



We offer USTA Junior Tournaments for all players: entry-level, intermediate, or advanced.

Use the chart below to find out what National **Junior Tournament Level** is right for you!

Players	Definitions	Levels
Entry-Level	Players who are new to tournament play	Level 7 and Junior Circuit
Intermediate	Players who have some experience in tournament and/or verifiable match play	Level 6 and 7
Advanced/Intermediate	Players who are experienced and seeking to compete at higher levels in Tennessee and the Section or Nation	Level 4 and 5
Advanced/College Oriented	Players seeking college scholarships or to compete Nationally	Level 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
All Levels	Players from Novice to College Bound will find Level based play opportunities with WTN. The Ratings allow groups based on both the age of a player and their current abilities. Used by colleges and international events for selection.	World Tennis Number (WTN)

## **ALL USTA Level Tournaments now provide NATIONAL Point Value and WTN Ratings Value**

### **Level 1 Tournaments**

These tournaments are National Championship tournaments for the top 500-700 players on the standings list. They are intended for top level players who compete at the highest sectional/national level. These tournaments have large draws (128-224) with sectional quotas for a true national representation. They usually run 5-8 days.

### **Level 2 Tournaments**

These tournaments are National Calendar tournaments for strong players who are testing themselves against National players. The majority of these players would be ranked in the top 1000. Draw size is typically 32-64 players per Division. They usually run 3-5 days.

### **Level 3 Tournaments**

These tournaments are National Calendar tournaments for high level state and sectional players looking to experience National competition. These tournaments offer experimental draws and team formats to encourage play. This Level can offer Closed events within the section. The Sectional Championships are a Closed Level 3 event. **A Closed Level 3 means that only Players from that Section are eligible.** The majority of these players would be ranked in the top 1500. Draw size is typically 32-128 players per Division. They usually run 3-6 days.

### **Level 4 Tournaments**

These are select National events that offer high points to multi-sectional, regional players. They may be Closed to a section or open to everyone in the country. **A Closed Level 4 means that only Players from that Section are eligible.** The majority of these players would be ranked in the top 2000. Draw size is typically 32-64 players per Division. They usually run 3-4 days.

### **Level 5 Tournaments**

These are the highest-level events controlled by the state. These tournaments help transition local players to sectional and national events through the points won and the competition played. **A Closed Level 5 means that only Players from that State are eligible.** The majority of these players would be ranked in the top 2500. Draw size is typically 32-64 players per Division. Many Level 5 tournaments are now **Flighted** into multiple 16-player Draws so that the events can finish in 2 days. This is based on Players' Rankings at the time entries close on the Combined Standing List. They usually run 2-3 days.

### **Level 6 Tournaments**

These are the largest number of tournaments run in the state. These tournaments help players earn points into the higher value tournaments. They provide a transition for local players to test their tennis abilities. In this Level (and in Level 7) only the first 4 matches count for ranking. Formats will include Round Robins, Modified Feed-in Consolation, and team competitions. In a field of players greater than 20, draws will be split using a **Waterfall** method, to allow the event to be completed in 2 days and keep a 4-match limit. The majority of these players would be ranked between 1500-3500 with many unranked players competing as well. Draw size is typically 16 players per Division or in a split group. They usually

run 2 days, with some adding one-half day on Monday or Friday (summer) for Doubles.

### **Level 7 Tournaments**

These are the entry level of tournament play. These tournaments are one-half to one full day in length. These tournaments help players experience tournament play in a non-elimination format. They provide a transition from team tennis or club tennis events for local players to test their tennis abilities. In this Level only the first 4 matches count for ranking. Formats will include Round Robins, Compass draws and team competition. Match length will be shorter. Match formats will often be one set, use No-Ad scoring or timed matches. Draw size is typically 4-16 players per Division or in a split group. They usually run 1 day. This Level adds players from the Bottom up, ensuring the least experienced players have the priority for places in the draw.

### **Junior Circuit Tournaments with World Tennis Number (WTN)**

These are club events and social tournaments with a variety of formats. There are no USTA ranking points offered in these events. These events will offer value through the use of the World Tennis Number (WTN). Now fully integrated into the USTA system, the international WTN allows competitive grouping of coed players at similar levels for supervised Match Play. An important feature for parents is that the USTA's Safe Play guidelines are implemented at all events to protect the children. It is a standard unmatched by any other youth tennis organization in the world.

### **Junior Circuit 10 and Under Tournaments**

All 10 and Under tournaments have been removed from the National Ranked section. Emphasizing the player development component of youth tennis, players advance from Red Ball (ages 7-8) to Orange Ball (ages 7-10) to Green Ball (ages 8-10). Players earn points for participation and match wins to advance to higher level events.

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