2015 Junior Player Handbook and Tournament Schedule

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Advance your game by getting on the court, learning from the best and connecting with your friends. Competing in Junior Tournaments will help take your game as far as you want to go - high school, college or the pros.

USTA Southwest Section tournaments are one of the options in the Junior Tennis Pathway that includes Play Days, Kids Tennis Clubs, Junior Team Tennis and eventually continues on to adult tennis the like of Tennis on Campus, Collegiate Varsity Teams and Adult Leagues and Tournaments.

When your child is ready to compete, USTA Junior Tournaments are a great way to get started. Junior Tournaments are great for kids who want to test their games, get out on the court and make new friends along the way. There is local competition for kids of all levels—entry-level, intermediate and advanced—and as age and ability advance there are also national level tournaments.

USTA Junior Tournaments are offered in a variety of formats, including individual, team, non-elimination and elimination. This allows kids to compete in a way that makes them feel comfortable, that matches their level of play and helps them to experience success.

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Play Days let kids experience the thrill of competition without the pressure. They are designed for players of all ages and abilities and introduce competition in a fun, low-pressure setting where the emphasis is on participation and effort, not wins and losses.

Play Days typically last two to three hours, and allow kids to play multiple matches in a non-elimination setting—all with the goal of enhancing skills and making friends in a fun, social atmosphere. Play Days feature:

- Low-pressure, non-elimination formats
- Organized by level/ability or experience
- Modified serving for less-experienced players
- Rotate and play multiple opponents in short, continuous matches
- Play formats can vary and include team play
- Can feature wheelchair or adaptive play
- Provides a fun atmosphere with refreshments, prizes and awards
- Can be hosted by schools, parks, youth centers, colleges and tennis facilities

Nearly 4,000 Play Days held across the country last year. The program is growing every day, so there is a good chance there is a Play Day in your area. To find a Play Day near you, go to www.youthtennis.com.

USTA Jr. Team Tennis (JTT) is a national youth tennis league played in all 50 states. It's not about the individual. It's about kids getting together to play singles, doubles, and mixed doubles AS A TEAM against other teams.

It promotes values and lessons you would expect from any sport by fostering a spirit of cooperation, unity and individual self-growth.

Also, it’s a fun environment for kids where they learn that succeeding is really more about how you play the game - win or lose. Jr. Team Tennis is for any kid between the ages of 6 and 18 who wants to play.

Teams consist of a minimum of three boys and three girls. A team match consists of one line each of boys singles, girls singles, boys doubles, girls doubles and mixed doubles.

For more information on Junior Team Tennis see pages 38-39.
Level 7 – Entry Level tournaments

Entry Level tournaments provide new or less experienced players an opportunity to get started in a variety of different formats.

- **Formats** - Formats include one day or half day non-elimination or round robin formats
- **What they count for** - Typically these tournaments do not count in the rankings/standings as the focus is more on experience and participation
- **Selection** - Open entry
- **Where to find them** - You’ll find these tournaments in the TennisLink searchable schedule under “non-sanctioned events” or “entry level” and will have a L7 at the end of the tournament name. Not all entry level events will be published online so check with your local facility to see what they have to offer.
- **Examples** - Includes Mesa Gene Autry’s NET tournaments, Tucson Reffkin Tennis Center’s tournaments included in their Junior Pathway, and Central AZ District Rookie tournaments
- **What type of ball is used?** – This level of tournament may be using red, orange, green

Level 6 – Local Tournaments

Local tournaments provide the next step in improving and challenging your game.

- **Formats** – A variety of different formats including round robin, compass draw and traditional consolation and vary in length from half a day to three day tournaments. For instance, Super Sets are half day round robin or compass draw non elimination tournaments
- **What they count for** - These tournaments count in the USTA Southwest Section rankings/standings and endorsement list
- **Selection** - Open entry; some tournament may have limited draw due to court restrictions
- **Where to find them** - You’ll find these tournaments in the TennisLink searchable schedule under “sanctioned events” and will have a L6 at the end of the tournament name
- **Examples** – Super Sets, Shootouts, Scottsdale Athletic Club Jr. Open, Tennis West Jr. Open, Jerry Cline Jr. Open
- **What type of ball is used?** – 8U red ball; 10U orange ball and green ball; 12U green ball; 14U, 16U, 18U Yellow ball
Level 5 – District Qualifying Tournaments “Challengers”

District qualifying tournaments or “Challengers” serve as regular competition and a qualifying tournament into the next Level 4 Master Series Event. There are one or two that run concurrently on the same weekend in different districts. For more information on these tournaments refer to the endorsement section.

- **Format** – Full Feed-In Consolation through the quarterfinals with Quarterfinal consolation draw; Saturday through Monday
- **What they count for** - These tournaments count in the USTA Southwest Section standings and USTA Southwest Endorsement list
- **Selection** - Open entry with limited draws; selection based on Southwest protocol
- **Where to find them** - You’ll find these tournaments in the TennisLink searchable schedule under “sanctioned events” and will have a L5 at the end of the tournament name
- **Examples** – Arizona Junior Challenger L5, El Paso Junior Challenger L5
- **What type of ball is used?** - 8U red ball; 10U orange and green ball; 12U green ball; 14U, 16U, 18U Yellow ball

Level 4 – Section Masters Series

There are four Section Masters Series tournaments that provide a high level of competition. For more information on these tournaments refer to the endorsement section.

- **Format** – Limited 32 player draw with alternates; Full feed-in consolation through quarters with Quarterfinal consolation; Saturday through Monday
- **What they count for** - These tournaments count in the USTA Southwest Section standings, USTA Southwest Endorsement list and USTA National rankings/standings
- **Selection** - Open entry with limited draws; selection based on Southwest protocol
- **Where to find them** - You’ll find these tournaments in the TennisLink searchable schedule under “sanctioned events” and will have a L4 at the end of the tournament name
- **Examples** – Cactus Cup Jr. Masters, Sun City Jr. Masters, New Mexico Jr Masters
- **What type of ball is used?** - 8U red ball; 10U orange and 10U green ball; 12U, 14U, 16U, 18U Yellow ball
There are two Level 3 tournaments, the Section Championships (Southwest Jr. Closed) and Phoenix Junior Masters. These provide a high level of competition and point value for Sectional tournaments. For more information on these tournaments refer to the endorsement section.

- **Format** – Refer to endorsement section for more information
- **What they count for** - These tournaments count in the USTA Southwest Section and USTA National rankings/standings
- **Selection** - Open entry with limited draws; selection based on Southwest protocol
- **Where to find them** - You’ll find these tournaments in the TennisLink searchable schedule under “sanctioned events” and will have a L3 at the end of the tournament name
- **Examples** – Southwest Junior Closed (Tucson June 2015) and Phoenix Junior Masters (Phoenix January 2015)
- **What type of ball is used?** - 8U red ball; 10U orange ball and 10U Green ball; 12U, 14U, 16U, 18U Yellow ball

There are a variety of National Level 2 events throughout the year. Please refer to the national junior tournament schedule and our section endorsement for information on selection for these events.

- **The Format** – Refer to endorsement section for more information
- **What they count for** - These tournaments count in the USTA Southwest Section, USTA Southwest Endorsement list and USTA National rankings/standings
- **Selection** - Based on Southwest Section Endorsement
- **Where to find them** - You’ll find these tournaments in the TennisLink searchable schedule
- **Examples** – National selection tournaments and Zone Team Championships
There are a variety of National Level 1 events throughout the year. Please refer to the national junior tournament schedule and our section endorsement for information on selection for these events.

