



**USTA Atlanta Junior Team Tennis Registration Information
Winter 2022 Season
(January 2022 – March 2022)**

Winter 2022 League Information

- Age Groups/Levels:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Court</u>	<u>Ball</u>	<u>Racquet</u>
8U	BEG INT	36'	RED	Must be 23" or smaller
10U	BEG INT	60'	ORANGE	Must be 25" or smaller
10U	ADV	78'	GREEN	
12U	BEG INT	78'	GREEN	
12U	ADV	78'	YELLOW	
14U	BEG INT ADV	78'	YELLOW	
18U	BEG INT ADV	78'	YELLOW	

- Determining Level of Team: The junior ratings system (JNTRP) and tournament points/standings are used to determine play levels for Junior Team Tennis programs for 12U, 14U and 18U. 10U level eligibility is determined by Playtracker guidelines. **It is very important that you view the [attached document](#) for specific level eligibility requirements.**
- Team Match Format:
 - 10U/12U/14U/18U- Teams are coed with a minimum of 4 boys and 4 girls per team. Each team match consists of 1 line of boys singles, 1 line of girls singles, 1 line of boys doubles, 1 line of girls doubles, and 1 line of mixed doubles in a round robin format. **Scoring formats: 10U play the best-of-three short sets; the first to win four games wins a set. If the players split the first two sets, the third set is a 7 point tiebreak. No-ad scoring for 10U. 12U – 14U play best 2 out of 3 short sets with a match tiebreaker for the third set, and 18U play best 2 out of 3 sets with a match tiebreaker for the third set.**
 - 8U- 4 player minimum; gender neutral (any combination of boys or girls). Each team match consists of 4 lines of singles (boy v. boy, girl v. girl, or boy v. girl). **Scoring format: 8U plays best two-out-of-three games; each game is a 7 point tiebreak. The first to win two games wins the match.**
- Registration Dates: Registration is open October 18th, with the deadline for team registration on **December 3rd. TennisLink will not allow for late team registrations.** We will reopen for add-ons and post schedules on December 17th. Players can then be added to teams up until the last match of the local round robin season.
- League Registration Fee (per player): The league fee is \$24 per player. All registration is done online. To create a team, visit www.ustaatlanta.com and under “Juniors” on the left hand side of the screen, click “TennisLink”. (Step by step TennisLink instructions are included in this packet.) TennisLink will show the \$21.00 local league fee and a \$3.00 TennisLink fee. **USTA Atlanta only receives the local fee portion. USTA Atlanta does not issue refunds.**



- **SafePlay Process:** As a captain, you MUST complete the SafePlay process before you will have access to create a team in TennisLink. If you are a returning captain, you can go to <https://usta.com/safeplay> to check your status. Please check your expiration date as you will be LOCKED OUT of TennisLink if you don't renew before the expiration date. To complete the SafePlay process, follow the steps here: <https://customercare.usta.com/hc/en-us/articles/360041617612-How-to-Become-Safe-Play-Approved-Renew>. You must be approved before you can create a team in TennisLink and the screening approval can take up to 10 business days. We cannot guarantee team entry if the screening is not submitted with enough time for clearance and team submission.
- **Schedule Availability:** Schedules will be available on TennisLink by December 17th. After schedules are posted, captains will receive an introductory letter from his or her coordinator.
- **League Start Date:** Play begins Saturday, January 8th at 1:00 pm. For most divisions, teams will be scheduled to have 6 or 7 team matches during the local round robin season.
- **Playoffs and Local City Finals:** Top teams in each flight will qualify for the playoff bracket in their respective division level. The first round of playoffs will be held February 26 with finals day on March 5. *Divisions with one flight will not advance to playoffs/finals.
- **Georgia JTT State Championships and Beyond:** City Champions (and some select City Finalists/Semifinalists) will be invited to attend the 2022 Junior Team Tennis State Championships in Macon the weekend of July 22-24, 2022. *8U does not advance past the local level. State Champions at the INT and ADV levels will have the opportunity to advance to the 2022 Sectional Championships (location/date TBD). Teams will not advance further than the Sectional Championships.

