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INTRODUCTION TO USTA JR. TEAM TENNIS

USTA Jr. Team Tennis is a grassroots USTA program for boys and girls ages 5 to 18 of all skill levels. The philosophy of the program is fun, fitness, and friends in an environment that stresses sportsmanship and socialization in a team tennis atmosphere.

SOUTHERN CT JR. TEAM TENNIS

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FEE
$20 USTA Jr. membership. First time 10 & u members free with code: FYF13CNS
$21 Southern CT Jr. Team Tennis administrative fee

COURT FEES
Home team is responsible for any and all court fees for home matches.

TENNIS BALLS
Home team is responsible for providing new tennis balls for each home match. 4 cans of new tennis balls required for 12u Advanced, 14u, and 18u flights. 2 cans of tennis balls (or 6 balls total) required for 8u, 10u, 12u Intermediate, and 16u intermediate flights.

ENTERING SCORES
All Scores must be reported in TennisLink within 48 hours of the match. The home coach is responsible for entering the score. The away coach is responsible for confirming the score.

ARRIVAL, WARM UP
Teams and coaches should arrive 15 minutes prior to the match start time.
Allow a 5 minute warm-up before each individual match.

MATCH START TIMES
Earliest match start time for all flights is 9:00 am. Latest match start times for 8u and 10u flights is 6:30 pm. Latest match start time for 12u and 14u flights is 7:00 pm. Latest match start time for 16u and 18u flights is 8:00 pm (except on Sundays when the latest match start time is 7:00 pm).

PROCEDURES PRIOR TO A MATCH
Away coach must confirm with the home coach one week prior to the match and again 48 hours prior to the match to confirm the match and to confirm that the visiting team has the minimum required number of players.
TARDINESS
The point penalty system will be enforced with the late player(s) losing toss plus one (1) game for each five (5) minutes late. Penalties begin at the scheduled time of the match. The match is a default at 15:01 minutes late and considered a default win for the player(s) present. If the player arrives after five (5) minutes past the scheduled start time but before the default time, he/she is to receive a three (3) minute injury prevention warm-up.

COACHING
Coaching is only allowed on a changeover. There is no coaching at any point during a tie-break. For 8u and 10u flights, more coaching is permissible (but never during a point), using your best judgment. Only one coach per team is allowed on court (except for the 8u flight). All players are encouraged to stay on the court and cheer on their teammates using good sportsmanship and etiquette.

SCORESHEET
Both coaches must agree on a final score at the end of the match and sign the scoresheet. Both coaches should keep a copy of the signed scoresheet.

RESCHEDULES
All rescheduling of matches must be complete in the first 2 weeks after the schedule is posted. Last date for reschedules in the Winter is 12/12/2013. During the season, matches can not be rescheduled except for weather.

WEATHER
If the match has to be postponed due to weather, the home coach is responsible for contacting the away coach to reschedule the match. Home coach should provide the away coach with 3 options to choose from. Every effort should be made to reschedule the match as close to the day the match was originally scheduled. The home coach should notify the league coordinator of the reschedule date.

DEFAULT RULES & PENALTIES
If you do not bring the minimum # of players required to play a match and therefore have to default individual matches, your team will be penalized. 1 individual match default = 1 point. Team default = 5 points. A team default is defined as any of the following: team brings less than 4 players to a match, team cancels/postpones a match within 48 hours of match time (except for weather related issues). Once a team accumulates more than 10 points in one season, they will be ineligible for the state championship (along with sectionals and nationals) and they will be ineligible to play JTT in the season immediately subsequent. (ex. your team collects 11 points in the spring season therefore that spring team is ineligible to play in the state championship and also ineligible to play in the summer season. The only caveat to this rule is if you are an 18 & under team in the winter with more than 10 points where the next season is the summer season (since the high school season occurs in the spring and we don't have 18 & under flights). The team ineligible to play the next season is the club/CTA/Park & Rec and the specific flight the team that was penalized played in. (ex. CT tennis club 14 & under advanced team).
MATCH FORMAT, SCORING, ORDER OF PLAY, REPEAT RULES

14 and 18 & UNDER INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED, 12 & UNDER ADVANCED

- 2 Boys Singles
- 2 Girls Singles
- 1 Boys Doubles
- 1 Girls Doubles
- 2 Mixed Doubles

Matches MUST be played as follows: 2 BS, GD, MXD are put out in the 1st hour. Then put out 2 GS, BD, MXD in the 2nd hour. The #1 boy must play 1 boys singles and the #1 girl must play 1 girls singles. You may not repeat the same team in MXD (one player can repeat, but not both). There are no exceptions to playing matches in this order (which ensures no player repeats in singles, which is not allowed). Each player can repeat once (play 2 matches).