- **The Format** — Refer to endorsement section for more information
- **What they count for** — These tournaments count in the USTA Southwest Section and USTA National rankings/standings
- **Selection** — Based on Southwest Section Endorsement
- **Where to find them** — You’ll find these tournaments in the TennisLink searchable schedule
- **Examples** — Hard Court Nat’l Championships, Clay Court Nat’l Championships, Winter Nat’l Champs, Intersectional Team Championships, and BG 18 Nat’l Team Championships
- **What type of ball is used?** — Yellow ball for all age divisions
**USTA Southwest Section Junior Tournament Earned Advancement**

**Level 5 Challengers**
- **Format**: 32 draw with alternates; Full feed-in through round of 16; QCONS Playoff
- **Saturday through Monday**
- **Selection**: Open entry; Selection based on protocol
- Qualifies for next Level 4; 32 draw - Four main draw semi-finalists, Consolation winner, QCONS winner; 16 - Draw - Main draw finalists and consolation winner; 8 draw - Main draw and consolation winner
- Counts in Section Standings and Section Endorsement List

**Level 4 Masters Series**
- **Format**: 32 draw with alternates; Full feed-in through round of 16; QCONS Playoff
- **Saturday through Monday**
- **Selection**: 12 qualifiers from preceding level 5s; up to 4 spots from top 10 of younger age group; up to 2 wildcards; remaining vacancies based on Sectional Standing list (SSL)
- Qualifies for next Level 3; Four main draw semi-finalists, consolation winner, QCONS winner
- Counts in Section Standings, Section Endorsement List and National Standings

**Level 3 Section Championships and Master Championships**
- **Master Championships**
  - **Format**: Phoenix Junior Championships
  - Masters - 32 draw with alternates; Saturday through Monday; Selection - Based on Section Standing List (SSL); counts in Section Standing List, Section Endorsement List and National Standings
  - Champions earns spot in February Closed Regional

- **Section Championships**
  - **Format**: Southwest Junior Closed; Open Entry - Flighted (32 draw gold; 8 minimum Silver Draw; Champion earns spot in National Hard Court Championships; Counts in Section Standing List, Section Endorsement List and National Standing list
Recent National Changes

- Access to the USTA National Championships will be primarily through Sectional endorsement, and access to Closed USTA Regional Tournaments will be exclusively by endorsement. This will place an increased importance on achieving excellence at the Sectional level before advancing to regional and national competition.
- During 5 date blocks throughout the year (Feb., May, July, Oct. and Nov.), the USTA will sanction concurrent tournaments with different National Ranking Levels. Players will be able to enter concurrent tournaments, but will be selected for one.
- New Team Events: USTA National Doubles Championship, USTA National Spring Team Championships and USTA BG14 Intersectional Team Championships.
- Quota System: Quota is a mathematical calculation that determines the number of players each Section endorses to Nationals and Closed Regionals. It is currently based solely on size of junior membership. To give weight to the strength of a Section’s players, the new quota will be based on 40% size and 60% strength. Strength will be determined by the number of players each Section has in the top 150 in all divisions. The calculation is done at the beginning of each year using data as of December 31.
- Changes to USTA National Championships: The 128-draw USTA National Spring Championships is replaced with a 64-draw “Easter Bowl” for BG 16, 14, and 12, that selects players based on national standings. The BG18 ITF events remain unchanged. The National Hards and Clays remain on the schedule, but will be going back to the draw size from before 2014. All will have draws of 192 and no longer have the qualifier. The National Winters remain unchanged.

USTA Open and Closed Regional Tournaments:

- Three segments of four concurrent USTA Regional Tournaments will be held each year (February, October and November).
- The November “Open” Regional segment resembles the existing Regionals - a 32 draw with similar entry and selection, but with 4 total events in each division.
- The February and October “Closed” Regional segments will be regionalized: there will be 4 concurrent events, but players may only enter and play in a Closed Regional to which their Section has been assigned and selection will be based on quota and endorsement.

Region 1: Hawaii Pacific, Intermountain, NorCal, Pacific NW, Southwest, SoCal
Region 2: Midwest, Missouri Valley, Northern, Texas
Region 3: Eastern, Mid-Atlantic, Middle States, New England
Region 4: Caribbean, Florida, Southern
**New National Tournaments:**

- **USTA National Selection Tournaments:** Four concurrent events will be held four times each year. Entry and selection will be similar to the discontinued USTA National Opens. Three events will have 32 draws, one will be 64.
- **USTA National Doubles Championship:** The L3 Doubles Tournament has been transformed into an L1 Compass Draw USTA National Championship for 32 teams for BG16-14. The first event will be held in August.
- **USTA National Spring Team Championships:** Modeled after the NCAA Championships, this Gold Ball event will incorporate coaching, training and education. 32 boys and 32 girls from each division will be selected from National Standings Lists (NSLs), plus a limited number of wild cards, and waterfalled onto 16 teams.
- **National Warm Up Tournament:** Within driving distance to the August Hard Courts, a 64-draw warm up event will be held. Selection is based on the NSLs.
- **USTA National Masters:** This progressive singles tournament for the top players in the 14s (4 players), 16s (7 players) and 18s (14 players) will incorporate training and education. Selection is based on the NSLs.
- **USTA National Sweet Sixteen:** This singles and doubles event for the top 16s and 14s players will be held in May. Selection is based on the NSLs and wild cards, and the event incorporates

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**What is New at the Sectional Level**

- Points will still count down. We will not have endorsement segments anymore. All tournament play for the last 12 months will count up until the deadline for sections to post the endorsement list.
- We will strongly be enforcing the Suspension Point System for withdrawals. See page 24 for more information on this.
- The Southwest Junior Closed will be in Tucson for 2015.
- Boys and Girls 12s will use green ball for Level 5-6, but will use yellow ball for L3-4 events.
- Players may enter different age division for singles and doubles for Level 5-6 events, but must enter the same age division for Level 3-4 events.
- BG 14-18 team events will travel with a coach for BG 14 and 16 Intersectionals and BG 18 National Team Championships and a coach and team manager (for BG 14 and 16 zonals).
Most National level events require sectional endorsement!

All juniors who hope to be endorsed for participation in National Surface Championships and Team Events in 2015 should read this information very carefully. Make sure you understand the procedures and regulations for endorsement. **It is the responsibility of the player to initiate as well as secure an endorsement.** Questions regarding endorsement should be directed to the Junior Development Manager at nfintell@southwest.usta.com.

**What is Endorsement?** Endorsement is the Section’s approval of a junior player to play National Events based on ranking and meeting the section’s endorsement requirements. The draws for the USTA’s Hard Court Nationals, Clay Court Nationals, Spring Nationals, Winter Nationals and Summer National Team events are limited and are based on the southwest endorsement list at the time of selection.

All players who have one win in an eligible tournament and accumulate points will appear on the endorsement list.

Each of the 17 Sections of the USTA has an exact, guaranteed quota for every National Championship.

The endorsement list will include the past 12 months of player records instead of being divided up into segments. A player’s best 6 singles and best 6 doubles will count at any one time. This can include any USTA Sanctioned Sectional, USTA National tournament or ITF tournament (that used TDM). This list will be a rolling endorsement list. **Please refer to selection/endorsement breakdown in next section.** A PLAYER MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE WIN IN THE AGE GROUP TO APPEAR ON THE LIST. The list will not include you if you are only counting points down from a higher age group. Consult section office for more information.

