

# Philadelphia Area USTA Jr. Team Tennis League Coaches Meeting

Agenda

March 4<sup>th</sup>

- 1. General Information about USTA Jr. Team Tennis**
- 2. Start and End Dates**
  - a. March 27<sup>th</sup>-April 24<sup>th</sup>- 18u Girls
  - b. April 24<sup>th</sup>-June 12<sup>th</sup> - 10u, 12u, 14u- usually skip over Memorial Day
  - c. May 8<sup>th</sup> -June 19<sup>th</sup> - 18u- usually DON'T skip over Memorial Day
- 3. Divisions and Levels**
  - a. 18u Girls League
    - i. Intermediate Division- Usually JV level high school players.
    - ii. Advanced Division- Varsity level high school players and/or player who play tournaments.
  - b. 10 and under Division
    - i. Uses Orange Dot Balls
    - ii. Uses a 60 Foot Court
    - iii. Requires a coach be at each match
  - c. 12u- Green Dot Ball
    - i. Uses a Green Dot Ball and Full Size Courts
    - ii. No Limit on NTRP level
  - d. 14u Intermediate
    - i. Uses Yellow Ball and Full Size Court
    - ii. Players are limited to 3.4 and below NTRP
  - e. 18u Intermediate and Advanced
    - i. Both use Yellow ball and Full Size Court
    - ii. Intermediate- players limited to 3.4 and below NTRP. Usually recommended for JV level players.
    - iii. Advanced- Players above 3.5 MUST play Advanced. However, other players such as varsity level high school players and tournament players should also be in this division. If you have an abundance of players rated above 3.0, you should be in this division.
  - f. Age Eligibility- the age eligibility deadline is August 31, 2021. All players must be that age or below until that date. For instance, in the 14 and under division, they have to stay 14 or below until August 31, 2021. If they turn 15 before then, they are not eligible.
- 4. Coordinators**
  - a. Justin DePietropaolo- [justin@phillyteamtennis.org](mailto:justin@phillyteamtennis.org), 10u, 12u, 14u
  - b. Billy McElroy, 18u
- 5. Days/Times of Play**
  - a. All matches are scheduled for Saturday
  - b. Default time for matches are 1:00 unless the team specifies otherwise.
  - c. Matches may not start before 12:00 or after 3:00.
  - d. Matches may be rescheduled until another time only in case of weather.
- 6. Costs**
  - a. USTA Membership Free
  - b. League Fees \$13 paid upon registration.
  - c. Players must pay the league fee twice in order to play for 2 teams.
- 7. Coaches Background Checks**

- a. USTA Safe Play- Make sure you are cleared in your USTA Background Check.
- b. Pennsylvania Background Checks-
  - i. All coaches must be cleared through NCSI. Directions:  
<http://travel.phillyteamtennis.org/backgroundchecks/>

## 8. Formats of Play

- a. Early Spring Girls 18u
  - i. 3 singles, 2 doubles.
  - ii. 8 game Pro Set, no-ad, 12 point tiebreak at 7-7.
- b. Spring 10u
  - i. 1 Match each- boys singles, boys doubles, girls singles, girls doubles, mixed doubles.
  - ii. Best 2 of 3 4-game short sets, no-ad. Tiebreaker for 3<sup>rd</sup> set.
- c. Spring 12u, 14u, 18u
  - i. 1 Match each- boys singles, boys doubles, girls singles, girls doubles, mixed doubles.
  - ii. 8-game pro set, no-ad, tiebreak at 7-7 for non 10u

## Courts

- d. You are required to have at least 2 reserved courts for 2 hours. It's recommended that you have 3 available.
- e. It's recommended that you get out boys and girls doubles first followed by boys singles, girls singles and mixed. Additionally, it's recommended that coaches work together to make sure that there are 2 rounds of play. For instance if you get out boys doubles first and then boys singles and mixed and you only have 3 boys, that you put one of your boys doubles players in for mixed.

## 9. Advancement

- a. Top teams advance to Districts. Top team from Districts advance to Section Championships. There will be no National Championships in 2021.

## 10. League Website

- a. Teams looking for players- <http://travel.phillyteamtennis.org/find/>
- b. All pertinent Information
  - i. Early Spring- <http://travel.phillyteamtennis.org/earllyspring/>
  - ii. Spring- <http://travel.phillyteamtennis.org/spring/>

## 11. League Rules and Regulations

- a. Please Read
  - i. **Spring League-** <http://travel.phillyteamtennis.org/spring/rules/>
  - ii. **Early Spring-** <http://travel.phillyteamtennis.org/earllyspring/rules/>
- b. Health Policy- Mask requirement on court will be dependent on what the rule is for the state AND county that the match is played in.
- c. Parent Code of Conduct- Parents are SPECTATORS unless a coach has designated the parent a coach for an away match. However, only one parent may be that designated parent.
  - i. Parents are not to be involved with the match while spectating. This includes:
    - 1. Line Calls. If a parent has an issue with line calls, please have them contact the coach in charge.
    - 2. Score keeping. All players should know how to score.
    - 3. Where to stand. All players should know where to stand on the court.

- d. Coaching- Coaching may only be done at changeovers and only for a maximum of 90 seconds. It's recommended that this is just a brief tip.

**12. Team Registration**

- a. 18u Girls Registration Deadline- March 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm.
- b. 10u, 12u, 14u Registration Deadline- April 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm.
- c. 18u Coed Registration Deadline- April 27<sup>th</sup>
- d. All Teams must also have at least 2 boys and 2 girls registered as well by the deadline.

**13. Player Registration-** Make sure parents go to the USTA Junior Team Tennis site when registering. NOT USTA Adult Leagues

**14. Questions**