



2012 League of NOVA: USTA Jr. Team Tennis

Play Format, Advancement, and Scoring

The minimum number of individuals on a team is 6. Please have six signed up by the registration deadline. Additional players may be added through out the season.

If you have 350+ ranking points you must play in the ADVANCED division. All captains should check their players' points on the Mid-Atlantic junior ranking website.

Format is as follows: 1 boy's singles, 1 girl's singles, 1 boy's doubles, and 1 girl's doubles. Indoor play is timed; therefore there is no mixed doubles court. Outdoor play is not timed; therefore there is a mixed doubles court.

All individuals must be registered in Tennis Link before stepping foot on the court. If they are not, the match will be defaulted to the registered player. Also, there are no player substitutions unless there is someone who has been injured or ill prior to the match. See rule 2.01G (4), page 10 of National Regulations Booklet.

Two cans of balls will be used for the entire team match.

NOVA JTT plays 2 out of 3, four game sets (at 3 all play a set tiebreak), **no ad** with a super tiebreaker in lieu of a third set. (Tiebreakers – set tie breaker is traditional 12pt tiebreak first to 7 by 2 wins, switch sides every six points. Super match tiebreaker is the first team to get to 10 by 2, switch sides at 6 points.

A five minute warm up is permitted before play. For outdoor play, change overs are on odd games; for indoor play, only change sides on sets. You have 90 seconds allowed before the next game begins. Only 20 seconds are allowed in between service points.

Only one boy and one girl may play twice in a team match, no more.

All matches are determined by game count.

To advance to District, Sectional, or National play you must have played in 3 separate team matches at the local program level. This means 3 separate dates. Captains should exchange lineups prior to the start of the singles matches. When the match is over both captains' should agree on the score and sign off on it. The winning captain must enter the scores into Tennis Link with in 72 hours or the match will be defaulted to the losing team. During playoffs scores must be entered with in 48 hours.

Carry your JTT regulations and league protocol to all matches. This league will be run on USTA Rules and Regulations, the honor system, captains, coaches, parents, and most of all the junior play. If there is a question about anything on court, please refer to USTA Friend at Court.

BEFORE AND DURING MATCHES

A Team can not warm up before the match if they are early unless they have purchased court time for their teams. If the facility is nice enough to let you warm up without paying then both teams have to be there to agree upon warming up together. One team cannot warm up without the other team. Warm ups have to be a mutual agreement.

Same rule applies to in between matches. If singles play finishes early and both doubles teams are there to warm up and everyone has agreed to warm up together then you may due so. If one team has arrived and other has not you may NOT warm up. Both teams have to be in agreement.

All teams must start their matches on the hour. If singles play ends early teams are to wait until on the hour to start their matches.

TARDINESS FOR MATCHES AND INCLEMENT WEATHER:

All teams should show up 15 minutes early to matches.

Based on the scheduled match time, use the times below to enforce penalties:

1-5 min late = loss of toss for serve

5.01-10 min late = loss of one game and of toss for serve

10.01-15 min late = loss of 2 games and toss for serve

15.01 min late = default of match

If you think you are not going to be able to make it to a match, you must let the opposing team know 24 hours in advance about the default. If not, fees will be \$20 for each individual defaulted match or \$100 for a whole match. Let Laura know if a team does not show, so that the sanction can be implemented immediately. You may still use the reserved courts to practice if your opposing team does not show.

In case of rain call Laura Mitchell at 703-988-0475 so that you match can either be re-scheduled to an indoor facility or outside at a later date.

COACHING AND SPORTSMANSHIP

No coaching is permitted except for with the 10 and under advanced division. Only if absolutely necessary is coaching allowed in the 10 A division. If help is needed with scoring you may only provide it on the changeover and if needed during tiebreakers.

Captains and or a team parent are required to be at every match to enforce all guidelines.

Cheering and Support is allowed and encouraged but only when point is over, never during play. Remember we should applaud all good points, not errors.

Parents and or Coaches **CAN NOT STAND ON COURT**. They shall watch from designated viewing points. Parents and coaches **NO LINE CALLS** from the side line. Matches are played on the honor system. Juniors need to decide their own line calls. If they can't resolve or remember a score they will go back to a point they both agree on.