



Junior Tournament Rules & Regulations

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(All changes are shown in red)

I. Basic Information

A. Residency Requirements

1. In order to be considered for a USTA Kentucky ranking, a player must meet all residency requirements of the USTA, USTA Southern, and USTA Kentucky as stated in their respective rules and regulations. (See official rules and regulations for USTA and USTA Southern residency requirements)
2. To be eligible to compete in the Joe Creason Kentucky State Qualifier, a player must have a permanent address in Kentucky. Residents in Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties are not deemed to be residents of the Kentucky District. All entrants shall be U.S. citizens, resident aliens in possession of a valid alien registration receipt card, or aliens who have resided in the United States continuously for more than one year and are members of the families of persons in the diplomatic or consular corps.
3. To be eligible for a USTA Kentucky ranking, a player must have a Kentucky domicile (permanent address in Kentucky) or a Kentucky residence (physical presence in Kentucky for at least three months during the ranking year), and a USTA membership showing a Kentucky address for a minimum of three months.
4. USTA Kentucky shall have full authority to make conclusive interpretations and decisions regarding residency.

B. Junior Sanctioned Events

USTA Kentucky sanctions the following tournament events for junior players. Accumulated results tallied using Points Per Round are utilized to determine rankings in Kentucky at the conclusion of the ranking year.

1. Junior Events

Boys & Girls 18 & Under Singles, Doubles & Mixed Doubles
Boys & Girls 16 & Under Singles, Doubles & Mixed Doubles
Boys & Girls 14 & Under Singles, Doubles & Mixed Doubles
Boys & Girls 12 & Under Singles, Doubles & Mixed Doubles
Boys & Girls 10 & Under Singles, Doubles & Mixed Doubles

Boys, Girls, & Co-Ed 8 & Under Singles & Doubles

2. Futures Events

Boys & Girls 18 Singles
Boys & Girls 16 Singles
Boys & Girls 14 Singles
Boys & Girls 12 Singles
Boys & Girls 10 Singles

3. Divisions using QuickStart Tennis Play Formats (QST)

Boys & Girls 10 & Under Singles & Doubles
Boys, Girls, & Co-Ed 8 & Under Singles & Doubles

* Tournaments may offer Mixed Doubles in 10s, 12s, 14s, 16s, & 18s; however no points will be accumulated toward rankings in mixed doubles divisions. USTA Kentucky rules and regulations shall govern all mixed doubles matches.

C. 2011 USTA Tennis Age Eligibility Chart

Age Division	Year Born	End of Eligibility
8	2002	Last day of month preceding month of 9 th birthday
8	2003 & Later	Eligible all year
10	2000	Last day of month preceding month of 11 th birthday
10	2001 & Later	Eligible all year
12	1998	Last day of month preceding month of 13 th birthday
12	1999 & Later	Eligible all year
14	1996	Last day of month preceding month of 15 th birthday
14	1997 & Later	Eligible all year
16	1994	Last day of month preceding month of 17 th birthday
16	1995 & Later	Eligible all year
18	1992	Last day of month preceding month of 19 th birthday
18	1993 & Later	Eligible all year

II. Event Guidelines

A. Tournament Director Guidelines

1. Tournament Directors and Tournament Committees shall comply with the rules set forth by USTA Kentucky Tournament Level Guidelines and 2011 Friend at Court. (Friend at Court (FAC) is the USTA's annual publication of tennis rules and regulations, such as ITF Rules of Tennis, The Code, and USTA Regulations for tournaments.

- a. *Sanction Period.* All tournaments must be sanctioned on TennisLink during the Sanction Period and approved by USTA Kentucky for the following year. The sanction period for 2012 tournaments will be September 1, 2011 to October 31, 2011. Any tournaments submitted on or after November 1, 2011 must pay an increased sanction fee.
- b. To complete the sanction process, the following are required:
 - i. The Tournament Director must be an active USTA member.
 - ii. The host CTA, Facility, Organization must be an active USTA Organization Member through the end of the tournaments scheduled dates
- c. *Tournaments Postings on TennisLink Homepage.* All sanctioned tournaments must use the online registration option and post the seeds, draws, schedule, and results on the tournaments TennisLink homepage using TDM.
- d. *Seeding.* Seeds should be awarded on a 1:3 ratio using the “Power of Two”

Total # Players in Division	# of Seeds
2-11	2
12-23	4
24-47	8
48-95	16
96+	32

- e. *Head Tax.* Following the tournament, all tournaments are required to submit their head tax payment to USTA Kentucky. The head tax is \$1 per player in the tournament, which is the number of players listed in the Competitors List on the tournament’s TennisLink homepage.
- f. In an effort to promote tournament play to JTT players, postseason JTT tournaments can be put in TennisLink and counted as a KY L4 or KY L5 events if the tournaments meets the following requirements:
 - i. Divisions can not be co-ed, except for Mixed Doubles
 - ii. Singles matches must be a multi-set format. 8-game pro sets can not be played in singles tournament play.

