

# 2012 Jr. Team Tennis Captains Meeting

Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

12:30 – 2:00

Jacksonville Public Library – Southeast Branch



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# “What’s New”

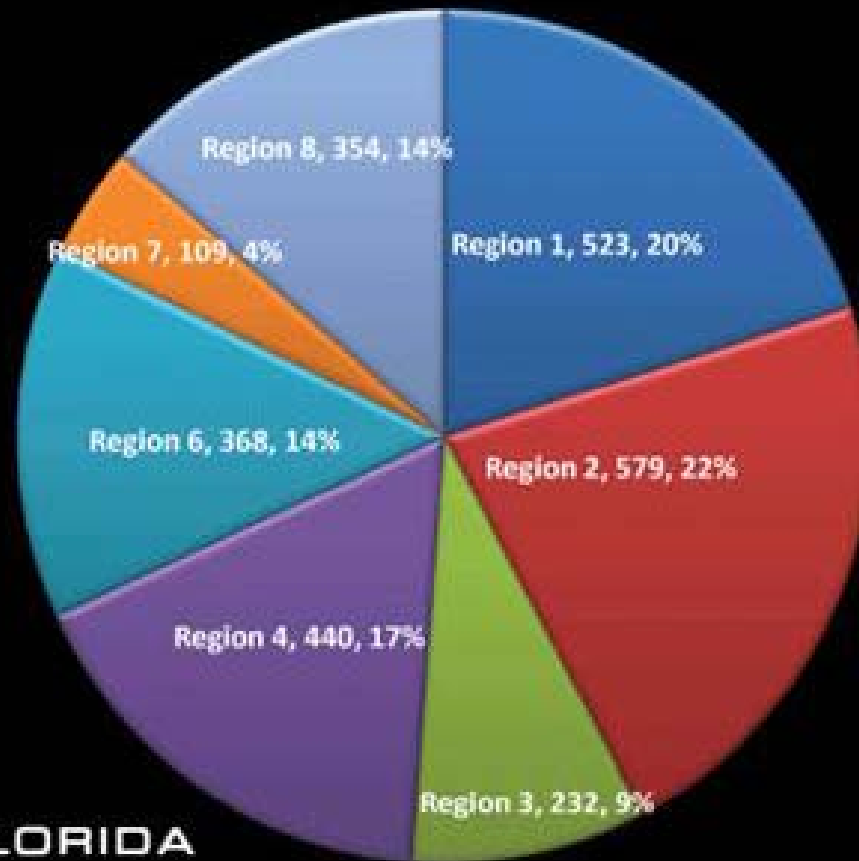
## 2011 Recap

The First Coast experienced a 14% growth in Jr. Team Tennis from 2011.

- First U18 High School Warm Up Season, 9 teams (65 players)
- Development and Implementation of Jax Youth Tennis Association
  - 189 players playing 10 and Under Tennis at public parks
- Pilot Duval County Middle School League, 4 teams
- Jacksonville team “904” places 2<sup>nd</sup> in U18 Nationals
- USTA [Jacksonville](#) Microsite and [Facebook](#) Fan Page



# Increase # of 10U JTT Participants from 1,629 (8.11) to 3,000 by December 2012



- Region 1
- Region 2
- Region 3
- Region 4
- Region 5
- Region 6
- Region 7
- Region 8



Modified  
10/31/2011  
Total 2605

**USTA Jr. Team Tennis First Coast Advisory  
Committee**

**Dede Allen**

**Marie Waller**

**Leo Vorwek**

**Heather Lester**

**Susan Kirby**

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**Tina Ganger – Smith**

**Darla Neal**



# *“What’s Now”*

## **Captain Info/Duties/Reminders**

- Tshirts - submit sizes and quantities to coordinator
- Players must be registered before first match.
- USTA states 3.0 is Intermediate and 3.5 is advanced.
- Captain or player can register.
- Recommend minimum 6 players to avoid forfeits/make-ups
- Reserve home courts; confirm match w/opponent (login to get phone #'s)
- Record scores within 48 hours; both captains bring scorecard; once a score is entered a team cannot be moved to another division and players cannot be moved to another team.
- Update your contact information call USTA Membership 800-990- 8787; Or email [linkteam@usta.com](mailto:linkteam@usta.com) if you have a Tennislink ID number.



