



CDTA Tournament Directors Webinar

Getting Back to Competition!
June 2020



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Agenda

- Welcome
- Tournament Sanction Update
- Covid-19 Recommendations
- Level 4/5 Specifics and Other Competition Formats
- Serve Tennis Training Update/Review
- New USTA Net Generation Pathway
- CDTA Contacts and Website Links
- Questions

USTA Tournaments - Juniors

- National and Midwest Elevated tournaments cancelled thru July
 - National hard courts will be held for 16s and 18s August 7-16

Division	City	Facility
Boys' 18	Lake Nona, Florida	USTA Natl Training Ctr
Girls' 18	San Diego, California	Barnes Tennis Center
Boys' 16	Mobile, Alabama	Mobile Tennis Center
Girls' 16	Rome, Georgia	Rome Tennis Center

- Midwest Closed postponed to November 7-9, locations TBD
- District Qualifiers cancelled; CDTA will replace with a Closed Level 3 Chicago District Championship in late July
- Midwest Junior Standings lists will return to a rolling 12-month period by September
- MW approval to use Short Sets with Level 4s this year
- If running Flighted Level 4s in one day, must use a Compass Draw or Round Robin

USTA Tournament Sanction Update

- CDTA will approve sanctions for 2020 now
- USTA competition able to begin June 26
 - Pending Illinois entering Phase 4 of Restore Illinois on that date
- Limited number of 2020 Friend At Court Available First Come First Served – contact Mary Beth Bowman – contact info at end of presentation

USTA Tournaments - Adults

- No traditional USTA league this summer
- Tournament play could be a good substitute
- Doubles and mixed doubles could be appealing
- Contact info@chicagodistricttennis.com if interested

CDTA 2020 Sanctioning Changes

- Allowing > 1 tourney per age division on same weekend
 - Staggered registration deadlines based on 2019 signups
- Loosening geographical restrictions
- Adding Parent Feedback Link on each Home Page

CDTA 2020 Sanctioning Reminders

- Select only Level 4 or Level 5 tournaments
 - CDTA only sanctions these events, Level 1-3 are either National or Midwest sanctioned
- Choose ‘Tournament Director Selection’ under Player Selection Type in the Selection Process
- For Orange and Green ball events, on the events tab, make sure to select Orange Level 1 or Green Level 1 from the pull-down Level menu in order for players to receive Youth Progression credit.



COVID PROCEDURE UPDATES



USTA National Recommendations



RETURN TO PLAY RECOMMENDATIONS

USTA JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS

Updated May 14, 2020

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic has been affecting different parts of the country in different ways and with different timing. Therefore, we believe safely returning to play will be possible in some cities and states sooner than in others. Before doing so, please review federal, state and local guidelines to make informed decisions as to when play can recommence.

In addition to the Playing Tennis Safely recommendations for players, facilities, and programming issued by the USTA on April 22, 2020, available on [tennisindustryunited.com](https://www.tennisindustryunited.com), here are some additional recommendations to consider when hosting a USTA Junior Tournament.

FORMAT / PLAY MODIFICATIONS	FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Use alternate scoring formats and stagger the match times to decrease the amount of time on-site per player.Alternate match courts when possible to implement social distancing.Use USTA Officials when possible to assist with your event. (See USTA Officiating Recommendations.) <p>Advise Players to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Check with the host facility ahead of time for any protocols that may apply at that facility.Arrive at the facility close to assigned start time, ready to play, and depart immediately.Bring their own water bottles, towel, or any other personal equipment and store them inside their tennis bag when not in use.Bring their own chairs and avoid sharing a bench with a teammate and/or opponent.Use headbands, hats, towels or wristbands to avoid touching their faces during play.Wash hands often (before / after matches.)Clearly verbalize score at the start of each point and use technology to report scores (email or text).Maintain safe social distance between players during the racquet spin at the start of a match.Players should stay on their side of the court indoors and change over on opposite sides of the net posts outdoors on odd games.Offer an acknowledgment such as a nod, a thumbs up or a "good match" instead of shaking players' hands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Follow all state and CDC guidelines in reference to cleaning and disinfecting of all facility areas.Post safety notices for players, officials, and spectators.Provide antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer near all courts and common areas.Advise staff to wear masks and gloves when checking players in, and wash hands often.Keep gates open (where possible, and not dangerous.) to minimize contact with common surfaces upon entering/exiting the court.Capture and retain accurate participant information in the event contact tracing becomes necessary.Observe social distancing in all areas:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Limit large congregations at the tournament desk, players' lounge/locker rooms, and everywhere on site.Designate areas for players to position personal items/equipment during play.Designate an area and/or provide containers for used balls throughout the facility to avoid returning to the tournament desk.Only allow spectators if they can adhere to 6-foot social distancing guidelines.Remove the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Score tender from courtsLine/Court sweeping equipment from general player use. (Have staff manage all line/court sweeping.)Water coolers or stations from the courts.Food offerings in common areas (fruit, granola bars, etc.)