B. Scoring Formats:

- 1. Authorized singles scoring formats are for 12s, 14s, 16s, and 18s are:
 - a. Regular Scoring—The best of 3 tiebreak sets
 - i. All Divisions shall receive a mandatory 10 minute break before a full 3rd set where no practicing is allowed. Coaching is allowed.
 - b. Match Tiebreak in Lieu of 3rd Set—Best of 2 tiebreak sets with a 10-point match tiebreak played at 1-set all

- i. All Divisions shall receive a mandatory 3 minute break before a 3rd set Match Tiebreak is played. Coaching is allowed. Players are encouraged to stay on court during this 3 minute break.
 - c. Tournament Directors must receive permission from USTA Kentucky or USTA Southern to use the following formats (See II.C. below for more details on inclement weather guidelines and procedures):
 - i. No-Ad Scoring—Best of 3 tiebreak sets with a deciding point played at deuce. Receiver(s) has the choice of which side to receive the serve (“deuce” or “ad”).
 - ii. 8 Game Pro Set—First to 8 by 2, set tiebreak at 8-all
 - iii. Short Sets—Best of 3 tiebreak short sets to 4, tiebreak at 4-all
2. Authorized scoring formats for all doubles divisions are:
 - a. 8-Game Pro Set—First to 8 by 2, tiebreak at 8-all
 - b. Best of 3 tiebreak sets
 - c. Match Tiebreak in Lieu of 3rd Set
 - d. No-Ad Scoring with Match Tiebreak in Lieu of 3rd Set
3. Authorized scoring formats for 10 & Under singles and doubles divisions are:
 - a. 10 & Under Singles—Best of 2 no-ad Short Sets to 4 games with a Set Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set. A Set Tiebreak (to 7, win by 2) is played at 4-games all in any set. A Set Tiebreak (to 10, win by 2) is played in lieu of a 3rd set.
 - b. 10 & Under Doubles—No-ad set to 6 games, with a Set Tiebreak at 6-6.
4. Authorized scoring formats for 8 & Under singles and doubles divisions are:
 - a. 8 & Under—Best of 3 games to 7 points
 - i. Players will spin racquet to determine who serves first. Player A will serve two (2) points with the first to the “deuce” side and second to the “ad” side, followed by Player B serving two (2) points: the first point to the “deuce” side and the second point to the “ad side”. Player A and B alternate serving until one player reaches 7 points. At 6-all, a deciding point is played. The server of the deciding point is the player whose turn it is to serve. (The server of the deciding point would be the player that served the first point of the game)

NOTE:

- Set Tiebreak—played at 6-all or 8-all (in doubles)—First to seven by a margin of two
- Match Tiebreak—Played at 1 set all—First to ten by a margin of two

C. 10 & Under Tennis (QuickStart Tennis Play Format)

1. Boys & Girls 10s Divisions

- a. Format. The following QuickStart Tennis format is required for use in all sanctioned tournaments in Boys and Girls 10s Divisions:
 - i. *Court.* The court shall be a 60-foot court. For singles, the court is 60-feet long and 21-feet wide. For doubles, the court is 60-feet wide and 27 feet long. The net shall be 36 inches high at center.
 1. For information on how to set up a 60-foot court, see 2011 FAC page 134)

