



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

SPRING 2017 SECTION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations on making it to the Section Championships! We had 4,500 players participating all over SoCal in the Spring 2017 season with over 550 teams. Every effort is being made to ensure these championships will be a fun and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. Please read the information provided to you in this packet; but pay special attention to a few reminders about this event that you must know and adhere to:

- 1.) **Six (6) eligible players are required for each match. In the 18's, it is girls only season! An eligible player is one who played in at least 3 team matches in the Spring 2015 season. Further information regarding eligibility can be found in this packet along with the competition format.**
- 2.) **You cannot default a line in your team match - doing so will make your team ineligible for the section championship. Further information regarding this can be found under "Defaults/Withdrawals."**

This competition will be at its very best when every player and team plays all scheduled matches. If you know going into this competition that you will have trouble fielding a complete team (minimum 6 eligible players) for every match over this weekend, please let your Area League Coordinator know immediately! Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I hope you enjoy Spring 2017 Section Championships!

<u>DATES:</u>	June 3 & 4, 2017	Los Angeles / South Bay / Long Beach
<u>LOCATION OF EVENT</u>	El Dorado Park Tennis Center 2800 N. Studebaker Rd. 18400 Avalon Blvd. Long Beach, CA 90815 (562) 425-0553	Stub Hub Center 18400 Avalon Blvd. Long Beach, CA 90815 Carson, CA 90746 http://www.stubhubcenter.com

<http://www.longbeach.gov/park/park-and-facilities/directory/el-dorado-tennis-center/>

California State University Long Beach – Rhodes Tennis Center
1250 N. Bellflower Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90840

<http://www.longbeachstate.com/facilities/rhodes.html>

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

Ken Grassel, Junior Team Tennis Program Coordinator
Southern California Tennis Association

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:

Participating Junior Team Tennis Coordinators and SCTA Staff

TOURNAMENT DESK:

(310) 209-5915 (during the event - Fri 6/2 thru Sun 6/4 ONLY)
grassel@scta.usta.com (prior to event)

OFFICIAL BALL:

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PARKING:

Permit parking is required at Cal State Long Beach – please read posted signage in the parking lots and pay for the time required to avoid getting a parking citation at CSULB! Parking is complimentary at Stub Hub and El Dorado Park Tennis Center.

TOURNAMENT HOTELS:

Marriott Residence Inn Long Beach Downtown 600 Queensway Drive Long Beach, CA 90802 (562) 495-0700 \$189./night – 1 or 2 beds	Marriott Residence Inn Long Beach 4111 East Willow Street Long Beach, CA 90815 (562) 595-0909 \$209./night - studio
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Book by 5/26/17 – mention USTA So Cal Junior Team Tennis room block

Clink on this reservation link http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=USTA%20Southern%20California%20Junior%20Tennis%20Room%20Block%5Elgbi%60outataa%60189.00%60USD%60USD%60false%604%606/2/17%606/5/17%605/26/17&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes
(or copy/paste into your web browser)

Holiday Inn Long Beach Downtown
1133 Atlantic Ave, Long Beach, CA 90813
(562) 590-8850

Double Rooms - \$175./night – use group code “SCT” when booking

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/long-beach/lgbaa/hoteldetail>

The scheduling plan at this time is for the 10s divisions at El Dorado Park TC, the 14s divisions at Stub Hub Center and the 18s divisions at Cal State Long Beach. **This plan can change due to the number of teams in each flight!** This information is being given as a general outline for those needing to make hotel reservations for this event.

SATURDAY LUNCH:

Since a great number of teams will be driving in each day for this event, our usual Saturday night party will not happen this time (but will be back for our next section championships in January 2018!) Due to this, lunch will be provided at El Dorado Park TC & Stub Hub Center for all players and coaches. The courts at Long Beach State University are in close proximity to El Dorado Park TC. This lunch will be offered from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday June 4th.

