



**ATLANTA
JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS**

**2023 USTA Atlanta JTT State Qualifier
May 19-21, 2023**

Registration Dates: March 6 – April 21

****This event is a qualifier for the Junior Team Tennis State Championships in Macon, GA on July 21-23, 2023. All first place teams will receive an invitation to participate in the state championships.**

COST: Non-refundable fee of \$35.00 per player

SECURITY DEPOSIT: \$250 PER TEAM

REGISTRATION

Registration will be first come first serve. Once the draws are full (4 teams per division), teams may be put on a waiting list. You will be notified if you are put on the waiting list. Three team matches will be guaranteed.

Mail or drop off deposit and completed registration form to USTA Atlanta: Re: Amanda Hunt, 6075 The Corners Parkway, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092. *Office hours are currently Mon-Fri 9a-3p. Please call ahead of time if you plan to drop off or slide under door if office is closed.* Once a check is received you will receive an email from us with further instructions. We will not include a team in a division until the deposit is received. No exceptions.

Once we have a spot for your team, a team number will be created. Teams will register in TennisLink and will require a team captain with a completed SafePlay process.

SECURITY DEPOSIT

Security deposits (\$250 per team) will be held until the end of the USTA Atlanta JTT Qualifier. Deposit checks will be torn up and discarded as long as the team remains in the event throughout the entire weekend. Deposit checks will be cashed if a team withdraws from the event, does not complete all scheduled matches, or defaults any of the scheduled matches. Any cashed deposit checks will be donated to the Atlanta Youth Tennis and Education Foundation.

TEAMS

Anyone can form a team for this event and any player can participate as long as the player meets the age and level eligibility requirements. This event is considered its own season and has no relation to the winter season of Junior Team Tennis.

ROSTERS

Minimum 4 boys and 4 girls are required. Teams are guaranteed at least 3 matches – be mindful of this when creating your teams if you want to qualify all players for potential advancement. Players must play in two team matches to qualify for advancement. PLAYING TWICE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

AGE ELIGIBILITY

All players participating in the USTA Atlanta JTT Qualifier must remain age eligible through August 31, 2023.

10U – BORN SEPTEMBER 2012 & YOUNGER

12U – BORN SEPTEMBER 2010 & YOUNGER

14U – BORN SEPTEMBER 2008 & YOUNGER

18U – BORN SEPTEMBER 2004 & YOUNGER

LEVEL ELIGIBILITY

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>

ADVANCEMENT ELIGIBILITY

Players can advance with their winning local team to the Georgia State Championships if they have met all eligibility requirements and have played in at least two (2) team matches (separate match numbers), one of which can be a default.

MATCH FORMAT (4 lines)

Boys Doubles, Girls Doubles and 2 lines of Mixed Doubles

DIVISIONS

10U Intermediate (Orange balls; 60 foot courts)

10U Advanced (Green Dot balls; Regular courts)

12U Beginner (Green Dot balls; Regular courts)

12U Intermediate (Green Dot balls; Regular courts)

12U Advanced (Yellow balls; Regular courts)

14U Beginner (Yellow balls; Regular courts)

14U Intermediate (Yellow balls; Regular courts)

14U Advanced (Yellow balls; Regular courts)

18U Beginner (Yellow balls; Regular courts)

18U Intermediate (Yellow balls; Regular courts)

18U Advanced (Yellow balls; Regular courts)

SCORING FORMAT

No ad scoring.

10U - 2 out of 3 sets, the first to win four games wins a set. If one player wins the first two sets, he or she wins the match. If the players split the first two sets, the third set is a 7 point tiebreak (first to 7 and do not have to win by 2).

12U, 14U, 18U - 2 out of 3 sets, 4 game short sets, with a match tiebreak (first to 10, win by 2) in lieu of a third set. Set tiebreakers (first to 7, win by 2) to be played at 3 games all.

Scoring formats may be altered at the director discretion.

COACHING

Coaching will be allowed on changeovers. One coach is designated for the duration of each team match. ONLY the designated coach will be permitted to coach during the coaching period. Designated coaches will be given a badge to wear to identify themselves.

BALLS

Balls will be provided. Orange balls will be used for all 10U Intermediate matches. Green dot balls will be used for all 10U Advanced and 12U Beginner and Intermediate matches. Yellow balls will be used for all other groups.

COURTS

All matches will be played on hard courts.

FACILITIES

Matches will be played at Buford City Park.

REFRESHMENTS

USTA Atlanta will provide lunch on Saturday for all participating players.

PRIZES AND GIVE AWAYS

Be on the lookout for prizes and giveaways throughout the weekend!

SCHEDULES

A schedule will be posted by 12:00pm on Monday, May 15.

