

# CSRATA Junior Team Tennis Rules

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The CSRATA abides by the USTA (United States Tennis Association) National Junior Team Tennis, UTSA Southern, and USTA Georgia Rules and Regulations. We encourage captains and players to read and familiarize themselves with these regulations, the [USTA's Rules of Tennis](#) and "[The Code](#)." (The Code is the USTA's official publication for all matches without officials.) Players and/or teams outside of Richmond, Columbia, and Aiken county are allowed to participate, subject to approval by Junior Team Tennis Coordinator. All home matches shall take place at a CSRATA recognized tennis facility.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

If Georgia or a Local League does not have a regulation in place to address an issue and there is a Southern regulation on that issue, CSRATA Local League must follow the Southern regulation.

The Local League Coordinator, in conjunction with the USTA Georgia Junior Team Tennis League Committee Chair, shall have the authority to interpret the SJTTL Georgia State Regulations.

## I. Local CSRATA Junior Team TENNIS LEAGUE

CSRATA Junior Team Tennis League consists of team competition for boys and girls at the beginner, intermediate and advance level of play and age categories and provides an opportunity for advancement from local competition to Georgia State Championships to Southern Sectional Championships. All players must be members of the USTA in good standing.

## II. Local CSRATA Junior Team TENNIS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP YEAR

Local CSRATA Junior Team Tennis League (SJTTL) Championship Year shall be September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

## III. USTA MEMBERSHIP

All individuals who compete in the local CSRATA Junior Team Tennis League must be current USTA members in good standing through the local season, USTA Georgia State Championship, and/or USTA Southern Sectional Championship.

## IV. AGE CATEGORIES & REQUIREMENTS

CSRATA Junior Team Tennis League is divided into four age categories: 18 & Under, 14 & Under, 12 & Under and 10 & Under. Players must remain age eligible through August 31, 2024, for the age group in which they are participating, to register and participate.

## V. DETERMINING PLAYER PLAY LEVEL (GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS)

Beginning Fall 2023 the SJTTL programs in USTA Southern will use the [ITF World Tennis Number](#) to promote level based play across the Section.

- 40-1 scale, with 40 (minimum) being a beginner player and 1 (maximum) being an elite professional.
- Players will have a separate WTN for singles and doubles rating. The registration platform only considers a player's Singles rating at time of registration.
- Players with a low confidence factor will have the option to sign up in any division.

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- Players can locate their rating as well as JTT Results within their usta.com profile.
- [Junior Rating Search](#) (tennislink)
- [Junior Player Search](#)
- [Request to change WTN Number](#)

The rating bands for SJTTL are as follows:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Eligible WTN Range</b>	<b>Ineligible WTN Range</b>
12 & Under Beginner	40-31	30-1
12 & Under Intermediate (Green Ball)	40-29	28-1
12 & Under Advanced (Yellow Ball)	40-1	NA
14 & Under Beginner	40-29	28-1
14 & Under Intermediate	40-27	26-1
14 & Under Advanced	40-1	NA
18 & Under Beginner	40-27	26-1
18 & Under Intermediate	40-23	22-1
18 & Under Advanced	40-1	NA

In 12U divisions, a player may play Green or Yellow based on PlayTracker regulations/allowances. For more information, please visit: <https://netgeneration.usta.com/us-en/the-net-generation-playtracker.html>

In 10U divisions, a player may play Green or orange based on PlayTracker regulations/allowances. For more information, please visit: <https://netgeneration.usta.com/us-en/the-net-generation-playtracker.html>

## **VI. TEAM COACHES/MANAGERS**

Each local CSRATA Junior Team Tennis League team shall have a team coach/captain responsible for the team and its administrative duties during the season. Each team coach/captain must be in compliance with the USTA Youth Protection Policies and Procedures for USTA Junior Team Tennis. This may take up to 10 business days to receive approval. For more information go to [www.usta.com/safeplay](http://www.usta.com/safeplay)

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## **VII. OFFICIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM**

TennisLink is the official information system of the CSRATA Junior Team Tennis League. A player's name must be listed on the team roster, as shown in TennisLink, prior to participation in any match. This includes any player who is added to a team roster after the commencement of local league play.

