

USTA Mid-Atlantic Section 2018 Maryland Regionals

Coach/Captain Handbook



Location: tbd

We're still working on the location, which affects the date – please bear with us.

Thank you, coaches and parents, for your support of these young players in tennis! We look forward to seeing you there.

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FAQs for Players

Before

These championships are scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We will play matches on Friday only when there are too many teams in a division to finish in 2 days or there aren't enough courts to fit in all matches in two days. No matches will begin before 4pm on Friday.

Players don't necessarily need to play all 3 days but teams will default courts for any match without the 3 boy/3 girl minimum, or 4 player minimum for 10 Intermediate.

Players may play on only one team at Regionals. Players may play on only one team at Sectionals.

The schedule is created a few days after registration is closed. Your coach will share that with you as soon as it's available.

Host Hotel: once we confirm a tournament site, we will reserve a block of rooms.

Players and parents/guardians must submit waivers prior to match play, the earlier the better. Here is the link – <https://form.jotform.com/80657220784965>

What to bring: water, hydrating snacks (oranges, etc), hat/visor, chair or blanket, cooler.

Site Amenities: once we confirm the tournament site, we will know what amenities are available. We will have an athletic trainer and roving officials.

During

Players should be present 30 mins before match time, unless stated by your team coach. There are penalties for late line-ups and late starts.

Format – all except the 10's is 8-game pro-set, no ad scoring; at 7 all, play one game. 10 Intermediate plays 4-game pro-sets of 4 singles and 2 doubles.

After

Sectionals: Aug. 10-12 in Richmond. Let your coach know now if you are unavailable that weekend.

Players earn 45 section points for participation; 45 points for each singles win, and I have to check for doubles win. No points for Mixed Doubles. Players in 10U earn YP stars. 10U players in 12U divisions do not earn YP stars.

Thank the people who are responsible for getting you here.



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Important Dates:

Team Registration closes – June 29

No refunds for withdrawal – July 3

Schedule posted – July 7, but teams should be available play all 3 days

Waivers due – July 10

Coaches' Call – July 10

Sectionals - Aug. 10-12, Richmond

Nationals – 14s Nov. 1-4 Orlando, 18s Orlando Nov. 8-11

Facility Information

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We are guests of these facilities – they require:

- Only water may be brought onto the courts – please NO Sports Drinks, no food.
- Adult supervision of children at all times
- We leave the courts and surroundings as we found them. Please help keep the facility clean by throwing away your trash.

Parking: tba.

Amenities: There will be water jugs on the court; other than that, it depends on what the facility will allow.

Warm-up Courts: Players will be able to warm up on the match courts an hour before the first match of the day on a first come, first served basis – 1 court per team. Players will not be allowed to warm-up on vacant courts. To find other warm-up courts in the area, use the map for public open courts by filtering -

<https://www.tennismaps.com/index.asp?regionid=488&lat=36.8529263&lng=-75.97798499999999&zoom=11>

Host Hotel: We will secure a block of rooms at a reduced rate and share with Coaches once set.



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Registration: Information for team and player registration will be provided to the team Captain. **Refunds will not be given to teams which withdraw 3 or more days after registration has closed.**

Rules & Regulations: Please see the USTA JTT 2018 National Regulations and MAS Section Rules and Practices for additional rules pertaining to JTT Advancing Leagues.

Advancement – the winning team (as determined by total games won over the tournament) in each age group will receive an invitation to the 2018 JTT Summer Sectional Championships. All requirements for advancement to Sectional Championships apply. In the event the winning team declines, the next in line will be invited.

Format and Scoring

- Team match format – see grid below. Each age-group will play a full round robin.
- Players will have a 5 minute warm-up for each match.
- At deuce, in singles and doubles the receiver chooses the side for the last point. In mixed, the serve goes to the player of the same gender.