PLAYERS GIFT:

Players gifts will be given to the coaches at the completion of your first match (no t-shirts this time!) You will also be given a lunch ticket for the Saturday lunch (that you will need to turn in when you get your lunch on this day!)

Also, Netknacks (our JTT merchandise provider) will have a booth set up at El Dorado Park TC to sell JTT section championship. There will be t-shirts, sweatshirts, and other JTT merchandise for sale at this site only!

ELIGIBILITY:

All team members must be registered in TennisLink and have local play history. All team members playing at Section Championships must have participated in at least three (3) team matches to be eligible to compete in this event. Only one on-site default or exhibition match on record counts as a match played – TennisLink does not count defaults on the player roster anymore, so when a player shows only 2 matches played, a manual check will be done to check for a defaulted match or exhibition match on record. Players must not “age up” before May 15th and players may only participate for one team in any flight during the Section Championships.

REGISTRATION:

Registration deadline is Wednesday May 24, 2017 - NO EXCEPTIONS!

Entry Fee & Deposit

\$100.00 + Active.com fee per team and a \$250.00 team deposit is required. Your credit card will not be billed for the team deposit unless your team fails to complete all scheduled matches over the 2 days of the Section Champs, or withdraws from this event after Friday May 26, 2017.

Online Entry

Each team must enter through TennisLink after they have qualified through their local area league. Your Area League Coordinator will submit your team and team # to the section office, and each team will require the Registration # for their division to register their team for the Section Championships.

Registration #'s

10 & Under Intermediate.....	15621
10 & Under Satellite.....	15623
10 & Under Advanced.....	15622
14 & Under 2.9 and below.....	15620
14 & Under 3.4 and below.....	15624
14 & Under 3.5 and above.....	15625
18 & Under 2.9 and below (Girls only).....	15619
18 & Under 3.4 and below (Girls only).....	15626
18 & Under 3.5 and above (Girls only).....	15627

Tennislink Instructions (for team fee & deposit)

- 1.) Go to USTA.com, click on TennisLink, and select Jr. Team Tennis
- 2.) Bottom right side under Options, select Championship Registration
- 3.) Type in the desired Registration # for your division
- 4.) Type in your Team # (you can register multiple teams; however, please make sure you use the correct Registration # listed above for each team)
- 5.) Click “Proceed to Checkout”
- 6.) Provide the Credit Card information that is required

Note: TennisLink **will not** put a hold on your account or charge the \$250.00 deposit amount at this time. It will check to see only if there are sufficient funds on your credit card. Only the \$100.00 team entry + Active.com fee will be charged.

SCHEDULE:

The schedule will be posted in TennisLink no later than Tuesday May 30th. To access the schedule of play, please follow these instructions:

- 1.) Go to USTA.com, click on TennisLink, and select Jr. Team Tennis
- 2.) Click on "Championship Advanced Search"
- 3.) Scroll down this page to Search Championship by...
Level: drop down to select "Section"
In this section: drop down to select "So. California"
- 4.) Click on "Search Stats & Standings"
click on desired Flight***, then click on Match Schedule

*** most Flights have broken off into "Pools" due to the round robin format and the number of team involved. If applicable, please check both Pools for your team's schedule - it will be "swimming" in one pool or the other!

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The official rules of the USTA will be observed as well as the section's Junior Team Tennis Rules and Regulations. USTA Officials will be on site to assist if necessary. The Junior Team Tennis Program Coordinator or the Tournament Committee shall have the right to modify the format of the Section Championships in the event that there are more or fewer teams than anticipated, defaults, unforeseen weather conditions, or any other reason that would necessitate a change in the announced format.

