



2008 USTA Jr. Team Tennis Midwest Section Fact Sheet

Official Name: USTA Jr. Team Tennis

Description:

USTA Jr. Team Tennis is the largest junior recreational tennis league in the USA with over 100,000 participants nation-wide. USTA Jr. Team Tennis is often compared to Little League Baseball, as the program offers children the opportunity to develop their individual and team tennis skills in a fun, yet competitive atmosphere.

Program Benefits:

1. Program grant and coordinator bonus opportunities
2. Equipment and uniform discount offers.
3. Free marketing support to help with program launch
4. Nationally branded program and marketing means increases the visibility of your league
5. Free access to TennisLink registration and tracking system
6. Progression to District, Section and National Championships
7. Players participating in Section Championships have the opportunity to receive Midwest Level 5 Ranking Points for Advanced Divisions and Level 6 Ranking Points for Intermediate Divisions.

Program Incentives:

- Coordinator Bonus- Area League Coordinators may receive up to \$2,000 based on the number of participants in their league. A bonus application, league stats and standings, and a W-9 form must be filled out and sent in to the Midwest Section office by October 1st.
- Grants- Program grants are available for the start up of new leagues.

Minimum Requirements:

- Name league USTA Jr. Team Tennis
- 2 teams in a division, three boys and three girls minimum per team
- 6-8 week league season, 1 practice and 1 match per week
- All participants in the Championship Track must be USTA Members. \$18.00
- Player registration (\$3.00 TennisLink fee per player), match schedules, and results must be recorded in TennisLink for all leagues.

Formats:

Local leagues may use any format that fits the characteristics of the league. Below are the recommended formats. The World TeamTennis format is used at playoffs.

Quickstart- Used for beginner leagues in the ten, eight and under divisions. It is a modified team tennis format that gets players playing the tennis on a scaled down court.

World TeamTennis- One boys' singles, one girls' singles, one boys' doubles, one girls' doubles and two mixed doubles matches. All games count towards overall team score.

Levels of Play:

USTA Jr. Team Tennis offers the following levels based on age and NTRP rating:

Beginner 8, 10, 12, 14, 18 and Under:	2.5 JNTRP and Below
Intermediate 8, 10, 12, 14, 18 and Under:	3.0 JNTRP and Below
Advanced 8, 10, 12, 14, 18 and Under:	3.5 JNTRP and Above

- All participants must be age eligible for each age division through Aug. 31, 2008.

Midwest Section Additions to National Rules

- Coaches and parents must use NTRP Ratings as a guideline to enter a division. Players may not have more than 200 year end Midwest Ranking Points to participate in Midwest and National Championships.
- For a team to play in an advanced league, at least four players must be above 3.0 using the NTRP rating system. A waiver may be obtained from the Midwest Jr. Teams Committee.
- All participants in the USTA Jr. Team Tennis Championships (14 and 18 and Under Divisions) must have participated in three local league matches recorded in TennisLink on the same team in the same championship season.

Steps to a Successful Program:

1. Locate and train a coordinator (Area League Coordinator)
 - Program manuals, videos, and free training is available for coaches and coordinators
2. Define characteristics of league
 - Sites, target audience (age and ability), dates/times, format, fees
3. Fill out USTA Jr. Team Tennis league application on TennisLink
4. Set up registration process/sign-ups
5. Design flier and promote to target audience
 - Schools, Park Districts, Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCA/YWCA
6. Complete Roster Registration, make schedule of play and enter results in TennisLink
7. Coordinate local playoff and send teams to District and Midwest Section Championships

USTA/Midwest Section Championships:

USTA/Midwest Section Jr. Team Tennis All-Star Championships- May 3-4, 2008

- All-star teams from leagues participating in Fall, Winter, or Spring Leagues.
- Each local league creates teams based upon their own criteria.

USTA/Midwest Section Jr. Team Tennis Sectional Championships- Aug.8-10, 2008

- Local league teams must qualify through District Playoffs.

Dates to Remember:

May 3-4- USTA Jr. Team Tennis All-Stars in Ft. Wayne, IN

July 15- Deadline for registration of players for summer leagues

Aug.1- Deadline for Section Championship Team Registration on TennisLink

Aug. 8-10- USTA/Midwest Jr. Team Tennis Sectional Championships

District League Coordinators (DLC):

Contact your DLC if you want more information or want to become a Local League Coordinator.

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