



PACIFIC NORTHWEST

USTA Pacific Northwest Junior Competition Rules

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USTA PACIFIC NORTHWEST JUNIOR COMPETITION RULES

All USTA rules and regulations must be followed, including Friend at Court unless otherwise specified in the USTA Pacific Northwest Junior Competition Rules. The USTA Pacific Northwest (USTA/PNW) sanctions junior tournaments at two levels: Intermediate and Advanced. A player must be a member of the USTA to compete in USTA sanctioned tournaments. A player must compete according to USTA age group regulations and should participate at a tournament level that offers the best opportunity for development as a person and a player. Please refer to the age eligibility criteria below to assure you are playing in the proper division.

It is the responsibility of the participant to fully understand all criteria before entering a tournament. Participants should contact the tournament director regarding scheduling, start times, as well as overall tournament commitment before signing up for any event.

I. Age Division Eligibility

- a. This rule applies to all local, districts, sectional and national USTA sanctioned events. Junior players who are 10, 12, 14, 16, or 18 years old may continue to play in their age divisions until the last day of the preceding month that they turn 11, 13, 15, 17, or 19 respectively.
EXAMPLE - a player turns 13 on April 15, 2020. That player would be eligible to play in the 12s-age group through March 31, 2020.

II. USTA Junior Suspension Point System

- a. The USTA Junior Suspension Point System applies to all L1 through L6 sanctioned Junior tournaments. Refer to Friend at Court for details on the USTA Junior Suspension Point System.

III. General Rules

- a. The USTA Pacific Northwest has six levels of junior ranking tournaments for advanced and intermediate level players.

Name	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L6
Level	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	Intermediate

- b. Players shall not enter two tournaments at the same time. When entries close, a player shall not be entered in two or more sanctioned tournaments if any parts of the tournaments overlap unless each Tournament Committee involved understands the situation and concurs in writing.

- c. Once the draw has been published no refunds will be given. Refunds will only be given at the discretion of the tournament director. If a player withdraws from a tournament prior to the draw having been published, refunds must be processed by the tournament director. Please note that it is mandatory for Junior tournament directors to publish their Junior tournament draws a minimum of 72 hours prior to the start of the tournament.
- a. Tournaments indicating limited entries will follow the below USTA rules regarding selection of entrants:
 - i. When the number of entrants exceeds the number to which the draw is limited, the tournament committee shall determine who is placed in the draw by consulting the most current USTA/PNW Standing List for the appropriate age and gender.
 - ii. A tournament director may limit participation by moving the entry deadline when capacity for the event has been met.
 - iii. DATES OF RECEIPT OF ENTRIES WILL NOT BE USED AS A CRITERIA PROVIDED THE ENTRIES OF ALL THOSE CONSIDERED WERE RECEIVED BEFORE THE DEADLINE.
- b. Matches of sanctioned L5 tournaments that take place on a school day may not begin prior to 1 pm and L6 tournaments that take place on a school day may not begin prior to 4 pm. School calendar of district of where the primary tournament site resides will be used. *Does not include the pushback of the school calendar due to unforeseen reasons.

IV. Rankings

- a. The USTA uses a Points Per Round Combined Ranking System (PPR) to rank junior players and publish Standings Lists. Ranking Points are earned by winning singles and doubles matches at various types of USTA tournaments. Extra Ranking Points are earned for winning singles matches over highly ranked players. Ranking Points earned by winning singles and doubles matches are combined (with greater weight placed on Ranking Points earned in singles) for a player's Ranking Point total and players are ordered based on this total.
- b. Players will receive credit for 100% of their points from their best six (6) singles events along with 15% of their points from their best six (6) doubles events. Standings will be published on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Significant win points for the current month will be calculated using only the 2nd Wednesday's standing of the previous month.
- c. 100% of the Ranking Points earned at 6 best singles Ranking Tournaments
 + 15% of the Ranking Points earned at 6 best doubles Ranking Tournaments
 + 100% of the singles Bonus Points earned at Bonus Point Only Events
 = Total Ranking Points
- d. The Pacific Northwest will count all USTA National Junior Tournaments in the calculations of the sections advanced rankings.