- ii. *Ball.* The balls shall be Orange Low Compression balls.
- iii. *Racket.* The racket shall be no longer than 25 inches in length.
- iv. *Scoring:*
 - 1. Singles. Best of 3 no-ad Short Sets to 4 games with a Set Tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set. A Set Tiebreak (to 7, win by 2) is played at 4-games all in any set. A Set Tiebreak (to 7, win by 2) is played in lieu of a 3rd set.
 - 2. Doubles. No-ad set to 6 games with a Set Tiebreak (to 7, win by 2) at 6-6.
- b. Draw Format & Size. Tournament draws should enable players to play in many matches through Feed-In Consolations, round robins, or compass draws when possible. Depending on the size of the draw, 10s divisions can be played during a timeframe, such as 1-5 on Sunday.
- c. Results from 10s tournaments must be entered into TDM/TennisLink for standings/ranking purposes.
- d. Special Provisions. In a sanctioned tournament, the following special provisions apply for the 10s:
 - i. The Tournament Director may serve as Tournament Referee when the tournament is hosting 8s and 10s only. If the tournament hosts all divisions, the referee/officials must be present for the 10s divisions.
 - ii. Reasonable rest should be offered to players between matches. Since the matches are very short in nature, the 2011 Friend at Court (FAC Comment VI.B-1) indicates a rest period of no more than 15 minutes will be appropriate.
 - iii. Matches in a day. Typically, players may play 3-4 matches in a day.
- e. For more information on 10s divisions, please refer to the following references:
 - i. See Appendix A for further 10 & Under Tournament Guidelines.
 - ii. QuickStart Tennis Formats in the 2011 Friend at Court (page 132) for national rules and regulations as well as how to set up a 60 foot court.
 - iii. www.10andundertennis.com for rules and regulations, videos, games, and activities.

2. Boys & Girls 8s Divisions

- a. *Format:* The following QuickStart Tennis format is required for use in all sanctioned tournaments in Boys and Girls 8s Divisions:
 - i. *Court:* The court shall be a 36-foot court (36' long by 18' wide). The net shall be 33 inches high at the center.
 - a) For more information on setting up a 36-foot court see 2011 FAC (pg. 132)
 - ii. *Ball:* The balls shall be Red Foam or Red Felt Low Compression Balls.
 - iii. *Racket:* The racket shall be no longer than 23 inches.

- iv. *Scoring*: Best of 3 Games to 7 points. Players alternate serving 2 points in a row. Players do not change ends during the game. Players shall change ends after each game.
- b. *Draw Format & Size*. Tournament draws shall be any non-elimination format such as a compass draw or round robin. Tournaments should not last more than one day, and typically should be held during a 4 hour timeframe, such as Sunday from 1-5pm.
- c. Results not considered for ranking. Results should be entered into TDM/TennisLink, but there will be no standings/rankings for 8s divisions.
- d. *Special Provisions*. In a sanctioned tournament, the following special provisions apply for the 8s:
 - i. The Tournament Director may also serve as Tournament Referee
 - ii. Reasonable rest should be offered to players between matches. Since the matches are very short in nature, the 2011 Friend at Court (FAC Comment VI.B-1) indicates a rest period of no more than 15 minutes will be appropriate. Many times, kids will be able to take a short break of 3-5 minutes and be ready to play again.
 - iii. Players can play many 8s matches in one day (2011 Friend at Court, page 132) with Maximum Number of Matches per Day does not apply to 8s divisions.
- e. For more information on 8s divisions, please refer to the following references:
 - i. See Appendix A for further 10 & Under Tournament Guidelines.
 - ii. QuickStart Tennis Formats in the 2011 Friend at Court (page 132) for national rules and regulations as well as how to set up a 36 foot court.
 - iii. www.10andundertennis.com for rules and regulations, videos, games, and activities.

D. Inclement Weather Guidelines

Scoring formats may only be altered as a result of inclement weather.

Permission must be granted to alter the scoring format to no-ad scoring, short sets, or 8-game pro sets. Permission from USTA Kentucky is needed for any Southern Level 3, 4, or 5 tournament to alter the scoring format. Permission from USTA Southern is required for any Southern Level 1, 1-A, or 2 tournament to alter the scoring format.

If permission to alter the scoring format at a tournament is granted, the Referee or Tournament Director should make attempts to notify players and parents as soon as a decision is made. Suggested ways to communicate changes include: verbally notifying all people in attendance at tournament sites., posting a “headline” on the tournament homepage on TennisLink to inform others of delays, cancellations, current weather, or any other changes.

E. Junior Rest Periods & Daily Match Limitations

1. Rest Periods Between Sets

a. Best of 3 Tiebreak Sets

- i. In a match being played with a full 3rd set, players in all divisions receive a mandatory 10 minute rest period before starting the full 3rd set.
- ii. Players may receive coaching during the 10 minute break.
- iii. Players may not practice on the court during the 10 minute break.
- iv. If a player chooses to leave the court during the 10 minute set break before a full 3rd Set and is late in returning, the player will be penalized 1 game. Following a Rest Period, Table 14. C. in the 2011 Friend at Court (page 123) states that a player receives a game penalty if late. The player whose turn it is to serve will still begin the set.