Team Requirements

- **Forming a Team:** For 10U, 12U, 14U, and 18U, teams need at least 4 boys and 4 girls registered by the deadline. For 8U, teams need at least 4 eligible players (boys and/or girls). Teams need to meet the level and age requirements and should double check eligibility before determining the level of the team.
- **Home Facility Requirements:** Teams are required to provide two courts of the same surface at their location. All facilities must be located in Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett, or Forsyth County. Captains at a new facility should contact USTA Atlanta (770-416-4333) to verify your facility is eligible for the USTA Junior Team Tennis program. The following information is required: facility name, address, number of courts. The team cannot register until the facility is processed. Lights are **required** if a make-up match takes place during the evening. Home teams hosting 10U play must have courts prepared for 60ft play (tape, chalk, painter's tape and permanent lines are permissible).
If you would like to update your JTT court availability, please email Amanda Hunt (Amanda@ustaatlanta.com) with the facility and number of courts available for Junior Team Tennis by December 3rd. This will help when scheduling numerous teams at a facility.
- **Captain Information:** Captains must have a current email address in order to receive league information throughout the season. As captain, you are responsible to get all USTA Atlanta information to players. Please ENSURE that your e-mail and phone number are correct on TennisLink.

Player Requirements

- **Level Eligibility:** It is very important that you view the [attached document](#) for specific level eligibility requirements.
- **Age Eligibility:** USTA Junior Team Tennis is designed for kids ages 5-18. All players participating in the Winter 2022 season must remain age eligible through August 31st of the 2022 Championship Year (September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022). *8U-eligibility rules are not the same because 8U teams do not advance past the local level. Players on 8U teams must remain 8 or younger through the winter season (through February 19).



- USTA Membership: USTA junior memberships are now FREE. Players will still need to obtain/renew a membership at www.membership.usta.com or by calling 1-800-990-8782 but there will no longer be a membership fee for junior players. If you have any questions or need to update your membership information please call the above number or email customer care@usta.com.
- Captains should check with all players before registering them for the team. **Once payment has been made no refunds will be issued.** We recommend that each parent be responsible for registering their child on a team.
- If you need additional players for your team, please visit the database of players looking for a team on our website at <http://www.ustaatlanta.com/findateam>.

Other Important Information

- Teams that are formed outside of the USTA Atlanta boundaries (outside of DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett, Cobb, and Forsyth) are welcome to participate in USTA Atlanta Junior Team Tennis (if approved). However, teams outside USTA Atlanta boundaries may be required to travel to more (if not all) matches, and will be grouped with the teams in closest proximities as possible.
- USTA Atlanta will make every effort to group teams within the closest proximities possible. Just because your team is closer to one facility does not necessarily mean you will be grouped in that sub-flight.
- TennisLink allows captains to view the “work in progress” that USTA Atlanta has done when putting together schedules. In most cases, teams are shifted around in order to finalize other divisions. **PLEASE NO PHONE CALLS prior to schedules being posted.**



Winter JTT 2022 Level Eligibility Requirements

To search for a player's 12U-18U standing/points, go to:

http://www.georgia.usta.com/junior_team_tennis/.

For 12U standings, click on the 12U National Standings Search and enter the player's name or USTA number.

For 14U-18U standings, click on the 14U-18U National Standings Search and enter the player's name or USTA number.

For 12U-18U points, you will see links for "List of Girls NOT ELIGIBLE to play Beginner Level" and "List of Boys NOT ELIGIBLE to play Beginner Level". If the player's name is on the list they are NOT eligible for the BEG level due to points.

Please read the criteria below and use the above links to help confirm a player's eligibility.

12U-18U Beginner Level Eligibility Requirements:

Players that meet at least one of these benchmarks in any age group are NOT eligible for participation at the Beginner Level for the 2022 Championship Year:

- Players with a JNTRP rating of 2.5 and above at time of registration.
- Players with more than 80 points in any age group on the posted National Standings List as of September 3, 2021. Point totals shall include both singles and doubles divisions from which points were acquired. Points earned due to defaults will not be considered and may be deducted if noted in writing to the State League Coordinator at time of Championship registration. *Please note: TennisLink will NOT stop a player that has more than 80 points from registering to a team. It is the responsibility of the parent/captain to check eligibility before registering each player. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. See box at top of document for link to check eligibility.
- Players who competed in at least one match in the Beginner Level at the 2021 State Championships cannot play on a Beginner Level team in the same age group during the 2022 Championship Year.

