



## 2025 USTA North Carolina Junior Team Tennis State Championships Regulations

USTA North Carolina Junior Team Tennis consists of team competition for boys and girls in specific age and level divisions. Local winners may advance to the JTT State Championships. The following regulations apply to the JTT State Championships.

### **ADVANCEMENT/ELIGIBILITY**

#### **Season Dates**

The Local League season shall be January 1 to June 15.

#### **State Championships Dates and Location**

The JTT State Championships will be in Winston Salem, NC, July 11-13, 2025. Schedules will be out July 3, 2025.

TennisLink is the official information system of USTA Junior Team Tennis. A player's name must be listed on the team roster, as shown in TennisLink, prior to participation in any match. Local League schedules and match results must be entered in TennisLink.

#### **USTA Membership**

All players must be USTA members through their local season dates and through July 31 if progressing to the State Championships. [Click here for the USTA login screen](#)

#### **Team Coaches/Managers**

All participating teams shall have a designated team coach/manager on file responsible for the team, its administrative affairs and is compliant with [USTA Safe Play](#). Emergency substitutions may be considered by the tournament director.

#### **Age Groups**

10 & under, 12 & under, 14 & under and 18 & under. Players must be age eligible through July 31 if progressing to the State Championships. Local Leagues may have an 8 & under division, but winners will not advance to the State Championships. *\*Division is the term used to designate the age and skill level combination.*

#### **Player Level**

USTA North Carolina is not using a numbered rating system. Refer to the Level of Play Guidelines, click [here](#).

#### **Match Score Entries**

All matches are completed, scores entered, and final standing determined by June 15 in TennisLink. At the conclusion of the local league, the Local Coordinator will identify division winners to the North Carolina State Coordinator and provide coach/manager contact information for the qualifying teams.

## Team Match Requirement

Teams may advance from a local league where there is a minimum of two teams in the same division from which the team is advancing. A playoff structure may be established to determine a winner for each division. A team must play at least 3 matches on 3 separate dates to be eligible for advancement.

## Player and Team Progression

Players can progress with their winning local team to the State Championships if they have met all eligibility requirements and have played in at least two team matches (separate match numbers), one of which can be a default. The winning team must have at least 4 eligible players to register for the State Championships. Teams may progress to represent a division from their Local League to the State Championships using the following chart:

2 to 8 teams per Division	=	1 team qualifies
9 to 16 teams per Division	=	2 teams qualify
17-24 teams per Division	=	3 teams qualify

## Wildcard Procedure

Wildcard placements will be based on the number of teams in divisions and for possible 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams. The chart will be used following these criteria in the event of more than one area qualifying for a spot:

1. Areas with 7 teams in a division
2. Areas with 6 teams in a division
3. Areas with 15 teams in a division
4. Areas with 14 teams in a division

*\*If there are only 2 teams in a division, the division may be canceled.*

	10 BEG	10 INT	10 ADV	12 BEG	12 INT	12 ADV	14 BEG	14 INT	14 ADV	18 BEG	18 INT	18 ADV
HENDERSONVILLE (HEND)	CHAR	LAKE	WS	GSO	DURH	CARY	RAL	DOWN	CURR	WILM	ASHE	FAY
CHARLOTTE (CHAR)	LAKE	WS	GSO	DURH	CARY	RAL	DOWN	CURR	WILM	ASHE	FAY	HEND
LAKE NORMAN (LAKE)	WS	GSO	DURH	CARY	RAL	DOWN	CURR	WILM	ASHE	FAY	HEND	CHAR
WINSTON-SALEM (WS)	GSO	DURH	CARY	RAL	DOWN	CURR	WILM	ASHE	FAY	HEND	CHAR	LAKE
GREENSBORO (GSO)	DURH	CARY	RAL	DOWN	CURR	WILM	ASHE	FAY	HEND	CHAR	LAKE	WS
DURHAM (DURH)	CARY	RAL	DOWN	CURR	WILM	ASHE	FAY	HEND	CHAR	LAKE	WS	GSO
CARY (CARY)	RAL	DOWN	CURR	WILM	ASHE	FAY	HEND	CHAR	LAKE	WS	GSO	DURH
RALEIGH (RAL)	DOWN	CURR	WILM	ASHE	FAY	HEND	CHAR	LAKE	WS	GSO	DURH	CARY
DOWNEAST (DOWN)	CURR	WILM	ASHE	FAY	HEND	CHAR	LAKE	WS	GSO	DURH	CARY	RAL
CURRITUCK (CURR)	WILM	ASHE	FAY	HEND	CHAR	LAKE	WS	GSO	DURH	CARY	RAL	DOWN
WILMINGTON (WILM)	ASHE	FAY	HEND	CHAR	LAKE	WS	GSO	DURH	CARY	RAL	DOWN	CURR
FAYETTEVILLE (FAY)	FAY	HEND	CHAR	LAKE	WS	GSO	DURH	CARY	RAL	DOWN	CURR	WILM
ASHEVILLE (ASHE)	HEND	CHAR	LAKE	WS	GSO	DURH	CARY	RAL	DOWN	CURR	WILM	ASHE

*\* If a new area participates in JTT they will be added to the bottom of the first column (10 BEG) and then in the first spot of the second column (10 INT) and so on.*

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

### Team Match Format

Team matches consist of 1 singles and 1 doubles match followed by 1 singles and 1 doubles match. Players may play in one or both rounds provided they do not play both singles matches. Total games won determines the team match winner.