b. Match Tiebreak in Lieu of 3rd Set

- i. In a match with a tiebreak being played in lieu of a 3rd set, the players may take a 3 minute set break
- ii. Coaching is allowed, but should be given through the fence or at the fence
- iii. Players should not leave the court, unless taking a restroom break
- iv. A player may receive additional time for a restroom break. The opponent can receive additional coaching throughout the restroom break.
- v. If a player chooses to leave the court during the 3 minute set break before a 3rd Set Match Tiebreak and is late in returning, the player will lose the match. Following a Rest Period, Table 14. C. in the 2011 Friend at Court (page 123) states that a player receives a game penalty if late. Therefore, since the players are playing a Match Tiebreak, the player who is late receives a game penalty, thus losing the tiebreak and match.

2. Rest Periods Between Matches

- a. A minimum rest period of 60 minutes must be offered between all singles and doubles matches consisting of at least 2 sets (this includes regular scoring, no-ad scoring, and tiebreak in lieu of 3rd set).
- b. A minimum rest period of 30 minutes must be offered before all doubles matches using an 8-game pro set.
- c. A player should be offered a minimum of 12 hours from the conclusion of his final match and the start of their first match the next day (i.e. “12-hour rule”). (Inclement weather situations, issues with large draws, or limited court availability are relevant circumstances when this may not be avoided)

3. Daily Playing Limitations

- a. The Maximum Number of matches played per day can be found in 2011 FAC Table 6 (page 97).
- b. Players may be required to play one (1) match using “best of 3 tiebreak sets” and two (2) matches using “tiebreak in lieu of 3rd set” if advertised as

such on the tournament homepage and with approval from USTA Kentucky.

4. Night Play Limitations
 - a. Ages 8-14 CAN NOT begin or resume a match later than 8 p.m. and should have a 12 hour rest before the next day's match
 - b. Ages 16-18 CAN NOT begin or resume a match later than 10 p.m. and should have a 12 hour rest before the next day's match
5. Rest Periods in Inclement Weather Situations
 - a. Scoring formats and scheduling guidelines, particularly when matches may start or resume, are subject to change during inclement weather. However, the rest period between matches and the maximum number of matches per day are NOT subject to change. Alternative scoring formats may be used, if granted by USTA Kentucky or USTA Southern.

F. 2011 Tournament Evaluation

Click here to access the [2011 Tournament Evaluation](#).

Tournament Directors are aware of the guidelines expected of them and their tournament
After honestly completing the attached Evaluation, please send to:

USTA Kentucky
c/o JR Tournament Evals
8900 Greenway Commons Place #101
Louisville, KY 40220

Email to: abrowning@ustaky.com

III. Levels/Points/Standings/Rankings

A. Rules & Regulations for Points Per Round (PPR) System

1. A player must win a round to receive points for that round
2. Byes do not qualify as wins
3. Walkovers, defaults, and retirements qualify as wins and players receive points for advancing
4. Bonus points are not awarded in any USTA Kentucky Junior Rankings
5. STANDINGS will include results from multiple age divisions. Standings will reflect the previous 12-months points in both upper and lower age divisions. Points earned in an age division will be applied to a player's record in that division, as well as all younger divisions for which the player is eligible in both singles and doubles.
 - a. Example: If a 14 year-old plays in 18s, and already has a record in 16s, the points from the 18s tournament will count in 18s, 16s, and 14s. If he/she plays in the 18s and only has a record in 14s, the results will only count in the 18s and 14s—not the 16s.

6. Results in multiple age divisions will NOT be reflected in USTA Kentucky FINAL RANKINGS.
 - a. Example: If a player is looking at the Boys 14s Year-End Ranking, no results will be included when the player competed in 16s or 18s, only 14s.
7. Ranking Tie-Break Procedures
 - a. Player whose best event has the highest number of points, second best, etc. through six events

B. USTA Kentucky Rankings—Points Per Round (PPR) Tables

1. Players are awarded points based on their finish in any tournament based on the tournament level.
2. Unless otherwise indicated, in the tournament level list (C.), all tournaments are Kentucky Level 4, Southern Level 5.

