

2023 USTA Northern JTT League Rules

Local Season Format of Play

When the coach/team manager prints out the scorecard the format is on the card. Team matches consist of:

- Two singles sets: one boys, one girls
- Two doubles sets: One boys, one girls
- One mixed doubles set

We recommend local programs use an 8-game pro-set scoring format with a 7-point tiebreak at 7-7. The winning team will be determined by total games won. *Shortened formats may be used if agreed upon prior to the start of the match, starting at 2-2, for example.*

Note: The Section Championship will use an 8-game pro-set, no-ad scoring format with a 7-point tiebreak at 7-7; only one mixed doubles set is used. Tournament director reserves the right to alter this scoring format, if needed.

Season Details

- Greater Metro Area team registration begins on **April 17th, 2023** and will go through **May 30th, 2023** . Outer Metro team registration ends **June 13th, 2023**. *Section Championship registration will be an additional option on the regular season form to add teams in advance.*
- The scheduled season plays from the **week of June 11th, 2023** through the **week of July 9th, 2023**.
- 14U is scheduled on Tuesdays, 12U on Wednesdays, and 18U on Thursdays.
- Players must register for their team on [TennisLink](#) prior to their first match and no later than **July 18th, 2023** to be eligible to play at the Section Championships.
- Section Championship registration opens **April 17th, 2023**, and closes **July 10th, 2023**. *The refund policy is listed below.*

Season Team Fee

Season Team Fees:

Greater Twin Cities Metro Area Administrative and Scheduling Services: **\$67.00 per team**

Non-Metro Administrative Services: **\$17.00 per team**

- Teams that do not require section office scheduling must still communicate their days of play so they can be recorded into TennisLink.
- To be considered a Non-Metro team, the program must be located outside a 70 mile radius of the section office. *2685 Vikings Cir Suite 100 , Eagan, MN 55121*

[USTA Junior Membership: Free](#)

TennisLink Player Registration Fee: **\$3.15 per player** (*this fee is set and goes directly to Active, the company that created TennisLink*)

Refund Policy

Teams that withdraw before a deadline will receive a full refund minus the non-refundable TennisLink fee. Teams are not eligible for refunds after entry deadlines. *If you are unsure of how many teams you will have, please only register what player capacity you can fill. Extra season teams can be added if you acquire more players no later than June 2nd. Additional sectional teams will not be accepted after the July 10th deadline.*

Team Eligibility

All teams should participate in at least 2 matches by July to be eligible to register for the Section Championship. The matches must be recorded in Tennis Link.

Player Eligibility (Singles WTN - cut off date: May 30th, 2023)

Players must remain age-eligible through **July 31, 2023** in order to register and participate in Junior Team Tennis. *For example, a player turning 15 during the eligibility period, should play on a 18U team to start the season.*

A player is eligible to progress to the Section Championship, if that player meets the following conditions:

- Participate on an eligible team within TennisLink.
- Effective for the 2023 season, all players with the following World Tennis Number ratings **MUST** play in their respective levels. The cut-off date will be May 30th, 2023 for those that have ratings.

*The [ITF World Tennis Number](#) provides a global standard for players. It is a 40-1 scale, with 40 being a beginner player and 1 being an elite professional. This scale is for all players, regardless of age, gender, or ability. Players will have separate ITF World Tennis Numbers for singles and doubles. **Not all players have a WTN, so it is up to the coaches and parents to use their best judgment on level designation.***

- **12U Green Ball:**
 - not WTN based - intermediate level
- **14U Intermediate:**
 - WTN Less than 28 (28 to 40)
- **14U Advanced:**
 - WTN Greater than 28 (1 to 27.99)
- **18U Intermediate:**
 - WTN Less than 29 (29 to 40)
- **18U Advanced:**
 - WTN Greater than 29 (1 to 28.99)

Local Match Procedures

What if a team doesn't have the required number of players for a local match?

- If a team doesn't have enough players for the match, the coach/team manager should contact the opposing team to let them know 24 hours in advance. Play as many of the positions as possible with the players available. In the case of the minimum player requirement not being met, a line of singles or doubles is required to be recorded as a default for the respective team.

What time do matches usually start?