**Summer National Team events selection will be based on a combined ranking during the segment.** This combined ranking will use 100% of a player’s singles points and 25% of a player’s doubles points. The best six (6) singles and doubles tournament results during the past 12 months will count.

- The USTA SW Section Junior Competition Committee has the discretion to allow a player to play on more than one team.
- The lineup for singles play will be set by Junior Competition Committee and may not be in order of the endorsement list.
- The USTA Southwest Section provides a coach for the team.
- More information will be sent in March to prospective players.
The endorsement list for each National tournament selection will be posted by our national offices’ publishing deadline for the endorsement list and will only include tournaments up until that date.

**Easter Bowl** (April 9-12, 2015) Players are selected via the NSL (National Standings List) in BG 12-16 and via the ITF selection process for BG 18s. This tournament will be a draw of 64 singles, 32 doubles. (BG 18s is a Level 1 tournament, BG 12-16 is 1A)

**National Clay Court Championships** (July 11-18, 2015) Players are selected via the section quota, USTA Southwest has 4 spots in each age group – this tournament will be a draw of 192 in singles and 96 in doubles. Our endorsement list (used for section quota) will be published during the week of the tournament’s deadline.

**National Hard Court Championships** (August 1-9, 2015) Players are selected via the section quota, USTA Southwest has 4 spots plus the section champion (Southwest Junior Closed) receives an automatic spot – this tournament will be a draw of 192 in singles and 96 in doubles. Our endorsement list (used for section quota) will be published during the week of the tournament’s deadline.

**National Doubles Championships** (August 20-22) Players are selected via the NSL (National Standings List), combined standings. 32 teams in 14s and 16s, Compass Draw.

**Winter National Championships** (Dec 27, 2015 – Jan 2, 2016) Players are selected via the section quota, USTA Southwest has 3 spots in each age group – this tournament will be a draw of 128 singles and 64 in doubles. Our endorsement list (used for section quota) will be published during the week of the tournament’s deadline.

**BG 18’s National Team Championships** (July 26-29, 2015) Top 6 boys and top 6 girls in 18s that register through the section. Selection list date TBD.

**BG 16 & 14 Intersectionals** (July 4-8, 2015) Top 4 boys and top 4 girls in 16s and 14s that register through the section. Selection list date TBD.

**National Spring Team Championships** (March 7-12 2015) 32 players in each age group/16 teams. All selections based on the NSL (National Standings List).

**National Masters** (October 21-25, 2015) 14s, 16s & 18s – total of 25 players. All selections based on the NSL (National Standings List).
LEVEL 2 NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Zonals (July 2-6, 2015) Top 12 boys and top 12 girls in 12s, top 6 boys and top 6 girls (after intersectional selections) in 14s and top 6 boys and top 6 girls (after intersectional selections) in the 16s that register through the section. Selection list date TBD.

National Selection Tournaments Held four times each year – February, May, October & November. All selections based on the NSL (National Standings List).

LEVEL 3 NATIONAL & SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

National Warm Up Tournament (July 26-29, 2015) Boys and Girls 16s and 18s. All selections based on the NSL (National Standings List).

Section Level 3 events—See USTA Southwest seeding and selection protocol. January and June L3

LEVEL 4 NATIONAL & SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Open and Closed Regional Tournaments
Closed Regionals – Held in February and October. Players must play in their own region. Selections are based on section quotas. USTA Southwest receives 3 spots in each age group.

Open Regional – Held in November. Selections based on the NSL (National Standings List).

Section Level 4 events—See USTA Southwest seeding and selection protocol

LEVEL 5 SECTION TOURNAMENTS

Section Level 5 events—See USTA Southwest seeding and selection protocol. There are L5 Challengers (qualifiers for L4s) and regular L5s
1. All persons ranked must hold a current USTA membership card.
2. Only persons who maintain a permanent residence within the boundaries of the Southwest Section (states of Arizona, New Mexico, and El Paso County, Texas) are eligible for ranking, endorsement and closed tournaments. A junior player, who lives with one or both parents, or a legal guardian, shall be considered a permanent resident of the location where he or she physically resides for the majority of the year, where he or she attends school and/or where he or she primarily engages in training and playing tennis. A junior player who is an established resident of the Southwest Section according to the aforementioned criteria, but is currently living apart from his or her parent(s) for reasons such as college, tennis academy or boarding school attendance, military involvement, etc. will continue to be considered a permanent resident of the Southwest Section as long as his or her parent(s) maintain a permanent residence within its boundaries. For this purpose, permanent residency for the calendar year for the parent(s) is defined as a minimum of 184 days.
3. Anyone moving into the section during the year must change their membership with the USTA membership department. The residency committee has the right to ask for proof of permanent residency. The burden of proof will be on the player/parent.
4. U.S. Citizenship - Only persons who are U.S. Citizens or are in possession of a Permanent Resident Card, commonly known as a "Green Card" are eligible for ranking, endorsement or closed tournaments.

Tournament Eligibility

Only players who are residents of the Southwest Section (as outlined in #2 of ranking regulations) and are U.S. citizens are eligible for prescribed sectional closed events including the Level 3 and 4 tournaments that count in national standings.

2015 Age Eligibility

**10s:** Birth dates in 2004 until first day of the month of 11th birthday; all birthdates in 2005 and younger
**12s:** Birth dates in 2002 until first day of the month of 13th birthday; all birthdates in 2003 and younger
**14s:** Birth dates in 2000 until first day of the month of 15th birthday; all birthdates in 2001 and younger
**16s:** Birth dates in 1998 until first day of the month of 17th birthday; all birthdates in 1999 and younger
**18s:** Birth dates in 1996 until first day of the month of 19th birthday; all birthdates in 1997 and younger
The 10 & Under and 12 & Under divisions are developmental divisions that should focus on participation and developing a player's competitive skills through match play. The system places emphasis on participation and promotes play in both Orange ball and Green ball events. The system is structured to keep young players in Orange ball events long enough to develop technically and tactically. The structure will enable a player to progress through participating in events with little emphasis on winning or losing. It is not a race to the Yellow ball.

**Orange Ball Eligibility**
1. A player can start competing in Orange ball 10 & Under at any time, as long as the player has not reached the maximum age for the division.
2. A player may elect to move to Green ball 10 & Under by meeting one of the following criteria:
   A. Earn 15 participation points in singles sanctioned tournaments.  
      2 points for level 3, 4, 5, 6 (except supersets and shootouts are 1 point).
   B. Win the singles division of four Level 5 or higher Southwest Section tournaments.
   C. Once a player is 10-1/2 years old, they may elect to move to 10 green ball.
3. Participation points are earned as follows:
   A. Two participation points may be earned by competing in any 10 & Under Orange ball singles sanctioned tournament. With a level 3, 4, 5, 6 (except supersets and shootouts are 1 point).
   B. Two participation point may be earned by completing any USTA Junior Team Tennis league season.

**Orange Ball Specifications:**
1. Matches will be played in accordance to the guidelines of 10 & Under tennis.
2. Court size: 60 foot court.
4. Orange low compression balls.
5. Best two out of three short sets (first to 4 games) with a seven point tie-breaker in lieu of a third. Ad scoring applies.
Green Ball Eligibility:
1. A player may elect to move to 12 green/yellow ball divisions once the player has met at least one of the following criteria.
   A. Earned 15 participation points
   B. Win the singles division of at least four Level 5 or higher tournaments in the section

2. Participation points are earned as follows:
   A. Two participation points may be earned by competing in any 10 & Under Green ball singles sanctioned tournament. With a level 3,4,5,6 (except super sets and shootouts are 1 point).
   B. Two participation point may be earned by completing any USTA Junior Team Tennis league season.

