Section Endorsement Procedures to USTA National Events

Key Endorsement Terms:
• Endorsement: "Permission" given by the USTA to play at a USTA National Event.
• Tournament: Any USTA tourney the players enter in the USTA MS division of the USTA-NE section.
• Consolation Tournament: Any USTA tourney the players enter in the USTA-NE section. The last round the player won in the consolation tournament is the only points the player receives for that tournament.

What are Zone Team, Intersectional Team and National Team Championships?

• Boys and Girls 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 National Team Championship

Boys and Girls 16 Intersectional and Boys and Girls 18 National teams provide an opportunity to play against players outside of Middle States, to be seen by college coaches and to earn National points. The points table is based on the level of the team event and the players' position on the team during the tournament.

The USTA Zone Team Championships provides an opportunity to play against players outside of Middle States and earn national points. The team events are to be conducted in accordance with the USTA’s team tournament rules and award points as follows:

The Boys and Girls 16 Intersectional and National Teams Championships – Level 1 National Event

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District Information

To contact the USTA Competition Department directly, please email: tournaments@ms.usta.com. For more information on USTA Tennis, please email: ITF@MiddleStates.com.

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Junior Development

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National L1-L2, Sections 4, 5, 7 and 11, and Sections 8, 9, 10, 12 with a Final-round Consolation (Modified Consolation) at the Jr. Team Tennis National Championships in the Advanced division only.

Co-Eds in the Boys and Girls 16 National Team Championship are eligible for the Jr. Team Tennis Junior Championship offered annually. Jr. Team Tennis Junior Championship is the National Junior level only.

Listed on the USTA website and Open-Entry Division Men’s-U18, Boys-U18, Boys-U16, Boys-U14, Boys-U12, Boys-U10, Girls-U18, Girls-U16, Girls-U14, Girls-U12, Girls-U10, and Girls-U8 at the Championship level. Players must also register on the "Register" button at the USTA website to become eligible for Jr. Team Tennis Junior Championship. Players must also register on the "Register" button at the USTA website to become eligible for Jr. Team Tennis Junior Championship.
**What is USTA Middle States?**

The USTA Middle States is one of the 19 sections of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) that combines the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, and New England. It is a non-profit organization that serves as a governing body for the recreational and competitive play of tennis within its jurisdiction.

**Juvenile Development Pathway**

This section of the program is designed to provide a competitive platform for young players to develop their skills and progress through the ranks of junior tennis. It is divided into several levels based on age and skill level, with each level offering a unique set of challenges and opportunities for growth.

**10-and-Under Tennis**

10-and-under players are eligible for either a ranking or entry into Section Tournaments. Players with a current USTA membership with a Middle States residency are eligible for both. At no point may a player claim two domiciles at the same time. Only a sanctioned tournament is one that is approved by the USTA. The club, district, or section must be the USTA Middle States. Only one entry per player is permitted in a Section Tournament.

**Intermediate**

Intermediate Tournaments: Tournaments are playing on different courts, but the same court in a district or section. The Intermediate level is designed for developing players who are ready for longer games. The Intermediate level is for players who are capable of playing 6-game sets without injury. The Intermediate level is designed to prepare players for the Advanced level.

**Advanced**

Advanced Tournaments: Tournaments are playing on different courts, but the same court in a district or section. The Advanced level is designed for developing players who are ready for longer games. The Advanced level is for players who are capable of playing 6-game sets without injury. The Advanced level is designed to prepare players for the Advanced level.

**Rolling Year Rank**

District rankings and standings are made up of district resident players and their standings within their district. Only players who have participated in USTA MS section and/or district tournaments can be ranked. Section Combined Rankings are structured so that 100 percent of the points are based on results from the USTA MS district you reside in. For the purpose of this discussion a segment shall be defined as the USTA MS district you reside in.

**How are Rankings and Standings Calculated?**

Section Combined Rankings are based on the latest USTA MS district ranking list in the division in question. The USTA MS most recent published ranked standings list in the division one level beneath the division in question will be given the next highest point value. The tournaments used to calculate a player's section ranking are determined by the USTA Ms most recent published ranked standings list in the division in question. The USTA MS most recent published ranked standings list in the division in question will be given the next highest point value. The tournaments used to calculate a player's section ranking are determined by the USTA MS most recent published ranked standings list in the division in question.

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**Section Tournaments (SR)**

Section Tournaments are held throughout the year in all districts. The Club, Division, Section, and USTA MS most recent published ranked standings list in the division in question will be given the next highest point value. The tournaments used to calculate a player's section ranking are determined by the USTA MS most recent published ranked standings list in the division in question. The USTA MS most recent published ranked standings list in the division in question will be given the next highest point value. The tournaments used to calculate a player's section ranking are determined by the USTA MS most recent published ranked standings list in the division in question.

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**Do players need to register?**

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The USTA junior pathway encompasses all of the junior divisions. A junior player’s residency shall be the domicile of that player’s parents, unless designated as “closed.” Residency/membership in the USTA and agreement to run the tournament following USTA MS rules are required for participation in all USTA-sanctioned tournaments. Tournament rules and regulations must be followed.

