

# Philadelphia Area USTA Jr. Team Tennis League Coaches Meeting

## Agenda

October 25, 2023

### 1. Dates and Days/Times of Play

- a. Dates
  - i. December dates: 12/2, 12/9, 12/16
  - ii. January dates- 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27
  - iii. February dates- 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24
- b. Start and End Time
  - i. Can be as early as 12pm start time
  - ii. Can be as late as 8pm start time
- c. Days that don't work- Please let Justin know what dates do not work. Keep in mind:
  - i. USTA Tournaments
  - ii. USTA Mixed Doubles Leagues
  - iii. In-House Programming

### 2. Age Divisions and Ability Levels

- a. 10 and under
  - i. Orange Ball
  - ii. Ratings- None
  - iii. Must be 10 or under or at an Orange Ball level in Play Tracker
- b. 12 and under
  - i. Green Dot Ball
  - ii. Ratings- Over 25 WTN
  - iii. Must be 12 or under and progressed up to Green Ball in Play Tracker
- c. 14 and under
  - i. Yellow Ball
  - ii. Ratings- Over 25 WTN
  - iii. Must be 14 or under or progressed past Green Ball in Play Tracker
- d. 18 and under/High School
  - i. Yellow Ball
  - ii. Ratings- Over 22 WTN
  - iii. Must be 18 or under or progress past Green Ball in Play Tracker
- e. Age Deadline- June 24<sup>th</sup> is the age deadline, so all players must be of that age or below until then.
- f. World Tennis Number- You can look these up online for each player. Everybody from 12u to 18u that has a match in the system has a WTN. You can use these to put players in certain positions in matches.

### 3. League Costs

- a. USTA Membership- Free for Juniors
- b. League Fees- \$14 each time you register
- c. Court Fees
  - i. Please give 72 hours notice
  - ii. \$51/court-hour or \$102 for each team. Divides easily into 6 (\$17 per player per time they play).

### 4. USTA Safe Play

- a. Make sure you are Safeplay approved
- b. Some of you may have to do the training again

### 5. Courts/Court Fees/Handling Court Fees

- a. For each team that you put in, make sure to have at least 2 home dates available for the 11-week season. For instance, if you have 4 teams, you should have 8 time-slots available over the 10 weeks for home matches.
- b. Paying the clubs
  - i. The clubs should be paid at once in the beginning. The parents should be giving their money to 1 person who then pays the club either with cash, check or credit card. One possible option is everybody venmo one person who pays the club by

credit card. The team coach/captain should coordinate this with the parents a day or two before the match.

- c. Handlings Court Fees/Defaults
  - i. Please try to give 72 hours notice if you feel that you are going to short of players
  - ii. All player should arrive at the same time in case there are instances when a player is sick.

## 6. Lateness, Bathroom Breaks, and Warmup time

- a. Late penalties
  - i. Lose warmup time (5 minutes), 3 games for every 15 minutes (starting after the 5 minute warmup).
- b. Bathroom time- 5 minutes
- c. Warmup time- 5 minutes

## 7. Format/Order of Play

- a. 10u, 12u and 14u will be genderless so we can minimize defaults
  - i. Try to pair boys at 1st singles, girls at 2<sup>nd</sup> singles, boys at 1<sup>st</sup> doubles and girls at 2<sup>nd</sup> doubles.
  - ii. If you cannot make these pairings, please go in order of strength.
- b. 18 and under/High School division uses 2 boys doubles, 2 girls doubles, 1 boys singles and 1 boys doubles.
- c. Starting First
  - i. Everybody should show up first.
  - ii. If you have everybody there, try to start with both doubles and then both singles.
  - iii. If it turns out that a team only has 3 players for 10u, 12u and 14u, then it is possible for a team to play 1 singles and 1 doubles for the first hour and then again for the second hour so everybody gets to play. The team with 3 players still has to pay the full \$102 as they all get to play twice.
- d. 8 game pro set or 1-hour Rule
  - i. Teams will start playing an 8-game pro set, no-ad scoring with a tiebreaker to be played at 7-7.
  - ii. If the match is over before the hour is up, everybody should keep playing until the hour is up. The score will still be recorded as an 8-game pro set.
  - iii. If the match is not over before the hour is up, then the home team would stop everybody at the end of the hour and record the score in Tennislink as that score with a "timed match" as the result.

## 8. Advancement

- a. Date for District Championships- June 17<sup>th</sup>. Division winners from 14u and 18u/High School advance to Districts.
- b. Date for Section Championships is the next weekend after Districts. The 12 and under division advances right to Section Championships.
- c. 10 and under does not advance.
- d. Just because a team wins the league, does not mean they automatically advance. They need at least 6 players and 2 boys and 2 girls that play the minimum number of matches (2) on their roster in order to advance.
- e. There is no national championships.

## 9. League Rules and Regulations.

- a. We keep all the rules and regulations here: <http://travel.phillyteamentennis.org/winter/rules/>
- b. Make sure that parents are aware.

**10. Team Registration-** All teams must be registered by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:59pm. All teams must have at least 3 players registered.

**11. Player Registration-** Once a coach registers their team, they can then send out the team number to their parents/players so they can use that number to get registered. Players must be registered in order to play on the team. If they are not registered by the Wednesday after the match has happened, then those match scores can go in as defaults for the other team.