ADVANCEMENT

All division winners will receive an invitation to the State Championships in Macon, GA on July 21-23.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If this event or part of this event is canceled due to rain or any unforeseen circumstances, the event will not be rescheduled.

All completed games will be included in a suspended match and entered as a timed match. It will then be determined if a team is in contention to win by assuming all future games are won. If a team is mathematically out of contention they will not be included in the determination of winner and finalist. Winners will then be determined by highest percentage of games won over games played of the teams still in contention.

RULES

USTA Atlanta local rules as well as USTA Georgia rules and regulations will be enforced throughout this event.

PLAYER CONDUCT AND SPECTATOR RULES

The player conduct agreement and spectator rules will be enforced. Please see attached guidelines and pass on to your players and parents.

THIS IS NOT A SANCTIONED EVENT.

Player Conduct Agreement

In recognition of the support by USTA Atlanta to competitions such as the JTT Qualifier, certain behavior is expected. We expect the highest level of sportsmanship and exemplary behavior both on and off the court. Each player shall abide by the following rules of conduct while at the JTT Qualifier:

1. If you have any doubt as to whether a ball is out or good, you must give your opponent the benefit of the doubt and play the ball as good.
2. It is your obligation to call all balls on your side, to help your opponent make calls when the opponent requests it, and to call against yourself (with the exception of a first service) any ball that you clearly see out on your opponent's side of the net.
3. Any "out" or "let" call must be made instantaneously; otherwise the ball continues in play.
4. Do not enlist the aid of spectators in making line calls.
5. If you call a ball out and then realize it was good, you should correct your call.
6. To avoid controversy over the score, the Server should announce the set score before starting a game and the game score prior to serving each point.
7. If players cannot agree on the score, they may go back to the last score on which there was agreement and resume play from that point, or they may spin a racket.
8. Do not stall, sulk, complain, or practice gamesmanship.
9. Wait until the players on another court have completed a point before retrieving or returning a ball.
10. From the beginning of the match, play must be continuous. Attempts to stall or to extend rest periods for the purpose of recovering from a loss of physical condition are clearly illegal.
11. Intentional distractions that interfere with your opponent's concentration or effort to play the ball are against the rules.
12. Players are expected to put forth a full and honest effort regardless of the score or expected outcome.
13. Players are expected to maintain full control over their emotions and the resulting behavior throughout the match. If you begin to lose your composure during play, try the following:
 - i) Take several deep breaths, exhale as slowly as possible and feel your muscles relax.
 - ii) Concentrate on your own game and behavior while ignoring distractions from your opponent or surroundings.
 - iii) Be your own best friend – enjoy your good shots and forget the poor ones.

Failure to comply with any of the above regulations may result in notification of parents, coaches and USTA Atlanta. If conduct is deemed unacceptable by the Tournament Referee dismissal from the event may occur.

Spectator Rules and Guidelines

One of the goals of USTA Junior Team Tennis is to allow the players a competitive setting without the pressures of spectator interference. The purpose of the JTT Qualifier is to encourage teamwork and sportsmanship on and off the court. Clapping/cheering for good shots will be allowed provided it is for both teams' good shots.

Remember, our concern is the well-being of every junior participating in this event. We want all teams that play to have a good experience. If clapping/cheering gets out of hand, the spectators will be informed that any cheering or clapping will not be allowed for the remainder of the match. Team Captains are responsible for their team spectators and should be sure that their team parents and players know and understand the rules BEFORE starting play.

If there is excessive abuse of the rules no clapping/cheering will be permitted for the remainder of the event.

Examples:

1. Player hits a double fault - no cheering.
2. Player hits a ball 2 feet out on a deuce point - no cheering.
3. Player whiffs a serve - no cheering.
4. Player hits ball into the net – no cheering.
5. Player hits an overhead for a winner - cheering by both teams.
6. Players have a long rally - cheering by both teams.
7. Match has finished play - cheering by both teams.
8. Spectators should use common sense. Think how your child would feel in a situation before subjecting another child to unfairness.

Remember, these teams are all champions already. Even though the score may not reflect it, every child is a winner. Let them play the matches on the courts. Let's all help the players have a wonderful experience so they continue to play tennis in the future.



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REGISTRATION FORM

CAPTAIN NAME:

CAPTAIN USTA ACCOUNT #:

*Captain must have SafePlay clearance or SafePlay must be in progress.

EMAIL:

PHONE NUMBER:

TEAM NAME:

DIVISION (AGE GROUP/LEVEL):

****Be sure deposit check is included with this form.**

****You will be notified once the form and deposit check are received.**

Thank you for registering for the USTA Atlanta JTT Qualifier!