- e. Points Counting Down: Ranking Points earned in an older age division tournament count towards a player's standing in one or more younger age divisions so long as the player has played a Ranking Tournament in the younger division. The events at which the points are earned will be part of the PPR Calculation in the younger division if they are among the best six results in either singles or doubles in that division
- f. 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 six results in either singles or doubles in that division.
- g. Withdrawal: Advancement points are awarded to the player(s) who advance in a tournament due to a withdrawal but they do not receive significant win bonus points.
- h. Walkover: A Walkover counts as a loss for the player who decides not to play and a win for their opponent. The opponent not only receives points for advancement in the tournament but also receives significant win bonus points.
- i. Default: A Default counts as a loss for the defaulted player and a win for his opponent. The opponent not only receives points for advancement in the tournament but also receives significant win bonus points.
- j. Retirement: A Retirement counts as a loss for the retiring player and a win for his/her opponent. The opponent not only receives points for advancement in the tournament but also receives significant win bonus points.
- k. There will be six events in the Pacific Northwest section that will count towards a participants Advanced Pacific Northwest 12 Month Rolling Standing and on the National Standing List.

V. Intermediate Level Rules

- a. Players cannot hold a top 20 Standing in another country's ranking/standing system and play in Intermediate events. A participant must play at the Advanced level only.

VI. Junior Sectional Tournament

- a. **Criteria for participation**
 - i. The Junior Sectional tournament is open to all participants that meet the following criteria:
 - (I) Participants must have an advanced ranking within the USTA Pacific Northwest.
 - (II) Permanently reside within the boundaries of the section.
 - (III) Have not participated in any other country's national championships within the current ranking year.

VII. USTA National Championships Endorsement

- a. For information on USTA National Championship events please refer to the USTA National Junior Competition Rules.
- b. **Eligibility Requirements**
 - i. To be eligible for endorsement from the USTA Pacific Northwest:
 - ii. A player must be a current USTA member in the Pacific Northwest Section.
 - iii. A player must be a United States citizen, a British Columbia resident with a valid USTA membership or resident alien (hold a green card).
 - iv. A player's primary legal residence must have been within the USTA Pacific Northwest boundaries for at least six (6) continuous months.
 - v. Any USTA member, resident alien, or resident of British Columbia with a valid USTA membership residing within the boundaries of the USTA Pacific Northwest, who has played, or intends to play in any non-USTA National Championship event within the ranking year in which endorsement is sought, is ineligible for endorsement as a sectional quota player to any USTA National Championship. Players that participate in a non-USTA national championship event within the same ranking year will be subject to disciplinary sanctions.
- c. **Minimum Requirements to Be Endorsed**
 - i. The USTA/PNW Junior Competition Committee has adopted a point-based system to select the section's endorsed players for individual and team play.
- d. **Selection Process**
 - i. Selection for endorsement as a quota player is based on, but not limited to the following:
 - (I) Overall point total on the USTA/PNW 12 Month Advanced Rolling Standing List.
 - (II) Demonstration of appropriate behavior from players, parents, and coaches on and off the court.
 - (III) Suspension point totals.
- e. **Waivers**
 - i. The USTA/PNW qualifying requirement to compete in national events that require sectional endorsement may be waived for reasons of illness, injury or extraordinary circumstances. To learn more visit www.pnw.usta.com
- f. **Other Information**
 - i. The USTA Pacific Northwest Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse any junior the privilege of representing the USTA Pacific Northwest at USTA National tournaments.

