



2022 USTA NorCal – Championship JTT Coed Rules

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Rules and Regulations:

- It is the responsibility of all players, coaches, parents, and spectators of the tournament to know all the rules
- [USTA JTT National Championship Regulations](#) will be followed if not specified in the NorCal Sectionals rules/regulations
- All rules are subject to change at the discretion of USTA NorCal
- Players are to adhere to the USTA Code of Ethics. (See Friend at Court)
- The USTA Point Penalty System will be strictly enforced and applies to players, coaches, and parents
- Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and may result in a default if so ruled by Tournament Referee
- USTA officials will be on site to assist if necessary
- There will be a 5-minute warm-up for all matches

Player Eligibility:

Any player is eligible to participate in National Championship JTT (NCJTT) Qualifying Tournaments as well as the JTT Coed Section Championships, Gar Glenney Cup, and the JTT National Championships if they meet the following criteria:

- A player must be a current USTA member through 8/31/22
- A player must be age eligible for the age division in which they compete through 8/31/22
- A player may only play on one coed team per JTT Qualifying Tournament as well as the JTT Section Championships (regardless of age division and if they qualified on more than one team)
- Net Generation PlayTracker: To play in a tournament that counts for junior ranking, players must either be 11 years of age or shall have completed the requirements of the Net Generation PlayTracker. The USTA Net Generation Pathway Regulations set forth the requirements that must be met in the Net Generation PlayTracker:
<https://netgeneration.usta.com/us-en/the-net-generation-playtracker.html>
- A player is eligible to advance to JTT Sectionals, Gar Glenney Cup, and the JTT National Championships if that player has participated on a team that advanced from a NCJTT Qualifier and played in at least one individual match during that team's NCJTT Qualifier.

Advanced/Intermediate – Player Benchmark

The USTA Junior National Tennis Rating Program (Junior NTRP) that's built into TennisLink is the rating used to determine player level for the 14U & 18U Coed Section and National Championships.

- Click below for more information about Junior Ratings and how they are calculated:
https://www.usta.com/en/home/play/play-as-a-member/national/About_Junior_Ratings.html

- Players with a rating of 3.5 and above must play in the Advanced Division
- Players with a rating of 3.4 and below are eligible to play in the Intermediate Division
 - *Players rated 3.4 and below may play up in the Advanced Division*

How to Determine a Players Level

The players rating at the time of registration will be used to determine their level of play at the NCJTT Qualifying Tournaments, JTT Sectional Championships on June 4-5th, 2022, Gar Glenney Cup as well as the JTT National Championships (TBD – Fall 2022).

- Player ratings are dynamic and update every two weeks on Fridays
- Players ratings are accessible by logging into your Tennislink account as a captain and performing a search on the homepage under the area “Find A Junior Rating Level”

Roster Requirements:

Team rosters must have a minimum of 3 eligible boys and 3 eligible girls at each match

- If a team does not have 3 eligible boys or 3 girls at the start of the tournament, all team matches for that team will be defaulted for the entire tournament
- If a team does not have 3 eligible boys or 3 girls for a match after the tournament has already begun (due to illness, injuries, etc.) then the boys and/or girls singles match will be defaulted

Formats of Play and Scoring:

Team matches will consist of 2 singles (1 Boys and 1 Girls), 2 doubles (1 Boys and 1 Girls) and 1 mixed doubles match

- Team match winners will be determined by total overall games won.
- Only 1 boy and 1 girl player per team may play more than 1 individual match per team match. In no event may one player play in three individual matches.
 - If a player chooses to play twice in a team match, they can only play in Boys/Girls Singles and Mixed Doubles, or Boys/Girls Doubles and Mixed Doubles. A player may not play in both Boys/Girls Singles and Boys/Girls Doubles in the same match.
 - Based on Friend at Court scheduling guidelines, a 14U or 18U division player may play a maximum number of matches per day based on a short set format: 3 singles, 1 doubles; 2 singles, 2 doubles; 1 singles, 3 doubles; 4 doubles

Scoring format

- Matches will be best of 2 out of 3 six game short sets, no ad scoring; a 10 point match tie-breaker will be used in lieu of a 3rd set. (A 7-point tiebreak will be played at 5 games all if tied during the set).
Note: Scoring formats may be modified by the Tournament Director based inclement conditions.