What is Jr. Team Tennis?

Jr. Team Tennis is a competitive, team-based match-play experience available to youth players through organized match play. These tournaments utilize the QuickStart scoring system, which is designed to reduce the learning curve and help young players have fun while playing tennis. Jr. Team Tennis promotes fun, friendship, and junior participation in USTA sanctioned competitive tennis. It provides opportunities for players of similar age and ability levels in a fun and competitive atmosphere.

What is a Sanctioned Tournament?

A sanctioned tournament is one approved by the USTA. USTA-sanctioned tournaments are the most competitive and structured level of play. They allow players to advance in the competitive pathway, as well as accumulate rankings and points towards year-end awards and other prizes. There are four sections of the USTA: Northeast, Central PA (Valley, Scranton), Philadelphia’s five-county area, Delaware and New Jersey, and Western Pennsylvania (Mountain - Pittsburgh, Erie and part of West Virginia).

Junior Development Pathway

Jr. Team Tennis provides the foundation for junior development. The ranking system is designed to allow players to advance through the junior pathway as they gain experience and develop their skills.

10 & Under Tennis

The USTA has 10 & Under Tennis, which may be played as singles, doubles and mixed doubles. These events are specifically designed for the beginner and early intermediate player, and offer a low-pressure format, with easy-to-carry equipment and simplified scoring. The rules of 10 & Under Tennis encourage fun and learning, with an emphasis on skills development through appropriate-sized equipment and a best-of-three games format.

District Tournaments (OR)

USTA Middle States offers several tournaments to cater to different age groups and skill levels. These tournaments provide an opportunity for players to compete against other players in their region and gain experience in tournament play.

Where to Enter

For a list of local tournaments and the latest information on the USTA Middle States junior pathway, visit tennislink.usta.com or contact the local Section Office.

Section Tournaments

USOpen Championship (national)

The USOpen is the world’s most prestigious annual tennis tournament, offering a platform for the world’s best players to compete for the grand slam of tennis. The tournament features both professional and junior divisions, providing a unique opportunity for players to showcase their skills on the biggest stage in tennis.

Seedings

Tennis Round Robin and Head to Head Calculations

The ranking system for the year-end tournaments is based on the USOpen Championship. The rankings are calculated using a point system, where players earn points based on their performance in the tournaments. The top players in each age division are awarded a seed, which determines their placement in the draw.

Six Components of QuickStart Tennis

1. Point Size (over-sized)
2. Point Value
3. Scoring
4. Court Size
5. Ball Size
6. Racquet Size

These components are designed to make tennis more accessible and enjoyable for young players, promoting a positive learning experience and helping them develop their skills.
Divisions — QuickStart Team Tennis

What is Jr. Team Tennis?
Jersey 10 & Under Team Tennis

What is a Sanctioned Tournament?

Residency/Membership

Junior Development Pathway

How to Enter

14-and-under Intermediate
12-and-under Beginner
10-and-under

Section Tournaments (SR)

Section Rankings and Standings

Order of Priority

How are Section Rankings and Standings Calculated?

PRELIMINARY RANKING SYSTEM

Section Rankings and Standings Calculated

District Tournaments (DR)

USTA Middle States Map and District Boundaries

Introduction to Junior Team Tennis:

Tennis is a sport that has many benefits for the serious competitor. It can become a lifestyle that promotes fitness and well being. It is a sport that is played individually, with partners or in doubles. No one is better than their competition at all ages. However, there are many comfort levels at which one can enjoy the game.

The best way to register is online at tennislink.usta.com/TEAMTENNIS.

In district tournaments, priority is given to players who live in the district and are registered in the district. Players who live in and register in the district are not required to pay a sanction fee. However, before a player can be assigned to any district championship, the player must be registered in the district. In addition, all players registering in districts must have a valid birth certificate as proof of age and if the player is under 11 years of age, a copy of a photo identification must be presented to the district coordinator.

The All Factors Method of seeding is based on the players’ chances of winning. One of the considerations is the performance of the opponents a player has played, and how consistently they are winning.

If a player wishes to be ranked in multiple age divisions, the player must perform in at least one event in each division within the calendar year. The player must perform in at least one tournament in the 14-and-under, 16-and-under, 14-and-under, 12-and-under age divisions.

If you just played in an SR-L4 in May, your rank using a May 1 seed is: 64 12 8 5 2 0. If you just played in an SR-L5 in June, your rank using a June 1 seed is: 64 3 13 10 7 4 2.

The Seedings for the USTA Jr. Team Tennis National Championships are available online at tennislink.usta.com/TEAMTENNIS.

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All USTA Member Banks

• Regional Level 3

• USTA National Open and Regional events

• 8 & Under

• National Level 1

• National Level 2

• National Level 3

• National Level 4

• 10 & Under 60’ x 21’ Up to 25” Low 3’ Best of 3

• 12 & Under 60’ x 27’  balls  to 4 games (singles)  compression   sets; first

• 14 & Under 78’ x 36’  balls  to 4 games (singles)  compression   sets; first

• 16 & Under 84’ x 42’  balls  to 4 games (singles)  compression   sets; first

• 18 & Under 96’ x 48’  balls  to 4 games (singles)  compression   sets; first

• 10 & Under Team Tennis Championships in October.