II. USTA National Junior Team Tournaments

Zonals/Intersectionals/Nationals

- a. **Selection Criteria**
 - i. Selection criteria for the USTA Pacific Northwest Zone, Intersectional and National Teams:

- (I) The USTA Pacific Northwest has received a completed and signed team application from the player before the deadline.
- (II) The player should not have an accumulation of Suspension Points that would require the player to be suspended by the USTA/PNW Sportsmanship Committee at the time of selection.
- (III) Players will be selected for all USTA PNW National Teams based on the second PNW advanced ranking list published in May.
- (IV) Players are permitted to play on as many teams as they are eligible for as long as the event dates don't conflict.
- (V) Participants in team events are financially obligated to pay for their own travel, lodging, food, and any other personal expenses incurred.

b. Roster Order Criteria

- i. Intersectionals: Rosters will be ordered using the USTA National Standing list published one week prior to the event start date.
- ii. Zonals and BG18 National Teams: Rosters will be ordered using the USTA National Standing list published one week prior to the event start date.

VIII. Points Tables

Intermediate Points Per Round		Intermediate Sectionals	Level 6 Tournaments	Level 6A Modified/Short Set Formats
Champion	1	132	88	44
2 nd Place	2	108	72	36
3 rd Place	3	96	64	32
4 th Place/SF	4	84	56	28
Quarterfinalist	5-8	60	40	20
Reached R16	9-16	48	32	16
Reached R32	17-32	36	24	12
Reached R64	33-64	27	16	8
Reached R128	65-128	12	8	4
Reached R256	129-256	0	0	0
PPR Earned for Each Consolation Match Won		5	5	1
Round Robin	Per Win	20	20	2

Advanced Points Per Round Player Results		Level 1 National Advanced	Level 1A National	Level 2 National Team Events	Level 3 National Regional's Section	Level 4 National Section	Level 5 Section Advanced	Level 5A Section Modified Formats
Champion	1	3000	1800	1500	650	250	150	60
2 nd Place	2	2250	1350	1125	488	188	112	45
3 rd Place	3	1800	1080	750	325	125	75	30
4 th Place *	4	1500	900	525	228	88	52	21

Quarters	5 to 8	750	450	270	117	45	28	11
Round 16	9 to 16	450	270	210	91	35	21	8
Round 32	17 to 32	270	162	150	65	25	15	4
Round 64	33 to 64	120	0	0	39	15	10	2
Round 128	65 to 128	0	0	0	30	10	8	0
Points Per Round					25	5	5	1
Consolation								
Round Robin Per Win							20	2

*If no Playoff for 3rd and 4th place, the semifinalists will receive points in this row.

Bonus Points Table

Standing of Player Defeated**	Bonus Points Earned for Significant Win
Top 5	40
#6 - #10	25
#11 - #20	15
#21 - #30	5

** Significant win points for the current month will be calculated using only the 2nd Wednesday's standing of the previous month.

- I. **Breaking Ties on a Standings List:** When more than one player has the same number of total Ranking Points, tie-breaks on a Standings List will be determined as follows:
 - a. A player whose best event has the highest number of Ranking Points, second best, third best, etc. through sixth event
 - b. Total Bonus Points earned in all events played during the computation period
 - c. Best random draw number

II. JUNIOR RANKING TOURNAMENTS

- I. USTA PNW Sectional Association shall be authorized to sanction tournaments described below for boys and girls in the 18, 16, 14, and 12 Divisions, all of which shall count for junior ranking. Except as specified for Section Level 6 Tournaments, all such tournaments shall be played using a yellow ball on a 78' court.
- II. **Closed Section Level 3 Tournaments.** Annually, the USTA PNW Sectional Association shall sanction two Closed Section Level 3 Tournaments. Closed Section Level 3 Tournaments are limited to residents of the Sectional Association. Participants may only compete in one singles and one doubles division in all Level 3 Tournaments. These Closed Section Level 3 Tournaments must conform to the following parameters:
 - a. Duration. The tournament should not exceed more than four days. Players may not make up matches after the last sanctioned day of the tournament without prior written approval of the Sectional Association.

