

NOVICE TOURNAMENTS

This type of tournament is for players who have not competed in junior tournaments or who have very little tournament experience. Novice tournaments do not count toward SCTA ranking. These rules do not apply to the 8 and under division.

1. No player who has won a match (not including defaults or byes) in the main draw of any SCTA junior open tournament will be eligible for the Novice division.
2. Players who win 2 rounds in a main draw (not including defaults or byes) of a SCTA junior satellite tournament are not eligible to participate in Novice Events.
3. Players who win 2 Novice tournaments (with draws of 6 or more) must move up to Satellite Tournaments, regardless of the age division(s) they won.
4. Various formats may be used at these events. Most novice tournaments will be round robin with multiple opponents.
5. Eligible players that either win or reach the finals of a novice in 2012 will be invited to the 2013 SCTA Novice Jamboree, to be held in late January at Barnes Tennis Center in San Diego.

SATELLITE TOURNAMENTS

This type of tournament is for players who are getting started in regular junior tournament competition. SCTA junior satellite tournaments are counted towards a junior satellite ranking, which is separate from the junior open rankings. These rules do not apply to the 8 and under division.

Listed below are the eligibility requirements for satellite tournaments. *Please note that in order to have the tournament count as a "win", the player must have won three or more matches (not including byes or defaults, unless the default is in the finals) to win the tournament.*

1. A player must have never been ranked in the top 50 by the SCTA, any other USTA section, or foreign country (top 40 in the 10's) in singles in any age division for the calendar year of 2010 or 2011. (Example, A player ranked #45 in the 12's may not "play up" in the 14's, 16's, or 18's; he/she is ineligible for satellite play). This is a FINAL published ranking, not a standing/ seeding.
2. **When a player earns 600 points on the Satellite Points Per Round Standings List, they must move up to the next highest age division. If the player accumulates another 600 points in a higher age division, then they can no longer play at the satellite level. The rule stating, "If a player has won 2 satellite tournaments in the same age division, they must move up to the next age division." will be omitted.**
3. The MAXIMUM number of junior satellite tournaments a player may "win" in their junior satellite playing career is **five (5)**.
4. A player who has won the Satellite Masters winning three or more rounds (not including 8's) is **PERMANENTLY** ineligible for satellite play.
5. A Round Robin Tournament winner is eligible for the Satellite Masters, as long as the player wins 3 matches (not including defaults)
6. It is each player's responsibility to notify the tournament director in any subsequent Junior Satellite Tournament(s) of any change in his/her status as a result of winning a Junior Satellite Tournament. If such notification is made prior to play, the player is entitled to a refund of any entry fee paid, or may request to be moved up an age division.
7. Singles eligibility determines doubles eligibility.
8. **If you plan to enter a Junior Novice or Junior Satellite tournament, it is YOUR responsibility to make sure that you are eligible to play in those levels of tournaments. Players who repeatedly enter levels of tournaments they are ineligible for, are subject to probation or suspension of play. If you have questions about your eligibility, please contact the SCTA office directly.**
9. A junior player who has difficulty competing in open junior tournaments may petition to the SCTA Junior Satellite Committee to return to satellite tournament play. Write to the SCTA c/o Player Development, P.O. Box 240015, Los Angeles, CA 90024.