• Winning teams in the 14-and-under Intermediate and Advanced, 12-and-under Beginner and 10-and-under Tournaments receive team trophies and individual awards.

• The USTA Middle States Map and District Boundaries are available online at tennislink.usta.com/TEAMTENNIS.

• Province rankings begin at the age of 8 and are calculated and posted online weekly. The rankings are calculated using points earned from the previous 11 months leading up to the most recent tournament.

• Sections may have two tournaments per session and may have a minimum of 16 players in each age division. In addition, the tournament must be sanctioned through TennisLink and have a minimum of twelve (12) teams in each session.
USTA Jr. Team Tennis

The goal of the USTA Jr. Team Tennis is to get kids playing together and nationally by creating a structured, but fun environment. USTA Jr. Team Tennis encourages tennis growth and development, as well as being a team sport. To participate, players must be USTA Members and agree to run the tournament following USTA MS policies.

The Middle States section is divided into six districts: Allegheny (AA), Delaware (DD), Eastern Pennsylvania (EPD), Northern New Jersey (NJD), Philadelphia (PATD), and Western Pennsylvania (WPA). Players are ranked by the USTA MS rankings system. The USTA MS rankings are based on section and national events and are updated weekly. The rankings are used to seed tournaments and determine eligibility for USTA national tournaments.

USTA Jr. Team Tennis is open to players 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under, and 18 and under. Players must be USTA Members and agree to run the tournament following USTA MS policies.

USTA Jr. Team Tennis is divided into two levels: Advanced and Beginners. Advanced players are players who have completed the USTA Jr. Team Tennis Beginners program and agree to run the tournament following USTA MS policies.

USTA Jr. Team Tennis is a great option for players who want to participate in a team sport. USTA Jr. Team Tennis provides a fun and competitive environment for players to develop their skills and make new friends. USTA Jr. Team Tennis is a great way to introduce tennis to players who are new to the sport.

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Section Endorsement Procedures for USTA National Events

Key Endorsement Terms:
- Currently, to be eligible to participate in USTA National Events, a player must either: be a member of the USTA National Team from the USTA All Events division or be selected by the Junior Competition Committee to participate as a non-Team entrant.
- Cross-over: USTA members who are not USTA members in the tournament – USTA, USTA Team, or, for non-USTA entrants; player or team having a "non-USTA" entry in the event.

What are Zone Team, Intersectional Team and National Team Championships?

- Boys and Girls 12, 14, 16, 18 Zone Championships - Level 2 National Event
- The Zone Team Championships provide an opportunity to play against players outside of the Zone and earn national points. The members are selected based upon performance at national and section level events.

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USTA Middle States Junior Rules and Regulations are subject to change. The official web site for the updated changes to the rules and regulations can be found at: www.middlestates.usta.com.

Unless specifically modified or superseded by USTA MS, USTA Tournament Regulations govern all USTA MS sanctioned matches and tournaments. Players and parents are strongly encouraged to read the rules for rules.

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For more information on USTA Jr. Tennis, please email JTT-MS@ms.usta.com. For more information on the USTA Middle States Divisional rules, please visit the USTA's Web site by clicking on the "Districts" button.

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USTA Middle States Section and National Tournaments Points Tables

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For more information on the USTA Middle States Section and National Tournaments Points Tables, please visit the USTA Middle States Divisional rules.
Section Endorsement Procedures to USTA National Events

Key Endorsement Terms:
- 1st Place: 60 50 40 30 20 10
- 2nd Place: 55 45 35 25 15 5
- 3rd Place: 50 40 30 20 10 0
- 4th Place: 45 35 25 15 5 0
- FIC Quarterfinalist: 40 30 20 10 0
- FIC Runner-up: 35 25 15 5 0
- FIC Winner: 30 20 10 0 0

Points per consolation round won
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All players that appear on the Middle States Standings list as of June 1st will be placed on the endorsement list.

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Key Endorsement Terms:
- Championship: An event that is a part of USTA Adult Tennis National Qualifier events.
- Consolation: A consolation round is one in which players play in a lower bracket.
- First-Round Consolation: A First-Round Consolation is a consolation event that is held immediately after the first round of a tournament.
- Modified Consolation: A Modified Consolation is a consolation event that is held after the first round of a tournament.

The Sections Endorsement Points Table is based on the level of the team event and the players' position on the team during the Section Championship.

What are Zone Team, Intersectional Team and National Team Championships?

Zone Team, Intersectional Team and National Team Championships are events that are organized by the USTA to provide competition at various levels of play. These events are designed to provide an opportunity for players to compete against other players at similar skill levels.

What Tournament Points are Awarded to Players?

Tournament plus the consolation round points are the total points the player receives for that tournament.

USTA Middle States Section and National Tournaments Points Tables

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