



2012 USTA Jr. Team Tennis

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USTA JTT Greater Madison Winter League FAQs

1. What is USTA Junior Team Tennis (JTT)?

- USTA JTT is a coed tennis league with different age and skill divisions. In Madison, the divisions offered are:
 - Winter: 18U intermediate; 18U advanced; 14U intermediate
 - Summer: U12 Intermediate; and possibly U10, U14 Intermediate, and U18 Intermediate
- USTA JTT offers local, district, regional, and national levels of play. The team that wins our local league advances to the District Championships (Madison in late July). Second place teams can apply for a wildcard entry. There are also USTA Sectional and National Championships.

2. When and where does the USTA JTT Greater Madison Winter League play?

- All divisions meet four nights at Nielsen Tennis Stadium. All divisions begin play in December 2011.

3. What are the fees for participating in the Madison Area Winter USTA JTT program?

- \$75
- \$19 for a basic USTA one-year junior membership; multi-year memberships are less per year.
- The league coordinator will purchase/renew USTA membership for a \$7 fee (\$26 total) if forms are submitted without a valid USTA number. Memberships can be easily renewed at www.usta.com.
- Additional fees for teams that advance to Districts and beyond

4. What are requirements of participating in USTA JTT?

- All teams must have a parent or other adult serve as team manager. The role can be shared.
- All teams must have a minimum of three boys and three girls. The ideal number is four to five of each gender.
- All players must be USTA members and be age eligible through August 31, 2011.
- Advanced teams must have at least four designated advanced players on the roster. Intermediate players may play on advanced team as long as there are at least four designated advanced players on team. Advanced players may not play in intermediate leagues, regardless of age division.
- Advanced players cannot play in intermediate leagues. Advanced players have a National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) rating of 3.5 or higher and/or have 200 or more Midwest points. See

5. What is the difference between advanced and intermediate divisions?

- Advanced players meet some or all of these criteria:
 - A NTRP rating of 3.5 or higher
 - Have 200 or more Midwest Ranking points in any age division
 - Have a very high District ranking. The higher the ranking, the more likely the player is advanced.
 - Have qualified for the WIAA Individual Tournament
 - Has been granted advanced player designation by local league coordinator.
- Advanced players are not eligible to play in intermediate leagues
- Advanced teams must have at least four players who bona fide advanced players. Intermediates may play on an advanced team so long as there are at least four advanced players on the team.

6. What are the duties of team managers?

- Be familiar with USTA JTT rules and regulations
- Recruit players if necessary. Local league coordinator will help.
- Attempt to provide players on team with equal playing time
- Ensure that the team has enough players for each dual; coordinate team refreshments if any.
- Set the team line-up, exchange line-ups with opposing team manager before start of dual and turn in afterwards
- Work with opposing managers and league officials to keep matches flowing
- Monitor roster, results and standings on USTA Tennis Link system for any errors

7. What is the format of USTA JTT?

- The Madison league uses the standard JTT format. Each dual or team match consists of six one-set matches using no-add scoring and with a tiebreak played at 5-5:
 - 1 Boys doubles match
 - 1 Girls doubles match
 - 1 Girls singles match
 - 2 Boys singles match
 - 2 Mixed doubles matches
 - 6 Total matches
- The winner of the dual is the team that wins the most games, not sets.
- Duals are played two matches at a time on the same two courts: the two doubles matches, then the two singles matches, followed by the two mixed doubles matches.
- The local league coordinator will post the results and updated standings at Tennis.Link.

8. What are the key rules regarding the format and play of USTA JTT?

- All matches will use no-add scoring. At three points all (40-40), the winner of the next point wins the game. On these points, the receiver chooses whether the serve is on deuce or add side, except in mixed doubles where it must go boy to boy or girl to girl
- A player may not play in more than two official matches per dual. If a team has only two players of one gender available, the team must forfeit the corresponding singles match.
- All players must play in at least three team matches on at least two days to be eligible for Districts.

9. How much sitting out is there?

- There is some sitting out. It gives the players a chance to socialize and support their teammates.

10. Does a player have to attend all duals?

- No, that is why teams should have between eight and ten players.

11. How does a person sign up for USTA JTT?

- By submitting paperwork and payment to league coordinator. A person may sign up for a specific team or have the coordinator place on a team. See registration form.

Glossary of Key Terms

District Championships. This is the competition for all the teams that win their local leagues within the Wisconsin USTA district of the USTA Midwest Section.

Dual. A competition between two league teams, consisting of six one-set matches. The winner is determined by total number of games won, not sets won. Also called a team match.

Individual Match. A competition between two people or two doubles teams. In JTT, a match is one six-game set using no-add scoring and with a tie break at five all.

No-Add Scoring. A type of scoring that speeds up play. At 40-40 or three all, the next point wins. There are no multi deuce games. At three points all, the receiver chooses the receiving side, except in mixed doubles where the serve must go boy to boy or girl to girl

Tie Break. In JTT, the tie-break is special game that is played to decide the match when the game score is 5-5. In standard tennis, the tie break is played at 6-6.