



Memphis Summer 2015 Championship Junior Team Tennis



- ***How many players do I need to form a team?***

For 8U, you will need a minimum of three players, gender-neutral. For 10U-18U, you will need a minimum of three boys and three girls for a legal team. Each team must have a team captain (can be a parent, teaching pro, or volunteer).

- ***How do I become a USTA Junior Team Tennis Captain?***

The first step is to complete the [Safe Play Process](#) through Tennis Link. It doesn't take much time to complete, but must be done before you can register your team. It can take up to 10 business days to receive your screening results, so you'll want to complete this *as soon as possible*. Once complete, it's good for two years. Your League Coordinator can help you along the way. See the [PDF How-To's](#) on the website for step by step guide. Captaining is fun!

- ***If I'm the captain, where do I go to register my team?***

Once you've completed your Safe Play and set up your coach/manager account, login to [Tennis Link](#) and choose "Create New Team" under "My Options" at the bottom right of webpage. Follow prompts. This will be the team number you need to share with your team members. Once you've given them the team number, send them to the [registration](#) page.

- ***If I don't have a team, how do I find a Junior Team Tennis team?***

Inquire at your local tennis facility or ask your teaching pro. Still need help finding a team? You may [register as an open player](#) and be placed on a team. To find the best fit for your player, also email the following information to your [league coordinator](#) - skill level, tennis facility or club affiliated with, school attended, and "yes or no" to interest in playing on a team who will be traveling to state championships in Chattanooga.

- ***What is the cost to participate?***

Each player must first have a USTA Junior Membership. To register or to renew, visit the [membership website](#). Junior membership is \$20 per year (family memberships are available). For those players who are 10 and under that are NEW to the USTA, take advantage of the [free membership offer](#). The cost to participate in the program is \$40 per player, plus a Tennis Link processing fee (approximately \$4).

- ***Where and when will matches be played?***

Match Weekends: June 5-7, 12-14, 19-21 & 26-28; July 10-12 & 17-19. Matches will be set up primarily in home/away format (with some at neutral site venues). Captains will need to declare their home facility when registering their team and alert League Coordinator to any blackout times (courts unavailable for JTT match play) for their facility. For each match, we'll need a minimum of three courts available (for 10U-18U).

- ***What are the match formats and how does the scoring work for Summer '15 Advancing JTT?***

8U plays singles. 10U through 18U play 1 Boys Singles, 1 Girls Singles, 1 Boys Doubles, 1 Girls Doubles, 1 Mixed Doubles. You will be able to find the specifics of the rules & regs, summer inclement weather / heat policies, etc. soon on the USTA [Junior Team Tennis page](#) of Junior Tennis in Memphis, www.memphisjrtennis.org. Following are the scoring formats for Championship JTT this summer:

o **8 & Under (Intermediate): ROGY - Red Tennis Ball**

(8's play on a 36' court with the Red ball and racket size of 23" or less)

- 7 point games (win by 1 point)
 - First to 7 points wins the individual game
- (An individual match will consist of a best 2 of 3 games to 7 points, win by one point. So if the players are tied at 6-6, the next point wins the game. Summer score entry will be on website when rules & regs are posted.)*
- Team winner determined by total points won

o **10 & Under (Intermediate & Advanced): ROGY - Orange Tennis Ball**

(10's will play on a 60-foot court with the orange ball and a racket size of 25" or less. Ideally, 10's matches will be played at a facility that has permanent 10 and under lines.)

- 2 out of 3 short sets; first to 4 games; No-Ad Scoring
- Service game played at 3-3.
- 7 point tiebreak played for 3rd set (win by 1 point)
- Winner determined by total games won

o **12 & Under Intermediate: ROGY - Green Dot Ball**

- 2 out of 3 short sets; first to 4 games; No-Ad Scoring (full court)
- Tiebreak to 7 played at 3-3.
- 10 point tiebreak played for 3rd set (win by 2)
- Winner determined by total games won

o **14U (Intermediate & Advanced) and 18 (Intermediate & Advanced): Regular Yellow Ball**

