



# 2026 USTA Southern Rules & Regulations

## Green Ball Tournaments

### Applicable to 10U Grand Prix Circuit Events

#### 1. Administration of the Tournaments

- a. Sanction applications shall be submitted online using the rules set forth by USTA Southern.
- b. All players must have a current USTA membership.
- c. Exception: Players can go to [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com) to join online or call 800-990-USTA (8782)
- d. Players must register for the tournament online using the Serve Tennis registration.
- e. Tournament Directors must use Serve Tennis to manage the tournament, create draws, and publish the results.
- f. Match Tennis App may be used to collect waivers on all players.
- g. The Tournament Director must have a Tournament Appeals Committee. The Tournament Appeals Committee shall be composed of at least two members. Referees shall not serve as a member of the Appeals Committee.
- h. For Rules and regulations, please refer to: [Friend of Court](#).

#### 2. Minimum Site Requirements for Tournaments

- a. All tournament sites and tournament literature must display USTA Southern identification (such as the USTA Southern banner) 10s Grand Prix logo.
- b. Ice and water readily available for players at all sites where matches are played.
- c. Bathroom facilities at all sites where matches are played.
- d. Seating provided on court for players.
- e. Score tenders or alternative score keeping devices on all courts (such as pen and paper must be provided).
- f. Awards and recognition for players.

#### 3. Sanction Forms and Match Tennis App

- a. Serve Tennis must be used for all 10U Grand Prix Tournament Applications.
- b. Match Tennis App will be used to track the Grand Prix Point Race and by USTA Southern for player selections.

#### 4. Entry Fees

- a. Entry Fees include Singles and/or Doubles (It is not required to include Doubles)
  - i. Two-Day Events
    - Up to \$55.00 + Serve Tennis Fee
  - ii. One-Day Events
    - Up to \$35.00 + Serve Tennis Fee

#### 5. Grand Prix Circuit Season

- a. The Grand Prix season will run from November 1 – October 14, 2026
- b. End of Season Camp/Team Event will be held in November

#### 6. Education Component

- a. During the Circuit, all tournaments will have some form of Education for players, coaches and parents.

## 7. Tournament Guidelines

### a. Rules and Procedures

#### i. Rules

- Any tournament and/or tournament director found in violation of application requirements, including but not limited to publishing and reporting deadlines and outstanding fees, for the current year will not be considered for a tournament application the following year.
- Host organization, agency or facility must have a current USTA Organization membership valid through the last day of the tournament's approved sanction dates.
- Tournament Director must be a current member of the USTA through the last day of the tournament's approved sanction dates.
- Tournament Directors must be registered on Net Generation and have passed the Safe Play certification and Background Check.
- Tournament Director can also be the Referee, if Tournament Director takes the 45 min Officials Course online, or is a certified referee.

#### ii. Procedures

- Tournament applications are located online at Net Generation
- Tournament applications will be accepted online on a rolling basis
- No mail, phone or fax applications will be accepted.

## 8. Entry Requirements for 10U Grand Prix Tournaments

- a. Serve Tennis will be used for player registration, creating draws and score input
- b. All players will be on the USTA progression- to advance to yellow ball play on Serve Tennis/Playtracker
- c. At the same time players in the Grand Prix will be on a points per round system
  - i. These points will be tracked through the Match App which will keep track of total points for players. For more information on how to view the 10U Grand Prix Point Race Totals, please [click here](#)
    - Singles and Doubles wins will still be counted for the USTA Playtracker Points to progress to Yellow Ball. For more information on the USTA Net Generation Play Tracker, visit [netgeneration.com/playtracker](http://netgeneration.com/playtracker).
  - ii. Grand Prix Points will be used for camp selections. Selection procedures include:
    - Players in order based off of Match App Grand Prix Standings
    - Play tracker points in Green ball events
    - WTN Number
  - iii. Match Tennis App will publish the Grand Prix standings list weekly

## 9. Entries and Deadlines

- a. Entries must be set on Serve Tennis and cannot be closed prior to the deadline.
  - i. If the draws are not full, Tournament Directors can take late entries as long as draws and seeds are not POSTED.
  - ii. If the draw is full, the Tournament Director may take late entries from the Alternate list, but only if the player is not ranked higher than the last seed.

## 10. Draws and Match Formats

- a. The draws will be limited to 16 draw size
- b. Format will be either Compass Draw or Round Robin
- c. Two out of three short sets will be played with a 7-point tie-break in lieu of a third set.
- d. Add and No Add scoring may be used - must be displayed on the tournament homepage.
- e. Point Chart with Points Per Round Awarded

Compass Draw Point Chart		Round Robin Point Chart	
Draw	Points per Round	Points per Round	
East	10	8 points	Max of 4 matches
NE	8		
North	6		
West	5		
NW	4		
SW	3		
South	2		
SE	1		

**11. Balls**

- a. A minimum of three (3), USTA approved Green Dot tennis balls shall be furnished for each main draw match, each consolation match, and each doubles match.

**12. Canceled Tournaments**

- a. USTA Southern sanctioned tournaments may be canceled by a representative of the host facility, tournament director, and Junior Sanction and Schedule Committee Chair with consultation from the USTA Southern Director of Junior Tennis Division or USTA Southern staff personnel. The tournament can be canceled for any reason deemed necessary to maintain the integrity and safety standard expectations associated with USTA Southern tournaments.
- b. Tournament cancellations should be displayed publicly by stating canceled in the title of the tournament on the website.
- c. USTA Southern is not responsible for any player expenses incurred due to the cancellation of a tournament such as travel costs, hotel fees, etc.

**13. Refunding of Entry Fee**

- a. There are no refunds after the entry deadline for any level of tournament.
- b. There is no refund of entry fees as stated above regardless of whether the Tournament Committee subsequently adds a replacement player.
- c. If a division is canceled and a player has not played his or her first match, the entire entry fee must be refunded minus the Serve Tennis fee and any fixed costs the Tournament Director has incurred. Fixed costs include, but not limited to, items such as: t-shirts, cost of printing draws, personnel, officials, etc.,

**14. First Match Time**

- a. It is the player's responsibility to check the draws for their first match time.
- b. First match times must be available at least 2 days prior to the start of the tournament.

**15. Amenities**

- a. All 10U Grand Prix tournaments must provide a tournament gift.
- b. The player gift could be a towel, t-shirt, hat etc.

**16. Selection for 10's Camp and Structure of the Camps**

- a. At the end of the season in November, there will be a Camp/Team event. Players will be invited based on the following Criteria using the match app Grand Prix Standings:
  - i. 12 girls and 12 boys will be invited to the Camp/Team Event.
  - ii. One Boy and Girl will be invited from each state.
  - iii. The remaining 3 spots will be decided based on the Match App Grand Prix Standings list.
  - iv. Alternates will be selected from the Grand Prix standing list.
  - v. No wildcards will be awarded to players for selection into camp.
- b. The two-day Camp/Team event will consist of a half of day of training with invited top Southern Coaches and education for players, personal coaches, and parents
- c. The remaining camp will consist of players being put on teams (waterfall) and playing singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

**17. Grievance Procedures**

- a. Any Grievance shall be filed in writing within thirty (30) days following the date on which the alleged violation occurred. If the alleged violation is based on falsification of any information, the written grievance shall be filed within thirty (30) days after discovery.
- b. Any written grievance shall be mailed first class, certified or registered mail to the Chairman of the Grievance Committee of USTA SOUTHERN:

C/O USTA SOUTHERN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
5685 SPALDING DRIVE  
PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA 30092

- c. For more info on grievances, please see USTA Southern website - [Grievance procedures](#)