Green Ball Specifications:
1. Matches will be played in accordance to the guidelines of 10 & Under tennis.
2. Court size: 78 foot court.
3. Racquet length: no longer than a 27 inch racquet.
4. Green dot balls.
5. Best two out of three sets regular scoring with a match tie-breaker in lieu of a third.

Rationale: The Junior Competition Committee emphasizes that it is not a "race" to the 12 and under division. Additionally, it is not a race to the yellow ball. The priority is on maximizing participation and playing matches with the Orange ball and Green Ball. This helps in the fundamental development of the child and helps a child progress, as he or she gets older, with learning the correct technique and without picking up bad habits. Additionally, it places a player with correct equipment for his or her size, appropriate court size for his or her age, and a ball bounce that is in the strike zone for his or her height. A player can move up if he or she has satisfied the criteria. The Junior Competition Committee places no minimum age on when a child can play in the Orange ball Division. Players under the age of 8 are encouraged to play 8 & Under competition using the Red ball, however, they have the option of playing in 10 & Under Orange ball if they are ready or there is no available Red ball division.

Conclusion
The Southwest Section 10 & Under division integrates the USTA National rule change and its philosophy of boosting participation, enabling kids to have more success, enabling small, young participants to have more fun, and developing a new generation of players with sound fundamental techniques. The 10 & Under system preserves the integrity of Orange and Green-ball events; emphasizing participation, experience, the development of young tennis players and, most importantly, having fun! The 12 & Under system provides players with much needed experience and tactical awareness, as well as for overall technical development. The system of progression as a whole helps players gain success from a young age, whether they win or lose, by equating success with participation and development rather than winning or losing.
Types of lists and publishing dates

Standing Lists – Standing lists are published weekly (typically at the beginning of each week). Combined Standings will be based on a player's best Six (6) tournaments results in the last twelve (12) months.

Endorsement Lists – Endorsement lists are published frequently. The last endorsement list published prior to a National tournament deadline that requires section quota entry will be used for selection. Endorsement lists will be based on a player's best Six (6) Singles and doubles tournament results played in the last twelve (12) months.

Tentative final rankings – Tentative final rankings for the calendar year will be published at the completion of the final tournament in 2015. Players/parents will then have 3 weeks from the publish date to send in corrections.

Finals Rankings – Final rankings will be published the first week of February 2015. These rankings for each age division shall include all players who have been age eligible for play in the division at any time during the year. Only points earned in the division will count towards ranking in that division. Player may be ranked in more than one age division during the year.

Seeding and Selection Protocol

The seeding protocol for the Southwest Section’s designated events and tournaments that are Level 3, 4 or 5 for national ranking can be found on our website, www.southwest.usta.com as well as pages 34-37 of this handbook. Local tournaments are seeded by a local seeder or by the standings.
1. A player must win a round to receive any points for the tournament. Byes do not qualify as wins.
2. Withdrawals and walkovers qualify as wins for the advancing player and earn Points Per Round, but do not earn bonus points for significant wins.
3. Retirements qualify as wins for the advancing player and earn Points Per Round and bonus points for significant wins.
4. A player who advances because of a default that takes place before the commencement of the first point in the match or because the opponent is disqualified shall receive Point Per Round for advancing, but does not earn bonus points for significant wins.
5. A player who is defaulted from a tournament for code violations under the Point Penalty System or misconduct forfeits any points accumulated during the tournament. Players defaulted in singles only lose points accumulated for singles.
6. Points earned in a higher age division count towards a player's standing in the player's natural age division, as well as in the age division of the tournament itself (standings only, not final rankings).
7. Singles and Doubles Standings will use a Combined Ranking. This combined ranking will be based on a player's best Six (6) tournaments played in the last twelve (12) months. This combined ranking will use 100% of a player's singles points and 25% of a player's doubles points.
8. Final Combined Rankings will be based on the best Six (6) tournaments played during the calendar year. This final combined ranking will use 100% of a player's singles points and 25% of a player's doubles points. There are not any minimum requirements to receive a final ranking (except participating in one tournament and winning a match). Final rankings do not include any results from other age divisions.
9. All eligible players who have won at least one match in a USTA Southwest Section sanctioned tournament will have a standing.
10. Significant win/Bonus points are based on the previous month's final standings.
11. Results of exhibitions, interscholastic and intercollegiate matches will not be considered for ranking purposes.
12. Results of Southwest Sanctioned tournaments and tournaments on the USTA National Schedule for the ranking year under consideration will provide the sole data for standings/rankings.
13. Junior may play in any age division up until the month in which they age out of the division.

**Tournaments included in the Southwest Section Standings/Rankings**

All national tournaments on the USTA National Jr. Tournament Schedule that have a “level” distinction and use the Tournament Data Manager (TDM) software will count in a player's standing/ranking. Players must notify the Junior Player Development Manager if they play in one of these events. National Championships L1, National Opens L2, Regional L3 and National Team events will automatically be included. If you are unsure if a tournament that you plan to play in will count towards your ranking, please contact Nicole Fintell at nfintell@southwest.usta.com.
Which point chart is used for each tournament? The point chart used to award points to a player is based on the type of draw the tournament utilizes. At the top of each chart, you’ll see a list of the types of draws that the chart corresponds to.

One match finals: Any draw that is one match will earn points equal to one round robin match for that level.

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**SPORTSMANSHIP**

**USTA SOUTHWEST JUNIOR SUSPENSION POINT SYSTEM**

Junior suspension point system will be administered by the national office. See usta.com for more information.

**Southwest Section Enforcement of the Suspension Point System- Effective January 1, 2015**

If a player withdraws or defaults (for reason other than illness or injury) from any sanctioned tournament in the Southwest Section (L3-L6), after entries close, that player will be assessed 4 suspension points unless medical documentation of the injury or illness is provided to the Tournament Director AND Southwest Section Junior Player Development Manager within 48 hours after the completion of the tournament.

"Player shall not enter tournament player cannot finish. Player shall not enter a tournament (including mandatory consolation) knowing the player will be unable to finish." p119 Friend at Court

In theory, the Junior Competition Committee feels that it is important to adopt and strongly enforce National’s ruling on the Suspension Point System. In recent years, several players have been pulling out of tournaments, especially L3-5 events, on the final day of competition or once a player is in the back draw. We want to encourage play as well as good sportsmanship.

**Parents, Coaches, Spectators**

Coaching, interjection into a match, audible obscenities, physical confrontation or verbal confrontation deemed to be threatening or disruptive, by a Coach, Spectator, Parent, Sibling or any other person related to a player, will result in immediate ejection of the offending party from all tournament sites for the remainder of the tournament.

The Referee, Umpires, Officials, Tournament Committee Members and the Junior Player Development Manager are authorized to eject all persons engaging in any of the infractions listed above.

Such ejection will be documented and forwarded to the Junior Player Development Manager and the SWS Junior Sportsmanship Committee for review and the imposition of further penalties if warranted. Failure to leave the tournament site when directed to do so will result in increased penalties.
Tournament Play for Novice/Intermediate players

These tournaments are un-sanctioned (do not count in USTA Southwest Rankings) and are designed for beginning to intermediate players as an introduction to tournament play.

