



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

**the Henry A. Talbert, Jr.
FALL 2016 SECTION CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Congratulations on making it to the Section Championships! We had 3,800 players participating all over SoCal in the Fall 2016 season with over 500 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 the Fall 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 during the section championships - doing so will make your team ineligible. 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 Fall 2016 Section Championships!

	Rancho Mirage and Palm Desert!	
<u>DATES:</u>	January 7 & 8, 2017	
<u>LOCATION OF EVENT</u>	Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa 41000 Bob Hope Dr. Rancho Mirage, CA 92270 (760) 568-2727 or (866) 423-1195 http://www.rancholaspalmas.com	Palm Valley Country Club 39205 Palm Valley Dr. Palm Desert, CA 92211 (760) 345-2737 http://www.palmvalley-cc.com
	Palm Desert Resort Country Club 77333 Country Club Dr. Palm Desert, CA 92211 (760) 345-2781 http://www.theresorter.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, 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 1/6 thru Sun 1/8/17)
grassel@scta.usta.com (prior to event)

OFFICIAL BALL: Penn

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

TOURNAMENT HOTELS:

Hampton Inn 74900 Gerald Ford Dr. Palm Desert, CA 92211 (760) 340-1001 Use code CNXSCT	\$129./night – Double Queen Standard Complimentary hot breakfast microwave and mini fridge in room
Embassy Suites Hotel 74-700 Hwy 111 Palm Desert, CA 92260 (760) 568-1600 Reference Code SCT	\$159./night – King Suite w/ pull out sofa \$169./night – Double Queen “ Complimentary cooked to order breakfast 6 lighted tennis courts Full restaurant on site
Homewood Suites 36999 Cook St. Palm Desert, CA 92211 (760) 568-1600 Group Code is SCTA	\$129./night – King Suite w/ pull out sofa Complimentary breakfast Heated Pool
Holiday Inn Express Hotel 74-675 Hwy 111 Palm Desert, CA 92260 (760) 340-4303 Mention Southern California Tennis Association – Junior Tennis	\$139./night – Double Double Standard Complimentary hot breakfast Heated Pool – 1 tennis court

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

Other hotel suggestions: The Palm Desert area is the most centrally located city to all 4 sites when searching for your accommodations. Rancho las Palmas is highly recommended but will cost a little more 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 Rancho las Palmas Resort & Hotel from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday night January 7th. This is free for registered players and recognized coaches! (a recognized Coach is one who is listed in TennisLink as either a Coach 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!

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 HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to look uniformed during this event! A team shirt or t-shirt at the very minimum is the way to go!

SCHEDULE:

The schedule will be posted in TennisLink no later than Tuesday Jan. 3, 2017. 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 2016
- 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 or exhibition match on record counts as a match played. Players must not "age up" before December 15th. Players may only participate for one team in any flight during the Section Championships.

REGISTRATION:

Registration deadline is Friday December 23rd - 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 December 30th.

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.....	15394
10 & Under Satellite.....	15402
10 & Under Advanced.....	15393
14 & Under 3.0 and below.....	15395
14 & Under 3.5 and below.....	15396
14 & Under 3.6 and above.....	15397
18 & Under 3.0 and below (Single Gender – Boys).....	15398
18 & Under 3.5 and below (Single Gender – Boys)...	15399
18 & Under 3.6 and above (Single Gender – Boys).....	15400

**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.

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 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 14s matches (3.0 and below, 3.5 and below & 3.6 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 per match.
MUST PLAY IN ORDER OF STRENGTH!

All 18's matches (3.0 and below, 3.5 and below & 3.6 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 **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 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 T-Shirt and Registration form must be green lighted on the USTA.com Background Screening Results page. 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. 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 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, 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.

All coaches will be asked to sign a coach's agreement that outlines the expectations of everyone involved in this event. Coaches must work with each other in each team match and set the example of outstanding sportsmanship for their teams. Coaches are also responsible for the behavior of their players and parents. This form must be turned into the tournament desk when line-ups are submitted for their first team match.

HENRY A TALBERT, JR.:

Henry was the Executive Director of the Southern California Tennis Association (SCTA) for 16 years, from 1997 to his retirement in 2013. In 1974, Henry began his 39 year career with the United States Tennis Association. Instrumental in the establishment of community and recreational tennis, Henry became the first African-American to be a USTA administrator on the national level. His goals were aimed at increasing participation in our sport, and implementing activities that provided youngsters, adults and seniors with tennis playing opportunities.

Henry passed away during the weekend of the Fall 2013 Section Championships. The Fall season's Junior Team Tennis Section Championships are dedicated in remembrance of all that Henry contributed to our great sport. If you wish to honor Henry's memory further, a donation to the National Junior Tennis Learning (NJTL) in any amount will be very much appreciated. Please send your contribution to the Southern California Tennis Association, P.O. Box 240015, Los Angeles, CA 90024 – Attn. Ken Grassel. If you want further information about NJTL and what this awesome program does for kids all over Southern California, please contact Evan Smith at the SCTA offices at 310-208-3838 or via email at ESmith@scta.usta.com



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T-SHIRT & REGISTRATION FORM

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FALL 2016 SECTION CHAMPIONSHIPS

1 FORM PER TEAM!

DIVISION: _____ LEAGUE AREA: _____

(Example: 14 3.0 and below; 10 Intermediate)

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 28th - fax: (310) 824-7691.

(T-SHIRTS 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!