



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

USTA JR. TEAM TENNIS FALL 2013 SECTION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations on making it to the Section Championships! We had 3,700 players participating all over SoCal in this Fall 2013 season with over 400 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 boys only season! An eligible player is one who played in at least 3 team matches in this Fall 2013 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."

The point here is that the 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, then please let your Area League Coordinator know immediately! Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I hope you enjoy Fall 2013 Section Championships!

DATES:

January 11 & 12, 2014

**Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert
and Indian Wells!**

LOCATION OF EVENT

Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa
41000 Bob Hope Dr.
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
(760) 568-2727 or (866) 423-1195
<http://www.rancholaspalmas.com>

Indian Wells Tennis Garden
78200 Miles Ave.
Indian Wells, CA 92210
(760) 200-8400
<http://www.iwtg.net>

Palm Valley Country Club
39205 Palm Valley Dr.
Palm Desert, CA 92211
(760) 345-2737
<http://www.palmvalley-cc.com>

JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort
74855 Country Club Dr.
Palm Desert, CA 92260
(760) 341-2211
<http://www.desertspringsresort.com>

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Ken Grassel, Jr. Team Tennis Program Coordinator
Southern California Tennis Association

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE: Participating Jr. Team Tennis Coordinators and staff

TOURNAMENT DESK: (818) 522-4241 (During the event - Fri 1/10 thru Sun 1/12 ONLY)
grassel@scta.usta.com (Prior to event)

OFFICIAL BALL: Penn

PARKING: Free parking at all sites! If gated entry, simply mention Jr. Team Tennis.

TOURNAMENT HOTELS:

Embassy Suites Palm Desert 74700 Highway 111 Palm Desert, CA 92260 (760) 341-4893	Full cooked to order breakfast included starting at 6 a.m. 6 tennis courts available first come, first serve!
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Click on this reservation link
(or copy/paste into your web browser)

<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/P/PLMDRES-JTT-20140110/index.jhtml>

Embassy Suites will also be the site for the Player and Coach's Dinner and Social event on Saturday night January 11th, 6 to 10 p.m.

Homewood Suites Palm Desert 36999 Cook St. Palm Desert, CA 92211 (760) 568-1600	Close to the 10 FWY and all 4 sites. Click on the link below for rates and information.
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http://homewoodsuites.hilton.com/en/hw/groups/personalized/P/PLMHWHW-XJ4-20140110/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

This hotel will sell out fast, so don't delay - make your reservations today!

Other hotel suggestions: Homewood Suites on Washington close to IWTG; also Fairfield Inn on HWY 111 close to Bob Hope Dr. The Palm Desert area is the most centrally located area for the 4 tennis sites being used for our event. Please keep this in mind when searching for your accommodations. Rancho las Palmas is highly recommended but will cost a little ore than other hotels (but you get a lot more there as well!)

SATURDAY NIGHT: Player and Coach's Dinner & Social get together will be held at one of our host hotels, the Embassy Suites in Palm Desert, from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday night January 11th. This is free for registered players and recognized coaches! (a recognized Coach is one who is listed in TennisLink as either Coach/Captain or Co-Captain) One Coach or Adult must be with each team. There are plenty of nice restaurants close by where Parents can have the night off and enjoy dinner with one another!

LUNCH: Lunch is not provided, but there are plenty of options available close to each facility for you to purchase lunch. Rancho las Palmas and Palm Valley Country Club have snack counters with lunch as an option.

T-SHIRTS: The T-Shirt form is available at the end of this information packet. The coach is responsible for filling this out and faxing to the SCTA office. T-Shirts will be given to the coaches at the completion of your first match.

UNIFORM:

All teams are required to look uniformed during this event! Teams are not required to wear the Nike Jr. Team Tennis shirt.

SCHEDULE:

The schedule will be posted in TennisLink no later than Monday Jan. 6, 2014. 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.) Select Championship Year 2013
- 4.) Scroll down this page to Search Championship by...
 - Level: drop down to select "Section"
 - In this section: drop down to select "So. California"
- 5.) 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 or the other!

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 counts as a match played. Players must not "age up" before December 15th and their Jr. USTA membership must be current. Players may only participate for one team in any flight during the Section Championships.

REGISTRATION:

Registration deadline is Friday December 27, 2013 - NO EXCEPTIONS!

Entry Fee & Deposit

\$75.00 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 Championship, or withdraws from this event after Tuesday December 31, 2013.

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 in order to register their team for the Section Championships.

Registration #'s

10 & Under Intermediate/Satellite.....	11493
10 & Under Advanced.....	11492
12 & Under Intermediate.....	11491
12 & Under Satellite.....	11494
12 & Under Advanced.....	11490
14 & Under Intermediate.....	11489
14 & Under Satellite (Genderless).....	11495
14 & Under Satellite (Co-ed).....	11496
14 & Under Advanced (Genderless)	11497
14 & Under Advanced (Co-ed).....	11498
18 & Under Intermediate/Satellite.....	11499
18 & Under Advanced.....	11488

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 \$75.00 team entry fee will be charged.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The official rules of the USTA will be observed as well as the section's Jr. Team Tennis Rules and Regulations. USTA Officials will be on site to assist if necessary. The Jr. Team Tennis Program Coordinator or the Tournament Committee shall have the right to modify the format of the Sectional 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 (INT/SAT & ADVANCED) shall be a 6 game pro-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 per match. MUST PLAY IN ORDER OF STRENGTH!

All 12s and 14s matches (INTERMEDIATE, SATELLITE & ADVANCED) 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. Co-ed flights will consist of 1 boy's & girl's singles, and 1 boy's & 1 girl's doubles. Six (6) eligible players required per match. MUST PLAY IN ORDER OF STRENGTH!

All 18's matches (INT/SAT & ADVANCED) 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 **male** players required per 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 and an adult Coach or Captain 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 Captain/Coach are not present.

NEW!

The Team Coach/Captain listed on the T-Shirt and Registration form must be green lighted on the USTA.com Background Screening Results page. If you have not yet gone through the Safe Play and Background Checks procedure, you must do so before December 31, 2013. Please go to http://www.usta.com/About-USTA/usta_safe_play_home/ for further information, or to begin your background check. Anyone involved in coaching a team in our program **must** be listed on this results page.

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.

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 Jr. 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 T-Shirt & Registration form in the Order of Strength for your team. 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 T-Shirt & 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 Jr. Team Tennis program! This begins with the players, but is not limited to them solely. All coaches, captains, team managers and parents 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.



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T-SHIRT & REGISTRATION FORM
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SECTION CHAMPIONSHIPS
1 FORM PER TEAM!

DIVISION: _____ LEAGUE AREA: _____

(Example: 12 Intermediate, 14 Satellite - Genderless)

COACH: _____ TEAM NAME: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

T-shirt sizes available

Adult Small (AS), Adult Medium (AM), Adult Large (AL), Adult X-large (AXL)
Youth Small (YS), Youth Medium (YM) and Youth Large (YL)

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	Size	Name	Size
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 December 31st - fax: (310) 824-7691.

(T-SHIRTS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AT THE COMPLETION OF YOUR FIRST MATCH.)