Table 1: Main Draw with Feed-In Consolation (FIC) through Quarters & FIC through Semis

	LEVEL					
Player Result	1	1-A	2	3	4	5
Champion	760	570	540	220	165	44
2 nd Place	640	510	460	180	135	36
3 rd Place	580	490	420	160	120	32
4 th Place/Semifinalist	520	460	380	140	105	28
FIC Champion	490	430	360	130	98	26
FIC Finalist	460	400	340	120	90	24
FIC SemiFinalist	430	370	320	110	83	22
FIC Quarterfinalist	400	340	300	100	75	20
FIC QF Qualifying	370	310	280	90	68	18
FIC Round of 16	340	290	260	80	60	16
FIC Round16 Qual.	310	260	240	70	53	14
FIC Round of 32	280	230	220	60	45	12
FIC Round32 Qual.	250	210	200	50	38	10
FIC Round of 64	220	190	180	40	30	8
FIC Round 64 Qual	190	170	160	30	23	6
FIC Round of 128	160	150	140	20	15	4
FIC Round 128 Qual.	130	120	100	0	0	0

Table 2: Main Draw, Modified Consolations, First Match Losers, First Round Losers, Compass Draw, Single Elimination, Round Robins

	LEVEL					
Player Result	1	1-A	2	3	4	5
Champion	760	570	540	220	165	44
2 nd Place	640	510	460	180	135	36
3 rd Place	580	490	420	160	120	32
4 th Place/SF	520	460	380	140	105	28

Quarterfinalist	400	340	300	100	75	20
Reached R16	340	290	260	80	60	16
Reached R32	280	230	220	60	45	12
Reached R64	220	190	180	40	30	8
Reached R128	160	150	140	20	15	4
Reached R256	0	0	0	0	0	0
Points Earned for Each Consolation Round Win	35	25	20	15	8	4

Table 3. Team Events

	Tournament Level				
	1	2	3	4	5
Points Per Win	80	50	40	35	15

C. USTA Kentucky 2011 Tournament Level Chart for Standings/Ranking Purposes

a. Tournaments bolded are tournaments held in Kentucky.

KY Level 1

- Joe Creason Kentucky State Qualifier** (STA L3)
- Fall Southern Closed Chmps** (STA L1-A, NAT L4)
- Winter Southern Closed Chmps** (STA L1-A, NAT L4)
- Southern Junior Closed Chmps (STA L1, NAT L4)
- Spring Southern Closed Chmps (STA L1-A, NAT L4)
- Southern JR Cup (STA L1) (80 pts/win)
- USTA Zone Team Chmps (Zonals) (STA L1-A, NAT L1)
- USTA National Championships (STA L1, NAT. L1)
- USTA National JR Team Tennis Advanced Chmps (STA L2)
- All USTA National Team Events (STA L1, NAT L1)

KY Level 1-A

- Ryan Holder State Closed Chps.** (STA L4)
- Kentucky Clay Court Closed State Chmps** (STA L4)
- Southern Junior Open Chmps (STA L1-A, NAT L4)
- All Bullfrog/Southern Designated (STA L2, NAT L5)
- USTA National Open (STA L2, NAT L2)

KY Level 2

- KY JR CUP** (50 points per win) (STA L5)
- Jason Isaacs Memorial Doubles Chmps** (STA L5)
- Top Gun Academy Chmps** (STA L3)
- Kentucky Jr Indoor Open Chmps** (STA L3)
- Springhurst New Year's Classic** (STA L3)
- Southern JR Team Tennis Advanced Chmps (STA L3)
- National JR Team Tennis Intermediate Chmps (STA L3)

<u>Abbreviation Key:</u>
KY = Kentucky
STA = Southern
NAT = National
L = Level
Examples: KY L2 = Kentucky Level 2
STA L3 = Southern Level 3

All other Southern Level 3 Tournaments (STA L3)

All National Regionals (STA L3, NAT L3)

KY Level 3

LIRC Spring Chmps. (STA L5)

Stuart Blazer Memorial State Chmps. (STA L4)

Kentucky Junior Open (STA L5)

Owensboro Junior Open (STA L5)

Hilltopper Tennis Classic #64 State Chmps. (STA L4)

LTC Jr. Clay Court State Chmps. (STA L4)

Crosscourt Circuit #1 (STA L5)

Top Gun Academy Jr. Chmps. (STA L5)

Tornado Tennis Classic State Chmps. (STA L4)

Kentucky JR Team Tennis Advanced Chmps. (STA L4)

Southern JR Team Tennis Intermediate Chmps. (STA L4)

Any Southern Level 4 Tournaments (STA L4)

KY Level 4

All other USTA Kentucky Sanctioned Tournaments (STA L5)

Kentucky JR Team Tennis Intermediate Chmps (STA L5)

KY Level 5 (Futures)

Futures Tournaments (Formerly known as “Novice”)

KY Level 6 (non-ranking)