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## Awards/Tennis Facilities/Schedule/Scoring

- Winning teams based on total number of games won; percentage of games won
- Awards given to 1<sup>st</sup> Place/Champion and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place/Finalist in all divisions
  - QST U8 & U10 players receive participation medals
  - Middle School awards will include a traveling "school trophy" and medals
- Schedule – posted in Tennislink. Must login to get opponent's contact information. Home and away matches. Special needs?
  - Wear proper shoes for matches on clay courts.
- Scoring – 8 game pro-sets no ad
  - tiebreaker at 7-7, final score 8-7





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Team Number:

Match Number:

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## 10 and Under Tennis Court Monitoring

10 and Under Tennis is a learning situation for the players as well as parents. Court monitors are there to help them keep the game going. As a court monitor your job should include the following:

- Players spin the racket to decide serve or side. This is the only time they spin the racket.
- Play 2 out of 3 four game sets
- Change sides on odd number games
- If the match goes to a 3<sup>rd</sup> “set”, players do not spin the racket – they play a 7 point tie-break (first to 7 only). First server, serves one point to the deuce court, second server then serves the next two points, starting with the ad side of the court. Continue on alternating after every two points, until one player reaches 7.
- Players should call the score out loud each time before serving. Help with the score keeping when necessary.
- CALL out balls loudly so the other team can hear.
- They are sometimes in the wrong place and can't see where the ball lands that well. If the ball looks like it is flying **way** out of bounds, call it for them.
- If the ball lands close to the line and the player can't decide what to call – they MUST call it GOOD and give the point to their opponent.
- If players make an **obvious** bad call, correct it immediately in a positive manner.
- As the kids get older tighten the rules when appropriate
- Parents should NOT monitor their own child's match.



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## 10 and Under Tennis Court Monitoring

### THE SERVE/RETURN RULES

- Spin the racket to decide who serves first, the other picks the side they want to start on first.
- Players should serve from behind their baseline and into the correct service box.
- The ball should be hit in the air, no bounce hits.
- IF players have trouble from their baseline, have them move up just a little bit
- Servers get two attempts to get the serve in for each point
- Receivers **must** let the serve bounce before returning the ball
- If players swing at a serve and miss it, it counts as a fault
- If the ball hits the net on the serve, it's called a "let" and they get to do it over

### OTHER BASIC RULES

- If the ball lands on the line it is good
- If the ball hits the net during play, it is NOT a let – they keep playing.
- Encourage good behavior and sportsmanship at all times. Players shake hands after the match is over.
- Make sure that they kids learn to report the score back to the "captains/coaches", as each game counts for the overall score for the team.



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## Coaching Guidelines for Jr Team Tennis Matches

- Part of teaching tennis is to help the young players learn how to manage themselves and situations which arise during the course of a match. This includes how to properly call lines, work out line call challenges, helping players develop strategies during real time matches, etc. Our league encourages parents to be involved as captains; we also have teaching pros who act in this capacity. All parent captains should have a basic understanding of tennis rules. All captains and their duties are equal and the same. Captain should not be coaching his/her child during a match.
- The 2012 USTA Jr Team Tennis Regulations state “2.01G(6) Coaching – The local league coordinator shall determine whether and at what times to allow coaching at the local level. In no event is coaching permitted during a tiebreak.”
- USTA Florida instituted coaching at JTT Sectional Tournaments about two years ago. Their guidelines\* serve as a basis for the local leagues whose League Coordinators may choose to offer coaching, or not, or offer it selectively.



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## Local Coaching Guidelines:

- 1. Coaching is permitted by the Team Captain (or, if not available his/her designated substitute) only.\*
- 2. Coaching is permitted after odd games, on change-overs only, at the side of the court.\*
- 3. Coaching must be brief, staying within the 90-second time frame of a change-over.\* It is not necessary to offer coaching on every change-over.
- 4. Players may ask for coaching and/or Coach may invite player for coaching.
- 5. Coaching is NOT permitted during tiebreaks\* (USTA National and Florida rule)
- 6. Coaching should be positive, may be as simple as encouragement or reminders to move your feet, watch the ball, or adjustments to strategy.
- 7. Captain is not permitted on the court. Captain should not give hand signals or dis-affirm calls by head motions. Captains should remind spectators to refrain from making calls.
- 8. Captains may NOT over-rule line calls (see exception below).



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## Exceptions for to U12 Beginner and U10 Beginner:

- Tie Breaks -- to assist with proper service rotation and side changes. This may be necessary for U14 Beginner as well.
- Line Calls – players should be taught how to handle opponent challenging a line call. If disagreements over line calls continue during match play, then player may ask for a monitor or captain to watch. Monitors/Captains should be able to overrule a line call for 10 and Under matches.
- Coaching violations may be reported to the League Coordinator with proper explanation. Violations may be subject to game penalties and/or default. Continued violations may be subject to restrictions and/or participation suspension.