- b. Draw size.
 - i. January Level 3: Limited 32 draws
 - ii. Junior Sectionals Level 3: Limited 128 draws
 - c. Draw format.
 - i. Formats permitted. The draw shall be one of the following formats:
 - (I) Round robin;
 - (II) Round robin with a First Match Consolation playoff;
 - (III) Compass draw;
 - (IV) Feed-In Championship (including a Feed-In Championship through the quarterfinals with a playoff for 3rd place; a Feed-In Championship through the round of 16 with a quarterfinal playoff for 5th place and a playoff for 3rd place; a 64-player Curtis Consolation with a playoff for 3rd place; and a Modified Feed-In Championship that feeds in the first two rounds of losers into the consolation and a playoff for 3rd place);
 - (V) First Match Consolation;
 - (VI) Voluntary Sign-Up Consolation; or
 - (VII) Team format.
 - (VIII) Additionally, the single elimination draw format may be used for doubles and mixed doubles events when singles events are offered as part of the same tournament.
 - ii. Separating event into multiple draws. An event may not be separated into more than one draw, unless the round robin with a First Match Consolation playoff format is used. When such format is used, players shall be waterfalled.
 - d. Match format. No-Ad scoring may be used. The match format shall be any of the following:
 - i. Best of 3 Tiebreak sets;
 - ii. Best of 3 Tiebreak sets with a 10-Point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of the 3rd set; or
 - iii. Best of 3 short sets with a 7-Point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of the 3rd set.
 - iv. The 8-game pro set with a 7-Point Tiebreak at 8 games all format may be used for doubles and mixed doubles events when singles events are offered as part of the same tournament.
 - v. Match formats may be shortened when inclement weather or other circumstances prevent a tournament from finishing on time.
 - e. Selection. The Sectional Association determines the method of selection of players, except that:
 - i. When ranking lists are used for selection, PNW Standings Lists shall be used;
 - f. Seeding. USTA PNW Standings list.
- III. **Section Level 4 Tournaments.** Annually, USTA PNW Sectional Association shall sanction:
- i. Four Closed Section Level 4 Tournaments that are limited to residents of the Sectional Association. Participants may only compete in one singles and one doubles division in all Level 4 Tournaments.
 - ii. Up to four Open Section Level 4 Tournaments that are open to players from any Sectional Association. Participants may only compete in one singles and one doubles division in all Level 4 Tournaments. These tournaments must conform to the following parameters:
 - b. Duration. The tournament may not exceed four days. Players may not make up matches after the last sanctioned day of the tournament without prior written approval of the Sectional Association.
 - c. Draw size.

- i. Limited to 32 draws
- d. Draw format.
 - i. Formats permitted. The draw format shall be one of the formats set forth in Regulation II.II.c.i.
 - ii. Separating event into multiple draws. Players may not be separated into multiple round robin draws. An event using another draw format may be separated into more than one draw as follows:
 - (I) Round robin with a playoff. When a round robin with a playoff is used, players shall be waterfalled.
 - (II) Other draw format. When an event that is separated uses a draw format other than the round robin or round robin with a playoff, players shall be flighted so that each draw groups players of similar ability.
- e. Match format. The match format shall be one of the formats set forth in Regulation II.II.d.
- f. Selection. The Sectional Association determines the method of selection of players, except that:
 - i. When ranking lists are used for selection, PNW Standings Lists shall be used;
 - ii. Open tournaments will select players based off the USTA National Standing List.
- g. Seeding.
 - i. Closed Level 4 Tournaments: USTA PNW Standings list
 - ii. Open Level 4 Tournaments: USTA National Standing List.
- IV. **Section Level 5 Tournaments.** Annually, USTA PNW Sectional Association shall sanction one or more Section Level 5 Tournaments. Section Level 5 Tournaments shall be open to residents of any Sectional Association. Section Level 5 Tournaments must conform to the following parameters:
 - i. Duration. The tournament may not exceed three days. Players may not make up matches after the last sanctioned day of the tournament without prior written approval of the Sectional Association.
 - ii. Draw size.
 - (I) Limited to 64 draws
 - iii. Draw format.
 - (I) Formats permitted. The draw formats permitted are those set forth in Regulation II.II.c.i.
 - (II) Separating event into multiple draws. An event may be separated into multiple draws to the extent permitted in Regulation II.III.d.ii.
 - iv. Match format. The match format shall be one of the formats set forth in Regulation II.II.d.
 - v. Selection.
 - (I) PNW Standing List
 - (II) A tournament director may limit participation by moving the entry deadline when capacity for the event has been met
 - vi. Seeding.
 - (I) USTA PNW Standings list or if you have out of section players who could be seeded consider using other seeding options as listed in Friend at Court.
- V. **Section Level 6 Tournaments.** Annually, USTA PNW Sectional Association shall sanction Section Level 6 Tournaments. Section Level 6 Tournaments shall be open to residents of any Sectional Association or District Association. Section Level 6 Tournaments must conform to the following parameters:

