

# San Antonio JTT Rules and Regulations

## Spring 2023

### Match Information

- Red Ball Division will play 4 singles (gender neutral); 14U Intermediate Division will play 4 singles & 2 doubles (gender specific - must have at least one boy and one girl in the singles line-up); 18U Intermediate will play 1 boys singles, 1 girls singles, 1 boys doubles, 1 girls doubles and 1 mixed doubles (gender specific – must have at least 2 boys and 2 girls present at each team match). All other divisions will play 4 singles and 2 doubles (gender neutral).
- All division matches will consist of one 6 game set, no ad scoring, 7-point tiebreaker at 5-all EXCEPT for the Red Ball and Orange Ball Divisions. Red Ball Division will consist of two 7 point games. Orange Ball Division will consist of one 4 game set, no ad scoring, no tiebreaker at 3-all (next game wins).
- With the exception of the Red Ball Division, each team match will be assigned courts at check-in which is 20 minutes prior to the scheduled match time. At this time, team Coaches/Captains will receive all instructions and court assignments and relay them to their players and parents. Red Ball Division should go straight to their play courts where the Coaches/Captains will be given their court assignments.
- Teams must have a minimum of 4 players. If a team does not have the minimum number of players present, it must default from the bottom line up.
- Coaches must determine their lineups BEFORE each match and exchange scorecards with each other at this time. NO SUBSTITUTIONS ONCE THE MATCH HAS STARTED. A substitute on the lineup after the lineup is exchanged may only occur in the case of an injury or illness before the start of the match (warm-up).
- Warm-up prior to the first match played is a maximum of 5 minutes. In subsequent matches, the warm-up is a maximum of 3 minutes.
- A maximum of a 3-minute break is allowed after the completion of a match within the round.
- Coaches must sign and turn in the completed scorecards to the tournament desk at the end of each completed division.
- Wining coaches are required to enter scores on TennisLink no later than the following night (Monday).
- Standings are determined by total games won during the season. If there is a tie between two or more teams, the following tiebreakers will be used in the following order:
  - Head-to-Head
  - Fewest total sets lost
  - Fewest total games lost

### Coaching

Coaching is allowed ONLY during the 90 second change overs. Coaching is not allowed during the first change over. Coaching must take place from outside the fence. Coaches are not allowed on the court. Parents and spectators are requested to stay at least five feet off the fence. In no event is coaching allowed during a tiebreak. Coaches are only allowed on the court in the Red and Orange Ball divisions.

### Age and Level Requirements

As validated in TennisLink, players must remain age eligible through May 31, 2023. Level requirements are based on the player's WTN (World Tennis Number). The rating bands for each division are posted online in TennisLink.

### Penalties For Being Late

Once a court becomes available, the clock starts for a team to present its players for play. If there is a delay, the penalty shall be:

- 1-5 minute delay is loss of toss and one game.
- 6-10 minute delay is loss of toss and two games.
- 10-15 minute delay is loss of toss and three games
- More than 15 minutes is a default

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### Individual Defaults

An individual default occurs when a player fails to appear on time or is defaulted for misconduct.

- Procedures in the event of a default: When a team must default a match, the opposing team will be notified and extended the opportunity of adjusting their line-up.
- Scoring of individual defaults: The defaults described will be scored in accordance with the format in TennisLink Team Tennis. In the event of a default by both opposing players, neither team receives credit for that match win or the games.

### 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. Scoring of retirements: 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.

### Eligibility For Sectionals

A player is eligible to progress to sectional championships if that player has met all the following conditions:

- Participated on a team from the USTA Texas Sectional Junior Team Tennis eligible program within TennisLink Team Tennis.
- Played on the advancing team in at least two team matches during the team's local USTA Texas Junior Team Tennis season.
- The results of the two matches must be recorded in TennisLink Team Tennis. Neither of the two matches may be the product of a default received. A retired match shall count toward the two match requirements for eligibility for the players involved.

### Code of Conduct:

- The highest level of sportsmanship is expected from every player! An understanding of and a commitment to the points below are part of your responsibility as a player in a USTA tournament. Violators of this code or its spirit are subject to disciplinary action.
- Once you have entered a USTA Texas Junior Team Tennis match, honor your commitment to play. Exceptions should only occur in cases of serious illness, injury or personal emergency.
- From the beginning of the match, play must be continuous. Attempts to stall or extend rest periods for the purpose of recovering from a loss of physical conditions (such as cramps or shortness of breath) are illegal.
- Intentional distractions that interfere with your opponent's concentration or efforts to play the ball are against the rules.
- Spectators – including parents, friends and team captains/managers – are welcome to watch and enjoy matches. Their role, however, is clearly restricted to that of passive observer with no involvement of any kind during the match unless otherwise expressed.
- Players are expected to put forth a full and honest effort regardless of the score or expected outcome.
- Players are expected to maintain full control over their emotions and behavior throughout the match.

### Player Participation

USTA Texas Sectional Junior Team Tennis players are allowed to play on more than one team in a local program during the same season, provided that the players may not play on more than one team in the same division. A player may play in any number of individual matches within a team match as determined by the local league.

### Grievances

All grievances must be made in writing within 10 days. Any grievance against an individual or team may only be made by the team Coach/Captain of the team who has competed in the match where alleged violations have occurred. The grievance will be presented to the JTT committee for a resolution to be determined.