

Western Mass Summer 2018 Junior Team Tennis (JTT) Outline

Greater Springfield area leagues

Included in this document – basic details of:

- Western Mass “Local” Track JTT League & Tournament – 12U, 14U, 18U
- Western Mass “National” Track JTT League & Tournament – 14U, 18U
- Western Mass “Individuals” JTT Tournament
- Key JTT Dates and Fees

WESTERN MASS “LOCAL” TRACK JTT LEAGUE

AGE DIVISIONS AVAILABLE

- 12 & Under (Green Ball; Full 78’ Court)
- 14 & Under
- 18 & Under

Format 12U

- 4 “Open” Singles, 2 “Open” Doubles. “Open” means non-gender specific.
- Individual matches are 2 sets to 4 games, no-ad with a 7-point tiebreak at 3-3, and a 10-point match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set.
- Home teams must reserve 3 dedicated courts for 2 hours for each team match.
- All teams should bring a minimum of 4 players to each match.

Match Schedule 12U

- Thurs 6/28 – 8/2 (includes 7/5)
- In case of weather rescheduling, all matches must be completed no later than Weds Aug 8

Format 14U, 18U

- Mixed Doubles, 2 “Open” Singles & 2 “Open” doubles. “Open” means non-gender specific.
- Individual matches are 2 sets to 4 games, no-ad with a 7-point tiebreak at 3-3, and a 10-point match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set.
- Home teams must reserve 3 dedicated courts for 2 hours for each team match.
- All teams should bring a minimum of 6 players to each match including at least 1 boy and 1 girl.

Match Schedule 14U & 18U

- Wednesdays 6/27 – 8/8 (no 7/4) – approx 6 pm (times may be modified if double-header match required at any given site. Also note Ludlow Tennis matches likely Thurs PM)
- In case of weather rescheduling, all matches must be completed no later than Weds Aug 8

Western Mass Local Track JTT State Championships (12U, 14U, 18U):

- Sat & Sun August 11-12 (Location TBD)
- All teams invited to play
- Players must have played 2 matches on their Local Track team during the season to qualify for the tournament
- Winning teams will receive prizes
- There will be no advancement beyond the Western Mass JTT State Championship tournament
- Team Fee TBD (approx. \$125 / team)

WESTERN MASS "NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TRACK" JTT LEAGUE

Age Divisions available*:

- 14 & Under Intermediate
- 14 & Under Advanced
- 18 & Under Intermediate
- 18 & Under Advanced

*(*Players have USTA ratings or are required to "self-rate". All players with a 3.5 rating and above must play in the Advanced Division.)*

Format:

- Boys Singles, Boys Doubles, Girls Singles, Girls Doubles, Mixed Doubles
- Two short sets (1st to 4, no ad), with a Match Tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set
- Home teams must reserve 3 dedicated courts for 2 hours for each team match.
- All teams require a minimum of 3 boys and 3 girls on the roster and at each team match
- Each player must have played 2 team matches for their Championship Track league team in order to qualify for the Championship Tournament.

Matches:

- *Teams will be scheduled for a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 team matches using the following dates. Total # of matches will depend on the # of teams in each league.)*
- 14U Intermediate & Advanced: Tuesdays 6/26 – 7/31 (including 7/3)
- 18U Intermediate & Advanced: Mondays 6/25 – 7/30
- All matches must be completed no later than Tues, August 8 (in case of weather rescheduling)

Western Mass National Championship Tournament:

- Friday, August 10 (Likely afternoon & evening event; location TBD)
- Teams will have the opportunity to advance from the Western Mass National Championship Tournament to the New England JTT Sectionals (August 15-17 @ Harvard)
- Championship Team Fee TBD (based on # of teams) Last year < \$100/team

Western Mass JTT Individuals Tournament *NEW THIS YEAR – for all participants of JTT Local Track &/or National Track*

Register as an individual or a doubles team to become the Western Mass JTT Individuals Champion in your age division. More info to follow.

Individuals Tournament Dates August 17 – 19

Western Mass Junior Team Tennis Fees

USTA Membership (required for National Championship JTT Track only): \$20/1 year membership

Team Registration Fees: \$20/Local or Championship track

Western Mass JTT Tournament Entry Fees: **TBD** (Last season \$125/team Local Track; < \$100/team National Track)

JTT Individual Tournament Entry Fee: **TBD** (Approx \$20/player/singles; \$15/player/doubles)-to follow

Note fees indicated are league fees only and are exclusive of coaching, court time or other fees that some teams may add to their programs

Western Mass JTT Calendar

Thurs April 26 - 7 pm	Coaches / Interested Parties Meeting @ Enfield Tennis Club. Please RSVP to wmassjtt@yahoo.com
Fri June 8	Team Commitment Forms due 12U, 14U, 18U Divisions
Mon June 11	Team #s sent to coaches
Mon June 11–7:30 pm	Pre-Season Conference Call to confirm last minute details/questions
Fri June 15	Minimum 6 Players Registered Online & Coach Background Screening Approved (14U, 18U) (including 1 boy, 1 girl for Local Track, or 3 boys/3 girls for National Track). Minimum 4 players registered online for 12U. <i>Note balance of players must be registered prior to match play</i>
Weds June 20	Schedule announced
Mon 6/25 – 7/30	National Track 18U matches (see notes above)
Tues 6/26 – 7/31 (incl 7/3)	National Track 14U matches (see notes above)
Weds 6/27 – 8/8 (no 7/4)	Local Track 14U, 18U JTT matches. <i>Note Ludlow home matches may be Thursdays</i>
Thurs 6/28 – 8/2	Local Track 12U JTT matches
Mon Aug 6	Deadline or team registration for JTT National Track and/or Local Track Championships
Weds Aug 8	Last date for completion of any 12U, 14U or 18U match prior to the Western Mass JTT Championships
Fri Aug 10	Western Mass National Track JTT (14U, 18U) Championships
Sat & Sun Aug 11 – 12	Western Mass Local Track JTT (12U, 14U, 18U) Championships
Mon Aug 13	Deadline for registration Western Mass JTT Individuals Tournament (payment in advance required)
Weds – Fri, Aug 15 – 17	USTA New England National Track JTT Sectional Championships (Harvard)
Sat – Sun, Aug 18 – 19	Western Mass JTT Individuals Championships

OTHER:

- Program Manual to include more detailed rules and procedures (to follow)
- Team Commitment Form (to follow)
- Youth Progression – All leagues subject to Youth Progression rules regarding players under the age of 11 (See attachment). **THIS IS CRITICAL INFO FOR ANY PLAYER UNDER AGE 11**
- 10 & Under Red & Orange Leagues also to be offered. See separate program sheet
- Questions? Contact Kevin & Karen at wmassjtt@yahoo.com, or Ashley Cerri @ cerri@newengland.usta.com