



## **2011 USTA NEW ENGLAND JR. TEAM TENNIS REGULATIONS**

The following are the regulations for USTA New England Jr. Team Tennis for local leagues advancing to State, Sectional, 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 refer to the 2011 USTA National Jr. Team Tennis National 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 **must** complete a background screening prior to any team practices or matches. This can be done by going to [www.ustanewengland.com](http://www.ustanewengland.com), clicking on Jr. Team Tennis, then scroll down to Background Screening.
3. **PROGRAM/LEAGUE NAME**: Must be called USTA Jr. Team Tennis.
4. **USTA MEMBERSHIP**: All participants **must** have a valid USTA Membership for the duration of the local season and through the State, Sectional, and 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.
6. **AGE ELIGIBILITY**: Players must remain age eligible through August 31st of the championship year to be eligible for advancement opportunities.
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 for championship participation, 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.
10. **SCORING FORMAT**: The ALC, with approval from the Section Coordinator, may use the format which best meets the needs of the local league, including a round robin or other format.
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. **SCORE ENTRY**: All team match scores must be entered into TennisLink within one week of the completion of the match by the home team captain. Visiting team captains must log in to "Confirm" all scores.
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 Sectional Association. Prior to any advancement to a championship (State, Sectional, National), the player must declare 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. **PROGRESSION**: Players must participate in a minimum of 3 team matches at the local level and have the scores recorded in TennisLink to qualify for State, Sectional or National Championships. Only one of those 3 matches can be a result of a default or forfeit. The method of determining the winning team of the local league competition to advance to the next level of competition is determined by the ALC, with approval from the Section Coordinator.
16. **COACHING**: The ALC, with approval from the Section Coordinator, shall determine whether and at what times to allow coaching at the local level. In no event is coaching permitted during a tiebreak.

- 17. POINTS:** Points for junior standings will be awarded at the Sectional Championships. For the Advanced level, 100 points will be awarded for each win and for the Intermediate level, 40 points will be awarded for each win.
- 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 December USTA New England Standing List (Combined) from the previous year. In other words, participation in USTA New England JTT between January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 will be based on the point totals on the December 2009 USTA New England Standing List (Combined). Participation in USTA New England JTT between January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 will be based on point totals on the December 2010 USTA New England Standing List (Combined).

Note: Eligibility of a player who participates in a USTA New England JTT league during the fall of 2010 may change as of January 1, 2011 due to the change in the USTA New England Standing List (Combined) from year to year. 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 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 the previous year 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 USTA New England Standing List (Combined) from the previous year 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 the previous year 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 the previous year 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 the previous year 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 the previous year 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 the previous year may not play in the intermediate level of 18's USTA New England JTT.

At the start of each local league season, players should be placed on teams according to the NTRP and the point total regulations above. Because a player participated in USTA JTT at one level in a previous season, they are not automatically required to play USTA JTT at that level again the following season if their eligibility has changed according to the NTRP or point totals regulations above.