## **VIII. OFFICIAL SCORE REPORTING AND STANDINGS SYSTEM**

All local play history documentation must be entered within 48 hours of the last match of the season played and before entry into any post season championship event. Corrections to completed scorecards must be made within 1 week of the last match of the season played and before entry into any post season championships event. Local Coordinators are responsible for monitoring score entries. Failure to comply with score entry deadline regulations may result in a double default.

## **IX. PLAYER AGREEMENT**

As a condition of participation, all players, participants and spectators agree to abide and be bound by the USTA Constitution and Bylaws; "Friend at Court;" "The Code;" Wheelchair Rules of Tennis and the standards of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship.

## **X. WAIVER OF CLAIMS**

Players participating in the CSRATA Junior Team Tennis League acknowledge the associated risks, assume those risks voluntarily, and in consideration of their attendance in the program 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 this program 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 Local Associations, 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.

## **XI. SUSPENDED PLAYERS**

Any junior player who is suspended from USTA competition is ineligible to participate in the CSRATA Junior Team Tennis League for the duration of the suspension.

## **CSRATA GEORGIA LOCAL LEAGUES**

### **I. CSRATA LOCAL LEAGUE FORMAT (Court Size, Ball Color & Scoring Formats)**

The following chart is used for the USTA Georgia State Championship formats and will be used for local programs *with the exception of local 12 & U Beginner & Intermediate players. They will use yellow balls to be consistent with local school team play:*

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DIVISIONS, BALL TYPE, AND SCORING FORMATS (State Championship)					
Division	Level	Court	Ball	Racquet	Scoring
<b>10 &amp; U</b>	Beg Int	60'	ORANGE	Must be 25" or smaller	Best 2 out of 3 short sets - no ad, first to 4 games. 3rd set is a 7-point tiebreak. (only have to win by 1 in set & tiebreak).
<b>10 &amp; U</b>	Adv	78'	GREEN		Best 2 out of 3 short sets - no ad, first to 4 games. 3rd set is a 7-point tiebreak. (only have to win by 1 in set & tiebreak).
<b>12 &amp; U</b>	Beg Int	78'	GREEN		Best 2 out of 3 sets, short sets to 4 no ad scoring. A set tiebreaker is played at 3 all. A 10-point match tiebreak is played at one set all.
<b>12 &amp; U</b>	Adv	78'	YELLOW		Best 2 out of 3 sets, short sets to 4 no ad scoring. A set tiebreaker is played at 3 all. A 10-point match tiebreak is played at one set all.
<b>14 &amp; U</b>	Beg Int Adv	78'	YELLOW		Best 2 out of 3 sets, short sets to 4 no ad scoring. A set tiebreaker is played at 3 all. A 10-point match tiebreak is played at one set all.
<b>18 &amp; U</b>	Beg Int Adv	78'	YELLOW		Best 2 out of 3 sets, short sets to 4 no ad scoring. A set tiebreaker is played at 3 all. A 10-point match tiebreak is played at one set all.

## FORMAT OF PLAY for 8U

8U is a non-Advancing League; mixed gender teams of 4 players

Team Match: 2 singles and 1 doubles match

Play on 36" court. Red felt balls. Rackets no longer than 23 inches.

Scoring: 2 out of three first to 7 points games.

- **No-ad scoring.** The first player to win 4 points wins the game. If the score reaches 40 all, the next point becomes the game point. At 40 all, or deuce, in singles, the receiver may choose to receive either in the ad or the deuce court. In doubles, the receiving team may choose to receive in either the ad or deuce court. In mixed doubles, the boy must receive serve from the boy and the girl must receive serve from the girl. In calling the score of a no-ad game use 15, 30, 40, and game. They may call the score of 40 all "deuce".

## II. COURTS FOR LOCAL LEAGUE PLAY

Court surface must be the same surface for all individual lines unless prior agreement between both captains. The use of tennis-related blended lines are permitted on courts used for local league matches. The use of other lines for another sport, such as Pickleball, are not permitted on courts used for local league matches.