CDTA Recommendations Pre-Tourney

- Post COVID Procedures on Tourney Home Page
 - This must be done or tourneys will not be sanctioned
- Send Pre-Tourney email with same COVID procedures
- Purchase hand sanitizer for each court and tourney desk
- Create Social Distancing signage and/or marking on ground
- Consider having extra masks available
- Use Officials, especially for Level 4s, if available
- Identify a court monitor (can be a volunteer)
- Consider staggered start times to limit #of people arriving at one time
- Adjust tourney price as necessary – judiciously

CDTA Recommendations Tourney Desk

- Arrive early to examine location and remove as many unnecessary items as possible to eliminate 'touches'
- Sanitize door handles
- Provide masks for tourney workers
- Determine and communicate use of bathrooms
- Demonstrate a Racket Bump to players to start and end match
- Show how to pick up balls without touching

CDTA Recommendations

Players

- Provide 2 balls per player with different ball numbers. If unable, then provide players a marker to label 2 as their own; then sanitize marker
 - Instruct players to only touch their labeled balls
- Remind players to call out score loudly in between games and at the start of each point. Recommend players bring their own paper and pen to record score on changeovers if they often forget
- Ask players to wear mask when not on court, especially when approaching tourney desk
- Ask players to place their equipment on opposite ends of net posts and always change over on their equipment side
- Arrive no more 10 mins prior to start time and leave immediately after

CDTA Recommendations Spectators

- Tell spectators to practice social distancing at all times
- Ask spectators to sit at least 6 feet beyond the fence
- Request that spectators wear masks when not socially distancing while watching the match outdoors, must be worn at all times indoors
- Arrive no more than 10 mins prior to start time and leave immediately after



CDTA 2020 Level 4/5 Events

Duration

Scoring

Draws



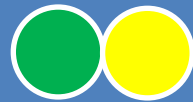


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2020 Level 5 & 4 Duration



L5



Low Intermediate

Single Day Showdowns
- Up to one day

10s-18s



Intermediate

One - three days

10s-18s



L4



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2020 Level 5 & 4 Scoring Formats



L5

Single 6 Game Set

Single 4 Game Set

Best of 3 short 4-game sets with 7pt. TB

Best of 3 Match TB

20 minute timed matches (min.)

One-Day Events

2/3 short sets

No-ad scoring

7pt TB at 4-4

7pt TB for 3rd set

Two-Day Events - Scoring Options

2/3 short sets

Ad scoring

7pt TB at 4-4

10pt TB for 3rd set

2/3 full sets

Ad scoring

10pt TB for 3rd



L4




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2020 Level 5 & 4 Draw Formats



L5

Round Robin
Round Robin with playoff
Compass



L4

Round Robin
Round Robin with
playoff
Compass
Team (Dominant Duo)
FMLC
Flighted One-Day Events
with Compass Draw or
Round Robin

Flighted Level 4 Guide



USTA/Midwest Section Level 4 Flighted Tournament Draw Regulations

USTA/Midwest Section Districts and their tournament committees desiring to hold Level 4, One Day Flighted Tournaments, in addition to complying with all other rules and regulations applicable to running a tournament, shall also comply with the following additional rules and regulations:

a. The District shall require the tournament committee to publish on the tournament website the name of the tournament together with the notation that it is a Midwest Level 4, One-Day Flighted Compass Draw.

b. No water-falling of players shall be allowed. Therefore, for the first flight, the top 8 players based on the most current standings list must be included in the draw. In the second flight, the second 8 highest ranked players must be included in the draw. The third flight must include the third 8 highest ranked players in the draw, and this pattern for selecting players into the draw shall be repeated for each additional flight created.

c. The number of players in any particular flight will determine how that flight will be played in accordance with the following chart that shows the number of players to the left and the permitted type of draw to the right:

- 8 playersRegular Compass Draw.
- 7 playersRegular Compass Draw with one bye.
- 6 playersRegular Compass Draw with two byes.
- 5 playersRound Robin
- 4 playersRegular Round Robin
- 3 playersRegular Round Robin

If you have more than 8 players the remaining players will be alternates until you have three or more additional players to create a second draw.

