



MISSISSIPPI

2025 Mississippi Jr Team Tennis Spring State Championship Regulations

Player Participation

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. Once at the State Championships players may only participate on ONE 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. Players can only play once in a single match.

Roster Requirements

Unlike the summer league, players do not have to reside in the local area where they join a team, and teams aren't required to carry only players that reside in their local area or state.

Team Composition and Format

Team compositions will be **COED** and the match format for age divisions 12U, 14U, and 18U, will consist of 3 doubles courts;

- 1 girl's doubles, 1 boy doubles and 1 mixed court.

At the Spring State tournament, each individual court for ages 12U – 18U will play the best out of 3 sets; a set tiebreak played at 5 games all and a third set 10 point tiebreaker if split sets. This could change with the number of teams entered in the championship or inclement of weather.

The 10U age division team composition will be coed and the match format is 3 doubles courts, gender neutral. The scoring format is the best of three short sets to 4, and one game as a set tiebreak at 3 games all, staying in the serving order of the match. One game is played in lieu of a match tiebreak, staying in the serving order.

- Local leagues will use the same match and team formats, but may choose a different scoring format.

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 10U **Advanced Level** will be played on a full size 78' court with a green dot ball.
- 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.

Coaching

Coaching is allowed by one person per match (whomever is designated the coach or captain) and must be wearing the coaching lanyard. **Coaching is only allowed during changeovers.** It is not allowed during tiebreaks or by hand signals during play.

Eligibility for Progression for SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY

If only one team is registered in a division and did not have local play, those teams may advance to the Spring State Championship. **However, those teams MUST to be registered for their local leagues and all players registered for the local team by April 7.**

- If more than 1 team signs up for a division locally by the local deadline, those teams must have local play to determine who gets to advance.

Substitutions and Additions for Spring State Championships

Teams may add two players to their state championship roster, **IF** those players played on another spring local team. *(Teams DO NOT have to drop below the minimum amount of players required (3 girls and 3 boys) in order to add players to their State roster, they may add regardless, but must be approved by the State Coordinator.*

Levels of Play

We will have intermediate divisions for spring local play and at the Spring State Championship play, so up to 2 advanced players are welcome to play on ANY team. There will NOT be a separate division for advanced teams at Spring State.

Advanced players are determined by their WTN points:

The World Tennis Number “WTN” at time of registration will be used to determine the divisions’ players are eligible to participate in during the Championship YEAR.

A player’s Singles WTN will be used as long as confidence is over 30%. WTNs with a Confidence Factor of 10%-30% will be treated as “no rating”

Age Division	Range	WTN Rating at the time of Registration
18U Adv	40 - 1	Anyone allowed to play ADV in 18U
18U Int	40 - 23	Must be within range to play INT in 18U
14U Adv	40 - 1	Anyone allowed to play ADV in 14U
14U Int	40 - 27	Must be within range to play INT in 14U

- In 12U divisions, a player may play Green or Yellow based on Play Tracker regulations/allowances.
- In 10U divisions, a player may play Green or Orange based on Play Tracker regulations/allowances.

Divisions include:

10U Intermediate (Orange Ball) & 10U Advanced (Green Ball)

12U Intermediate (Green Ball) & 12U Advanced (Yellow Ball)

14U Intermediate & 14U Advanced

18U Intermediate & 18U Advanced

Age Eligibility

Players registering for spring teams must be “age eligible” through **April 30** (i.e., a player must remain 12 through April 30 in order to sign up for a 12 and under team.)

Advancement to State

For every 2 teams in a division, 1 team is eligible to advance to Spring Championship. Local teams who do not have other local teams to play may advance but all players MUST be registered locally on TennisLink by April 7.

Waiver Claims

Members, players, spectators, and other participants in USTA tournaments, programs, and events acknowledge the associated risks, assume those risks voluntarily, and in consideration of their attendance at USTA tournaments, programs and events, agree to assume any loss or damage, and to waive any claim or demand on account of any injury to person or property arising out of or related to their attendance, including, but not limited to, exposure to infectious syndromes or diseases, whether caused by negligence or other fault. By participating in or attending USTA tournaments, programs and events, members, players, spectators, and other participants assume all risks whether known or unknown. Furthermore, members, players, spectators, and other participants agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the USTA, its affiliated Sectional Associations and Districts/Subdivisions, and the host facility (Released Parties) and the Released Parties' employees, contractors, representatives and agents with respect to any such injury or loss caused by negligence or other fault, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION SYSTEM

The USTA's Digital Platform must be used for registering teams and players. A player's name must be listed on the team roster, as shown in the USTA's Digital Platform, prior to participation in any match. The State Association shall establish deadlines and procedures for registering players and teams in the USTA's Digital Platform.

OFFICIAL SCORE REPORTING AND STANDINGS SYSTEM

The USTA's Digital Platform must be used for reporting scores and providing standings. Match App, or similar, may be used providing all results are also recorded in USTA's Digital Platform.

COMPETITION FORMAT

The competition format may be round robin, partial round robin, or a combination of the two, at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

ROUND ROBIN

If round robin competition is used, each team shall play every other team in its flight and the team with the highest number of total games shall be the champion in its flight. The use of flights requires a playoff to establish a champion.

PARTIAL ROUND ROBIN

The Partial Round Robin Format may be used in scenarios when the number of teams does not work well with round robin.

- All teams shall be scheduled the same number of matches against randomly selected opponents.
- The 2 teams at the top of the standings at the end of the unflighted matches are the 2 teams to make a final.
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Tournament Website

The tournament website will house accommodation information, lodging form for out of town participants, Master schedule, Match App link, captains meeting link, and the results of the tournament.

Tournament website click [HERE](#)

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