ROSTER: 8 players per team minimum, 3 girls and 3 boys minimum on the roster. 3 boys and 3 girls minimum required to play each match.

SCORING

Best 2 out of 3 four game short sets with the 3rd set being a 5 point tiebreak. 5 point tiebreak - First to 5 wins. Serve 1, 2, 2, etc. Each game will be played under the NO AD scoring rule. If the score is 40/40, the receiving player gets to choose the side of the service in doubles and the serve will be gender to gender in Mixed doubles. At 3:3 - 5 point tie-break.

Individual match winner is determined by total games won. The winner of the team match will be decided by total games won.

TIMED MATCHES

Each individual match should be timed at 1 hour (including the 3 minute warm-up) so as not to exceed the 2 hour limit (unless both coaches agree at the start of the team match that no matches will be timed). At 57 minutes, the players should finish the game they are in and stop at the end of the game regardless of score. This score will be entered into TennisLink as a “timed match”. If at 57 minutes, the players are in the 3rd set (tiebreak), they should play out the tie-break.

Eight 1 hour individual matches.
Club must schedule 4 courts for 2 hrs for each home match.
MATCH FORMAT, SCORING, ORDER OF PLAY, REPEAT RULES

16 & UNDER INTERMEDIATE
- 4 Open Singles
- 2 Open Doubles

ROSTER: 4 players per team minimum. No restriction on # of boys and girls.

SCORING
ONE 6 GAME Short SET.
Each game will be played under the NO AD scoring rule.
If the score is 40/40, the receiving player gets to choose the side of the service.
At 5:5 - 5 point tie-break. First to 5, serve 1, 2, 2, etc.
Individual match winner (set) is determined by total games won in the set.
The winner of the team match will be decided by total games won in all sets combined.

REPEATING
Each player can repeat once, however a player can not play 2 singles matches or 2 doubles matches. The repeating player must play 1 singles match and 1 doubles match.

TIMED MATCHES
Each individual match should be timed at 40 minutes (including the 3 minute warm-up) so as not to exceed the 2 hour limit (unless both coaches agree at the start of the team match that no matches will be timed). At 37 minutes, the players should finish the game they are in and stop at the end of the game regardless of score. This score will be entered into TennisLink as a "timed match". If at 37 minutes, the players are in a tiebreak, they should play out the tiebreak.

Six 40 minute individual matches on 78' courts.
Club must schedule 2 courts for 2 hours for each home match.
MATCH FORMAT, SCORING, ORDER OF PLAY, REPEAT RULES

12 & UNDER INTERMEDIATE (green ball)

- 4 Open Singles
- 2 Open Doubles

ROSTER: 4 players per team minimum. No restriction on # of boys and girls.

SCORING

ONE 6 GAME Short SET.
Each game will be played under the NO AD scoring rule.
If the score is 40/40, the receiving player gets to choose the side of the service.
At 5:5 - 5 point tie-break. First to 5, serve 1, 2, 2, etc.
Individual match winner (set) is determined by total games won in the set.
The winner of the team match will be decided by total games won in all sets combined.

REPEATING

Each player can repeat once, however a player can not play 2 singles matches or 2 doubles matches. The repeating player must play 1 singles match and 1 doubles match.

TIMED MATCHES

Each individual match should be timed at 40 minutes (including the 3 minute warm-up) so as not to exceed the 2 hour limit (unless both coaches agree at the start of the team match that no matches will be timed). At 37 minutes, the players should finish the game they are in and stop at the end of the game regardless of score. This score will be entered into TennisLink as a "timed match". If at 37 minutes, the players are in a tiebreak, they should play out the tiebreak.