8U Tournaments

D. Junior Singles/Doubles Combined Standing/Final Rankings

1. USTA Kentucky, USTA Southern, and USTA National standings and rankings are a combination of singles and doubles. Individual singles and doubles standings and rankings are not posted.
2. Standings & Rankings for Futures events use only results from singles divisions.
3. Futures tournaments will be included in Combined Standings/Rankings as KY L5 for singles and doubles.
4. The ranking system includes results from singles matches and doubles matches in all tournaments that are included in the calculations for the USTA Kentucky Standings List. The points earned in singles competition are combined with the points earned in doubles competition to form one final point total that is used for the USTA Kentucky Standing Lists and the USTA Kentucky Final Ranking List. Players receive credit for 100% of their singles points from their best six (6) singles events along with 15% of their doubles points from their best six (6) doubles events.

- a. The example below describes how the system works:

Player X:

Best six (6) singles tournaments = 1500 points

Best six (6) doubles tournaments = 1200 points

15% of 1200 (doubles points) = 180 points
1500 + 180 = 1680 total combined points

Player Y:

Best six (6) singles tournaments = 1400 points
Best six (6) doubles tournaments = 1400 points
15% of 1400 (doubles points) = 210 points
1400 + 210 = 1610 points total combined points

E. Futures Standings/Rankings

1. Futures events are traditionally “singles” only events. Standings and Final Rankings will be calculated for Boys & Girls 10-18 using Singles rankings, not Combined Rankings.
2. Players will receive credit for points accumulated in their best six (6) singles events using the Points Per Round (PPR) system for Level 5 events.
3. Players must only earn one (1) point in the 12-month period to be eligible for a Futures Rankings.
4. Player must only earn one (1) point in the calendar year to become eligible to have a Final Ranking in the Futures Divisions
5. Points will not count down for any divisions in Futures events. Points only count for the division in which the player competed.
6. Players will receive KY L5 points in the Combined Standings/Rankings lists for points accrued in singles and doubles.

F. Divisions approved for Rankings

1. Junior Events

Boys & Girls 18 Combined
Boys & Girls 16 Combined
Boys & Girls 14 Combined
Boys & Girls 12 Combined
Boys & Girls 10 Combined (using QuickStart Tennis Format parameters)

2. Futures Events

Boys & Girls 18 Singles
Boys & Girls 16 Singles
Boys & Girls 14 Singles
Boys & Girls 12 Singles
Boys & Girls 10 Singles (Using QuickStart Tennis Format parameters)

3. Non-Ranking Divisions
Boys, Girls, and Co-Ed 8s

- a. An alphabetical list will be used to recognize all the participants in 8 & Under divisions. No rankings or points will be awarded.

G. Ranking Procedures

1. Player record corrections and reporting
 - a. Players are responsible for the accuracy of their computer-generated player record. Questions regarding corrections to the player record should be directed to the Tournament Director or USTA Kentucky Competitive Coordinator
 - b. All appeals and corrections are encouraged to be addressed within 2 months following the event in question and must be made by January 10th of the following year.
2. Tentative Final Rankings will be published on TennisLink by January 5th. Players then have the opportunity to review their player record. Please see above III.1.b. for deadline to submit corrections or inquiries

H. Standings & Final Rankings

1. Standings
 - a. Points accumulated from one's best six (6) tournament results in singles and best six (6) doubles results in the previous 12 months
 - i. Example: If today is March 7th, March Standings will include results from April 1st of the previous year to March of the current year.
 - b. The Standings List includes all eligible players that have earned at least one (1) Kentucky PPR point during the previous 12 month period
 - c. Results from events where a player has "played up" will be counted toward a player's Standing
 - d. The Standings List will be updated and published monthly. During peak tournament periods, Standings Lists will be updated more frequently to assist Tournament Directors in seeding.
2. Final Ranking
 - a. For publication purposes, the USTA Kentucky ranking year for juniors will include all tournaments beginning on or after January 1st to tournaments beginning on or before December 31st.
 - b. The Final Ranking will include all eligible players that have earned at least one (1) Kentucky PPR point during the ranking year.
 - c. Final Rankings are calculated on a player's best six (6) tournament results in singles and best six (6) tournament results in doubles during the ranking year. (Players are not required to play in six (6) tournaments in singles or doubles. Players can achieve a ranking with fewer than six (6) tournaments by earning at least 5 points)

- d. Results from events where a player has “played up” will NOT be counted toward a player’s Final Ranking
 - i. For example, in boys or girls 12s, only points earned from events when competing in 12s divisions will be included in the 12s Final Ranking.

