

## USTA JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS REGULATIONS 2018 CHAMPIONSHIP YEAR

### USTA Southern adopts the following rules to be in addition to the National Regulations

Each addition below refers to the corresponding National Regulation.

1.04 B & 1.04D - USTA Southern Section Championships will also hold 10 & under and 12 & under age categories at Intermediate and Advanced play levels. An Advanced Low division for players impacted by the JNTRP implementation will be offered for the 12, 14, and 18s age divisions with the following division requirements.

- Rating Range: 0-3.9. **All players must fall in this range at the time of local registration.**
- Each State may determine the progression from local to championships
- Each State will have at least one berth in Advanced Low
- Teams may participate in only one division at any Championships
- **Teams will not advance beyond Section Championships**
- If a State does not have Advanced High in their Championships, one Advanced Low team may elect to play Advanced Low or High at the section championships

1.04F (3)c - Local Coordinators are responsible for monitoring score entries. Local programs must set a rule for failure to comply with score entry deadline regulations.

1.04H - USTA Southern Section Seasons will run between September 1 and August 31.

1.04I - Deadlines are determined and announced by the local program. However, all teams must be registered in TennisLink Team Tennis prior to the start of the teams' local play, and all players must be registered prior to playing a match.

1.05 - The Yellow Ball is used for the 12U Advanced, 14 U & 18U Intermediate and Advanced. The Stage (2) Orange ball is required for 10 and under Beginner and Intermediate play. The Stage (1) Green Ball will be used at the Section Championships for the 10U Advanced and 12U Intermediate divisions. Refer to the table below for ball & court size requirements.

<b>DIVISIONS, BALL TYPE, AND SCORING FORMATS (CHAMPIONSHIP)</b>					
Division	Level	Court	Ball	Racquet	Scoring
<b>10 &amp; U</b>	Int	60"	ORANGE	Must be 25" or smaller	Best 2 out of 3 short sets - no ad, first to 4 games. 3rd set is a 7-point tiebreak. (only have to win by 1 in set & tiebreak).
<b>10 &amp; U</b>	Adv	78"	GREEN		Best 2 out of 3 short sets - no ad, first to 4 games. 3rd set is a 7-point tiebreak. (only have to win by 1 in set & tiebreak).
<b>12 &amp; U</b>	Int	78"	GREEN		Best 2 out of 3 sets, short sets to 4 no ad scoring. A set tiebreaker is played at 3 all. A 10-point match tiebreak is played at one set all.
<b>12 &amp; U</b>	Adv	78"	YELLOW		Best 2 out of 3 sets, short sets to 4 no ad scoring. A set tiebreaker is played at 3 all. A 10-point match tiebreak is played at one set all.
<b>14 &amp; U</b>	Int	78"	YELLOW		Best 2 out of 3 sets, short sets to 6 no ad scoring. A set tiebreaker is played at 5 all. A 10-point match tiebreak is played at one set all.
<b>14 &amp; U</b>	Adv	78"	YELLOW		Best 2 out of 3 sets, short sets to 6 no ad scoring. A set tiebreaker is played at 5 all. A 10-point match tiebreak is played at one set all.
<b>18 &amp; U</b>	Int	78"	YELLOW		Best 2 out of 3 sets, short sets to 6 no ad scoring. A set tiebreaker is played at 5 all. A 10-point match tiebreak is played at one set all.

18 & U	Adv	78"	YELLOW		Best 2 out of 3 sets, short sets to 6 no ad scoring. A set tiebreaker is played at 5 all. A 10-point match tiebreak is played at one set all.
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2.01A - Each State will establish the geographical area for each Local program. Any playoff structure should be announced prior to the beginning of a season by the Local program.

2.01B - This regulation does apply in USTA Southern for the 18U, 14U, 12U, and 10U Intermediate and Advanced. States will determine for all beginner age divisions and 8 & under age divisions.

2.01D (2) - Players with a 1-100 standing in the 10's who are playing in the 10's must play Advanced. If a 10U or 12U player has a junior NTRP rating of 3.5 or above the player must play Advanced. Standings are referring to results through July 31 date previous to the Championship year.

Each State shall determine benchmarks for Beginners.

Benchmark from other sections will apply to any players new to USTA Southern from another section.

2.02B (1) - Each State association shall hold a State USTA Junior Team Tennis League Championship for the 18 & under, 14 & under, 12 & under and 10 & under age categories to determine the State Champions. The winning teams in the 18 & under, 14 & under, 12 & under and 10 & under at the Intermediate and Advanced level shall be eligible to compete in the USTA Junior Team Tennis Section Championships. An Advanced Low division for players impacted by the JNTRP implementation will be offered for the 12, 14, and 18s age divisions with the following division requirements.

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The winning teams 18 & under and 14 & under at the Intermediate and Advanced High levels shall be eligible to compete in the USTA Junior Team Tennis National Championships. Wildcards may be drawn to fill a draw for the Section.

2.03G(2) - In Championship play, a team may use different individual players for every line in the team match (singles, doubles and mixed doubles) OR may choose to play one boy and/or one girl twice, in the mixed doubles position only. A team may choose to play players twice regardless of the number of players on the roster; this option is not limited to teams with only 3 boys and/or 3 girls. Players who have played twice in a team competition may not play twice again until after three rounds of competition have been completed by their team. The "playing twice" rotation begins anew in the fourth round of round robin play, and in the Playoff and Final flights.

Ranking and Standings Points:

National and Southern Championships will include points toward Southern Rankings and Standings. National Championships Advanced will be Southern Level 2 and Intermediate will be Southern Level 3. Southern Championships Advanced will be Southern Level 2 and Intermediate will be Southern Level 3. If States choose to use the necessary programs to award points for State Championship the Advanced will be Southern Level 4 and Intermediate will be Southern Level 5. Scoring must meet the Southern requirements for Rankings and Standings.

**There are no standings for MXD.**