- 2 out of 3 short sets; first to 4 games; No-Ad Scoring (full court)
- Tiebreak to 7 played at 3-3 (win by 2)
- 10 point tiebreak played for 3rd set (win by 2)
- Winner determined by total games won

• ***I have a few other questions on scoring (no ad, tie-breaks, etc.) Will you give further details?***

Junior Team Tennis is a modified version of adult league tennis. 10U - 18U uses regular 15-30-40-game scoring. In no-ad (once game has reached deuce or "forty all"), the next service point wins the game. Also in no-ad, it's the receiver's choice as to which player receives the serve (the ad player or the deuce player). In non-advancing leagues, tie-breakers may vary by age division, to take into account completing matches within a certain time-frame. In advancing or Championship JTT for 12U-18U, the 7-point set tiebreakers and the 10-point match tiebreakers are win by two points, and they do not use the Comen tiebreaker. Tie-breaks are entered into Tennis Link as an additional game. So, for a set score, it would be "4-3" for example. For a match tie-break, it would be "1-0" (versus the actual, for example, "10-6") Here's how tiebreaker works:

- ❖ The server whose turn it is serves the first point into opponent's deuce court.
- ❖ After the first serve, the service goes over to the opponent player, who then serves the next two points, serving first into the ad court and then into the deuce court.
- ❖ After the third point, the players alternate, serving two points each, always beginning on the ad court.
- ❖ After the first six points are played, no matter what the score is (ex 4-2 or 3-3), the players change ends (and continue to do so after every other six-point span) until one player wins at least seven points with a margin of two points (or at least ten points in a match tiebreaker). Yes, it involves changing ends during a player's service turn.
- ❖ After a 1st set tiebreak, if you wonder who should start serving in the 2nd set, it's as follows: If a player started serving first in the last set, then the opponent begins the next set. Another way of saying it is the player who serves the last game of the set before the tiebreaker serves the first game of the new set following the tiebreaker.

- ***What's the difference in non-advancing JTT and advancing JTT leagues?***

For teams playing in non-advancing leagues, there's no advancement past local level play. In Memphis, this includes Spring JTT, NJTL JTT, and Fall JTT. Advancing - or Championship - JTT offers the opportunity for intermediate (and advanced) teams in all divisions to advance to the state level, if they meet requirements. 10U-12U have the opportunity to continue to Sectionals, and 14U-18U have the possibility of advancing to Nationals.

- ***Which teams can attend the state championships in Chattanooga?***

The championships are open to intermediate and/or advanced level teams in the 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U & 18U divisions. All teams who've competed in at least three local league matches (on three different match weekends) are welcome to attend. *Note, 14U Beginner teams will only compete at the local league level.* Registration will be open for Intermediate level teams. If you have an Advanced level team, contact Local League Coordinator, Laura Huss. It isn't mandatory that teams who compete locally attend the state championships, only encouraged, as it's a great experience! Save the date for July 31st - August 2nd.

- ***How does a player qualify to go to the championships?***

For a player to qualify, they must have played in at least two separate local matches (default win doesn't count toward fulfillment). Note, playing singles and doubles within a team match only counts towards one of these matches. Players will have plenty of opportunities, as there are six weekends of match play. A player must remain age eligible through August 31st of the Championship year (ex., if playing 14U, may not age up to 15 prior to August 31st if playing in advancing league).

- ***Okay, my team wants to go to Chattanooga...what's next?***

You'll want to be sure the members of your team play at least two matches each during the local league season. Let your [league coordinator](#) know you are planning to attend, and she'll make sure you get all the necessary information for your team as our local season moves along (deadlines, etc). Registration for state championships opens June 1st, and [follow this link](#) for current information on dates, "Captain's Corner", hotels and info on the Player Party.

[USTA Junior Team Tennis - 2015 Regulations](#)

Additional questions, feel free to contact Laura Huss, your USTA Local League Coordinator for Junior Team Tennis in Memphis at memphisjrtennis@gmail.com or [visit the website](#) at memphisjrtennis.org. Follow [memphisjrtennis on Twitter](#) and [on Instagram](#) and [like us on Facebook!](#)

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