IV. Rules of the Courts

A. Rules of Tennis & The Code

“The Code” shall govern play in all un-officiated matches. All players should familiarize themselves with the provisions of the abbreviated versions of “The Code” (Found in 2011 Friend at Court [FAC] pages 45-51)

B. Junior Suspension Point System

The Suspension Point System applies to all tournaments sanctioned by USTA Kentucky and all other junior tournaments in the Southern Section, USTA National Levels 1, 2, and 3, and ITF events. This system applies to conduct:

- During all matches (main draw, consolation, doubles, etc.)
- During tournament activities
- At tournament facilities
- At facilities, such as hotels, dormitories, and private housing

C. Conduct of Players & Parents/Spectators

1. The USTA Point Penalty System (PPS) shall be utilized in all USTA Kentucky sanctioned tournaments both for player tardiness and conduct control. The purpose of the Point Penalty System is to deter inappropriate behavior rather than punish a player.
2. All point penalties issued (not warnings) must be reported to the USTA Kentucky Competitive Player Coordinator by the Tournament Director or Referee. Similarly, players may lodge complaints against other players or tournament officials.
3. Players have the right to file a **formal** grievance against other players, parents, officials, etc. (To file a formal grievance, contact USTA Kentucky for a Grievance Form.) A player or tournament official may be required to appear before the USTA Kentucky Grievance Committee for a hearing and possible disciplinary action
4. The actions of parents and/or spectators can result in warnings, Code Violations, ejection from site, and/or suspension from tournament sites for an extended period of time.
 - a. A player will receive suspension points if their parent/guardian/coach interferes with the match, i.e. coaching, harassing any player, and other forms of unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - b. In extreme cases, the Tournament Referee can eject a parent from the facility.

- c. Scenarios related to inappropriate actions by parents at a tournament should be sent in writing to USTA Kentucky to evaluate.
- d. USTA Kentucky and USTA Southern have the right to suspend any parent from all tournament sites over a period of 30 to 90 days.

D. Initiative to Decrease Player Defaults/Walkovers, etc. & Promote Play in Southern Level 1-3 events

One (1) Junior Suspension Point will be given to any junior player that withdraws within seven (7) days of the tournament start date through the end of the tournament for any reason. This includes creating a walkover, withdrawing, defaulting, or retiring during a tournament for ANY reason. To be excused from receiving one (1) suspension point for withdrawing before the tournament, players must notify the Tournament Director 7 days in advance of the tournament start date/time. If a suspension occurs, these points may be appealed to USTA Southern with proper support. NOTE: This is directly modeled from USTA Southern.

Players in all tournaments, regardless of level, should attempt to complete any tournament entered.

E. Prohibition against Multiple Entries in Concurrent Tournaments

1. Players may not enter two tournaments at the same time. Entering two tournaments at the same time is a violation of USTA rules (2011 FAC Table 19 (page 181) Players shall be assessed two (2) Junior Suspension Points for violation of this rule and five (5) Junior Suspension Points for a second offence.
2. a. Players CAN NOT play the same event types in two different age divisions
Example: Girls 12 Singles & Girls 14 Singles
- b. Players CAN play in two different event types in different age divisions
Example: Girls 12 Singles & Girls 14 Doubles

F. Junior Suspension Violations and Points Given for Violations

The Junior Suspension Point System procedure will be as follows:

1. Upon receipt of a Junior Suspension Point, the Referee will fill out and sign, along with the player's signature, a Code of Conduct Report. This report will indicate whether a player feels that he or she was unjustly penalized. This must be filled out immediately. The Tournament Chairperson will be responsible for mailing it to the USTA Kentucky office within 48 hours after the completion of the tournament. The player will also receive a copy of the report. The USTA Kentucky office records and monitors all Junior Suspension Points.
2. When a player reaches 6 Junior Suspension Points, the player and/or parent will be notified that he/she is nearing the possibility of suspension.

3. The player will be notified when he/she reaches 10 or more Junior Suspension Points. The player will have one week to submit a written appeal to the USTA Kentucky office Grievance Committee. After the appeal, if the suspension is deemed appropriate, the suspension from any USTA Kentucky-sanctioned event will become effective immediately for a period of three months. A player may continue to play sanctioned events while under appeal; however, any suspension from the final ruling begins immediately.
4. At the conclusion of the suspension period, the first 10 Suspension Points will be cancelled.
5. Tournament Directors and Referees will be notified of any suspension.
6. Repercussions from violating a suspension will include elimination of selection for any special programs sponsored by USTA Kentucky, such as the Southern Junior Cup, USTA Player Development programs, USTA Area Training Center programs, etc and could include being expelled from entering any USTA Kentucky sanctioned event. A ranking for the year might also be withheld.