COURTS, TENNIS BALL

Green tennis ball (or green dot tennis ball used).
Six 40 minute individual matches on 78' courts.
Club must schedule 2 courts for 2 hours for each home match.
MATCH FORMAT, SCORING, ORDER OF PLAY, REPEAT RULES

10 & UNDER INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED
- 4 Open Singles
- 2 Open Doubles

ROSTER: 4 players per team minimum. No restriction on # of boys and girls.

SCORING
ONE 6 GAME Short SET for Advanced
ONE 4 GAME Short SET for Intermediate
Each game will be played under the NO AD scoring rule.
If the score is 40/40, the receiving player gets to choose the side of the service.
At 5:5 or 3:3 - 5 point tie-break. First to 5, serve 1, 2, 2, etc.
Individual match winner (set) is determined by total games won in the set.
The winner of the team match will be decided by total games won in all sets combined.

REPEATING
Each player can repeat once, however a player can not play 2 singles matches or 2 doubles matches. The repeating player must play 1 singles match and 1 doubles match.

TIMED MATCHES
Each individual match should be timed at 40 minutes (including the 3 minute warm-up) so as not to exceed the 2 hour limit (unless both coaches agree at the start of the team match that no matches will be timed). At 37 minutes, the players should finish the game they are in and stop at the end of the game regardless of score. This score will be entered into TennisLink as a "timed match". If at 37 minutes, the players are in a tiebreak, they should play out the tiebreak.

COURTS, TENNIS BALL
Orange low compression tennis ball used.
Singles played on 60' x 21' court. Doubles played on 60' x 27' court.
Six 40 minute individual matches.
Club must schedule 2 courts for 2 hours for each home match.
MATCH FORMAT, SCORING, ORDER OF PLAY, REPEAT RULES

8 & UNDER
- 8 Open Singles

ROSTER: 4 players per team minimum. No restriction on # of boys and girls.

SCORING
7 points in a game.
First team to reach 7 points wins the game.
Best 2 of 3 games.
Individual match winner (game) is determined by total games won.
The winner of the team match will be decided by total games won in all matches combined.

REPEATING
Each player can repeat once, meaning a player can play up to 2 singles matches in a team match.

Home team must have a volunteer/parent/coach at each court to keep score.

COURTS, TENNIS BALL, SERVING
Red felt tennis ball used.
Eight 30 minute individual matches on 36' x 18' courts with a 2'9" net.
The first player serves 1, then each player serves 2 as in a tiebreak.
Players can drop serve, with or without a bounce, or serve overhead.
The serve must go cross court land in the opposite service box to be good.
Club must schedule 2 (78') courts for 1 hour for each home match (OR 4 permanent 36' courts for 1 hour).
# Southern Connecticut 2014 Jr. Team Tennis Schedule

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DIVISIONS OF PLAY AND LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS

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**Beginner (NTRP 2.0 & Below)** Players lack court experience and their strokes need developing. Player is familiar with basic positions for singles and doubles play. Recommended play for the 8 & Under division will be held on the 36’ modified tennis court and play for the 10 & Under division will be held on a 60’ court. Both divisions are to use age appropriate tennis racquets, balls, and scoring.

**Intermediate (NTRP 3.0 & Below)** Players are fairly consistent when hitting medium-paced shots, but is not comfortable with all strokes and lacks execution when trying for directional control, depth, or power. Most common doubles formation is one-up, one-back.

**Advanced (NTRP 3.5 and Above)** Players have achieved improved stroke dependability with directional control on moderate shorts, but needs to develop depth and variety. They exhibit more aggressive net play, have improved court coverage, and are developing teamwork in doubles.
The following are the regulations for USTA New England Jr. Team Tennis for local leagues advancing to State, Section, and National Championships. This is not a comprehensive list of all USTA Jr. Team Tennis Regulations. If there is an area not covered in the list below, please click here for the 2014 USTA National JTT Regulations.