Phoenix Area

USTA CAZ Ruth Shoffner Rookie Tournaments & Intermediate Supersets
The Central Arizona Junior tournaments are held throughout the Phoenix area. These are for players with beginner to intermediate tournament experience. For more information call the Central Arizona Tennis Association at 480.639.6700 or visit [www.phoenixtennis.com](http://www.phoenixtennis.com). These tournaments are available online for registration.

Non-Elimination (N.E.T.) Tournaments
Mesa’s Gene Autry Tennis Center offers junior round-robin, superset and compass draw non-elimination tournaments where players are grouped by age and ability. Ability groups range from 10 and under novice through high school varsity and USTA ability players. It’s a great way to gain tournament experience for less experienced players and advanced players wanting to work on their game in tournament conditions. Tournaments are played in a 3 hour time period.

These tournaments are now listed online, but you must register through the website below or calling Gene Autry Sports Complex.

Go to [www.mesatennis.com](http://www.mesatennis.com) or call Gene Autry Sports Complex for more information at 480.654.3787.

Tucson Area

Hilton El Conquistador Resort & Country Club Junior Satellites
These satellites are 1 day timed events that are geared toward the child learning about competitive play and/or getting more match play. The matches are played in a friendly setting and are supervised to help with scoring and/or any questions. The satellites are a non-elimination format that last approximately 3 hours. Tournaments are on Fridays and start at 4:30 pm unless otherwise noted. For more information call 1.520.544.1781. Saturday dates are at 9 a.m.; Friday dates are 4:30 p.m.

Reffkin Tennis Center Junior Satellites (Formerly Randolph Tennis Center)
Satellites are designed to introduce the beginning to the intermediate player to competitive play. These tournaments use non-elimination compass draws and are played in one afternoon. All of these events are held at Reffkin Tennis Center in Tucson, AZ. For more information call 520.791.4896 or visit [www.reffkintenniscenter.com](http://www.reffkintenniscenter.com).
## JANUARY

### January 10-12
Valley of the Sun Jr Challenger L5
East Valley Tennis, LLC, Mesa
#759310415

### January 10-12
Tennis West Jr Challenger L5
Tennis West El Paso, TX
#750003415

### January 11
SAZ 10 and Under Slam Series: Australia
Tucson Racquet Club
750010415

### January 11-12
Lucky 7 Circuit-Kangaroo Classic L7
Albuquerque, NM
#750009415

### January 16-19
El Conquistador Junior Winter Classic L6
Hilton El Conquistador, Tucson
#759211115

### January 17-19
Phoenix Junior Masters Championships presented by All About Tennis L3
B. S. Events, Scottsdale
#750001615

### January 17
NNM 10 and Under Slam Series: Aussie Open
Albuquerque, NM
#750008115

### January 21-23
44th Annual High School Invitational - 'QUALIFIER EVENT'
Reffkin Tennis Center, Tucson
#750008415

### January 23
Surprise $25K Wildcard Opportunity (women)
#750017615

### January 23-25
Scottsdale Athletic Club Junior Open L6
Scottsdale Athletic Club, Scottsdale
#750004715

### January 24-25
Jerry Cline Jr Open #1 L6
Jerry Cline Tennis Complex, Albuquerque
#759100115

### January 24
Mesa NET #1
750010715

### January 25
GEPTA 10 and Under Slam Series: Down Under
El Paso, TX
#750006515

### January 25
SAZ 10 and Under Slam Series: French
Tucson Racquet Club
#750015715

### January 26-30
44th Annual High School Invitational
Reffkin Tennis Center, Tucson
#750008515

### January 30-February 1
Las Cruces Junior Tennis Tournament L6
Las Cruces, New Mexico
#759500715

### January 31
Arizona Jr Shootout #1 L6
Tucson, AZ
#750004315

### January 31
Sunland Sports-CAZ Intermediate Super Set #1 L6
USTA Phoenix Area Tennis Assoc
#750011715

### January 31
Sunland Sports-CAZ Advanced Super Set #1 L6
USTA Phoenix Area Tennis Assoc
#750011815
# FEBRUARY

**February 1**  
Lucky 7 Circuit-Groundhog Classic L7  
Albuquerque, NM  
#750009615

**February 7**  
Sunland Sports: 10 and Under Slam Series: Australian Championships  
CAZ  
#750015115

**February 7-9**  
Cactus Cup Jr. Masters - 10s, 12s, 14s - L4  
Reffkin Tennis Center, Tucson  
#759200415

**February 7-9**  
Cactus Cup Jr. Masters - 16 & 18s - L4  
Tucson Racquet Club, Tucson  
#759201715

**February 14**  
Sunland Sports CAZ Jr. Intermediate Super Set #2 L6  
USTA Phoenix Area Tennis Association  
#750004815

**February 14**  
Sunland Sports-CAZ Jr. Advanced Super Set #2 L6  
USTA Phoenix Area Tennis Association  
#759315315

**February 14-15**  
Jerry Cline Jr Open #2 L6  
Jerry Cline Tennis Complex, Albuquerque  
#759100215

**February 20-22**  
Paseo Semi-Sweet 16  
Paseo Racquet Center, Glendale  
#750000315

**February 21**  
Mesa NET #2  
750010815

**February 22**  
SAZ 10 and Under Slam Series: English  
#750015815

**February 28**  
USTA-CAZ Ruth Shoffner Rookie Tournament # 1  
USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association  
750010615

**February 28-March 2**  
Jerry Cline Jr Open #3 L6  
Jerry Cline Tennis Complex, Albuquerque

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# MARCH

**March 6-7**  
65th Kiwanis High School Invitational  
Paseo Racquet Center, Glendale  
#750012915

**March 7**  
Sunland Sports CAZ Jr. Intermediate Super Set #3 L6  
USTA Phoenix Area Tennis Association  
#750012115

**March 7**  
Sunland Sports-CAZ Jr. Advanced Super Set #3 L6  
USTA Phoenix Area Tennis Association  
#750012215

**March 7**  
Arizona Junior Shootout #2 L6  
Reffkin Tennis Center, Tucson  
#750006615

**March 8**  
SAZ 10 and Under Slam Series: US Champs  
Tucson Racquet Club  
#750015915

**March 13-14**  
Paseo West Valley High School Invitational  
Paseo Racquet Center, Glendale  
#750015015

**March 15**  
Lucky 7 Circuit-Leprechaun Classic L7  
Albuquerque, NM  
750009715

**March 21**  
Sunland Sports-10& Under Slam Series: French Championships  
USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association  
#750015215

**March 21**  
Mesa NET #3  
750015615

**March 21-22**  
Jerry Cline Jr Open #3 L6  
Jerry Cline Tennis Complex, Albuquerque
**APRIL**

**March 21-23**
Sun City Junior Masters L4
USTA Greater El Paso, El Paso
#750000115

**March 28**
USTA-CAZ Ruth Shoffner Rookie Tournament #2
USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association
#750006314

**April 3-5**
Albuquerque Sweet 16 L4
Tanoan Country Club, Albuquerque
#750007715

**April 4**
Hybrid Super Set Series #1 L6
Reffkin TC
#759205115

**April 10-12**
Gene Autry Tennis Center Jr. Open L6
East Valley Tennis, Mesa
#759301615

**April 11**
#USTA-CAZ Ruth Shoffner Rookie Tournament #3
USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association
#750006515

