

Winter 2019 USTA Mid-Atlantic JTT Single Gender Championships

14's - WTEF East Campus, DC

Jan. 12-13

12's and 18's - SETLC, DC

Jan. 19-20

Coach and Player Guide

Welcome to the 2019 Single Gender Championships! We hope that it has been a fun season getting to this point.

Within this packet you should find all of the information you need to be prepared for the Championship weekend. If past years are any indication, it should be a great time for all!

Please don't hesitate if you have any questions, no matter how small – better an “ah” now than an “oops” later. However, we will send out additional information to all coaches through emails and webinars. Stay tuned for the date and time of Webinars as the weekends get closer.

Looking forward to seeing you in on the courts!
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Important Dates and Links

Dates:

- **Team Registration Deadline – 12.20, unless otherwise negotiated
- Player forms due – 1.4
- Age Eligibility – players must be age eligible through 12.31.2018
- Last day for refunds for withdrawals – date the schedule is posted, more on that later
- Last day for roster and captain changes (unless injury or illness) – three days before event
- Coach/Captain Webinar – tbd
- Hotel cut off - tbd

Links:

- Team Registration: coming
- Player Registration: coming
- Player forms: coming
- Hotel registration link: coming

**Teams are registered when both are complete – at least 4 players in TennisLink and the Team Info form (eg, jotform). Look for instructions from Elizabeth Fratt, MAS JTT Manager.

Facility Information

WTEF – East Campus
200 Stoddert Place SE
Washington, DC 20019

SETLC
701 Mississippi Ave SE
Washington, DC 20032

Because we are guests at each of our championships, please adhere to the following – and don't make me track you down:

- Only water on the courts.
- Supervision is required at all times for children under 13.
- Return balls to the tournament desk.
- Throw away all trash and return chairs to where you found them. If you don't, I will have to.



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Host Hotel

Tbd - We are in the process of negotiating a group rate with Marriott. As soon as this is final, we will include the new information here.

Rules & Regulations

Eligibility

- Players must be age-eligible through December 31, 2018.
- USTA membership is not required to play this event but may be required by the Local League.
- Players must have played in at least two local league (Single Gender) team matches on separate dates, on the team with which they are advancing.
- Defaults are not counted as a match played during the local season.
- Players may only play for one team within their division; however a player may play in two different divisions if those divisions play on different weekends at Championships.
- Each team must have at least 4 eligible players, no max, to start the tournament. See below for defaults.

Substitutions

Once a team is invited to Championships, the coach may make up to 2 substitutions in order to bring the team up to the 4 player minimum. Teams with subs may not exceed 4 players. Substitute players must come **from a team which participated in the same local Single Gender league and season.**

Coaching

- Coaches set the standard for good sportsmanship for players and spectators.
- All coaches must be current with the Net Generation process through the duration of the Championship.
- Coaches may stay on the court during matches but must remain seated and quiet during play.
- Coaching is allowed only during the 90 second changeovers.
- Only one Coach is allowed on court during an entire team match.
- Coaching privileges will be rescinded for rule violations or unsportsmanlike conduct.

Conduct - Players and Spectators

The Point penalty system will be applied as described in Friend At Court. During the course of a match a player shall not engage in verbal abuse, visible or audible profanity, racket



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abuse, ball abuse, physical abuse, retaliatory calls, and failure to follow instructions of an official or tournament director, or any other unsportsmanlike conduct. (Adapted from 2018 Friend At Court).

Spectators are expected to be respectful of all players by cheering only for good points (not for errors and double faults) and by cheering at a moderate level. Whooping and overly-exuberant clapping is a distraction to players on other courts.

Spectators are in no way allowed to be involved with a match – helping with scores, line calls, serving order, etc. If tournament staff is called upon, only the individual player or his/her coach may advocate for the player if the need arises.

Mid-Atlantic Section Tournament Points

- Players 11 and over earn MAS points
- 65 for participation, 65 for each singles win, 15% for each doubles win
- Players 10 and under may play but will not earn YP stars

Format & Scoring

The goal is to have an appropriate level of competition for everyone and for all players to play more than one match. Coaches should arrange all single matches by strength and arrange doubles matches by strength, when possible.

- A team match will last 2 hours. Individual matches will be timed at 40 mins, inclusive of the 5 minute warm-up. Matches must start and stop with the direction of the tournament staff – do not start early, even if a prior match ends before time is called!
- 3 singles and 3 doubles, played on two courts, yellow ball. 6 game pro-sets, no-ad, no tiebreaks.
- A team match is 3 rounds, with 1 singles and 1 doubles per round.
- Players are only allowed to play ONE singles match per team match.
- Changeovers are at every 3 games.
- The winner of a team match and of a flight is determined by total games won.
- Flight play-offs are Single Elimination, with 3rd and 4th if time and courts availability allow.

Defaults

- If a team has only 3 players available to play their first match of the Championship, that team may compete. Scores will be entered for the purposes of Jr Ratings and for individuals' Section points but not for team standings. That team will finish in last place in the tournament or its flight.



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- A team with only 2 players available to play their first match of the Championship will be disqualified and cannot participate in the tournament.
- If a team drops to 3 or 2 players after at least 1 team match is played, it remains eligible to continue. However, it will forfeit matches as below:
 - 3 players – default 3rd singles
 - 2 players – default all singles
 - In either case, vacant courts may be used as a practice court by the opposing team.