1. **PLAYER AGREEMENT - USTA NATIONAL JR. TEAM TENNIS REGULATION 1.08**: As a condition of their participation, all players participating in the USTA Jr. Team Tennis League agree to abide and be bound by the USTA Constitution; the Bylaws; the Regulations; Rules of Tennis; USTA Jr. Team Tennis Regulations; and the standards of good conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship. All players participating in USTA Jr. Team Tennis League play agree to abide by the grievance procedures provided within USTA Jr. Team Tennis Regulations and the USTA Regulations and that the decisions shall be final and binding.

2. **BACKGROUND SCREENINGS**: All coaches and parent coaches must complete a background screening. New for 2014, a National screening, valid for 2 years, will be used. All previous USTA New England screenings are no longer valid. Go to www.usta.com/safeplay to complete the screening including the Youth Protection Policies and Procedures. Click here for more information.

3. **PROGRAM/LEAGUE NAME**: Must be called USTA Jr. Team Tennis.

4. **USTA MEMBERSHIP**: All participants must have a valid USTA Membership through August 31st of the championship year. In addition, players advancing to the National Championships must be a current member for the duration of the National Championships.

5. **TENNISLINK TEAM TENNIS**: TennisLink Team Tennis must be used to manage the league. The Area League Coordinator (ALC) must have the local league schedule set up in TennisLink prior to the play of any team matches. All players must be registered on TennisLink prior to playing any JTT match.

6. **AGE ELIGIBILITY**: Players must remain age eligible through August 31st of the championship year to be eligible for advancement opportunities. Only programs that are age eligible, validated on TennisLink, will have the ability to advance to championships.

7. **NUMBER OF TEAMS**: A local league is a team competition in a specified geographical area that applies specific local team regulations and consists of NTRP level(s) with a minimum of two or more teams per level.

8. **TEAM MINIMUM**: To qualify and participate in championships, team composition shall consist of a minimum of three (3) boys and three (3) girls eligible to compete at a specific level of competition.

9. **TEAM MATCHES**: All teams are required to play a minimum of three (3) team matches over a period of at least three days.

10. **SERVING ON THE DECIDING POINT IN DOUBLES**: When the score reaches deuce in no-ad scoring, the receiving doubles team may choose who receives the serve in men’s doubles and women’s doubles. In mixed doubles, the receiving player must be the same gender as the player who is serving.

11. **TEAM LINEUPS**: The coaches/managers for each team shall exchange their team match cards simultaneously prior to the beginning of the team match. No substitutions may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to, or illness of a player prior to the start of such match and except under such further circumstances as the section association authorizes.

12. **TARDINESS**: The point penalty system will be enforced with the late player(s) losing toss plus one (1) game for each five (5) minutes late. Penalties begin at the scheduled time of the match. The match is a default at 15:01 minutes late and considered a default win for the player(s) present. If the player arrives after five (5) minutes past the scheduled start time but before the default time, he/she is to receive a three (3) minute injury prevention warm-up.

13. **MORE THAN ONE TEAM**: Players may play on more than one team in a local league during the same season, based on the decision of their Section Association. Prior to any advancement to a championship (State, Sectional, National), the player must declare to the ALC which team he or she will participate on in such championship.

14. **INDIVIDUAL MATCHES**: An individual player may play up to two matches in one team match. For Sectional Championships, the second match must be mixed doubles (ex: player can play singles and mixed or doubles and mixed). Local leagues may have different rules so check with your ALC.
15. **PARENT / INDIVIDUAL COACHING**: Any parent or individual who is helping at practices, driving players to matches, or helping to coach must complete the Parent Coach Form, complete a background check, and go through training with their Community Relations Manager (conference call, webinar or in person).

16. **PROGRESSION**: A player is eligible to advance to championships level competition if they have meet all 4 of these conditions:
   1. Participated on a team that is from an age validated program within TennisLink Team Tennis.
   2. Played on the advancing team in at least three (3) team matches on 3 separate dates during its local USTA Jr. Team Tennis season.
   3. The results of the three matches must be recorded in TennisLink Team Tennis. Only one of the three match results may be the product of a default received. A retired match shall count toward advancing for all players involved.
   4. All local play history documentation must be entered within 24 hours of the last match of the season played (as scheduled in TennisLink Team Tennis) and before entry into any championships event.