**April 11-12**
Highpoint Sports & Wellness Junior Open L6
Highpoint Sports & Wellness, Albuquerque
#750005615

**April 12**
Lucky 7 Circuit-Bunny Classic L7
Albuquerque, NM
#750009815

**April 16-19**
O.S.A Jr. Open L6
Coronado Country Club, El Paso
#759410815

**April 18-20**
Scottsdale L5
#750009015

**April 25**
Sunland Sports 10& Under Slam Series: All England Championships
USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association
#750015315

**April 25**
Mesa NET #4
750016115

**April 30-May 4**
Public Tennis Services Junior Open L6
Public Tennis Services, El Paso
#750000115

**MAY**

**May 1**
Super Set Series #2 (Juniors - Singles Only) L6
Reffkin Tennis Center, Tucson
#759252115

**May 3**
Lobo 10 and Under Slam Series: Loren Dils
Albuquerque, NM
#750001015

**May 3**
Lucky 7 Circuit: Cinco de Mayo L7
Albuquerque, NM
#750009915

**May 8**
Sunland Sports 10& Under Slam Series: U.S. Championships
USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association
#750015415

**May 15-16**
Jerry Cline Junior Open #4 L6
Jerry Cline Tennis Complex, Albuquerque
#759104115

**May 16**
Jerry Cline Super Set #1 L6
Jerry Cline Tennis Complex, Albuquerque
#759104015

**May 16**
Sunland Sports Central Arizona Advanced Super Set #4 L6
USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association
#750012415

**May 16**
Sunland Sports CAZ Jr Intermediate Super Set #4 L6
USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association
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**May 22**
USTA-CAZ Ruth Shoffner Rookie #4
USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association
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**May 23-25**
NNMTA Memorial Day L5
Albuquerque, NM
#750015515

May 23-25
Cowboy Classic BG 8’s, 10s, 12s, 14s, 16s and 18s L6
Reffkin Tennis Center, Tucson
#759210915

May 24
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El Paso, TX
#750006715

May 29
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May 29-31
Summer Grand Canyon State Games L6
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June

June 5
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USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association
#750012815

June 5
Sunland Sports CAZ Jr. Intermediate Super Set #5 L6
USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association
#750012515

June 6
NNM 10 and Under Slam Series: French
Albuquerque, NM
#750016215

June 12-14
Lobo Summer Jr. Open (18,16) L6
Lobo Tennis Club, Albuquerque
#750012415

June 13-16
2014 USTA Southwest Junior Closed L3
USTA Southwest, Multiple Sites, Tucson
#75007815

June 19-21
Dry Heat Junior Open L6
East Valley Tennis, Mesa
#759312115

June 19
Mesa NET #6
750016415

June 24-27
The El Paso Junior Open L6
El Paso Tennis Club, El Paso
#759405615

June 26
Super Set Series #3 (Juniors - Singles Event) L6
Reffkin Tennis Center, Tucson
#759252215

June 26
El Con Jr Super Set L6
#759259115

June 26
Tucson Racket Club Jr Super Set L6
#75002615

June 26
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USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association
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June 26
Sunland Sports CAZ Junior Intermediate
Super Set #6 L6 (Doubles Only)
USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association
#750013015

June 26-28
Rio Rancho Jr Open L6
Rio Rancho, NM
#75000915

June 26-28
Flagstaff Open L6
Flagstaff, AZ
#75002315

July

July 2-6
USTA Zone Team Championships
Hilton Tucson El Conquistador, Tucson
#750000515

July 5
GEPTA 10 and Under Slam Series: All England
El Paso, TX
#750006815

July 6-8
2014 TCA Junior Open L6
Tennis Club of Albuquerque, Albuquerque
#750003315

July 10
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USTA Phoenix Area Tennis Association
July 10
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USTA Phoenix Area Tennis Association
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July 11
NNM 10 and Under Slam Series: All England
Albuquerque, NM
#750008815

July 17
Lobo Summer Jr. Open (14,12) Level 6
Lobo Tennis Club, Albuquerque
#750014214

July 17
Super Set Series #4 (Junior - Singles Event) L6
Reffkin Tennis Center, Tucson
#759202315

July 17
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USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association
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July 24
Sunland Sports Central Arizona Advanced Junior
Super Set #8 L6
USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association
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July 24
Sunland Sports CAZ Junior Intermediate Super Set #8 L6
USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association
#750013615

July 24
Mesa NET #7
750016515

July 24
Hobbs Junior Dust Bowl L6
Hobbs, NM
#750001415

AUGUST

August 1-2
Jerry Cline Jr Open #5 L6
Jerry Cline Tennis Complex, Albuquerque
#759101915

August 8
Sunland Sports Central Arizona Junior Advanced Super Set #9 L6
USTA Phoenix Area Tennis Association
#7590013915

August 8
NNM 10 and Under Slam Series: US Championships
Albuquerque, NM
#750008315

August 13-16
Val Vista Lakes End of Summer Jr. Open L6
Val Vista Lakes, Gilbert, AZ
#750010815

August 15-17
Arizona Junior Challenger L5
Reffkin Tennis Center, Tucson
#750004815

August 15-17
Lobo Tennis Club Jr. Challenger L5
Lobo Tennis Club, Albuquerque
#750005115

August 22
Sunland Sports Central Arizona Junior Advanced Super Set #10 L6 (Doubles Only)
USTA Phoenix Area Tennis Association
#750014115

August 22
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USTA Phoenix Area Tennis Association
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Mesa NET #9
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October 24-26
Roswell Alien Classic L6
Roswell, NM
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October 31-November 1
Jerry Cline Jr. Turkey Tournament L6
Jerry Cline Tennis Complex, Albuquerque
#750002515

NOVEMBER

November 7
Sunland Sports CAZ Jr. Advanced Super Set #13 L6
USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association
#750014915

November 7
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USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association
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November 8
GEPTA 10 and Under Slam Series: Masters
El Paso, TX
#750007115

November 7-9
NMSU Junior Tennis Tournament L6
Las Cruces Tennis Players Assoc., Las Cruces
#759502314

November 14-16
2014 Jeff Myers Memorial Junior Masters L4
Scottsdale Ranch Park Tennis Center, Scottsdale
#759313715

November 14
Arizona Junior Shootout #3 L6
Reffkin Tennis Center, Tucson
#750007015

November 13-15
Lobo Tennis Club Winter Junior Open L6
Lobo Tennis Club, Albuquerque
#759106815

November 15
Lucky 7 Circuit-Turkey Trot L7
Albuquerque, NM
#750017515

November 14
Reffkin Tennis Center, Tucson
#750010314

November 14
Tucson Racquet Club Superset #4 L6
Tucson Racquet Club, Tucson
#750016015

November 19-21
Val Vista Lakes Fall Jr Open L6
#750006215

November 21
USTA-CAZ Ruth Shoffner Rookie Tournament #8
USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association
#750011415

November 21
Jerry Cline Jr Super Set #2 L6
Jerry Cline Tennis Complex, Albuquerque
#759103815

November 27-30
USTA National Selection Tournament - BG12 L2
Reffkin Tennis Center, Tucson
#759201615

November 27-29
Open USTA Regional L4
Hilton Tucson El Conquistador, Tucson
#750000415

November 27-29
Western States Junior Open L5
Reffkin Tennis Center, Tucson
#750010115

November 27-29
Thanksgiving Junior Open L6
Public Tennis Services, El Paso
#750009714