Order of Play:

Matches will start with a mix of singles/doubles matches depending on what players are doubling up for that team match.

- Coed team matches will be played in 2 rounds using 3-4 courts per team match

Coaching:

- All official coaches and co-captains must have completed the USTA Safe Play program and be in good standing at the time of the event
- All official coaches must be listed on a teams official roster form, submitted prior to the tournament, in order to be eligible for a coaching credential

- Only 1 credential per team will be issued and will only include the coaches that are listed on the official tournament team roster form. New coaches will not be allowed to be added at the event.
- Coaching is only allowed during official changeovers and only from the official team coach(s) who must wear the coaching credential at all times.
 - Coaching is allowed on court but coaches may not stay on court during any play
 - Coaching must not interfere with the continuous play rule which allows 90 seconds during the changeover
 - Note: Coaching will not be allowed after the 1st game of each set
 - Note: Coaching will not be allowed during a tiebreak changeover

Team Check In

Teams must check in at the site listed on their draw at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time. Lateness penalties will be enforced. Players must check in at least 15 minutes prior to their start time. After checking in, players must remain checked-in and must be ready to play from that point on. If you do not check in by the stated match time, you will be placed on the penalty clock regardless of court availability.

Lateness of five minutes or less: opponent automatically wins toss and receives one game for every individual match(singles and doubles)

- Lateness of more than five minutes, but less than 10 minutes: opponent automatically wins toss and receives two games
- Lateness of more than 10 minutes, but less than 15 minutes : opponent automatically wins toss and receives three games
- Lateness of more than 15 minutes: TEAM DEFAULT

Team Line Ups

Complete individual match lineups will be filled out during match check-in, both singles, doubles, and mixed doubles matches. This line up must be consistent with the official roster submitted prior to the event. Each match lineup will be verified by USTA tournament staff.

Substitutions to Submitted Lineups

No substitutions may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to, or illness of, a player prior to the start of the match, and except under such further circumstances as the championships committee may authorize. If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute player is entitled to a five minute warm up. The substitution shall affect only the one position for which the substitution is made.

- Any substitute player at JTT Section Championships must come from a team that competed in the same NCJTT Qualifier as the team needing the player.

Flight Formats and Advancement Rules

Each flight will complete a round robin, playing every team in their flight. The order of finish in the round robin will be determined based on the following:

- **Total games won**
- In the event of a tie in round robin competition, the tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so:
 - Head to head team match win/loss record between the tied teams
 - A win is determined by most games won
 - The team with the most team matches won in the round robin flight

- The team with the most individual matches won in the round robin flight
- The team with the most sets won in the round robin flight
- In the event a division has more than one flight, the top flight finishers in each Qualifier flight will play a head-to-head team match in a playoffs to determine which teams will advance to JTT Section Championships
- Due to court availability, total number of registered teams may be capped per division and a top-down selection process will be used based on average team rating (based on Junior NTRP)

Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship is paramount to every individual match, team match, and coach/player/parent interaction during the tournament. All coaches, team managers, parents, and players are expected to act with the highest level of sportsmanship when competing in Junior Team Tennis leagues and tournaments.

Individual sportsmanship awards will be handed out throughout the Section Championships by USTA Staff and officials when excellent examples of sportsmanship are displayed.

Ranking Points/Junior NTRP Rating

Ranking Points: As per National regulations, no ranking points will be awarded at the Qualifier tournaments. However, ranking points will be rewarded to these groups at JTT Section Championships and JTT National Championships:

- Advanced Division = Level 5 points at Sectionals, Level 4 points at JTT Nationals
- Intermediate Division = Level 6 points at Sectionals, Level 5 points at Nationals
- Points will be awarded based on the NSL team tournament table located [here](#). L5 team points are capped at 5 matches per event and the L6 are capped at 4 matches per event. All lines are considered position #1.

USTA Junior NTRP – Matches from Sectionals will count towards a players Junior NTRP rating

Gar Glenney Cup Qualification

- The top 2 teams from each age division and level at the Section Championships will qualify for the Gar Glenney Cup
- Players are eligible for Gar Glenney if they played in 1 team match during a NCJTT Qualifying Tournament

JTT National Championship Qualification

- All 14U and 18U Coed Division Section Champions will qualify for the USTA JTT National Championships (TBA)
- Players are eligible for JTT Nationals if they played in 1 team match during a NCJTT Qualifying Tournament.