



2020 Mississippi Jr Team Tennis Regulations *Summer League Rules & Regulations*

National JTT RULE: Team Coaches/Managers

Each team captain registered in Tennislink must have completed the USTA Jr Team Tennis Background Check and Safeplay requirements. If a captain's previous background check has expired, they will go to www.netgeneration.usta.com, "SIGN IN" with the email address and password used for their USTA ACCOUNT, click on PROVIDER, and register to complete or renew their background check and Safeplay registration. Once Net Generation account registration is complete, they will then have access to Login and create teams and enter scores on Tennislink

Player Participation (Playing on More than One Team)

Players may play on more than one team in the same local league in our state, as long as they are in different age divisions. For example, a player can play on a 14 and under team and an 18 and under team. A player may play in the **SAME AGE DIVISION in SEPARATE local leagues**, but must choose only one team to play with at the state tournament.

A player can play on more than one team at the Regional Championships in 2020, as long as the teams are in separate age divisions (i.e. a 14's & an 18's team). No scheduling accommodations will be made for players participating on teams in two separate age divisions.

JTT Rule: More Than One Match

One boy and one girl can play twice in a team match. (*Most leagues mandate that the 2nd match be Mixed Doubles*)

At the 2020 Regional Championships, one boy and one girl may play twice in each team match, but the second match they play must be Mixed Doubles.

(i.e. Sally may play Girls Singles OR Girls Doubles, but her "rollover match" must be MXD)

Team Composition/ Summer Play Format

Local Leagues may choose the format that they would like to play in the 2020 Summer Season (they are NOT required to play the Regional Format locally), but the format at the Regional Championships will be 1 Boys & 1 Girls Singles, 1 Boys & 1 Girls Doubles, and 1 Mixed Doubles Court. **Teams must have a minimum of 3 boys and 3 girls on a team to attend the Regional Championships**, and may add players according to the Substitution Rule (detailed below) to meet the team roster composition requirement.

Although 3 boys & 3 girls is the MINIMUM amount of players required, teams may carry a maximum of 8 boys and 8 girls if needed.

Coaching Rule

Coaching will be allowed by one person during a match (whomever is designated the coach or captain for that match, although that may be a different person each match, it doesn't have to be the captain). Coaching is only allowed during changeovers. It is not allowed during tiebreaks, after the first game of a set, or by hand signals during play. *Local leagues should put coaching rules/guidelines into their local rules and clarify what is and what is not allowed locally.*

Eligibility for Progression to Regional Championships

A player must have been registered for a JTT team and have one match score entered (that is NOT a default) in order to be eligible to advance with any team to the Regional Championships. ****If a team is the ONLY team signed up in its age division locally, they may advance directly to the Regional Championships without playing against another local team****

JTT ADVANCED DIVISION

We will offer an Advanced Division at the Regional Championships that teams may sign up for directly without having to sign up for local play (i.e. Advanced Teams may come straight to Regionals). **If a player has a 3.5 or above Jr NTRP at the time of registration, they may not play on an Intermediate Team.**

Regional Championship SUBSTITUTION RULE

The local team that is advancing to Regional Championships will be able to ADD 2 BOYS AND 2 GIRLS to their Regional Championship roster from other local teams, provided those players were registered on another JTT team in their local league & participated in one match with that team.

Age Eligibility Rule

Players participating in the Regional Championships must remain age eligible through August 31. (i.e. If Jim turns 13 on August 20, he will have to play 14 and under, EVEN if he is still 12 during the local league).

Team Roster Makeup/ Out of Area Participation (State Rule)

At least 50% of a JTT team attending the Regional Championships must be made up of players that list their home address on their USTA membership as being from within that local league's area. It is up to the captain of the team to check the roster and ensure that their team complies with the rule. As long as 50% of the team is from the local area, the other 50% may come from another area inside Mississippi or from another state.

Regional Championship Tentative Rules

1. **We're planning the North Regional JTT Championships for September 19 in New Albany, and the South Regional Championships for October 10 in Hattiesburg.** Both events will be one-day events. Leagues advancing to the North Championship will be Northeast MS, Golden Triangle, Oxford Area, Central MS, Northwest MS, and Delta. Leagues that will advance to the South Regionals include Tri-County, Gulf Coast, Pinebelt, Southwest MS, Vicksburg area, and Meridian area.
2. **Scoring:** The planned scoring format at the Regional Championships will be **the best of 3 short sets** (a set to 4 w/ a regular tiebreak at 3 games all) with a match tiebreak (tiebreak to 10) played in lieu of a 3rd set.

3. **The Pink Slip Rule:** You may play one boy and one girl twice per team match at a championship, but their second match played must be mixed doubles. Also, you have to rotate which players you are playing twice each match. For example, player A can't play twice in consecutive matches or for the second time until player B and player C have played twice.
Once your team advanced from its flight to a playoff match, you can play whomever you want twice in the match (the pink slip starts over once round robin play ends)
4. **Age Eligibility:** In order to play locally OR advance to the regional championship level, players will have to remain age eligible for that division through August 31.
5. **Team Advancement**
Only the WINNING team from each age division locally will be eligible to advance to the Regional Championships in order to keep the events small and able to finish in one day. Wild Cards may be issued (on a random basis) to 2nd place local teams ONLY in the case of a division having less than 3 teams registered.
6. **Scoring:** Winners at Championships will be determined by the following:
 - 1) The winner of the most games will be the winner of a match and a flight
 - 2) If the total games won is tied, the following will be the tiebreak procedures.
 - a) If two teams are tied, head to head results will determine the winner.
 - b) If more than 2 teams are tied, the team with the most team matches won advances
 - b) The final tiebreaker will be the team with the most individual matches won, followed by the most amount of sets won.
7. **Ranking Points:** Players playing in the Regional Championships will receive State Level 4 ranking points and Southern Level 5 points.
-Players will earn points per round and will be awarded the same amount of points for each individual win. For more information on the points system, visit www.mstennis.com
8. **BALLS USED/ COURT SIZE**
 - The 10's **INTERMEDIATE** will play on a 60' court with an orange low-compression ball. 10 and under players must use a racquet that is 25" or less.

- The 12 and Under INTERMEDIATE Division
The 12 and Under Intermediate Division will play with a **green-dot ball** on a full sized court, while the **12U Advanced division** will play with a yellow ball on a full sized court.