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2025 USTA KENTUCKY JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

Kentucky State Championship: August 8-10 in Owensboro

Kentucky Junior Team Tennis local leagues and the Kentucky Junior Team Tennis State Championships will abide by the **2025 USTA Kentucky Junior Team Tennis Championship Regulations** with the following additions and general rules highlighted. The Rules of Tennis and The Code, as found in the 2025 Friend at Court shall govern all matches.

A. Junior Team Tennis League

- a) Local leagues can offer 10U, 12U, 14U, and/or 18U divisions, both intermediate and advanced levels.
- b) All leagues and teams must be registered on Tennis Link by the championship deadline.
- c) All Coordinators and Team Managers entered in Tennis Link must adhere to the USTA Youth Safety Policy, which includes completing the requirements set out by Net Generation in partnership with the Center for Safe Sport.

B. Requirements to Play in Kentucky Junior Team Tennis State Championship

1. Requirements for Team Advancement

- a) A minimum of three boys and three girls must be registered in TennisLink. All players must be age-eligible in their respective age division as of August 31st, 2025.

2. Requirements for Player Advancement

- b) Advanced Rule: Players who fall above the following World Tennis Number (WTN) Rating must play in Advanced divisions only:

a)

Division	Minimum WTN	Maximum WTN
12 & Under Intermediate (Green Ball)	By Ball Color	By Ball Color
12 & Under Advanced (Yellow Ball)	By Ball Color	By Ball Color
14 & Under Intermediate	No Minimum (40)	27



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14 & Under Advanced	No Minimum (40)	No Maximum
18 & Under Intermediate	No Minimum (40)	23
18 & Under Advanced	No Minimum (40)	No Maximum

- b) 10U: Based on Division and Playtracker Allowances
- c) Players must play in at least 2 local league matches to qualify for the State Championship. Only 1 of those 2 matches can be a default.

C. Kentucky Junior Team Tennis State Championship

1. Registration

- a) Players are allowed to register for two (2) teams maximum total for the state championship. Players must pay a registration fee for each team they sign up for.
- b) No special scheduling arrangements will be made for players on multiple teams.
- c) Registration Opens: May 1st, 2025
- d) Registration Closes: August 3rd, 2025

2. Captain Conference Calls

- a) Team Managers must take part in 1 of 2 Zoom conference calls to take place before the championships. If a team manager cannot attend either call, another parent or player must call-in in place of that manager.
- b) Conference Call Options
 - 1. Tuesday, August 5th @ 7 PM (Eastern)
 - 2. Wednesday, August 6th @ 7 PM (Eastern)
- c) If a team manager or team representative does not attend either conference call, that team will be penalized 3 games in their first state championship match.

3. Tournament Amenities

- a) All players will receive a championship gift. Players must list their shirt size on the registration form and extra shirts will not be available at the tournament. Captains and co-captains shall receive a gift at the determination of the State Coordinator.

4. Tournament Awards

- a) Awards will be given to the winner and runner-up in each division.

5. Championship Flight Set-Up

- a) Teams will compete in non-elimination, round robin divisions.
- b) Flights will be determined by random draw, with teams from the same local area split into different flights where possible.
- c) Depending on the number of teams in each division, divisions may be split in to 2 or more flights.
- d) If flighted, winning teams will advance to additional, single-elimination round(s) to determine the winner of the division.
- e) All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three (3) team matches at the Championship.



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6. Championship Requirements

- a) Teams must be registered in Tennis Link in the correct age division and skill level the team will play at the state championship.
 - a) Teams must have played three (3) qualifying team matches to be eligible to play at the state championship.
- b) Teams may accept up to 2 boys and 2 girls as substitutes to produce a team of no more than 4 boys and 4 girls, so long as those subs played the two (2) required matches necessary to be eligible to play in the state championship.
 - a) Subs must have played in the same league, age division, and skill level as the team they are subbing for.
 - b) There is no maximum team roster, The maximum of no more than 4 boys and 4 girls outlined above is to prevent super teams being created from local leagues to compete at the state championships and is to be used if teams are struggling to meet the minimum roster requirements in order to compete at state.
- c) If only 2 teams make up a flight, they will be scheduled to play 3 head-to-head matches. If one team wins the first 2 matches and obtains a game advantage impossible to overcome in the 3rd match, the winning team can choose to forgo the final match.
- d) Including single elimination matches, teams will not be scheduled to play more than 3 team matches in any day.
- e) Winners of the division/flight will be determined by total games won.
- f) If 2 teams are tied in total games won at the end of a division/flight/championship match, the teams will select one (1) mixed doubles team to play a 10-point Match Tiebreak to determine the winner of the division/flight/match. Players for the tiebreaker are selected when the tie occurs. If a championship match ends in a tie, the mixed doubles team must be chosen from players who played in that championship match. If a tiebreaker is needed to determine a division or flight, team managers can choose any player who played in at least one (1) match during pool play.

7. Match Information

- a) Each team match will be assigned between 2-5 courts.
- b) 5 cans of balls will be given for each team match.
- c) Each team match will consist of 5 matches (Boys Singles, Girls Singles, Boys Doubles, Girls Doubles, & Mixed Doubles).
- d) Double-Up Rules will be implemented allowing captains to play 1 boy and 1 girl on 2 courts in a team match. If implemented, 1 of the 2 courts played must be Mixed Doubles.

8. Scoring Format

- a) All matches will be played with a Championship Yellow (or green for specific 12U/10U divisions) Ball.
- b) All matches will be the best of 2 sets to 4 games with No-Ad Scoring, Set Tiebreaker at 3-3 in a set and a 10-point match tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set.
 - i. A 7-point tiebreak is played at 3-games all in each set (first to 7 points by 2).



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9. Coaching

- a. Coaching is only permitted by the designated team coach from outside the fence and only on changeovers and set breaks.
- b. Parents or other observers may not coach players.
- c. Coaching should not be in excess of the time allotted for a changeover.
 - i. 90 seconds for changeover
 - ii. 120 seconds on set break
 - iii. 3 minutes prior to the 3rd Set Match Tiebreak
- d. No one should be on court except players, tournament staff, or other authorized persons.

10. Lack of Players

- a) If a team is short a player for any reason prior to a match, the team must forfeit the singles position first.
 - i. The opposing team will have the opportunity to change their lineup but may not see the lineup card of the team forfeiting a position.

11. Rain/Weather

- a) If matches are suspended or postponed due to weather, please return immediately to the tournament desk to provide your current match scores and turn your match cards back in.
- b) Do not let players leave the site unless instructed to do so by the tournament director or tournament desk – as soon as courts are playable matches will be sent out. Players and teams who help prepare courts for play get priority.
- c) Format and scoring may change if significant delays have occurred.

D. Advancement to Sectional Invitational

1. Sectional Invitational

- a) Winners of each division (Intermediate and Advanced) will advance to the Sectional Invitational from August 30th- September 1st in Rome, Georgia.
- b) In the event that the first-place team declines the trip, the runner-up will be extended the invitation. If the runner-up is unable to attend, the invitation will be extended to 3rd place, and so on until the invitation is accepted or until no teams are able to attend the Southern League JTT Championships.
- c) Any wildcards to the Sectional JTT Championships will be offered and determined by the Sectional Invitational Tournament Committee.