DECEMBER

December 4-6
El Conquistador Junior Holiday Classic L6
Hilton Tucson El Conquistador, Tucson
#759206515

December 5-6
December Doubles at Paseo L6
Paseo Racquet Center, Glendale
#759304615

December 6
Lucky 7 Circuit-Reindeer Games L7
Albuquerque, NM
December 12
USTA-CAZ Ruth Shoffner Rookie Tournament #9
USTA Central Arizona Tennis Association
#750011515

December 12
Mesa NET #10
750016815

December 18-21
El Paso Sun Bowl Junior Open L5
El Paso Tennis Club, El Paso
#759405915

December 18-21
Paseo Christmas Classic L6
Paseo Racquet Center, Glendale
#759314014

December 19
Arizona Junior Shootout #4 L6
Reffkin Tennis Center, Tucson
#750007215

December 27-January 2
USTA National Winter Championships L1
Boy’s & Girl’s 12 & 14
Reffkin Tennis Center, Tucson
#759203614

December 27-January 2
USTA Winter National Championships L1
Boy’s & Girl’s 16&18; Metro Phoenix
#750001914

December 30-31
Snowflake Singles Junior Championship L6
Reffkin Tennis Center
Southwest Selection and Seeding Protocol

SINGLES SEEDING PROTOCOL FOR SOUTHWEST LEVEL 3, 4 & 5 TOURNAMENTS AND SOUTHWEST TOURNAMENTS FOR WHICH NATIONAL POINTS ARE AWARDED

1. List, in order, the top players in the division representing the number of available seeded positions from the most recent southwest standings list (SSL) for the division.

2. Identify players from the following groups for potential seeding consideration:
   A. Players who appear in the top 10 of the most recent southwest standings list for the next-younger age division.
   B. Players who appear in the top 5 of the most recent southwest standings list for the two times-younger age division.
   C. Players who have aged up within the immediately preceding six months AND whose names appeared in the top 10 of the southwest standings list for the next-younger division or the top 5 of the southwest standings list for the two times-younger age division, published in the month just prior to the player’s birth month.
   D. Players identified as outstanding based on available evidence. This may include, but is not limited to, a strong national or ITF standing, players new to the section with a short but significant win pattern, out of section players with a good standing in an identified strong section and players who are returning to competition following an extended illness or injury.

3. The seeding and selection committee shall make seeding determinations from the above groups based on the available factual evidence. Such evidence might include a strong win pattern over players with a higher standing than the lowest originally seeded player, a strong win pattern in head to head encounters with the original seeded group, a high national standing compared to the original seeded group, independent evidence of a player’s current level of play, compared to their prior level, following an extended absence due to illness or injury, etc.

4. The seeding and selection committee shall consider wins played in any age division as long as they occurred within the immediately preceding 6 months.

DOUBLES SEEDING PROTOCOL FOR ALL SOUTHWEST LEVEL 3, 4, OR 5 TOURNAMENTS

1. Doubles is seeded by using the lowest average ranking of the doubles team (Combined rankings/standings). In the case of ties, the highest combined total of doubles points earns the seed.

2. The seeding committee reserves the right to seed teams that contain players identified as outstanding based on available evidence. This may include, but is not limited to, a strong national or ITF standing, players new to the section with a short but significant win pattern, out of section players with a good standing in an identified strong section and players who are returning to competition following an extended illness or injury.

LEVEL 6 SEEDING PROTOCOL

1. Level 6 tournaments will be primarily seeded by the tournament director using the auto seed function in the Tournament Data Manager software.

2. The Southwest Seeding and Selection Committee reserves the right to use Level 5 seeding protocol if necessary.
PLAYER SELECTION INTO ALL LEVEL 5 TOURNAMENTS

The southwest standings list used to make selections will be the most currently available and will include all tournaments which have taken place prior to the one for which selection is being made.

PLAYERS ARE ACCEPTED INTO THE DRAW IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:
(A) Up to 3/4 of the total number of players in the draw shall be selected from the following groups (1), (2) and (3) (i.e. 24 players in a draw of 32, 18 players in a draw of 24, etc.):

(1) Up to two players from the Southwest Section MAY be accepted into ANY age group draw at the discretion of the seeding and selection committee (WILDCARDS).
   (a) The player’s tournament schedule is primarily comprised of National level 1, 2 and 3 and/or ITF tournaments AND
   (b) The player is highly competitive at the National or World level as evidenced by a strong National or ITF Junior Ranking.

(2) Southwest Section players, from the most current southwest standings list for the division, in the order in which the names appear on the list.
(3) Out-of-Section players, in open tournaments, by decision of the seeding and selection committee.

(B) Up to 1/8 of the total number of players in the draw shall be selected from the top 10 of the most current southwest standings list for the next-younger division, in the order in which the names appear on the list (i.e. 4 players in a draw of 32, 3 players in a draw of 24, etc.).

(C) Up to 1/8 of the total number of players in the draw shall be selected from players who have aged into the division within the immediately preceding 6 months AND whose names appeared in the top 10 of the southwest standings list for the next-younger division, published in the month just prior to the player’s birth month (i.e. 4 players in a draw of 32, 3 players in a draw of 24, etc.).

(D) Remaining players, from the most current southwest standings list for the division, in the order in which their names appear on the list.

(E) Remaining players, from the most current southwest standings list for the next-younger division, in the order in which their names appear on the list.
PLAYER SELECTION INTO ALL LEVEL 3 and 4 TOURNAMENTS

The southwest standings list (SSL) used to make selections will be the most currently available and will include all tournaments which have taken place prior to the one for which selection is being made.

PLAYERS ARE ACCEPTED INTO THE DRAW IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:
(A) Up to 3/4 of the total number of players in the draw shall be selected from the following groups (1), (2), (3) and (4) (i.e. 24 players in a draw of 32, 18 players in a draw of 24, etc.):

(1) Up to two players from the Southwest Section MAY be accepted into ANY age group draw at the discretion of the seeding and selection committee (WILDCARDS).

(a) The player’s tournament schedule is primarily comprised of National level 1, 2 and 3 and/or ITF tournaments AND

(b) The player is highly competitive at the National or World level as evidenced by a strong National or ITF Junior Ranking.

(2) Qualifiers from previous Level 5 Challenger (for Level 4)

(3) Southwest Section players, from the most current southwest standings list for the division, in the order in which the names appear on the list.

(4) Out-of-Section players, in open tournaments, by decision of the seeding and selection committee.

(B) Up to 1/8 of the total number of players in the draw shall be selected from the top 10 of the most current southwest standings list for the next-younger division, in the order in which the names appear on the list (i.e. 4 players in a draw of 32, 3 players in a draw of 24, etc.).

(C) Up to 1/8 of the total number of players in the draw shall be selected from players who have aged into the division within the immediately preceding 6 months AND whose names appeared in the top 10 of the southwest standings list for the next-younger division, published in the month just prior to the player’s birth month (i.e. 4 players in a draw of 32, 3 players in a draw of 24, etc.).

(D) Remaining players, from the most current southwest standings list (SSL) for the division, in the order in which their names appear on the list.

(E) Remaining players, from the most current southwest standings list (SSL) for the next-younger division, in the order in which their names appear on the list.
PLAYER SELECTION FOR SWEET 16

The southwest standings list used to make selections should be the most currently available (list should be published on the day selections will be made) and should include all tournaments which have taken place prior to the one for which selection is being made. This list should be published to the internet simultaneously.