Age/Level	Team Minimum	Scoring/Format	Eligibility
10U Intermediate	4, no gender requirement	4 singles, 2 doubles; 4 game no-ad pro-set; at 5-all, play one game; orange ball, 60" court	Age thru 8/31; minimum 2 match history (player), default not counted toward minimum; team must play minimum 3 matches on 3 different days
10U Advanced	6, 3 girls and 3 boys	BG singles, BG doubles, and mixed; 8 game no-ad pro-set; at 7-all, play one game; green-dot ball	
12U Intermediate, 12U Advanced	6, 3 girls and 3 boys	BG singles, BG doubles, and mixed; 8 game no-ad pro-set; at 7-all, play one game	
14U and 18U Intermediate and Advanced	6, 3 girls and 3 boys	BG singles, BG doubles, and mixed; 8 game no-ad pro-set; at 7-all, play one game	



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Team Eligibility

- Teams must have at least 3 eligible boys and 3 eligible girls on their rosters, with the exception of 10 Intermediate which must have 4 players (gender-neutral), available for their first match.
- A team may invite one sub from the same local league and season (any age group) only in order to get its roster to the minimum (see above). The sub replaces an eligible player and is on the roster for the entire championship.
- Teams must come from leagues entered in TennisLink, including match results.

Player Eligibility:

- Players in 14 and 18 Intermediate and Advanced must have valid USTA memberships and be age-eligible through August 31, 2018. Players in the 10s and 12s divisions are not required to have a current membership.
- Players may play for only one team at this championship.
- Players with a 3.5 Junior Rating or above at the time of local season registration must play Advanced.

Coaching

- Coaches will be identified by wearing a USTA lanyard, given at check-in.
- Coaches must be listed in TennisLink as a Coach/Co-Coach for that team and be current in the USTA Safe Play process.
- Coaching is allowed at changeovers only, starting with game 3, and for no more than 90 seconds. This is inclusive of the time that players may sit, drink, and change ends.
- Only one Coach is allowed on court for an entire team match, no changing Coaches during a match.
- A Coach's privilege may be revoked for reasons such as unsportsmanlike conduct or unallowable coaching.

Line-Ups and Defaults

- Line-ups are due at least 30 mins prior to the scheduled match time. Late line-ups may result in loss of toss and point penalties.
- For each co-ed team match only one boy and one girl may play twice and this must include Mixed Doubles. (Singles and Mixed, or Doubles and Mixed).
- Correct line-ups are the responsibility of the Coach, not the tournament desk. If a Coach plays an illegal line-up, one or more matches may be subject to default if appealed by the opposing Coach.
- If a team does not have the minimum number of players for its first match of the



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tournament, it may play but all scores for all team and individual matches will be entered as defaults, except for the purposes of tournament points.

- If a team does not have the minimum number of players after its first match, it must default singles first, doubles second if necessary. Mixed Doubles will not be defaulted. In 10 Intermediate, defaults will apply as: short 1 player, default #4 singles and #2 doubles; short 2 players, default #3 and 4 singles and #2 doubles.

Rain Plan: We will have indoor back-up. The Rain Plan will be outlined during the Captain's Call, about 3 days before the tournament start. However, in the event matches are played indoors due to rain, matches will most likely be timed. If some matches are timed and others untimed, all teams in a division will have the same number of timed and untimed individual matches such that no team has an advantage of earning more games than any other.

Written procedures for timed matches will be provided to each Coach prior to the start of the tournament if it appears that they will be needed.

Tournament Ranking Points: Players over 10 years of age will receive 45 participation points toward their MAS "best six". In addition, players in Singles receive 45 points per win toward their MAS "best six"; I have to check on the amount for a doubles win. Players playing in 10U divisions will earn YP stars. 10U players playing in 12U will not receive points or YP stars.

Grievances

- Types include General, Administrative, National, Eligibility, Ratings. Championship Grievances: see the USTA National Championship Track Regulations for grievances at all Section-run Championships.
- Grievances during Championships must be filed within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the team match in which it occurred.
- Grievances relating to eligibility of a player or team must be filed within 48 hours of the conclusion of the tournament.
- Grievance forms will be available at the tournament desk.



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Forms

We are reducing our carbon footprint this year by using digital forms.

Team Registration, required by Coaches for each team.

Code of Conduct, Medical Waiver and Media Waiver, required by players and parents/guardians: <https://form.jotform.com/80657220784965>

The conduct of players and players' fans during a match is the responsibility of the Coach/Team Captain. Please review with your team prior to the match about expectations and potential consequences.