: there could potentially be four open Level 4 events.</p>	<p>Up to 4 days</p>	<p>2 out of 3 full sets</p> <p>A 10-point tiebreaker in lieu of the third will be offered for consolation</p>	<p>Feed-in through Quarterfinals</p>
<p>3: Advanced</p> <p>In 2020, there will be four tournaments (singles and doubles) offered in New England at this level for highly ranked juniors competing for selection into national championships. These draws are limited, and players need to earn selection (based on ranking).</p>	<p>4+ days (if needed)</p>	<p>2 out of 3 full sets</p> <p>A 10-point tiebreaker in lieu of the third will be offered for consolation</p>	<p>Feed-in through Quarterfinals</p>