



## 2019 JUNIOR TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

The USTA Northern junior system is based on a player's age and seven levels of play, starting with Level 3 (our highest level), and going down to 10U Orange and Green (our entry level). **To play sanctioned tournaments (Levels 3-7) in USTA Northern all players must be current USTA members – Level 8's and 10U do not require USTA membership.**

### USTA NORTHERN LEVELS OF PLAY

Level 3 – Highest level, 2 tournaments, National Points Tournaments (January & June)

Level 4 – 4 tournaments, National Points Tournaments (February, March, October, November & December)

Level 5 – Held once a month – all boys and girls 12's events will be 78' Court – Green Ball - Section Points Tournaments

Level 6 – All boys and girls 12's events will be 78' Court – Green Ball – Section Points Tournaments

Level 7 – All boys and girls 12's events will be 78' Court - Green Ball – Section Points Tournaments

Level 8 - Entry level – no membership required – 78' Court – Green Ball – either ½ day or one day events – non-ranking

10 & Under – 60' Court/Orange Ball - All non-ranking – **(Orange/Green ball 10U Pathway)**

**ENTRY INTO EACH LEVEL** – The following guidelines are in place to gain entry into each level:

When a player "ages up" (turns 13, 15, or 17), the points from his or her previous age group (12's, 14's, or 16's) disappear. For this reason, a player may want to consider playing some tournaments in the next highest age level in the months before he or she "ages up." (*Points may be accumulated year round, not just in this time period.*)

### LEVEL

3	January - top 32 players to register	June – Open, no points required
4	Top 24 players to register	
5	Jan-April & Oct-Dec – top 32 players to register	May-Sept – Open, no points required
6	Open – no points required	
7	Must have less than 250 points in any age group in order to qualify	
8	Open - Entry level, non-elimination, one day or 1/2 day tournaments – membership is not required	
10U	New Orange/Green Ball Pathway - Open, anyone may play – membership is not required	

From **May 1 – September 30, Level 5's** will be "open" to non-section residents (Level 6's are open year round)

**Level 7's capped at 249 points.** Anyone with 250 points or more will not be allowed to play in any age group in a Level 7. They must move up to Level 6 or higher. **"Alternate Listing"** – If you are listed as an "Alternate" on the tournament home page, this means you were not selected to play in the tournament you registered for. This is most likely due to having too many points to play in a Level 7.

**Level 5's & 6's** – Open, no draw limits. (Level 5's are open May-September)

**Level 4's** - All Level 4's will be limited to draws of 24, taking the top 24 players to register. Selections will be based on the most current standings/rankings list at the time entries close. Registering for a Level 4 does not necessarily guarantee a player automatic entry.

**Level 3's** – The January Level 3 will be limited to draws of 32, taking the top 32 players to register. Selections will be based on the most current standings/rankings list at the time entries close. Registering for a Level 3 does not necessarily guarantee a player automatic entry. The June Level 3 will be "open", meaning any section resident may play, there are no draw limits.

**Doubles Play Levels 3, 4 & 5** – Players must play doubles in the same age group they play singles in. No crossing over to other age groups.

**Rankings** – The 6 best results from singles (100% of total pts) and doubles (15% of total pts) are used for combined rankings.

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