COMPETITION FORMAT:

All 10s matches (Intermediate, Satellite & Advanced) shall be a 6 game short set, no-ad scoring, with a set tie-break at 5 games all. Team matches will consist of 2 singles and 2 doubles. Six (6) eligible players required each team match. **MUST PLAY IN ORDER OF STRENGTH!**

All 12s and 14s matches (2.9 and below, 3.4 and below & 3.5 and above) shall be an 8 game pro-set, no-ad scoring with a set tie-break at 7 games all. Team matches will consist of 2 singles and 2 doubles. Six (6) eligible players required each team match. **MUST PLAY IN ORDER OF STRENGTH!**

All 18's matches (2.9 and below, 3.4 and below & 3.5 and above) shall be the best 2 of 3 sets, no-ad scoring, with a set tie-break at 5 games all. A match tie-break will be played in lieu of a third set, and will count as 1 game. Team matches will consist of 2 singles and 2 doubles. Six (6) eligible **female** players required each team match. **MUST PLAY IN ORDER OF STRENGTH!**

ORDER OF PLAY:

Singles and doubles are played simultaneously.

CHECK IN:

Team Coach/Captain must **check in** their team **20 minutes prior** to match time and must present their line-up when they check-in their team. All team members must be present when line-up is submitted. Teams must be ready to play at this time. A team will be defaulted 15 minutes after the scheduled match time if all of the players and the Team Coach/Captain are not present.

The Team Coach/Captain listed on the Registration Form must be Safe Play certified in order to perform on-court coaching. Anyone involved in coaching a team in our program **MUST** be listed as current with USTA Safe Play and background check procedures.

COACHING:

1 designated coach (for the entire team and entire match) is allowed. Coaching is allowed on court and on changeovers only! Coaches must leave the court before play resumes.

SCORING:

Set tie-break is the first to 7 points by a margin of 2

Match tie-break is the first to 10 points by a margin of 2

Champions in each flight will be determined by the team with the greatest number of games won in pool and championship match play. If there are 2 Pools of play for 1 flight, the winners of Pool A and Pool B will play off for the section championship for that flight. **EVERY GAME COUNTS!**

Procedures in the event there is a tie (in pool or championship match play): A tie shall be broken by the first of the following procedures that applies.

- 1) **Head to Head match result**
- 2) **Team that lost the fewest number of games**
- 3) **Greatest number of matches won**
- 4) **1 match randomly selected will play a 10 pt. Match Tiebreak (usually the last completed match)**

SCORE REPORTING:

When a player finishes a match, both players and/or teams shall report the score to the tournament desk. **Both teams' coaches/captains are responsible for verifying the scores and signing the match sheet immediately after the completion of the team match.**

DEFAULTS/WITHDRAWALS:

In a round robin format, not playing all scheduled matches is detrimental to the event. Therefore, all players and teams are specifically prohibited from defaulting or withdrawing in any part of the Section Championships (whether during the course of a match or prior to its commencement.) In the case of illness, injury or personal emergency, only the Junior Team Tennis Program Coordinator can be contacted under these circumstances. Failure to complete any scheduled match outside from what is listed above will result in loss of deposit. In the event that a team withdraws before the conclusion of the Section Championships or becomes ineligible through the course of this competition, any completed results will become null and void.

ORDER OF STRENGTH:

You must list your players on the Registration Form in the Order of Strength for your team. This does not need to fall in USTA junior ratings order. For your team match line-up, you can select any 2 players to play singles, with the highest player selected playing the #1 singles spot. The remaining players will make up your 2 doubles teams. The ranking of the doubles teams will be determined by the sum of the position listed from your Order of Strength. The lowest total sum of the 2 players selected will play the #1 doubles spot. If the 2 doubles teams sum is equal, the highest individual player from the 2 doubles teams will play in the #1 doubles spot.

Listing more players on the Registration Form than you plan to bring to this event will result in your team being defaulted from the Section Championships.