- Suggested match times are below, however, coaches may agree upon match times of their choosing prior to the start. Coaches may also add and/or adjust the days/times of their matches if needed, so long as both coaches are in agreement.
 - 14U on Tuesdays : 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
 - 12U on Wednesdays : 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
 - 18U on Thursdays : 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

What do I do for _____?

Check in

We recommend arriving 15-30 minutes ahead of the scheduled time. Line-ups will be exchanged and court assignments will then be given out.

Rescheduling

All of the Twin Cities League scheduling will be dual based, so rescheduling will be between the opposing coaches. Once you reschedule, please notify Natalie in the Northern section office at natalie@northern.usta.com to let her know the new date the match will be played. Your match will then be adjusted in TennisLink.

Line-Ups

Coach/Team Managers in all divisions are highly encouraged to communicate their team's "order of strength" prior to the match to allow for the best match ups between players. **Players who are not registered on that team in TennisLink may play matches; however, their results will be recorded as defaults. We encourage players to be registered before their first match at the beginning of the season to avoid this conflict.**

Order of Matches

If a player is scheduled for more than one match in a single lineup (example: singles & mixed), we recommend that those players play first in order to minimize any potential delays.

Coaching

Coaching is allowed only on changeovers and is limited to 90 seconds. Coaching is allowed after the first game, but it must be kept short and cannot be a disruption to the flow of the match. No coaching is allowed during a tie-break.

Rain

If you think there may be rain, please connect with the coaches involved. Decisions related to playable courts are the host facility's responsibility. Follow rescheduling procedures if needed.

Local Program Expectations

Local program expectations are in place to ensure that a high quality program is administered by all involved, and that those who violate our expectations are held accountable. It is recognized that emergencies do occur. If a coach or team manager is notified in a timely manner by the opposing coach of a situation, they should be flexible and try to accommodate the other team.

- All coaches **MUST** be USTA Safe Play approved. For more information, please click here: <https://www.usta.com/en/home/safe-play.html>
- Teams shall be knowledgeable of the program rules & regulations and adhere to them.
- The coach or team manager is responsible for holding their players accountable to play and act in accordance with the Rules of Tennis and The Code as outlined in the Friend At Court.
- Coaches, players, and spectators are expected to display good sportsmanship and treat all players, coaches, and others in attendance with respect at every match.
- USTA Northern expects the local program match environment to be free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol.
- Teams **MUST** register all of the players participating in local program matches in TennisLink **PRIOR** to their first match. Players not listed in Tennis Link are ineligible to play.
- The local match scores are expected to be recorded in TennisLink within 48 hours of completion of a team match. It is the expectation that whichever team is listed as the Home Team will submit the scores.
- Once a team registers in TennisLink and commits to a local program schedule, they are expected to honor that commitment and bring at least six {6} players (3 boys and 3 girls) to every scheduled match.
- If a team is unable to field enough players for a team match, they shall notify the opposing coach **at least 24 hours prior**. If it is short-notice, please communicate this with the opposing team's coach or team manager.
- Teams shall make an attempt to reschedule all local program matches that were not able to be played on the original date.
- Teams are expected to have at least three (3) courts available for every home dual match.

- If there are any issues throughout the season, please notify Natalie Stevens in the Northern office at natalie@northern.usta.com

2022 USTA Northern Section Championships (2-3 days of play)

Section Championships Registrations begin April 17th, 2023

Registration is due July 10th, 2023

All Team Fees: \$170 per team

Refund policy

Teams that withdraw before the deadline will receive a full refund minus the non-refundable processing fee. No refunds will be distributed after the entry deadline.

Locations

12 and Under Intermediate : Two Rivers High School

Site Address: 1897 Delaware Ave, Mendota Heights, MN 55118

14 and Under Advanced and Intermediate : Two Rivers High School

Site Address: 1897 Delaware Ave, Mendota Heights, MN 55118

18 and Under Intermediate : St. Paul Urban Tennis (Eastview Recreation Center and Harding High School)

Primary Site Address: Eastview Recreation Center, 1675 5th St E, St Paul, MN 55106

18 and Under Advanced : Lakeville North High School (and associated middle schools)

Primary Site Address: 19600 Ipava Ave, Lakeville, MN 55044

Dates

July 21-23: 18U Advanced, 18U Intermediate, 14U Advanced, 14U Intermediate

July 22-23: 12U (Green Ball)

JTT 2023 Opportunities

Please refer to our [JTT homepage](#) for details.