*\*Local Leagues may choose another match format and another method of determining team match winner that meets their needs. They may also choose the method for determining the local league winners.*

## Scoring Format

Individual matches play a short set to 6 games with no-ad scoring and a 7-point tiebreaker, win by 1, if the score becomes 5 all. *\*Local Leagues may use another scoring format which best meets the needs of the local program.*

## Overview

The following chart is an overview of the previously mentioned regulations:

AGES	LEVEL	BALL	COURT	MIN # of PLAYERS	MATCH FORMAT	SCORING FORMAT
10 & U	BEG	ORANGE	60'	4 (non-gender specific)	1 singles, 1 doubles followed by 1 singles, 1 doubles	Short Set to 6 games, no ad, 7-point tiebreaker played at 5 all, win by 1
10 & U	INT	ORANGE	60'	same as above	same as above	same as above
10 & U	ADV	GREEN	78'	same as above	same as above	same as above
12 & U	BEG	GREEN	78'	same as above	same as above	same as above
12 & U	INT	GREEN	78'	same as above	same as above	same as above
12 & U	ADV	YELLOW	78'	same as above	same as above	same as above
14 & U	BEG, INT	YELLOW	78'	same as above	same as above	same as above
18 & U	BEG, INT	YELLOW	78'	same as above	same as above	same as above

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS POLICY AND PROCEDURE

### Team Composition

A team must have a minimum of four eligible players to participate for the duration of the State Championship. In the event a full team defaults their matches, that team's matches will be null and void for the purpose of standings.

*\*If a team shows up with the eligible number of players but drops below the team minimum before the start of the first match, they will be allowed to play per the discretion of the tournament committee.*

### Team Lineups

The coaches/managers for each team shall exchange their team lineup cards simultaneously prior to the beginning of the team match. No substitutions may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to, or illness of a player prior to the start of such match and except under such further circumstances as a local/area competition may authorize. If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute is entitled to a five-minute warm-up.

### Team Drops Below Minimum

When a team starts the tournament with the minimum number of players but then drops below the minimum due to injury or illness, then the team must default both singles. If they drop to only 1 player then the team would default both doubles matches and one singles match. If a team drops to zero players during the event the tournament committee will default all matches.

### Team Substitutions

Local Leagues will decide team substitutions if a team from their league withdraws from the state tournament up to two weeks prior to the tournament start date.

If a team withdraws within two weeks of the tournament start date, then the tournament committee will decide if a local area team may be invited.

### More than One Team

If a player qualifies for two (2) or more advancing teams, that player may only play on one of those teams in the State Championship.

## **Coaching**

Coaching is allowed during the 90 second changeover but not during a tiebreak and only by one designated coach for a team match. Only the person(s) designated as coach/manager for a team may coach that team.

## **10u Monitors**

Monitors will be provided for 10u Beginner matches. 10u Intermediate matches do not have monitors.

## **Determining Winners:**

The winner of each flight/division will be determined by the total number of games won.

- **Tiebreak Method at the Conclusion of Round-Robin:**

The tiebreak criteria will be the following:

- If two teams are tied, head-to-head results.
- If three or more teams are tied: the least number of sets lost, then the least number of games lost, then, finally, a spin of the racquet.

- **Tiebreak Method of Championship Finals Match:**

- Both teams will submit a doubles team to play a 7-point match tiebreak win by 1.
- Players for the doubles match may be selected when the tie occurs.

## **Individual Defaults**

An individual default occurs when a player on the line-up card fails to appear by the match time with open available courts at the discretion of the tournament referee. When a team presents a scorecard reflecting a default, the opposing team will be notified and extended the opportunity of adjusting their line-up.

## **Retirement**

A retirement occurs when an individual match has started and a player or a doubles team is unable to continue due to injury, loss of condition or emergency. In case of a retirement, for the purpose of determining standings, the non-retiring player/doubles team shall be credited with such number of additional games as would have been won if the match was completed and the non-retiring player/doubles team won every subsequent game. When entering scores in TennisLink, mark as retired and submit actual scores of matches at the point of retirement.

## **Grievances**

In the event of a grievance or grievance appeal, we will follow the procedure set by the USTA Southern Junior Teams Tennis Grievance Regulations.

## **Waiver of Claims**

A player participating in USTA Junior Team Tennis acknowledges the risks associated with playing tennis, accept those risks voluntarily, and in consideration of their acceptance in the program assume all risks of injury whether property or bodily, waive all claims for any and all injury or damages and agree to release and hold harmless the USTA, any host facility, all officials, employees, volunteers, and agents with respect to any injury or loss caused by negligence or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted, whether in law or equity.

## **Suspended Players**

Any junior player who is suspended from any USTA competition is ineligible to participate in USTA Junior Team Tennis for the duration of the suspension.

## **Player Agreement**

All participating players agree to abide and be bound by the USTA Constitutions and By Laws: The Friend at Court – the USTA handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations including THE CODE and Wheelchair Rules of Tennis (unless modified by these USTA Junior TEAM TENNIS REGULATIONS) and the standards of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship.

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