- It is advisable for the HOME captain to contact the match facility to confirm that courts have been reserved a few days prior to each match.
- If a match has to be rescheduled, please make every attempt to reschedule at the original match facility. If the match changes location, notify the JTT coordinator ([jtt.csratatennis@gmail.com](mailto:jtt.csratatennis@gmail.com)). Facilities are paid based upon the scheduled usage. If a double header is attempted, more than 3 courts are required to avoid excessive match length and wait times.
- Each JTT match will be given 3 courts to complete the matches at each facility depending upon availability.

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## **III. NUMBER OF TEAMS**

For CSRATA JTT, a team must advance from a division with a **minimum of two teams** at the same age and play level as the championship division to which the team is advancing. A local coordinator may choose to divide any or all divisions into flights. A playoff structure may be established to determine a champion for each division.

## **IV. TEAM COMPOSITION**

To participate in a CSRATA Junior Team Tennis League, a team must have a minimum of three eligible (3) boys and three eligible (3) girls. To avoid forfeits, at least five boys and five girls are recommended.

Add-Ons: The JTT Coordinator may approve add-ons after registration has closed at their discretion. Examples include: adding a player that has registered for a program that does not have enough players to be viable.

## **V. COMPETITION FORMAT**

The local coordinator may use the format which best meets the needs of the local program e.g., round robin. All teams in the CSRATA Junior Team Tennis League are required to play a minimum of two (2) team matches to be eligible to advance a team to the State Championship; one match may be a default.

## **VI. TEAM MATCH**

In the CSRATA Junior Team Tennis League, play shall be gender specific. Each team match consists of one boy's and one girl's singles, one boy's and one girl's doubles and one mixed doubles.

## **VII. INDIVIDUAL MATCH**

An individual match is any singles match, doubles match, or mixed doubles match played as part of a team match.

## **VIII. SCORING**

Local Coordinators may use a scoring format within TennisLink Team Tennis online system which best meets the needs of the local program. Scores must be recorded in TennisLink Team Tennis within 48 hours of completion of a match. All local play history documentation must be entered within 48 hours of the last match of the season played and before entry into any championships event. Corrections to completed scorecards must be made within 1 week of the last match of the season played, and before entry into any championships event.

## **IX. INDIVIDUAL DEFAULTS**

An individual default may occur when a player fails to appear within 15 minutes of their scheduled match time to avoid facility and player issues. When a team presents a scorecard reflecting a default, the opposing team will be notified and extended the opportunity of adjusting their line-up.

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## **X. RETIREMENT**

A retirement occurs when an individual match has started and a player or a doubles team is unable to continue due to injury, loss of condition or emergency. In case of a retirement, for the purpose of determining standings, the non-retiring player/doubles team shall be credited with such number of additional games as would have been won if the match was completed and the non-retiring player/doubles team won every subsequent game. For computer data entry in TennisLink, mark as retired and submit actual scores of the match at the point of retirement.

## **XI. TEAM LINEUPS**

The coaches/managers for each team shall exchange their team lineup cards simultaneously prior to the beginning of the team match. No substitutions may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to, or illness of a player prior to the start of such match and except under such further circumstances as a local/area competition may authorize. If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute is entitled to a five-minute warm-up.

## **XII. PLAYER PARTICIPATION ON MORE THAN ONE TEAM**

CSRATA local league programs allow players to play on more than one team in a local program during the same season however match schedules will not be adjusted to accommodate these players. Players may not play on more than one team in the same division.

## **XIII. MORE THAN ONE INDIVIDUAL MATCH**

CSRATA local league programs allow a player of each gender to play in up to two individual matches within the same team match *only to avoid forfeits*. In the event of a double header, an individual may play up to three individual matches for the two matches.

## **XIV. COACHING**

The only coaching allowed is between sets for a maximum of 2 minutes. The player must remain on court, however, the coach must remain off court. In no event is coaching permitted during a tiebreak.