AWARDS:

Awards are given to the champions and finalists in each division up to a maximum of 8. The awards presentation will take place at the tournament desk after results have been verified.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

There will be **NO SUBSTITUTIONS ALLOWED** during the Section Championships. Prior to the start of the event, if a team cannot meet the 6 players minimum required, they forfeit their spot. Every effort will be made to fill the vacated spot with the next qualified team, whether this team is from the same or a different area.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

Sportsmanship is paramount in everything we do in our Junior Team Tennis program! This begins with the players, but is not limited to them solely. All coaches, co-captains, team managers, parents and spectators are expected to act with the highest level of sportsmanship as well. All adults must be excellent examples to all players involved in these Section Championships as well as during your local league seasons.

Anyone coaching a team will be asked to sign a coach's agreement that outlines the expectations of everyone involved in this event. Coaches and co-captains must work with each other in each team match and set the example of outstanding sportsmanship for their teams. Coaches and co-captains are also responsible for the behavior of their players and parents. Please share and review this with your players and parents as they need to know the expectations that will be enforced at this event. Anyone coaching will need to fill out this form and turn it in regardless of which match you will be coaching. All forms will need to be turned into the tournament desk at check-in for your first team match.



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REGISTRATION FORM

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1 FORM PER TEAM!

DIVISION: _____ LEAGUE AREA: _____

(Example: 10s Intermediate, 14s 2.9 and below)

COACH: _____ TEAM NAME: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

You must list the participating player's name and shirt size below:

You must list each player in Order of Strength on this form

Any player playing in this event MUST be listed on this form!

Do not list players on this form who are not planning to be physically there for this event

Name	USTA Junior Rating	Name	USTA Junior Rating
1.) _____		7.) _____	
2.) _____		8.) _____	
3.) _____		9.) _____	
4.) _____		10.) _____	
5.) _____		11.) _____	
6.) _____		12.) _____	

You can either scan/email this form to grassel@scta.usta.com, or fax

NO LATER THAN *May 24th* - fax: (310) 824-7691.

(PLAYERS' GIFT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AT THE COMPLETION OF YOUR FIRST MATCH.)



Coach's Agreement

As stated in the USTA Junior Team Tennis Southern California Section Rules, Regulations & Guidelines, all Coaches, Co-Captains and Team Managers (CCTMs) are responsible for reading and knowing all local league and section rules, regulations & guidelines regarding Junior Team Tennis. We know that there is much more involved than knowing the "rules" in order to be an effective CCTM! Listed below are areas of responsibility that all CCTMs must adhere to while participating in the Junior Team Tennis program and these Section Championships:

- 1.) CCTMs are expected to work with one another in every team match, and must display excellent sportsmanship qualities with each other, their players and parents. Good sportsmanship starts with you.
- 2.) CCTMs are responsible for ensuring that every player representing their team displays good sportsmanship in everything they do on and off the tennis court.
- 3.) CCTMs are responsible for educating parents and associated spectators on appropriate behavior and tennis etiquette as they watch their son, daughter or associated player play a match in our junior team tennis program. **This is not Davis Cup**, so cheering for opponents' mistakes is not acceptable in any way, shape or form! Applauding for great shots and play from any player on court is the way to go.

In order to perform on-court coaching during a match, you must have successfully gone through the USTA's Safe Play and Background Check procedure, and your name must be listed in the approved applicants page that is housed within the USTA.com/safeplay website. A parent, spectator and/or associated player should not be offering coaching advice to any player who is playing a match, and you as the CCTM must educate your team that doing so is not appropriate. Their responsibility as a spectator is to cheer for all good points played on the court they are watching, and inappropriate spectating will result in being asked to move away from the match.

Any reports of inappropriate behavior from spectators, players and especially you as the CCTM will result in not being invited back to the Section Championships. I have read and understand what is expected from me as a CCTM, and I will execute my duties as a CCTM in accordance with the guidelines outlined within this document.

X _____ Date: _____
(signature) (print name)

Team: _____ Area: _____ Flight: _____

Thank you for participating in our Junior Team Tennis program!