



Players 18 and under

PLAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR 18 AND UNDER PLAYERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Tournament Structure

The Structure of the USTA Junior Tournaments utilizes seven levels of events, ranging from Level 7 (Intermediate) to Level 1 (National Championships). In total, 11 different draw formats are offered across the seven levels of play. Not all formats are offered at every level. For intermediate players who are ready to earn ranking points, you can start by playing in Level 7 and Level 6 events which offer low cost of entry. There are different philosophies for advancing through competition, but one universal principal is that a player should only advance to the next level if they are consistently winning more matches than they are losing.

[Breakdown of the 7 Levels of tournaments](#)

Ranking System

[USTA National Junior Ranking System](#)

The USTA has developed a nationwide competitive system that brings uniformity across all 17 sections. Ranking points earned per tournament are determined on multiple factors (see below).

- Tournament Level
- Format
- Round Reached
- Main draw or Consolation bracket
- Bonus Points (win vs. ranked opponent)

[Junior Tournament Ranking System Points Table Breakdown](#)

[Find my child's National Ranking](#)

Ranking points are based off a player's 6 best tournament results over a 52-week period. This includes 100% of the singles ranking points and 15% of the ranking points from doubles and/or mixed doubles during that time frame.

[Junior Standings List FAQs](#)



Tournaments

USTA Junior Tournaments are offered in a variety of formats – individual, team, non-elimination, and elimination. Play tournaments locally, in State or travel around the Southern Section or even the United States. The possibilities are endless depending on your child's goals.

[Find a Tournament on USTA.com](#)

Junior Team Tennis

Junior Team Tennis (JTT) is a youth tennis league for players 5-18. Kids register as individuals to teams in their area. Seasons last 4-8 weeks depending on your area. The 10U format is designed with your kids in mind. Smaller racquets and courts, with foam or low-compression balls, allow for a better education of the game. JTT is open to players of all abilities. Players do need to be able to, rally, and keep score.

[Find a local league near you](#)

Junior Circuits – non-ranking tournaments

A single event, up to a half-day, where players participate in 2-4 matches based on the number of players in each flight. Players are expected to be able to serve, maintain a rally and keep score.

[Find a Jr. Circuit on USTA.com](#)

Summer Camps/Clinics

Local facilities offer year-round clinics and summer camps for players of all ages. Reach out to your local facilities to find details on details of their programs.

High School Tennis Team

Most High Schools around the State offer the opportunity for players to represent their school through tennis. Many of these schools are no-cut teams that offer players that tryout the chance to be on a team and part of something bigger than themselves, while making new friends and learning the game.

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