- i. Duration. The tournament may not exceed two days. Players may not make up matches after the last sanctioned day of the tournament without prior written approval of the Sectional Association.
- ii. Coed events permitted. Section Level 6 tournaments may have coed events, but coed events won't count towards rankings
- iii. Draw size.
 - (I) Limited to 64 draws
- iv. Draw format. Formats permitted. The draw shall be one of the following formats:
 - (I) Round robin;
 - (II) Round robin with a First Match Consolation playoff;
 - (III) Compass draw;
 - (IV) Feed-In Championship (including a Feed-In Championship through the quarterfinals with a playoff for 3rd place; a Feed-In Championship through the round of 16 with a quarterfinal playoff for 5th place and a playoff for 3rd place; a 64-player Curtis Consolation with a playoff for 3rd place; and a Modified Feed-In Championship that feeds in the first two rounds of losers into the consolation and a playoff for 3rd place);
or
 - (V) Team format.
 - (VI) Additionally, the single elimination draw format may be used for doubles and mixed doubles events when singles events are offered as part of the same tournament.
- v. Maximum number of rounds. Draws shall have a maximum of four rounds of play; no player shall earn ranking points for playing more than four matches.
- vi. Separating event into multiple draws. An event may be separated into more than one draw. Players may either be waterfalled or be flighted, except that when the round robin with a First Match Consolation playoff format is used, players must be waterfalled.
- vii. Match format. No-Ad scoring may be used. The match format shall be any of the following:
 - (I) Best of 3 Tiebreak sets with a 10-Point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of the 3rd set;
 - (II) Best of 3 short sets with a 7-Point Match Tiebreak played in lieu of the 3rd set; or
 - (III) Best of 3 10-Point Tiebreak Games.
 - (a) The 8-game pro set with a 7-Point Tiebreak at 8 games all may be used for doubles and mixed doubles events when singles events are offered as part of the same tournament and for singles consolation matches. Match formats may be shortened when inclement weather or other circumstances prevent a tournament from finishing on time.
- viii. Selection.
 - (I) PNW Standing List
 - (II) A tournament director may limit participation by moving the entry deadline when capacity for the event has been met
- ix. Seeding.
 - (I) USTA PNW Standings list or if you have out of section players who could be seeded consider using other seeding options as listed in Friend at Court.
- x. Penalties for lateness when Best of 3 10-Point Tiebreak Games Played
 - (I) If one player or team is late 5 minutes or less: loss of toss plus 1 point;
 - (II) If one player or team is late 5:01 - 10 minutes: loss of toss plus 2 points;

- (III) If one player or team is late 10:01 - 15 minutes: Loss of toss plus 3 points;
- (IV) If one player or team is late more than 15 minutes: default;
- (V) If both players or teams equally late up to 15 minutes: no penalty.
- (VI) If both players or teams more than 15 minutes late: The Referee may default both players, or the Referee may reinstate the match using the principle in effect when both players are late but arrive at different times;
- (VII) If both players or teams late but arrive at different times: In singles, the penalty accrues when the first player arrives. In doubles, the penalty accrues when the first team arrives. Penalize the opponent(s) based on the difference in their arrival times. The same penalties are assessed when the lateness is for resumption of a suspended match, except that there is no loss of toss.