

Philadelphia Area USTA Jr. Team Tennis League Coaches Meeting

Agenda

October 29, 2024

1. Dates and Days/Times of Play

- a. Dates
 - i. December Dates: 12/7, 12/14 and possibly 12/21
 - ii. January Dates: 1/4 , 1/11, 1/18, 1/25
 - iii. February Dates: 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22
 - iv. Issues in the past with too many matches was mentioned. We may condense to 7 matches over 11 weeks. This will ease the burden of court usage as well.
- b. Start and End Times
 - i. Can be as early as 12pm
 - ii. 14u and 18u matches can be as late at 8pm
 - iii. 12u matches should start no later than 7pm
- c. Days that don't work- Please let Justin know what days do not work. Keep in mind
 - i. USTA tournaments
 - ii. USTA Mixed Doubles Leagues
 - iii. In-House Programming

2. Age Divisions and Ability Levels

- a. 12 and under
 - i. Green Dot Balls
 - ii. Ratings must be over 27 WTN
 - iii. Must be 12 or under by June 7, 2025 and progressed up to Green Ball in Play Tracker
- b. 14 and under
 - i. Yellow Ball
 - ii. Ratings must be over 27 WTN
 - iii. Must be 14 or under by June 22, 2025 and progressed PAST Green Ball in Play Tracker
- c. High School
 - i. Yellow Ball
 - ii. Ratings must be over 23 WTN
 - iii. Must be 18 or under by June 22, 2025 and progressed PAST Green Ball in Play Tracker
- d. 10 and under- we will NOT have a 10 and under division in the winter due to lack of teams in the past in this season.

3. League Costs

- a. USTA Membership- Free and automatically renewed until they turn 19, so there's no need to renew.
- b. League Fees- \$14 each time you register
- c. Court Fees-
 - i. Please give 72 hours notice to other team if you are short players
 - ii. \$51/court-hour or \$102 for each team. Divides easily into 6 (\$17 per player per time they play).

4. USTA Safe Play

- a. Make sure you are Safeplay approved
- b. Some of you may have to do the training again

5. Courts/Court Fees/Handling Court Fees

- a. For each team that you put in, make sure to have at least 2 home dates available for the 11-week season. For instance, if you have 4 teams, you should have 8 time-slots available over the 10 weeks for home matches.
- b. Paying the clubs
 - i. The clubs should be paid at once in the beginning. The parents should be giving their money to 1 person who then pays the club either with cash, check or credit card. One possible option is everybody venmo one person who pays the club by credit card. The team coach/captain should coordinate this with the parents a day or two before the match.
- c. Handlings Court Fees/Defaults

- i. Please try to give 72 hours notice if you feel that you are going to short of players
- ii. All player should arrive at the same time in case there are instances when a player is sick.

6. Lateness, Bathroom Breaks, and Warmup time

- a. Late penalties
 - i. Lose warmup time (5 minutes), 3 games for every 15 minutes (starting after the 5 minute warmup).
- b. Bathroom time- 5 minutes
- c. Warmup time- 5 minutes

7. Format/Order of Play

- a. 12u and 14u will be genderless so we can minimize defaults
 - i. Try to pair boys at 1st singles, girls at 2nd singles, boys at 1st doubles and girls at 2nd doubles.
 - ii. If you cannot make these pairings, please go in order of strength.
- b. 18 and under/High School division uses 2 boys doubles, 2 girls doubles, 1 boys singles and 1 boys doubles.
- c. Starting First
 - i. Everybody should show up first at the same time, even if they are playing second! They may have to wait, but they'll be able to watch teammates.
 - ii. If you have everybody there, try to start with both doubles and then both singles.
 - iii. If it turns out that a team only has 3 players for 10u, 12u and 14u, then it is possible for a team to play 1 singles and 1 doubles for the first hour and then again for the second hour so everybody gets to play. The team with 3 players still has to pay the full \$102 as they all get to play twice.
- d. 8 game pro set or 1-hour Rule
 - i. Teams will start playing an 8-game pro set, no-ad scoring with a tiebreaker to be played at 7-7.
 - ii. **If the match is over before the hour is up, everybody should keep playing until the hour is up. The score will still be recorded as an 8-game pro set.**
 - 1. If the match is lopsided and ends early, then the players can switch partners, or play singles against their own teammates, switching every 2 games.
 - iii. If the match is not over before the hour is up, then the home team would stop everybody at the end of the hour and record the score in Tennislink as that score with a "timed match" as the result.

8. Advancement

- a. All Winners Advance to Section Championships
- b. Section Championships for 12 and under is June 7th, 2025
- c. Section Championships for 14 and under and High School is the weekend of June 21st and 22nd, 2025
- d. Just because a team wins the league, does not mean they automatically advance. They need at least 6 players and 2 boys and 2 girls that play the minimum number of matches (1) on their roster in order to advance.
- e. The format for Section Championships for all divisions is Boys Singles, Girls Singles, Mixed Doubles and Coed Doubles (coaches pick their combination)
- f. There are no national championships.

9. League Rules and Regulations

- a. We keep all the rules and regulations here: <http://travel.phillyteamentennis.org/winter/rules/>
- b. Make sure that parents are aware.

10. Team Registration- All teams must be registered by November 20th, 11:59pm. All teams must have at least 3 players registered

11. Player Registration- Once a coach registers their team, they can then send out the team number to their parents/players so they can use that number to get registered. Players must be registered in order to play on the team. If they are not registered by the Wednesday after the match has happened, then those match scores can go in as defaults for the other team.