



## USTA/Virginia Tennis 2011 Jr. Team Tennis Regulations

***USTA Jr. Team tennis is governed by National, Sectional, District and Local rules. National Rules supersede all others.***

### **LOCAL LEAGUE PLAY**

Local League Coordinators must submit a set of Local League Rules to the District League Coordinator 2 weeks prior to the beginning of their Junior Team Tennis season. **Local league rules must state that national rules supersede all others.**

All local league play during the 2010 season must be completed by July 10<sup>th</sup>, no exceptions.

In match play you must have a minimum of 6 players (3 boys and 3 girls) to participate. One girl and one boy may play in 2 matches if you only have the minimum, no more. In no event may one player play in three individual matches.

During all match play, once a team match has been completed, captains have 72 hours to enter scores into Tennis Link. Captains should keep all score cards incase of disagreement. *Reminder: Score Cards need to be signed by both team Captains (home and visiting) at the end of team match play.*

If a team needs to default a match, or re-schedule they shall let the opposing team know 24 hours before the match is supposed to begin. If they do not notify the other team in this stated period, a sanction can be implemented. In case of emergency, the coaches should decide on a reasonable time to begin the match. If they cannot come to a decision, the *Friend at Court 2010 Edition* will be referenced. (pg. 123 & 124, Table 13, 14, and 15)

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Any participant with more than 300 Mid-Atlantic ranking points as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 must play in the advanced division for the 2011 season (Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010- August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011).

Players must remain eligible in their age group through August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 to participate in the 2011 JTT season including local and championship match play.

All Program Coordinators must provide ranking points for the players across all age categories, for every player on a team advancing to District Championships to determine that the individuals are within the Section Benchmark. This and certifying advancing teams to the District Coordinator must be completed by July 12<sup>th</sup>. No exceptions to deadline.

Any person wishing to participate at the championship level must play on 3 separate dates in the same league during local league play. Only one match result may be the product of a defaulted or forfeited match by the opposing team to count towards advancing for all players involved. A retired match shall count toward advancing for all players involved.

## **DISTRICT TOURNAMENT**

To advance to the District Tournament, all **of the above** eligibility requirements must be met.

The District Championship will be held the weekend of July 29<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>. Age Divisions will include: 8 and under OPEN, 10 and under intermediate and advanced, 12 and under intermediate and advanced, 14 and under intermediate and advanced, and 18 and under intermediate and advanced.

Any local league having multiple seasons (example: fall, winter, & spring) may send a winner to the District Level from each season as long as each player remains age eligible. If the same team wins during two seasons, the second place team may advance to the District Tournament.

In the instance that a team only has 6 players and advances to the District Tournament and doesn't have enough participants, one boy and/or one girl who has participated in 3 team matches may be substituted from another team within the same flight. No more than 2 individuals may be added to an advancing team.

A Wildcard may be available at the District tournament to give everyone an even amount of match play. (Example: if there are 5 teams, we may invite one more team to have two flights of 3.) The Junior Team Tennis Committee will decide upon this.