



Junior Team Tennis Registration Open August 1st to September 7th, 2017

Team and Player Registration for Fall Junior Team Tennis (JTT) opens August 1st. This communication provides team coaches/managers and players with the following:

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

I look forward to partnering with you to make tennis a great experience for you and your junior players!

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Key Dates and Deadlines

August 1	Team Registration Opens
September 7	Deadline to Register a Team (Registration closes at 11:59 p.m. on 9/7)
TBD	Manager/Parent Meeting
September 17	First Day of Play
October 15	Last Day to Register a Player on a Team

Schedule of Play

All matches are played on **Sunday**. Shortly after Team Registration closes on September 7, **final schedules** will be available on TennisLink. The times below are **subject to court availability and may change: please confirm each match time on your TennisLink schedule.**

Division	Time	Match Location
8&U - Recreational and Intermediate	1:00 p.m.	North Meck Park
10&U - Recreational	2:00 p.m.	North Meck Park
10&U - Intermediate	2:30 p.m.	Home or Away
10&U - Advanced	2:30 p.m.	Home or Away
12&U - Recreational and Intermediate	12:30 p.m.	Home or Away

14&U - Recreational and Intermediate	2:30 p.m.	Home or Away
18&U - Recreational and Intermediate	4:00 p.m.	Home or Away *Recreational play at 2:30pm

After registration closes, follow these steps **to access your match schedule on TennisLink:**

1. 1. [Login to Your USTA Account](#).
2. 2. On the TennisLink Team Tennis Home Page, click on **Teams** located under **My Options** (right-side menu). A new screen will open listing your team(s).
3. 3. Click on the document icon on the far right to view your team's players, standings and match schedule.

Player Ratings

Players registered in 12U and above divisions will be required to have a JNTRP for spring play. Some of our players already have an assigned rating. The majority of our players will need to self-rate. There are 3 methods to self-rate a player. I highly recommend that you partner with a local pro to decide what an appropriate rating should be for each player. Go to www.Inta.org for information on how to self-rate and description of levels. Juniors use a dynamic rating that will be updated every 2 weeks. A rating can only be corrected 1 time before the child plays a match. Once a match has been played, changes may not be made.

Rating Bands

Recreational: 1 - 2.7

Intermediate: 2.8 - 3.4

Advanced: 3.5 - 7 or top 300 in southern section

*10U: top 100 in southern section must play advanced. Must play intermediate if they have a North Carolina standing of 175 or more points.

**Ratings only apply to 12U and above. There are no ratings for 8U and 10U.

Team Registration

Team Registration opens on TennisLink on August 1st^t. The cost to register a team is \$29. Additional fees to consider are court fees (public parks) and balls. Refunds are for league fees only and do not include the tennislink fees. **There are no refunds after the first day of play.** Please submit refund requests to Michele Lee.

- Background Check Procedures

All Coordinators, Coaches/Captains/Managers/Co-captains who are listed in Jr. Team Tennis

Tennislink with a 2018 Championship Year program must complete the National Background Screening procedures. You will not be able to create a team in Tennislink until you have completed the process below. Be aware that this process will take at **least 15 days** to complete. Please do not delay, starting this process.

Each player registration will include a \$1.00 fee to cover the expense of the Safe Play program.

- 1. Complete Your Background Screen Application.** In the application, you will be required to certify and affirm that you have successfully completed. The USTA has retained the services of an independent third party, the National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI), to conduct background screenings of all applicants. Please begin your background screen through NCSI <https://www.usta.com/en/home/about-usta/who-we-are/national/safe-play-process-for-junior-team-tennis.html>

The 20 to 30 minute training video is has been added back into the program. The video can be stopped and started to finish at your timetable. It must be completed to receive your background check clearance.

- Once you have submitted your background screen information, results will be generated in **approximately 15 business** days. Please be sure to add ncsisafe.com to your accepted email domain list. Watch for an email from Compliance@ncsisafe.com in the days following your application; this will contain an Applicant ID number which can be used to check the status of your application on NCSI's website.
- NCSI may contact you within the **15 business day** waiting period to request more information. You can confirm the legitimacy of the request by checking your status on NCSI's website using the Applicant ID number; your status will note the same request for information. Please watch for communications from NCSI as these emails may end up in your "spam" folder.
- Following the above described waiting period, you will receive either a green or red light, based on the results of your application and the USTA's criteria. If you receive a green light, you will receive an email from the USTA notifying you that you've been cleared through Safe Play with instructions on what to do next. You also will be listed on the results page of USTA.com: http://www.usta.com/About-USTA/background_screening_program_results/. If you received a red light, you will be notified by NCSI of your status and you will not be eligible to participate in Jr. Team Tennis. Background Check Step by Step - Guide to walk you through the background check process. http://assets.usta.com/assets/534/15/Background_Screening_steps1.PDF

The background check is automated through TennisLink. Only those who have cleared the background screening process will be able to access Tennislink. Those who have not cleared will not be able to enter scores, create teams, etc. If you have received a green light from the past season, the check is valid for 2 years.

If you are a **NEW coach/manager**, you must register on TennisLink before you can create a new team. Click on the following link to [Become a Coach/Manager on TennisLink](#).

