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JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

USTA Atlanta Junior Team Tennis Registration Information
Summer 2023 Season
(May 2023 – July 2023)

Summer 2023 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: 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 single gender with a minimum of 4 boys OR 4 girls per team.** Each team match consists of 2 lines of singles and 1 line of 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 March 6th, with the deadline for team registration on April 10th. **TennisLink will not allow for late team registrations.** We will reopen for add-ons and post schedules by April 28th. Players can then be added to teams through midnight the night before the last match of the local round robin season.
- League Registration Fee (per player): The league fee is \$24.15 per player. All registration is done online. TennisLink will show the \$21.00 local league fee and a \$3.15 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



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<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 April 28th. After schedules are posted, captains will receive an introductory letter from his or her coordinator.
- **League Start Date:** Play begins Saturday, May 6th. Girls' matches will be at 1:00 PM and boys' matches will be at 3:00 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. Playoffs will be held on July 8 and July 15. *Divisions with one flight will not advance to playoffs/finals.

Team Requirements

- **Forming a Team:** All age groups require a minimum of 4 players (4 boys OR 4 girls) to be registered by the deadline. For 8U, teams can be any combination of 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 8U or 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 (amanda@ustaatlanta.com) with the facility and number of courts available for Junior Team Tennis by April 10th. 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 Summer 2023 season must remain age eligible through August 31st of the 2022 Championship Year (September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023). *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 summer season (through June 24).
- **USTA Membership:** Junior memberships are now FREE but all players still must have a USTA membership that is current through the entire season of play. To join or renew a membership, go to www.usta.com or call 1-800-990-USTA. Current members can change contact information by calling Membership Services (number above) or emailing at memberservices@usta.com.



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- 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, email Amanda (amanda@ustaatlanta.com). We maintain a database of players looking for teams to join.

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 Jr. 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.**



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2023 Level Eligibility Requirements

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

http://www.georgia.usta.com/JTT/eligibility_requirements_and_standings/

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.

For 12U standings, you will see links for "12U Girls Standings Search" and "12U Boys Standings Search". If the player's name is on the list they are NOT eligible for the INT level due to their standing.

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

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

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

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 2023 Championship Year:

- Players with more than 80 points in any age group on the posted National Standings List as of 9/7/22. 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.
- Players who competed in at least one match in the Beginner Level at the 2022 State Championships cannot play on a Beginner Level team in the same age group during the 2023 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 2023 Championship Year:

- Players with a National standing in the ranges below as of September 7, 2022:
 - 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

10U/12U Level Eligibility Requirements:

In 12U divisions, a player may play green or yellow ball based on PlayTracker regulations/allowances. For more information, please visit: <https://netgeneration.usta.com/us-en/the-net-generation-playtracker.html>

In 10U divisions, a player may play green or orange ball based on PlayTracker regulations/allowances. For more information, please visit: <https://netgeneration.usta.com/us-en/the-net-generation-playtracker.html>



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CREATING A TEAM

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- 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 [summer 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".



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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 **2023**.
- 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.