Compass draws as well as 3 and 4-player round robins will use best of three sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set.

5-player round robins use best of three short sets (to four games) with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set.

d. Points per round shall be awarded in accordance with the USTA/Midwest Points Per Round Tables in effect at the time.

e. The 4th place players not winning a match in a 4 player round robin will not receive any points per round.

This document
can be found in
the CDTA
Tournament
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Drop Box



Other Forms of Competition

Team Challenges and Team Tournaments





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WELCOME KIT FOR TEAM CHALLENGE





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TEAM TOURNAMENT SUPPLIES



Plus giveaways for your kids and financial incentives for you for running Team Challenges and Team Tournaments!



Serve Tennis Training Updates

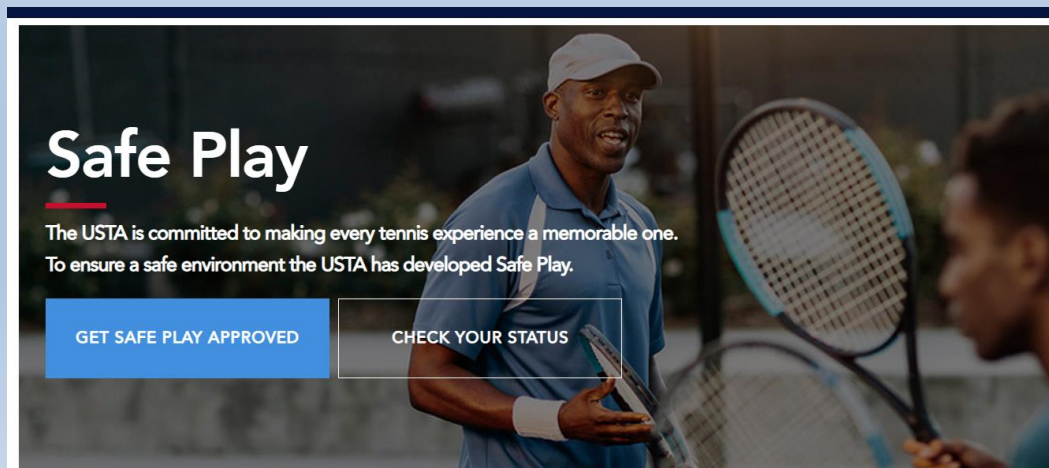
Serve Tennis Training

- New platform in 2021, replacing TennisLink
- Additional training will occur for MW
 - TDs begin Application Process week of July 20
 - After receiving USTA invite
 - Public able to search and register in November

New Terminology	Old Terminology
Serve Tennis	TennisLink, TMT
Tournament Desk	TDM
Web Page	Home Page
Tournament Application Process	Sanctioning

Tournament Director SafePlay Requirements

- Go to www.usta.com/safeplay or go to the USTA.com Tennis Service Center
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- 3 Steps:
 - Course (Annual renewal)
 - Policy Agreement (every 2 years)
 - Criminal Background check (every 2 years)



2021 Net Generation Pathway



New Tournament General Classifications

2020 MW level	2021 Natl/ MW level	
N/A	Level 1	National Events
N/A	Level 2	
Level 1	Level 3	National & Sectional Events
Level 2	Level 4	Sectional Events
Level 3	Level 5	
Level 4	Level 6	District Events
Level 5	Level 7	
Org/Grn	TBD	



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CDTA Contacts

Jr. Tournaments

- For Questions on How to Run Your Event
 - Barb Rueth, Junior Play Director
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- For Questions on Sanctions/Tourney Applications
 - Mary Beth Bowman, CDTA Jr. Sanctions Lead
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Adult Tournaments

- Jill Siegel, Executive Director
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Other CDTA Activities

- Sarah Stanchin, Tennis Service Representative
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Links to Websites

Team Challenge Information/Registration

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/organize/creating-play-opportunities/national/team-challenge-program-info.html>

Team Tournament Information/Registration

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/organize/creating-play-opportunities/national/host-a-team-tournament.html>

Midwest USTA 2020 Junior Tournament Schedules

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/play/youth-tennis/programs/midwest/junior-tournament-schedule.html>

Questions?



- Please type questions in the Chat Box.

Thank you for your time!



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