



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

SPRING 2016 SECTION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations on making it to the Section Championships! We had 4,300 players participating all over SoCal in this Spring 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 girls only season! An eligible player is one who played in at least 3 team matches in the Spring 2016 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 2016 Section Championships!

DATES:

June 4 & 5, 2016

San Diego

LOCATION OF EVENT

University of San Diego

Hogan Tennis Center
(West Tennis Courts)
5998 Alcalá Park
San Diego, CA 92210

Barnes Tennis Center

4490 W. Point Loma Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92107
(619) 221-9000

<http://www.barnestenniscenter.com>

<http://www.usdtoreros.com/facilities/west-tennis-courts.html>

San Diego State University – Aztec Tennis Center

5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182 (619) 594-6444

http://www.goaztecs.com/facilities/aztec_tennis_center.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 6/3 thru Sun 6/5 ONLY)
grassel@scta.usta.com (prior to event)

OFFICIAL BALL: Penn

PARKING: Permit parking is required at San Diego State Univ. – please read posted signage in the parking areas and pay for the time required to avoid getting a parking citation at SDSU! Parking is complimentary at Barnes Tennis Center and University of San Diego.

TOURNAMENT HOTELS: Courtyard San Diego Airport/Liberty Station
2592 Laning Road, San Diego, CA 92106

Reservations at the \$229. discount rate can be made by using the custom Link provided below. Guests can also call (800) 321-2211 and reference “SO CAL USTA JR TENNIS.” The group rate applies to Fri 6/3 & Sat 6/4

Book by Monday May 16th

Clink on this reservation link http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Southern%20California%20USTA%20Junior%20Team%20Tennis%20Section%20Championships^sa%20na%20JTTJTTAJTTJTJB`229`USD`false`4`6/3/16`6/5/16`5/16/16&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes (or copy/paste into your web browser)

Homewood Suites by Hilton San Diego Airport/Liberty Station
2576 Laning Road, San Diego, CA 92106

Please call this hotel directly at (619) 222-0500 and ask for the Southern California USTA Junior Team Tennis Section Championship rate, or group code “JTT” The link below may or may not be working!

Book by Sunday May 15th

Clink on this reservation link https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/hw/reservation/book.htm?execution=e1s1
(or copy/paste into your web browser)

Other hotel suggestions: There are a lot of hotels off the 8 Freeway in an area called “Hotel Circle.” This area is very close to USD and SDSU. Please use 1 of the many hotel search engines for rates and availability.

The scheduling plan at this time is for the 10s & the 12s to play at Barnes Tennis Center (BTC), with the 18s being all at San Diego State University (SDSU.) The 14s will be at University of San Diego (USD), along with SDSU and possibly BTC. **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.

LUNCH: BTC has a café on site; SDSU and USD does not. You can bring outside food into SDSU and USD, but please do not do so at BTC. Thank you

PLAYER & COACH'S PARTY:

This year's party will be held at Dave & Buster's, located at 2931 Camino Del Rio North, San Diego 92108, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A yummy dinner buffet along with unlimited video game play and "party & play" power cards will make up this year's event. The players and coach (or adult representative if the coach is not able to escort the team) must all arrive together to be let into the party. Wristbands will be given to each team at point of entry, and must be worn in order to partake in dinner and fun & games! Parents are welcome as well; however, they will need to be seated in the general restaurant area (outside from where the players and coaches will be eating), and pay for their own meal (I wish it was in the budget to treat everyone on this night!)

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

REGISTRATION:

Registration deadline is Wednesday May 25, 2016 - 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 27th, 2016.

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.....	14418
10 & Under Satellite.....	14419
10 & Under Advanced.....	14417
12 & Under Intermediate.....	14416
12 & Under Satellite.....	14420
12 & Under Advanced.....	14415
14 & Under Intermediate.....	14414
14 & Under Satellite.....	14421
14 & Under Advanced.....	14422
18 & Under Intermediate (Single Gender – Girls only).....	14413
18 & Under Satellite (Single Gender – Girls only).....	14423
18 & Under Advanced (Single Gender – Girls only).....	14424

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 31st.. 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!

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 (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. Six (6) eligible players required each team match. **MUST PLAY IN ORDER OF STRENGTH!**

All 18's matches (INTERMEDIATE, SATELLITE & 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 **female** players required each team match. **MUST PLAY IN ORDER OF STRENGTH!**

ORDER OF PLAY:

Singles and doubles are played simultaneously.

CHECK IN:

The Coach, Co-Captain or Team Manager 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 Coach/Co-Captain/Team Manager are not present.

The Coach/Co-Captain/Team Manager listed on the T-Shirt and Registration form must be listed on the USTA.com Safe Play 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.**

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.

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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T-SHIRT & REGISTRATION FORM

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1 FORM PER TEAM!

DIVISION: _____ LEAGUE AREA: _____

(Example: 12 Intermediate, 14 Satellite)

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 *May 26th* - 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!