

2012 Tournament Online Sanction Application

All applications must be received by 11:59 PM on September 1, 2011. Applications dated after this time will NOT be accepted by USTA Florida.

Dear Tournament Directors:

Welcome to the 2012 Online Sanction Application process! You will see some significant changes in our tournament criteria for 2012. USTA Florida has implemented some amazing new programs and procedures to improve the quality and consistency of our sanctioned tournaments, effective with the 2012 sanctioning period

10 and Under tournaments in 2012

Starting in 2012 all USTA Florida sanctioned 10 and under tournaments will be mandated to use the QuickStart Tennis format of play or which means playing tournament tennis on a 60-foot lined court and be inclusive of [all 6 components](#). This includes all USTA Florida sanctioned Rookie, Local, Super Series, Designated, and Sectional level tournaments. Here is some information from the USTA Florida website: [USTA Florida 10 and Under Tennis Rule Change](#)

Higher priority for sanctions will be given to Rookie, Local, and Super Series sanctions with the 10s age division included.

11 and Under tournaments in 2012

Starting in 2012 there will be 11 and under age division for players making the transition from the orange ball 60 foot court to the yellow ball 78 foot court. USTA Florida is encouraging you to apply for 11 and under tournaments to run concurrently with your regular 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 and under tournaments.

The 11 and under tournaments use the 78 foot court and the 25% less pressure green dot ball. You will open a brand new sanction application and fill it out to duplicate the sanction with the other age divisions. The only difference is the title; i.e. "Daytona Beach Junior Local Championship" and "Daytona Beach Junior Local Championship for 11 and Under."

The 11 and under tournament sanction will not be an additional cost and USTA Florida will absorb sanction and Active.com fee. We are very excited to offer this to the players that want to play on the full court, but may not be ready for the yellow ball.

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10 and Under Tournament Director's Workshop

Tournament Directors applying for tournaments with the 10 & under division will be required to attend a tournament director workshop in order for their tournament application to be approved for 2012. There will be four offered in October of 2011. The dates still have to be confirmed but the locations will be; Tampa, Plantation (Ft. Lauderdale area), Destin (Panhandle), and Jacksonville. There will be details sent to you when all sites are confirmed.

No sanctions will be approved if listed Tournament Director has not attended one of these workshops in person.

Junior Tournament Director Comprehensive Quiz

We are requiring you take the Tournament Director Comprehensive Quiz before you submit the tournament sanction application. The quiz will cover some important points that USTA Florida feels a quality tournament director should know when running a USTA Junior Sanctioned tournament. As of now the questions will concentrate on Junior tournaments as this is the bulk of the USTA Florida tournament schedule; and most tournament sites run both junior and adult tournaments. If you are applying only for an adult tournament sanction for 2012, you do not need to take this comprehension quiz.

You will need to register when you open the Quiz for the first time. *Your login for TDM and the Tennis Link System are not the same for the Quiz.*

Once you begin the quiz, you must complete it. You can plan on about 45 minutes to take the quiz if you need to review the material. Links to the resource material are on each question in the quiz.

A minimum score of 85% is required to pass the quiz and be considered for sanction. You can take the quiz up to three times.

Deadline for taking the quiz will be the sanction deadline of **September 1, 2011**.

The answers to the questions can be found:

1. [Junior Regulations](#)
2. [2011 Friend at Court](#)
3. [TDM Information Center](#)
4. [Lining Hard Court for 10 and Under Tournament](#)
5. [Lining Clay Court for 10 and Under Tournament](#)

[Tournament Directors Comprehensive Quiz](#) You will need to complete and submit this quiz in order for your sanction application to be processed for your 2012 Junior tournaments.

Number of Sanction Applications

A facility will be limited to one (1) USTA Florida sanctioned tournament per month subject to approval (Rookie, Local, Super Series level; does not include National, Designated or Sectional events). A second tournament can be applied for and approved as long as it is a different level and it does not overlap with another event within the same region either the week before or the week after. Any TD who submits more than one request for a month must send an email to brown@florida.usta.com listing the order of preference. If a facility and/or tournament director submits more than 2 applications for the same month then they must submit a written request for an exception, detailing the reasons for the tournament sanction committee to consider for approval.

Standards of Excellence for Junior Tournaments

USTA Florida is committed to offering a quality and consistent tournament experience for our members. Therefore, USTA Florida has established some Standards of Excellence that all Tournament Directors running Junior USTA Florida sanctioned tournaments will abide by in 2012. These Standards have been created, reviewed, and approved by the USTA Florida Junior Competitive Council. Failure to adhere to these Standards of Excellence may result in a loss of sanction.

This link will describe the Standards of Excellence for each junior tournament level in the USTA Florida system. Please read them over carefully and if you feel your facility/ staff can run a tournament with these criteria please submit a sanction application. [Junior Tournaments Standards of Excellence](#)

Sanction Application Fees

The sanction application fees will be as follows for 2012:

1. Junior Rookie tournaments: \$78.00 per approved sanction
2. Adult and all other junior tournaments: \$103.00 per approved sanction.
3. 11 and under tournaments \$0.

Tennis Link Support

The TennisLink team will be available for technical support and questions during the sanctioning period at linkteam@usta.com. Also check out "Ace" the Online Sanction Form Helper that is on each page as a Power Point presentation.

We also have detailed instructions that are unique to the USTA Florida Section tournaments. We strongly recommend that you view/print the instructions. They will be very useful when going through the sanctioning process. The link to the instructions is provided at the bottom of this page.

Note: If you have not had a Florida sanctioned tournament within the last year you must email us at the Florida Section Office brown@florida.usta.com so we can contact the TennisLink Team and they can set you up to obtain access to the Sanction Form. Your club, park, or organization and tournament director both need to have a current Organizational USTA number and personal USTA number through the end date of the tournament.

TDM Training

All tournament directors/sites hosting a USTA Florida sanctioned tournament are required to use TDM and publish tournament results online at TennisLink. The TDM program and technical support will be available at no cost to tournament directors through the TennisLink team: linkteam@usta.com or 800-603-3138

If you and your staff have not used TDM or need a refresher USTA Florida offers Webinar training on TDM. If you are interested please contact Ann Brown

brown@florida.usta.com and we can set it up for your group/staff.

We look forward to working with you and your staff in the coming year to make this tournament season a success. We want to assist you in making your tournament a rewarding experience for all; tournament staff, officials, tournament players, coaches, and parents. If the tournament director is diligent in their pre-tournament preparation than this will guarantee a great event. The preparation begins with attention to detail when filling out the Sanction Application.

[Online Sanction Instructions](#)

[Online Sanction Application Login](#)