12U-18U Intermediate/Advanced Level Eligibility Requirements:

Players that meet at least one of these benchmarks in any age group are NOT eligible for participation at the Intermediate Level and MUST play at the Advanced Level for the 2022 Championship Year:

- Players with a JNTRP rating of 3.5 and above at time of registration.
- Players with a National standing in the ranges below as of September 3, 2021:
 - 18U: 1-1500 – cannot play INT in 18U age group
 - 16U: 1-1500 – cannot play INT in 18U age group
 - 14U: 1-1500 – cannot play INT in 14U age group
 - 12U: 1-650 – cannot play INT in 12U age group

***Please note:** TennisLink will NOT stop an ineligible player from registering to a team if it is due to their standing. It is the responsibility of the parent/captain to check eligibility before registering each player. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. See box at top of document for link to check eligibility.

10U Level Eligibility Requirements:

10U players must follow the PlayTracker rules to determine the ball color/level they are eligible for. Players eligible for 10U Green may still choose to play 10U Orange. Players can view the competition level they are eligible to compete in on their [Player Profile](#) in the family tab. For more information, please visit:

<https://netgeneration.usta.com/us-en/the-net-generation-playtracker.html>



Find Your Rating:

If you have played a minimum of four matches in the last 18 months in 12U-18U divisions of USTA-sanctioned and/or non-sanctioned junior tournaments and/or Junior Team Tennis leagues, then you more than likely have a dynamic rating.

[Click here](#) to find your rating! You must be logged into your USTA account in order to search for a junior rating level.

Please visit www.usta.com/junior_ratings for more information regarding junior ratings.



CREATING A TEAM

- As a captain, you **MUST** complete the SafePlay process before you will have access to create a team in TennisLink. If you are a returning captain, you can go to <https://usta.com/safeplay> to check your status. Please check your expiration date as you will be **LOCKED OUT** of TennisLink if you don't renew before the expiration date. To complete the SafePlay process, follow the steps here: <https://customercare.usta.com/hc/en-us/articles/360041617612-How-to-Become-Safe-Play-Approved-Renew>.
- In order to "Create a Team", you will need to become a coach/manager in TennisLink.
- If you need to become a JTT captain, follow these steps:
- Go to TennisLink – <http://tennislink.usta.com/teamtennis> - Then scroll to the bottom of the page and click on 'Become a Coach/Manager'.
- You will follow the necessary prompts depending on whether you have a USTA number or need to create an account. (There is no cost to create an account.)
- Once you have completed these steps, you can register your team.
- **All Captains must create a new team number each season.** This step creates a team number *and* registers the team.
 - Log in to TennisLink as captain (<http://tennislink.usta.com/TEAMTENNIS/Secure/logon.aspx?Caller=Login>)
 - Click on "Register for a Team", and then click "Click here to create a new team"
 - Select Type of Program (**Jr**)
 - Select Section (**Southern**)
 - Select District (**Georgia**)
 - Select Area (**USTA Atlanta - Juniors**)
 - Click "Go"
 - Select appropriate program.
 - **Make a note of your new team number.**
 - Create team name (Facility name – Captain's last name)
 - Select your Home Court Facility.
 - Select Division and check affiliations.
 - Enter Co-captain Information, if applicable.
 - **Click on "Save"! The system will not create the team unless you hit save.**

REGISTERING A PLAYER

- *Double check the [winter eligibility guidelines](#) for each level before registering your child to a team. No refunds will be given to ineligible players that register to a team.
- Go to Jr. Team Tennis TennisLink home page - <http://tennislink.usta.com/TeamTennis/Main/Home.aspx>
- Click on "Have a Team ID?".
- Enter the Team # of the team you are registering your child for.
- Enter in your child's USTA membership #.
- Complete payment information.
- Check the information carefully. If you register your child incorrectly you will forfeit the TennisLink fee.
- Click "Submit".



CHECKING YOUR TEAM ROSTER

- Go to <http://tennislink.usta.com/teamtennis>.
- Sign in as a Coach/Coordinator with your email address.
- Under "My Options", click on "Teams".
- Don't see your team? Be sure the championship year is designated as **2022**.
- Click on the notebook icon to the right of your team.
- Select "Player Roster."
- This is also where you will view match schedule, get scorecards, etc.