17. **POINTS**: Points for junior standings will be awarded at the Sectional Championships.

18. **PLAYER LEVEL**: Player levels are determined by NTRP Rating and the number of points a player has earned for participation in USTA or USTA New England Sanctioned Tournaments. The number of points a player has earned will be determined according to the **August 2013 USTA New England Standing List (Combined)**. In other words, participation in USTA New England JTT between September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013 will be based on the point totals on the August 2013 USTA New England Standing List (Combined).

The USTA New England Standing List (Combined) can be found on the USTA New England web site [www.ustanewengland.com](http://www.ustanewengland.com) by selecting Tournaments under the Juniors tab; then selecting Standings/Rankings; then selecting Standing Lists. A list of players who are required to play at the advanced level of both the 14’s and 18’s USTA New England JTT based on August 2013 USTA New England Standing List (Combined) will also be posted on the USTA New England web site [www.ustanewengland.com](http://www.ustanewengland.com). This list may be found by selecting Jr. Team Tennis under the Junior tab and then selecting JTT Advanced Player List.

If a player participates in USTA or USTA New England Sanctioned tournaments, in addition to the NTRP Ratings, the following regulations will apply:

**10 & under tournament play**: There are no restrictions for participation in the intermediate or advanced levels of USTA New England JTT based on points listed on the 10’s USTA New England Standing List (Combined).

**12 & under tournament play**: All players who have earned more than 1,500 points on the 12’s USTA New England Standing List (Combined) from August 2013 must participate at either the advanced level of the 14’s or 18’s USTA New England JTT. All players who have earned more than 1,500 points on the 12’s New England Standing List (Combined) from August 2013 may not play in the intermediate level of either the 14’s or 18’s USTA New England JTT.

**14 & under tournament play**: All players who have earned more than 1,000 points on the 14’s USTA New England Standing List (Combined) from August 2013 must participate at the advanced level of the 14’s USTA New England JTT. All players who have earned more than 1,500 points on the 14’s USTA New England Standing List (Combined) from August 2013 must play in the advanced level of the 18’s USTA New England JTT if they choose to play in the 18’s USTA New England JTT. All players who have earned 1,001 to 1,500 points on the 14’s USTA New England Standing List (Combined) from August 2013 may play in either the intermediate or advanced level of the 18’s USTA New England JTT if they choose to play in the 18’s USTA New England JTT.

**16 & under and 18 & under tournament play**: All players who have earned more than 1,000 points on the 16’s or 18’s USTA New England Standing List (Combined) from August 2013 must participate at the advanced level of the 18’s USTA New England JTT. All players who have earned more than 1,000 points on the USTA New England Standing List (Combined) from August 2013 may not play in the intermediate level of 18’s USTA New England JTT.
2014 JR. TEAM TENNIS CT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
14u, 16u & 18u: August 5-6, 2014
8u, 10u, 12u: August 16-17, 2014
LOCATION: TBD

ADVANCEMENT TO CT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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THE STANDINGS IN EACH FLIGHT ARE DETERMINED BY TOTAL GAMES WON BY EACH TEAM. IF A QUALIFYING TEAM CAN NOT ATTEND THE 2014 JTT CT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, THE NEXT TEAM IN THE STANDINGS WILL BE INVITED SO LONG AS THE WINNING PERCENT (TEAM GAMES WON/TEAM GAMES PLAYED) IS GREATER THAN 50%.

JR. TEAM TENNIS SECTIONAL AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2014 USTA New England Sectional Championship:
For teams/players to be eligible to participate in the State and/or Sectional Championships, your local league must be registered on TennisLink. Teams will be subject to pay a championship entry fee that may vary from year to year.

2014 14 & Under Advanced and Intermediate National Championship:
Winners in the 14 & Under Advanced and Intermediate divisions from the USTA New England Sectional Championship will be invited to represent USTA New England at the USTA Jr. Team Tennis National Championships.

2014 18 & Under Advanced and Intermediate National Championship:
Winners in the 18 & Under Advanced and Intermediate divisions from the USTA New England Sectional Championship will be invited to represent the USTA New England Section at the USTA Jr. Team Tennis National Championships.