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# ETHICS & RULES FORM

## Policy Statement

- It is the mission of the USTA Florida to promote high standards of sportsmanlike and ethical behavior in and around the tennis court. Coaches assume the responsibility to teach and demand high standards of conduct of their athletes both on and off the court.
- *Inappropriate behavior from parents, coaches, captains, or players will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to: cursing, threats, violence, etc. This is a NO TOLERANCE policy and violation may result in a ban from the league.*
- **Penalties** for failure to submit a signed Code of Ethics and serious violations (as determined by USTA Florida Tournament Officials) are:
  - 1. Athlete ineligibility for participation in Team Tennis
  - 2. Parents prohibition/removal from attendance at the event.
  - 3. Coach restricted from coaching.



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### **Athlete's Code of Ethics:**

- 1. Be courteous at all times, showing respect for opponents, coaches and spectators.
- 2. Exercise self-control.
- 3. Be familiar with all USTA rules (see "The Code") and Local League Rules.
- 4. Refrain from the use of foul and/or abusive language.

### **Parents Code of Ethics:**

- 1. Refrain from getting involved in any match aside from encouraging and cheering.
- 2. Spectators only from outside of the court (i.e., stay outside the playing area).
- 3. Contact the coach/captain of any problems.
- 4. Be courteous at all times, showing respect for self, players, coaches and spectators.
- 5. Exercise self-control.
- 6. Know and understand all USTA rules (see "The Code" in Friend at Court) and rules of the event.
- 7. Refrain from the use of foul and/or abusive language.

### **Coaches Code of Ethics:**

- 1. Support each and every one of the above listed points.
- 2. Promote the winning attitude that character development is NOT secondary to match outcome but is #1!



**“What’s Next”**  
**2012 Jr. Team Tennis Dates**  
**Change to 2 seasons**  
*(dates subject to change)*



**Spring / Summer**

December 10, 2011 - July 12, 2012

- U18 High School Varsity Season – plays January
- U14, U12, U10 plays January – May
- U8 plays March – April
- St. Johns County Middle School plays February – April
- U18’s plays June and July

***Section Championship July 19-21 & 26-28***

**Fall / Winter**

July 12, 2012 - December 9, 2012

- U18, U14, U12, U10 plays September – November
- U8 plays October – November
- Duval County Middle School plays October - November

***Section Championship January 19-21, 2013***

**Age Eligibility:**

- U14/U18 Intermediate & Advanced – age eligible through Aug 31
- Non-age validated program applies to 8’s, 10’s, 12’s all levels plus  
Beginner



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## 10 and Under Play Days

*Play Days are designed for kids – from those just learning to compete to those who are already in competition – to play in a fun, non-threatening yet competitive environment. Over a duration of a few hours, these events give kids the opportunities to play – whether they are getting ready for the next step of playing sanctioned tournaments or if they already are competing and are looking for additional play time. Emphasis is placed on participation, effort and sportsmanship.*

**Register your Play Day Online and receive**

- Starter Kit for first Play Day
- Discounts on Play Day awards and prizes
- Downloadable participant certificate
- Downloadable draw sheets, flyer and organizer materials



## Share the Love Grant

- 214 grants given in Florida totaling more than \$362,000
- Application online at [www.ustasharethelove.com](http://www.ustasharethelove.com)
- No applications will be accepted between November 15<sup>th</sup> – January 15<sup>th</sup>



## Facility Assistance and 10 and Under Blended Line Grant

- Blended line grants cover up to 75% of cost
- Costs between \$200-\$400 for one court
- 377 courts in Florida have put down blended lines
- Clay court line kit coming soon!

*Contact Amanda Becker at [becker@florida.usta.com](mailto:becker@florida.usta.com) for more detailed information on the above grants*



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**High School Tennis Players - Prepare for Try Outs!**

*Play USTA Jr Team Tennis --U18 Intermediate and Advanced*

**Register Team Deadline:** December 19th, 2011 (indicate level and captain)

**Register Player Deadline:** January 4, 2012

**Matches:** Fridays @ 4:30 pm; Jan 6-27 **AND** Sundays @ 2:00 pm; Jan 8-29

**Format:** 4S/2D, 8-game pro-sets

**Requirements:** Current Jr USTA Membership and age eligible through August 31, 2012

**Program Fee:** \$30 paid on line after team number released; includes tshirt, balls, awards

**Bonus:** Teams with 3Boys/3Girls are eligible to enter the JTT Summer Sectional Tournament, July 2012, with advancement opportunities to Nationals. Earn State Ranking points for singles and doubles wins.

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