

# ≡ TEAM MANAGEMENT

## Safe Play Course & Background Check

All JTT Coach/Captains and volunteers must submit to USTA National's [background check](#) and complete the [Safe Play](#) online course (valid for 2 years from date of completion).

Not sure if you are cleared? [Click here.](#)

## Become a Coach/Captain

[Register as a Provider.](#)

[Register as a Coach/Captain in Tennislink.](#)

[Tennislink Homepage](#)

[Tennislink Guide for Team Managers](#)

[JTT Coach/Captain Guide](#)

[2020 USTA National Regulations and USTA Southern 2021 Additions](#)

[Junior Player Ratings](#)

### **What Level Should a Child Play?**

The **National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP)**, which defines the characteristics of a player's level, is the official system for determining the levels of competition for USTA Junior Team Tennis.

**Beginner:** 0.0 - 2.7

**Intermediate:** 2.8 - 3.4

**Advanced:** 3.5 +

[NTRP Characteristics](#)

[How to Find a Junior Rating](#)

[Junior Ratings FAQ](#)

[Click here to check a player's rating.](#)

**USTA Southern 2021 additional rules to USTA National JTT Regulations for advanced level players:**

- All players with a JNTRP of 3.5 or higher or a Southern standing inside the range listed in the table below must play in the Advanced division.
- The March 9, 2020 standings lists will be used to players who must play advanced.
- Please note that March 9 standings lists are being used considering these were the last lists published before the suspension of play due to COVID-19.
- 18U - 1 to 300 must play ADV in any JTT age division
- 16U - 1 to 300 must play ADV in any JTT age division
- 14U - 1 to 300 must play ADV in any JTT age division
- 12U - 1 to 150 must play ADV in any JTT age division
- 10U - 1 to 75 Only applies to 10u JTT division

This search page is for the 10s-18s Age divisions and will return a player's standing in the appropriate Age Divisions as of mid-March, 2020. [Click here to check a player's ranking.](#)

[Experience Scorecard](#)

[Team Roster Profile](#)

**There are 2 separate JTT tracks: Non-advancing, and Championship.**

1. **Non-advancing JTT** is designed to introduce kids to competitive tennis and prioritize team building, ample play opportunities for every participating child, and level-based play. **Beginner divisions do not advance to Sectional or National Championships. Beginner teams are currently invited to the State Championships as a courtesy.**

2. **Championship JTT**, bound by specific age groups and ability levels, offers the opportunity for advancement from local competition to district, section, and national championship events. **This track is governed by national regulations, and culminates with nationals for the 14U and 18U age categories.**

## Team Manager Checklist

- Make sure to know the match schedule for your team for the upcoming season and distribute the schedule to your team via email.
- Communicate, communicate, communicate! Email, text, or call to communicate information about practices, schedules, match line ups, who is to bring snacks (if any) and any other important information.
- Confirm who will be at the upcoming match and who will not be playing (out of town, etc.).
- The days preceding the match, confirm with the opposing team manager via email, text, or phone call that you will be bringing a full line-up.
- It is the Home Team's responsibility to make the call in regard to inclement weather. If a match is suspended by weather, please make sure all players remain in a safe location on site until released by their coach. Please email your local league coordinator if matches have been delayed or cancelled due to inclement weather.
- Arrive for matches at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time in order to welcome players and parents. Starting on time is essential.
- Have the kids assist you in setting up the courts. You do not need to do this by yourself. Assign tasks to the players and they will have fun helping get things ready (this is great if you are having to set up 8U or 10U courts).
- Organize and run team practices.
- Organize healthy drinks and/or snacks for matches. This is not a requirement, but if you feel drinks/snacks are appropriate, designate someone to do this each week.
- Set team line-ups for weekly matches and communicate these to your players and parents.
- Exchange printed team line-ups with the opposing team manager before every match.
- Gather all of your players before each match and impress upon them the importance of the team. Win or lose, the goal is to go out and have fun. Make sure they understand that they are encouraged to root for their teammates until the last match is finished. Instruct them on how to do so with good sportsmanship.
- When all matches are complete, re-gather your team and reinforce the idea of the team. Encourage them, win or lose, and get them excited for the next match.
- Enter all scores within 48 hours of the completion of the match. The Home Team is responsible for entering all scores of the match. If you need help with this process, you can contact your local league coordinator.

## Pre-Season

- Recruit players for your team
- Assign a co-captain
- Provide players with the team # to register on TennisLink: [Player Registration](#)
- Book courts for home matches
- Develop a practice schedule or coordinate with a tennis teaching professional

## Pre-Match

- Determine the line-up for the match
- Communicate match date/time/location with team members and parents
- Communicate with the opposing manager prior to the match if there are not going to be enough players to facilitate the match. The match can be rescheduled if both managers and local coordinator are in agreement (this prevents kids and parents from traveling to a match only to have to default a team match).

## Match Day

- Exchange the team lineup with the opposing team manager before each match. Talk with opposing team manager to try and match the players with similar ability for a fair match. Remember this is team tennis. We want the kids to have the best match possible and above all, HAVE FUN.
- Print a scorecard from TennisLink and bring to the team match. You can find a blank Scorecard under your team's Stats and Standings link. Enter your team #: <http://tennislink.usta.com/TeamTennis/Main/Home.aspx>
- Coaching during a team match is allowed by the team manager only. Coaching is allowed from outside the fence on changeovers only. Please encourage players and parents to practice good sportsmanship.
- Record all scores
- Nominate 1 boy and 1 girl for good sportsmanship from the opposing team
- [Enter scores in TennisLink](#) within 48 hours of match completion (home team responsibility)

## Post-Season (optional)

- Organize end-of-season celebration
- Ask for feedback from players and parents on their experience
- Coordinate the team advancing to the State Championships . All are invited.
- Encourage them to keep playing other events!