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INFORMATION FOR COACHES

Coach Position Description:

Purpose of Position:
To oversee a group of players that competes in a USTA Jr. Team Tennis League. A coach can be a parent, volunteer, CTA or NJTL member, after school provider, etc.

Duties:
• Fully understand how USTA Jr. Team Tennis operates at the local, state, section, and national levels
• Adhere to all USTA rules, regulations, and policies if advancing to Sectional and National Championships
• Attend Coaches’ Meeting
• Recruit players
• Distribute league information to team members
• Register team on TennisLink and assist players with registration
• Secure courts for home matches and practices in a safe environment
• Submit a lineup before each match
• Coach players during the match
• Collect and record scores and then report on TennisLink
• Provide instruction, play opportunities, motivation, and enthusiasm
• Make sure all scores are entered on TennisLink
• Preferably attend a Recreational Coach Workshop or QuickStart Tennis Workshop
COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

USTA Jr. Team Tennis (JTT) should be a fun and rewarding experience for our children. Character building lessons such as hard work, discipline, sportsmanship, and handling adversity are regularly on display. Parents of JTT players should enjoy the time spent with their children and watching them develop not just into better tennis players, but into good citizens.

Coaches, Organizers and Parents of Jr. Team Tennis are under a duty to encourage and maintain high standards of proper conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship. They are under an obligation to avoid acts which may be considered detrimental to the game of tennis or the children impacted. Coaches shall not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct.

The USTA New England Jr. Team Tennis JTT Coaches Code of Conduct System shall apply to all local JTT matches, and championships:

- During the entire team match and practices
- At match facilities

During the course of a match or practice a coach, organizer, or parent shall not engage in the following:

a. Verbal abuse. Swear at their own player, USTA staff, officials, tournament directors spectator or an opponent in a voice that can be heard by any person;

b. Visible or audible profanity. Use profanity or insulting, abusive or obscene language in any way that may be heard by any person or use obscene, insulting or abusive gestures;

c. Racket or Ball abuse. Deliberately throw or hit a ball/racquet in any direction;

d. Threaten players, parents, or spectators in any way;

e. Other unsportsmanlike or inappropriate conduct on or off court at locations such as the match site, or parking lot;

f. Physical act of violence against another person on or off the court by a player, parent, relative, coach, or other person associated with a player;

g. Illegal use of drugs or possession of illegal drugs or possession or consumption of alcohol beverages;

h. Destruction of property

How do coaches, organizers and parents get reported?

- A coach, parent, player, or program administrator directly involved must complete a form that will go to the local Jr. Team Tennis committee for review.
- The local Jr. Team Tennis league will maintain records of reports against coaches, organizers and parents.
- All reports will be reviewed by the local Jr. Team Tennis committee in accordance with the USTA New England Jr. Team Tennis procedures and the USTA National Regulations in the 2014 Regulations booklet. Also found at www.usta.com/jtt.
- The local Jr. Team Tennis committee will determine and enforce appropriate penalties.

The Jr. Team Tennis local committee has the power to suspend coaches, organizers, and parents immediately if it believes that the coaches’, organizers’ or parents’ conduct is so severe as to warrant immediate suspension, whether or not that conduct is specifically listed in this document.

If the local Jr. Team Tennis committees determination is for suspension of a coach, organizer or parent, then the coach, organizer or parent may appeal to the USTA New England Jr. Team Tennis committee provided that the appeal is received by the USTA New England Section coordinator within five (5) business days of the notice of determination. In the case of immediate suspension by the local Jr. Team Tennis committee, the suspension will remain in effect until the appeal process has been completed. Coaches should also refer to the Friend at Court and the National Jr. Team Tennis Regulation book.
JR. TEAM TENNIS MATCH CHECKLIST

Prior To The Match (according to the Local League timeline)

☐ Make sure all players participating in the match are registered in TennisLink.
☐ Complete the required background screening by going to www.ustanewengland.com, clicking on Jr. Team Tennis and then scrolling down to Background Screenings.
☐ Contact and confirm with other coach time and location of the match as well as how many players each team can bring to the scheduled match.
☐ If away team, make sure players have transportation to the match.
☐ Home team must provide tennis balls for the match.
☐ Record line-up on score sheet to exchange with other coach prior to the start of the team match.

