

Interested in Hosting a National Level 7 Junior or Adult Tournament?

There is still time to host a Junior or Adult Level 7 Tournament! Level 7 tournaments are one day events that feature a variety of non-elimination formats and shortened scoring which provide more play opportunities and flexible scheduling with less time commitment. Level 7 tournaments are sanctioned events that can be added to the South Carolina schedule at any point during the year.

Why run a Level 7 tournament?

- Impact - By increasing play opportunities for local players, you are helping keep those players in the game of tennis.
- Facility Friendly - A shorter tournament schedule helps maximize court usage.
- Profit - Not only are these profitable tournaments, but facilities have seen an increase in lessons taken by current players and have seen tournament players become players or members at their facility.
- Fun - Level 7 tournaments help create a feeling of community and camaraderie.

What do I have to do to run a Level 7 tournament?

- Tournament providers must be SafePlay approved. [Click here to learn how to check and renew your SafePlay status.](#)
- For Level 7 tournaments, USTA National has approved that tournament directors can serve in a dual tournament director/referee role after completing an online course. This dual role will provide financial benefits and education for tournament directors hosting these level tournaments. [Click here for more information on the dual tournament director/referee role.](#)
- USTA is now running sanctioned National level tournaments through the platform Serve Tennis. Tournament directors will need to activate their Serve Tennis accounts and accept a tournament director invitation from USTA SC in order to submit a tournament application. [Click here for instructions on how to get started in Serve Tennis.](#) Please reach out to Amanda Morelli at morelli@sctennis.com to receive an invitation to become a USTA SC tournament director.
- Once your account is set up in Serve Tennis or if you already have a Serve Tennis account, you can begin working on submitting your tournament application. First, you will need to [connect to a Stripe Express account](#) for your tournament registration fees to be deposited into the bank account of your choice. Then you will be able to [create a tournament application to submit for approval.](#)



Are there certain divisions that must be run in a Level 7 tournament?

- Junior Level 7 Tournaments - Junior Level 7 tournaments must include all age divisions 12s-18s. Doubles events are not required for this level tournament. If you are interested in running an event with specific age divisions and not all, it may be in your best interest to run a Junior Circuit event. These events are more flexible and can be run over 1 or 2 days. Junior Circuit events do not have ranking points associated with them.
- Adult Level 7 Tournaments - Adult Level 7 tournaments do not have requirements for which divisions are held. It is at the discretion of the tournament director which divisions they will include in their one-day tournament. It is highly recommended to only allow players to register for one division at these events to finish the tournament in one day.

Are there any helpful instructions for first time tournament directors who are hosting a Level 7 tournament?

Listed below are some helpful documents for tournament directors who are planning to host Level 7 tournaments.

- [Level 7 Tournament Checklist](#)
- [Level 7 Draw and Score Format Guide](#)
- [Level 7 Junior Welcome Speech Example](#)

If you have any questions or are interested in hosting a junior or adult Level 7 tournament in South Carolina, please reach out to Amanda Morelli at morelli@sctennis.com.