PLAYERS ARE ACCEPTED INTO THE DRAW IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

(A) Up to 3/4 (12 players) of the total number of players in the draw shall be selected from the following groups:

   (1) Up to two players from the Southwest Section MAY be accepted into ANY age group draw at the discretion of the seeding and selection committee.

      (a) The player’s tournament schedule is primarily comprised of National level 1, 2 and 3 and/or ITF tournaments.

      (b) The player is highly competitive at the National or World level as evidenced by a top 100 standing on the most recently published national standings list for the division, a top 50 standing on the most recently published national standings list for the next-younger division or an ITF ranking.

   (2) Players from the most current southwest standings list for the division, in the order in which the names appear on the list.

(B) Up to 1/8 (2 players) of the total number of players in the draw shall be selected from the top 5 of the most current southwest standings list for the next-younger division, in the order in which the names appear on the list.

(C) Up to 1/8 (2 players) of the total number of players in the draw shall be selected from players who have aged into the division within the immediately preceding 6 months AND whose names appear in the top 5 of the southwest standings list for the next-younger division, published in the month just prior to the player’s birth month.

(D) Remaining players, from the most current southwest standings list for the division, in the order in which their names appear on the list.

(E) Remaining players, from the most current southwest standings list for the next-younger division, in the order in which their names appear on the list.
What is USTA JR. TEAM TENNIS?

SOUTHWEST

USTA Jr. Team Tennis is the largest youth tennis program in the country, helping girls and boys ages 6 to 18 get in the game, get on the court, and have a good time.

Teams are coed and made up of at least six players, three boys and three girls, based on similar ages and skill levels. The emphasis is on skill development, fun, teamwork and friendly competition, all with the possibility of advancing to the Section and National Championships.

Tennis is a sport you can play for life and Jr. Team Tennis lays the foundation for a lasting relationship.

Teams may participate in one of the following age divisions:
- 8 and Under (Beginner format using the 36’ court and red felt or foam tennis ball)
- 10 and Under (Beginner format using the 60’ court and orange low compression ball)
- 12 and Under Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced— Green low compression balls
- 14 and Under Intermediate, Advanced
- 18 and Under Intermediate, Advanced

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2015 Season Dates

Jr Team Tennis Leagues-August 31st-February 28th
Championship Leagues-March 1st-July 25th

USTA Southwest Jr. Team Tennis Section
Championships:
Players of the championship will receive USTA Southwest Section ranking points per each individual singles and/or same gender doubles match won per round.
August 14-16, 2015-location TBD

USTA Jr. Team Tennis National Championships:
October 2015-location TBD

If you are interested in becoming a team captain or have any questions regarding the program starting contact your Local League Coordinator (LLC) or Ashley Redman at the USTA Southwest Section office.
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Other Super Fun Team Events

**Junior World Team Tennis Nationals**
This event is held in San Diego, CA the end of July. There are no ranking points awarded for this event, but it is a wonderful event where players get to play a different format and the emphasis is on having fun and learning how to work as a team. Billie Jean King is at the event the entire time and she is a super lovely lady spending tons of time with the players.

Players must be between 15-18 years old and not ranked in the top 150 in the nation in any age group to be considered for this event.

**10 and Under Border Battle**
The top 6 boys and 6 girls that are 10 years old and under are selected for this event. The event is played with green balls. There are no ranking points awarded, but it is a really fun event where players get to train and then compete with and against players from the Texas Section.

This event is held anywhere between the end of October to Mid December in either Austin, Texas or Scottsdale, AZ.

Selections are based on the 12 and under standings, 10 and under standings and participation in green ball events, input from two of our Junior Competition committee members, birth year, Sectional and National Coaches viewing matches at tournaments, input made by the National Player Development office, commitment to the sport, and sportsmanship of both the player and the parent.

**10 Under Interdistricts**
10 and Under Interdistricts will be a new event in 2015. This will be an orange ball event where the top orange ball players from each district are selected. This event will be combined with the final Early Development Camp of the year and will be held in December. The plan is to have one day of training and one day of fun competition. This should be a really fun event for the young orange ball players.
Quick and easy way to enter tournaments
View information about the tournament
Draws and match times will be posted by tournament director
Daily and Finals results can be viewed
Prevents players from entering an event they are not eligible for
Players receive an immediate confirmation of entry
See other applicants for each division (online entrants)

How to Find and Enter a USTA Tournament

1. Go to www.southwest.usta.com
2. Mouse over “TennisLink”
3. Click on “Junior Tournaments”
4. Either input a Tournament ID# or go to Advanced Tournament Search
5. Select Southwest in the Section/District drop down Box
6. Click “Find it!”
7. You can then browse the Tournament Schedule by month (located at top)
8. Click on the tournament you wish to view/enter
9. To enter, click on “Register Now” in RED

- You must have a USTA Membership to enter online
- You will need a credit card to enter online

Questions?

- Contact the Tournament Director hosting the event for issues related to the tournament
- For technical questions and problems related to online registration, email the linkteam@usta.com
- For membership questions (change of address, section transfer, etc.), email memberservices@usta.com or call 1.800.990.USTA.
Filing a Tournament Grievance

The following procedure shall be followed by any player, volunteer, official, or person associated with a player who observes a violation of the USTA Regulations, standards of conduct, fair play, or good sportsmanship that occurs during, and is exclusive to, a USTA Southwest Section sanctioned tournament.

**Step #1:** The complaining party should first seek to resolve the alleged infraction with the tournament committee, the tournament director, and the tournament official.

**Step #2:** If the complaint was not resolved to the satisfaction of the complaining party, a grievance may be submitted to the SWS Tournament Grievance Sub-committee in accordance with the following procedure:

- Grievances must be filed in writing and signed by the complaining party.
- Grievances must be submitted to the appropriate USTA Southwest Section staff person, either by certified mail or facsimile: alleged violations occurring during a sanctioned SWS junior tournament should be filed with the SWS Junior Competitive Coordinator; alleged violations occurring during a sanctioned SWS adult tournament should be filed with the SWS Adult Competitive Coordinator.
- Grievances must be postmarked no later than 48 hours after the completion of the tournament in question.
- Grievances will not be considered if alleged violations occurred during a non-sanctioned tournament.
- A copy of the grievance will be forwarded to the Tournament Committee, tournament director, and/or tournament referee where the alleged violation occurred by the appropriate SWS staff liaison.
- The grievance will be forwarded to the SWS Tournament Sub-committee by the SWS staff person within 24 hours of receipt.
- The SWS Tournament Sub-Committee and/or the SWS staff liaison will conduct an investigation into the alleged violation.
- The findings of the SWS Tournament Sub-Committee will be finalized within 10 days of receipt of the grievance.
- The SWS Tournament Sub-Committee will notify the appropriate SWS staff person of the decision of the committee; and the SWS staff person will notify all parties named in the complaint and the complaining party of the decision of the SWS Tournament Sub-Committee.
- All grievance and decisions of the SWS Tournament Sub-Committee will be filed with the SWS Sanction and Scheduling Committee.

**Step #3:** If the decision of the Tournament Grievance Sub-committee remains unsatisfactory to the complaining party, a grievance may be filed with the SWS Grievance Committee in accordance with the SWS By-laws Article X (b).
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For more information, contact your college or university’s local tennis club or recreational sports office or contact the USTA Southwest office at toc@southwest.usta.com or (480) 289-2351 x. 104.

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