Match Time

☐ Explain match format
  - Total games won
  - Game scoring (scoring is determined by the local league; 8 game pro-set, regular set, etc).
  - Ad or No-Ad scoring
  - Tiebreaker
☐ Monitor environment to help maintain a courteous, fun, and safe experience for all involved.

NOTE:
Coaching is determined by the Area League Coordinator. In no event is coaching permitted during a tiebreak. Please remember to be courteous of ongoing play while on court.

After The Match

☐ Home team coach/captain (or whoever kept score based on the local league rules) is responsible for posting the scores in TennisLink. Scores must be posted within 48 hours of the completion of the match.
☐ Confirm the next scheduled match day/time with your players and parents.
TENNISLINK INSTRUCTIONS

First time users, please follow the steps below. If you have been a coach/captain before on the TennisLink system, please scroll down to “Registering your Team.” If you do not remember your User ID or Password, please email Sarah Rice at rice@newengland.usta.com or call (508) 366-3450 x27. These instructions and steps may be completed by your Area League Coordinator. Check with your coordinator before going further.

How to become a USTA Member

2. Scroll down and click “View Benefits and Join” for the type of membership you want.
3. On the right, click “select” for the membership you want.
4. Enter your information and pay online.
5. You can also become a member via phone by calling Member Services at 1.800.990.8782.

Registering as a Coach or Captain

(If this is your first time coaching a team and using TennisLink, you will need to register as a Coach or Captain).

1. Go to: www.ustanewengland.com, click the TennisLink tab, and then choose USTA Jr. Team Tennis.
2. Scroll down and click on “Become a Coach/Captain” located on the bottom right side of your computer screen.
3. Fill in the necessary information and select a password.
4. Click “SUBMIT” (Write down your number and password, you will need this every time you use TennisLink)
5. You are now an official Jr. Team Tennis Coach/Captain! This gives you your TennisLink Log in #, and you still need to create your team.

Registering Your Team

1. Go to: www.ustanewengland.com, click the TennisLink tab, and then choose Jr. Team Tennis.
2. On the top right side of your computer screen, click Login.
3. To log in, enter your USTA number or your Team Tennis number (the number you created when you became a coach/captain). Enter your Password and click “Logon”.
4. Next click on “Create New Team” located on the right side of your computer screen under the red bar heading “My Options.”
5. Under the section drop-down menu, click on “New England,” then your District, then your Area, and click on “Go”.
6. Click on “Jr” next to the program you wish to register a team for (If you have questions on what program you want, please contact Sarah Rice at rice@newengland.usta.com).
7. Enter the necessary information: Team Name, Site Facility, and Division and write down your Team Number. Try to use your facility host site name and your level in your team name and if your host site is not listed, you will need to contact your Area League Coordinator. In the coach/captain box you will need to choose at least one affiliation.
8. Click “Save.”
9. Once all of the information is filled out, the system will take you to the standard check out screen.
10. Once the payment is processed, you have the option to go “Back to Team Home Page” or to “Register Players”.
TENNISLINK INSTRUCTIONS

Registering Players on Your Team
1. If the captain chooses the “Register Players” link, then they are brought to the player registration screen. If you’re registering at a different time, you will need to go to www.ustanewengland.com, click the TennisLink tab, and then choose Jr. Team Tennis. Logon using your USTA number or Team Tennis number that you created when you became a coach/captain. Click “Register Players” under “My Options.”
2. You will see a table where you can enter a team number and then the player’s USTA membership number. The team number is the number that coach received when they registered the team.
3. The Team Number will “Auto Fill” and the captain will be prompted to enter the players USTA Membership number.
4. Then click “Proceed to Checkout” located on the bottom of the screen. This will bring you to the payment page. Click “SUBMIT”, if you need a receipt, print out the next page that comes up.

