

NOJTT RULES & INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND COACHES

Levels of Play

Advanced – The Southern Tennis Assoc. rule for 12 & above is if a player has a Southern standing of 1-300 as of July 31, 2010 or their NTRP ranking is 3.5 and above, they MUST play advanced. The Southern Tennis Assoc. rule for 10 & below is if a player has a Southern standing of 1-100 as of July 31, 2010 or their NTRP ranking is 3.5 and above, they MUST play advanced. A player who is advanced in any division is considered advanced in all divisions.

Intermediate – This is for non-tournament players who can serve and rally.

Beginner- A player who is just starting and is working primarily on getting the ball in play.

AGE Divisions –USTA age requirements govern what age division a child can play in the State tournament. Make sure when you are putting together your teams to determine what their age eligibility will be for August 31. Example- If a child is 12 now, but will turn 13 before August 31, that child must play in the 14's in the State tournament. Please note that if your team advances to state and for whatever reason the team size drops below the minimum of 6, you can only add one boy and one girl.

8 & Under Player is 8 or under on June 30, 2011

10 & Under Player is 10 or under on August 31, 2011

12 & Under Player is 12 or under on August 31, 2011

14 & Under Player is 14 or under on August 31, 2011

18 & Under Player is 18 or under on August 31, 2011*

*Fall winner is eligible for state championship in June 2011

12 & under, 14 & under, & 18 & under divisions

Team roster must have a minimum of "6" players (3 boys & 3 girls). A team match consists of 5 lines – Boys singles, girls singles, boys doubles, girls doubles, and mixed-doubles. The mixed-doubles line is the only time that boys may compete against girls in these divisions.

SCORING

These divisions will play **2 out of 3 short-sets** using **regular scoring**. The first team to win 4 games wins a set. The **seven-point** tiebreaker as specified by USTA rules will be in effect anytime the game count in the set reaches **3-all**. A **ten-point** tiebreaker is played in lieu of the **third set**.

8 & under Quickstart- Singles Play Only

Please note- Boys can compete against girls only in the 8 & Under division. Team roster must have a minimum of 6 players. Go to www.neworleanstennis.com and click on the Junior link for more details on Quickstart. **SCORING** will be **2 out of 3 games**. The first to **win 7 points** wins the **game**; the first to win **2 games wins the match**. Detailed scoring for 8s is found in your folder.

10 & Under Quickstart (Beginner & Intermediate) The format will be two lines of singles, one boys and one girls. Three lines played of doubles, one boys, one girls, and one mixed-doubles. (mixed-doubles will be played depending on the number of available players registering)

SCORING will be **2 out of 3 sets** using **NO-ADD** scoring. The **first** player/team to **win 4 games** wins the set. For the **third** set, the **first** player/team to **win 7 points wins the match**.

Winners of divisions are based on total team games won, not sets.

Match Eligibility

1. **PLAYING MULTIPLE TIMES** Only one boy and/or one girl can play twice in the same match. If 2 boys and/or 2 girls play twice, one of their matches must be entered as a default. The singles match is defaulted because it affects the fewest number of people. As a courtesy to the opposing team, it is suggested that the singles matches be played anyway, but according to USTA-Southern regulations, the score must be entered as a default. You must let the opposing captain know prior to the match which line/lines you plan to default.
2. Team members may play on one team per AGE division. Dual registration on two teams in the SAME division is not allowed.
3. Spring Season only.... All players must play in THREE matches during the spring season to be eligible for the state tournament. Exception-18s must play 3 matches in the Fall to be eligible to play in the state tournament.

Match schedule Matches will be scheduled on Saturdays between noon and 3:00p.m. Some Sunday play may be needed for make-up matches.

Warm-Up and Default

Players will observe a ten (10) minute warm up. The 15-minute default rule is in effect for all scheduled matches. Captains please be on time and make

sure you send your team to the correct facility.

Order of Play Boys and girls doubles play first, then the singles and mixed-doubles. Every effort must be made to schedule only two separate time slots for the match. The host captain will decide how many matches will be played at the same time.

Forfeit

If a team cannot field all of the positions for the match, then it must still play the other lines. If a team needs to default a line, it must be a singles match, as this will affect the fewest number of players. **No more than two lines can be defaulted in any match.** Notify opposing captain of any defaults before lineups are exchanged. Write FORFEIT in place of the forfeited player's name and be sure to put the names of the players receiving the forfeit.

Rescheduling Matches

All matches will be played according to the schedule unless the facility closes. In the event of

inclement weather, teams should wait 30 minutes to make sure the courts will not be playable. Rained Out or interrupted matches should be rescheduled and played before your next matchdate if possible. The Home Team Captain is to make court reservations for make up match. PLEASE STICK WITH THE SCHEDULE!!!!

Team Captains

The Home Team must contact the Guest Team at least 3 days prior to match date to confirm match times, line-up & location. The Home Team is also responsible for providing BALLS. Please record scores by going to www.neworleanstennis.com and then click on Jr. TennisLink within 24 hours of the completed match.

Coaching & Parents

USTA Jr. Team Tennis is a league for kids that combines the challenge and fun of playing tennis with the educational and character-building aspects of team sports. Unlike other team sports, the responsibility for keeping track of the score and deciding whether a shot is in or out lies with the players. Understandably, children in the 8 & 10 & under divisions may need some

assistance in the form of a court monitor.

1. A court monitor may be appointed by the captains for only the younger divisions (8 & under and 10 & under) to make sure that play is fair and continuous. **Parents please assist the captains when asked to be a monitor.**
2. The court monitor assists with scoring, rotation of serve and other rules of the game.
3. A court monitor may overrule a flagrant bad line call by either team.
4. **Parents that are not court monitors are not allowed to change the score or to interfere with line calls or scoring.**
5. Coaching is allowed by the team coach when players switch ends or between sets. No coaching is allowed during a game or any tiebreaker. **At no time will parents or spectators be allowed to coach, unless they are the team coach.**
6. Parents and fans are encouraged to only cheer GOOD PLAY! Please do not cheer for double faults or unforced errors. Captains should inform parents of this etiquette.
7. Make sure that younger siblings sit or stay near their parents while visiting other clubs. Parents and friends are **NOT** allowed to sit on the tennis court at **ANY** time.
8. Most clubs are allowing us to use their courts free of charge for our juniors. We must keep this relationship with the clubs a positive one.
9. Please pick up your trash after all matches.
10. Remember, one of the main goals of Jr. Team Tennis is to have fun playing tennis in a team setting.

For detailed information about regulations go to www.neworleanstennis.com

Please feel free to contact **Diane Simpson, JTT Coordinator**, with any problems or questions.

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