Table 4: Violations and Suspension Points

Code Violation: For each penalty imposed under the Point Penalty System USTA Regulations (excluding time violations for delay between points, after warm-up, after a 90-second changeover, after a Set-Break), two (2) points shall be assessed for the following:	
Point	2
Game	2
Default-Match	2
Default	

Default for flagrant unsportsmanlike act on or off court	8
Default for refusal to play or continue to play (for reasons other than illness, injury or personal emergency)	5
Default because of an Adult Decision	5
Default for no-show	5
Default for late arrival	1
Disqualification for ineligibility	3
Improper Entry or Withdrawal	
First Offense: Being entered when entries close in two or more sanctioned tournaments scheduled to overlap unless each Tournament Committee approves the multiple entries in writing	2
Second Offense: Being entered when entries close in two or more sanctioned tournaments scheduled to overlap unless each Tournament Committee approves the multiple entries in writing	5
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	
Failure to complete tournament for ANY reason other than retirement during a match due to injury or illness. This includes walkovers, late withdrawals, and defaults.	1
Unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate conduct on court after a match or off court at locations such as the tournament site, hotel, housing, or tournament sponsored event.	5
Racquet or ball abuse	2
Visible or audible profanity or obscenity	2
Retaliatory Calls	2
Failure to follow the instructions of an official	2
Not using best effort to win	2
Verbal abuse of an official or another player (by player or any person associated with player)	5
Gross Misconduct	
Physical violence or abuse against another person on or off the court by a player, parent, relative, coach, or other person associated with the player	10
Illegal use of drugs or possession of drugs	8
Possessing or drinking alcohol beverages	8
Gambling activity (See USTA Regulation IV.C.20)	8

Destruction of property	8
Playing While Under Suspension	
Playing in any USTA sanctioned event while under suspension by USTA Kentucky, USTA Southern Section, or USTA	10

V. Endorsements

A. Selections to the USTA Southern Closed Junior Championships

- All players must play in the Joe Creason Kentucky State Qualifier (or receive a waiver from USTA Kentucky or USTA Southern) to be considered for endorsement
- Players must play the division at the Creason that they are eligible to play in the Southern Closed Championships (Beware those that age up in June or July)
- Players must register for the Southern Closed on their own (the deadline is during the Creason, so any player who anticipating to qualify or be an alternate to play in the Southern Closed must register on the Southern Closed websites).
- Automatic endorsements to the Southern Closed Championships will be given to players who have the following singles results at the Joe Creason Kentucky Stat Qualifier:
 - Boys & Girls 18s, 16s, 14s—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th (Consolation Winner), 6th (Consolation Finalist)
 - Boys & Girls 12s—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th (Consolation Winner), 6th (Consolation Finalist)
 - Boys & Girls 10s—1st, 2nd, 3rd
- Kentucky will endorse players for the final spots into the Southern Closed based on a player’s performance in the Creason, overall tournament record for current year, caliber of wins, head-to-head results, and National, Sectional, and State rankings.
- The number of entries into the Southern Closed is based on the number of junior USTA members in the Kentucky.

2011 Positions Reserved for Kentucky Juniors at Southern Closed

Boys & Girls 10s	11
Boys & Girls 12s	9
Boys & Girls 14s	11
Boys & Girls 16s	11
Boys & Girls 18s	11

B. Selection Criteria for Southern Junior Cup (Formerly Junior Davis/Fed Cup) (traditionally held in mid September)

- “Team Kentucky” will be composed of 3 boys and 3 girls from each age division

2. Selections are based on results from the current year as well as attitude and sportsmanship on and off the court.
3. Potential team members will receive a letter from USTA Kentucky in late July/early August
4. The Junior Competition Committee will select from the players that have accepted the potential spot on “Team Kentucky”. Players are selected on current standings, head-to-head results, sportsmanship, and attitude and demeanor on and off the court.
5. Selected players will be notified by phone and email once selections are made. Team members and coaches will also be posted on www.ustaky.com and in the Junior eNews (date to be posted online will be announced through Junior eNews)
6. Participants will be representing USTA Kentucky in this prestigious team event.
7. “Team Kentucky” members will play singles, doubles, and mixed doubles in the exciting battle for bragging rights against other teams from the other states in the Southern Section