Registering for a Team as a Player
1. If a player is registering individually, they should go to www.ustanewengland.com, click the TennisLink tab, and then choose Jr. Team Tennis.
2. Click “Register to Play” and then enter your Team Number on the next page.
3. Enter your USTA Membership number.
4. Proceed to checkout and enter your payment information.

How to print a schedule
2. On the bottom of the page under the View Program Stats & Standings header, enter your team number and click Go.
3. Click on the match schedule button at the top of the page to view your schedule.

How to print a Match Scorecard Before a Team Match
1. Go to: www.ustanewengland.com, click the TennisLink tab, and then choose Jr. Team Tennis.
2. Click “Login” on the top right of your screen and logon using your USTA number or Team Tennis number that you created when you became a coach/captain.
3. Click on “Teams” under “My Options” and then click on “Team Standings Report” on the right for the team you want.
4. Then click “Match Schedule” at the top of the next screen.
5. Click on the match ID number for the match you want.
6. At the bottom of the page, click “Print Scorecard.”

Entering Scores After a Match
1. Go to: www.ustanewengland.com, click the TennisLink tab, and then choose Jr. Team Tennis.
2. Click “Login” on the top right of your screen and logon using your USTA number or Team Tennis number that you created when you became a coach/captain.
3. Under “My Options”, click “Score Entry.”
4. Enter the match number and click “Next.”
5. Enter the date the match was played.
6. Enter match results and click “Next.”
7. Review the information and if it is correct, click “Finish.”
8. The visiting team captain should go into the match to “Confirm” the scores.
MARKETING MATERIALS AND RESOURCES

There are many materials, such as this manual, that are available to Jr. Team Tennis ALC’s and coaches that will aid in coordinating a Jr. Team Tennis league, whether big or small. **Any marketing materials with the USTA logo need to be approved by the USTA New England Marketing Department.** Some of the materials and resources include:

1. Local Section community staff support
2. USTA Ad customization website: [www.usta.com/marketingresources](http://www.usta.com/marketingresources)
   1. First time users need to register for a user account before you can start creating any materials (returning users can enter in their username and password)
   2. Hit the “register” button, once approved you will receive an email you have been approved.
   3. Once your account is created, you can log in.
   4. Click on the product you would like to create.
   5. Enter your information in the fields.
   6. You can choose to either print or download a PDF version of your document.
   7. You can choose to purchase the materials through the USTA Marketing Resources site or print it/email it out on your own.
3. Section website: [www.ustanewengland.com](http://www.ustanewengland.com)
5. 10 and Under websites: [www.10andundertennis.com](http://www.10andundertennis.com) and [www.youthtennis.com](http://www.youthtennis.com)
6. USTA Jr. Team Tennis materials catalog full of prizes, clothing, and promotional items at [www.tennisawards.com](http://www.tennisawards.com)
7. TennisLink Team Tennis registration website found by going to [www.ustanewengland.com](http://www.ustanewengland.com) and clicking on TennisLink at the top of the page. This is where coaches can register teams. A client manual can also be found on this website to assist with questions on how to complete the forms in addition to the “TennisLink Instructions” in this manual.
8. 2014 USTA National Jr. Team Tennis Regulations

Other Marketing Ideas:
- 10 and Under Tennis Play Days
- Tennis Night in America
- Advertise in Local Papers
- Flyers: local clubs, backpacked in schools, PTA/PTO, Boy and Girl Scouts

For help or ideas on how to better market your program please contact Alex Hinckley at Hinckley@newengland.usta.com.
Dear Jr. Team Tennis Coordinators and Coaches,

USTA New England would like to thank you for your tremendous participation in the Jr. Team Tennis program! Your support and hard work is why this program continues to blossom and expand. Without priceless volunteers like you, our juniors would not be able to compete with their friends, experience teamwork and unity, have fun, and learn life lessons on and off the court.

We hope this program manual assists you in providing a successful Jr. Team Tennis season. If you have any suggestions for the manual, please let me know.

Thank you again for all you do for Jr. Team Tennis in New England. We hope that your experiences with Jr. Team Tennis will keep you supporting our program and juniors in New England!

Sincerely,

Dave Ritter  
USTA New England  
Director of Community Tennis Development