- If you already have a USTA number or a TennisLink ID Number, you must login to TennisLink to create a new team. Click on [Login to Your USTA Account](#). On the TennisLink Team Tennis Home Page, click on **Create New Team** located under **My Options** (right-side menu).

How to Register a Team

http://assets.usta.com/assets/534/15/NEW_Instructions_for_Registering_a_Team1.PDF This is a step by step guide to help register a team, a player and to check the roster.

Each division is required to have two teams. If there are not enough teams signed up for a

division, the division may be eliminated or combined with another division. For example, if there is one team registered in 18&U intermediate and one team registered in 18&U advanced, this division will be combined.

After a team is registered, **please allow 48 hours for the team to be moved into its correct division on TennisLink.**

Player Registration

Jr. Team Tennis is a United States Tennis Association (USTA) program and all junior players must be registered members of the USTA (and have a USTA player number) **before** they can register for a local team. An annual junior membership costs \$20. **Kids 10 and under who are registering with the USTA for the FIRST TIME can receive a FREE 1-year junior membership.**

If your player does not have a current USTA number, use the following links to register with the USTA:

- [USTA Membership Home Page](#) (Junior Membership - \$20)
- [FREE 1-Year USTA 10 and Under Junior Membership](#) (Use source code FYF17CNS)
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For anyone that needs a team, please email Michele Lee at LNJRJT@gmail.com with the child's name, age, division he/she would like to play in and location where you would like to play. Michele will help form teams whenever possible.

The **minimum age to register** for Jr. Team Tennis is age 5.

Each division has a cut-off age, we will use December 31st 2017 for the fall season. Use the following chart to determine division eligibility for your player.

Current Age	Age on December 31, 2017	Eligible Age Division
8	8	8&U
	9	10&U
10	10	10&U
	11	12&U
12	12	12&U
	13	14&U
14	14	14&U
	15	18&U

JTT Divisions and Format

Please keep the following in mind when choosing a division for your team:

- **Participants must play in the Advanced Division if any of the following criteria apply:**
 - ○ **NTRP of 3.5 and Above,**
 - ○ **National Ranking,**
 - Players with a sectional (12-18's standings 1-300 and 10 standings 1-100) standing in any age group as of July 31, 2016 must enter at the advanced level (NTRP 3.5 & above). 10 year olds with a 10's standing playing in the 12's, 14's or 18's may only play in Intermediates or Advance and if they do not have a standing of 1-300 in the 12's 14's and 18's. Players with a 1-100 standing in the 10's who are playing in the 10's must play Advance. Standings are referring to the July 31 date previous to the Championship year.
 - Participants must play in the Intermediate Division if the following criteria applies:
 - JNTRP of 2.8 - 3.4
 - Players with a North Carolina Standing that have 175 points or more as of December 31st, 2016 must play at the Intermediate Level.

- This regulation applies when playing up an age level. Example, if you have 175 points in the 12& Under North Carolina Standings, even if you play up in the 14 & Under you must play Intermediate.

Division	Minimum # of Players	Format
8U - Recreational and Intermediate	4, non-gender specific	QuickStart Format - Red Ball 4 Lines Each Match: 4 singles lines
10U - Recreational and Intermediate	4, non-gender specific	60 ft court - Orange Ball 4 Lines Each Match: Round 1, 1 singles and 1 doubles Round 2, 1 singles and 1 doubles
12U - Recreational	4, non-gender specific	Full Court, Green-Dot Balls 4 Lines Each Match: Round 1, 1 singles and 1 doubles Round 2, 1 singles and 1 doubles
12U - Intermediate	4, non-gender specific	Full Court, Green-Dot Balls 4 Lines Each Match: Round 1, 1 singles and 1 doubles Round 2, 1 singles and 1 doubles
12U - Advanced	4, non-gender specific	Full Court, Yellow Balls 4 Lines Each Match: Round 1, 1 singles and 1 doubles Round 2, 1 singles and 1 doubles
14U - Recreational	4, non-gender specific	Full Court, Yellow Balls 4 Lines Each Match: Round 1, 1 singles and 1 doubles Round 2, 1 singles and 1 doubles
14U - Intermediate and Advanced	4, non-gender specific	Full Court, Yellow Balls 4 Lines Each Match: Round 1, 1 singles and 1 doubles Round 2, 1 singles and 1 doubles

		doubles
18U - Recreational	4, non-gender specific	Full Court, Yellow Balls 4 Lines Each Match: Round 1, 1 singles and 1 doubles Round 2, 1 singles and 1 doubles
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**PARTICIPANTS* IN THE LEAGUE
WILL RECEIVE:**

- A FREE T-SHIRT**
- PLAYERS ON WINNING TEAM AT
END OF SEASON WILL RECEIVE A
PINT GLASS
- WINNING ESTABLISHMENT HOSTS
END-OF-SEASON PARTY
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* 50% of each team roster must be comprised of players
NEW to the sport (meaning, never played tennis!)

** You must be registered by 9/14 to get a T-Shirt

SCAN TO REGISTER - Fee \$35
(no deadline for player registration.
Team registration ends 8/5.



**You can also register at
www.lnta.org**

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY & ALL EQUIPMENT IS PROVIDED



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