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Junior Team Tennis

Rules and Regulations



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2023 FALL DTA Junior Team Tennis (JTT)

Local League Rules (aka CAPTAIN'S HANDBOOK)

I. GENERAL

- A. All players must have some prior knowledge of the rules, scoring and techniques of tennis.
- B. All teams must have **one adult Team Manager/Captain and one parent co-captain**. The **PRIMARY CAPTAIN** must pass the USTA Safepay Background check and be listed on Tennis Link as the team Captain. The parent co-captain must be verified by the Dallas Tennis Association prior to the first match of the season. Verification includes a phone call to the co-captain from the Dallas Tennis Association to confirm the willingness to co-captain and to go over some specifics about the Junior Team Tennis program. The Co-Captains will have their name and cell phone number listed on the season contact sheet.
- C. The team manager/captain **is responsible** for:
 - a. Communicating and filtering information from the league to parents and players.
 - b. Determining the eligibility of the players.
 - c. The make-up and placement of players and teams according to Dallas Tennis Association (DTA) Junior Team Tennis (JTT) rules, and for submitting team rosters and dues through Tennis Link. No refunds will be made after registration is submitted, unless the entire division does not make. **Addition of players to existing rosters** may be made through Tennis Link prior to **October 23, 2023!**
 - d. Monitoring that players (and players parents) under his/her jurisdiction are in compliance with the league rules at all times.
 - e. Report any exceptions to DTA JTT in writing.

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- f. Must be present, to oversee the matches, ensure that players observe all rules, and see that there is no outside interference in matches.

II. ORGANIZATION

- A. All teams must meet minimum player requirements as follows:
 1. JTT Sectional Track teams **4 players**
 2. JTT Local Track teams (participating in **orange ball**) **4 players**
- B. Spring season teams (10U Novice & Above through 18U Novice & Above) must have a minimum of 4 (four) players; on their roster. Players must play a minimum of 2 (two) regular season matches to be eligible for sectional play. **Defaults are not counted as a match** towards sectional eligibility.
- C. Qualifying lines for each team match are: 4 lines singles & 2 lines doubles.
- D. The number of team matches/play days, is dependent on the number of teams in the Division. Divisions containing 10 or more teams may be divided into flights.

III. FORMAT, SCORING, & SCORE SHEETS

- A. **10U Orange Ball** – Will play on 60’ court and use “orange” balls and a maximum racket length of 25in.
- B. 10U **Orange Ball** teams will play **3 lines of singles** per round, no-ad scoring. Each team match will consist of 3 (THREE) 20 minute timed rounds with a 7 (SEVEN) minute break between rounds. Players will play unlimited games within the 20 minutes and the number of games won will be recorded on the score sheet.
- C. **10U Green Ball through 12U Intermediate** – (10U **green** will play on 78’ court and use “green” balls with no racket restrictions). Gender neutral. Each match consists of **4 singles** (in order of strength) and **2 doubles** (in order of strength) Players may play a maximum of one singles match, and one doubles match per dual team match. If a team has only 3 players, it must default line 4 singles and line 2 doubles. If a team has only 2 players, it must default line 3 & 4 singles and line 2 doubles. Match play is 1 (ONE) 6 game pro set with a 7-point tie breaker at 5-5.
- D. **Scorecards provided by DTA must be utilized.** No other Scorecards will be accepted. Scorecards provided by DTA will include the **MATCH#**, the two teams, and other pertinent information.

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- E. **BOTH TEAM Captains certify the scores by signing the score sheet.** Scorecards must include correct team names, match#, team players **BOTH FIRST and LAST NAMES written legibly.** Completed Scorecards must be submitted back to the on site Volunteer preceding the match, or to the JTT Coordinator no later than 24 hours. Scorecards can be emailed or texted to JTT Coordinator. **Scorecards will NOT be accepted after 24 hours after the Play Day.**

IV. ELIGIBILITY & DESCRIPTIONS OF PLAYER DIVISIONS

- A. Players cannot have a rating higher than the team tennis level at which they are playing, at time of player registration.
- B. Player rating at time of registration is the rating the player may play for the season through the Sectional Championship.
- C. **Age Eligibility** – Fall season Age Eligibility for 2023 will be December 4th (player must remain age eligible through December 4th).

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DIVISION DESCRIPTIONS

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Division	WTN Rating Band	The average player is:
10U Orange	N/A	A Confident and regular at Orange Ball Player
10 & Under Green Ball	N/A	A Confident and regular at Green Ball Player
12 & Under Green Ball	40-no max	Novice level competitor
12 & Beginner Yellow Ball	40-29	Novice level competitor
12 & Under Intermediate	40-19	Intermediate level competitor
12 & Under Advanced	40-1	Advanced level player
14 & Under Beginner	40-29	Novice level competitor
14 & Under Intermediate	40-19	Intermediate level competitor
14 & Under Advanced	40-1	Advanced level player
18 & Under Beginner	40-29	Novice level competitor
18 & Under Intermediate	40-19	Intermediate level competitor
18 & Under Advanced	40-1	Advanced level player

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V. PLAY DAYS

- A. All matches will be played during play days that will be managed by the DTA.
- B. A PLAY-DAY will consist of all teams in a division (or flight) reporting to one location and playing a round robin format.
 - a. The amount of Play Days and/or matches will be dependent on number of teams registered in that division.
- C. The DTA will determine and communicate:
 - a. Location of Play Days
 - b. Date and time of Play Days
 - c. The round robin draw
 - d. Order of play
- D. League play will be primarily on Saturdays or Sundays. The entire Play Day draw will be played on the scheduled day with the exception of a rain out.
- E. A player must be available to begin his/her match at the scheduled start time. If the player is not available within 15 minutes of scheduled match time, the opposing Coach/Captain will be awarded a default.
- F. A player may not play more than 2 (TWO) times per team match with the exception of 10 and under **orange**.

VI. SUBSTITUTES

- A. Substitute players may be used (prior to start of a match) in the event of illness or injury
- B. A substitute should be no stronger than the player for whom he or she is substituting.
- C. Any substitute of a player not registered on said team, within 24 hours of match completion, will result in an automatic default of that line

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VII. TEAM DEFAULT/DEFAULTS/INJURIES

- A. A team default occurs when a **team shows up with less than 50%** of the players needed to complete a team match. **If a team receives 2 (TWO) team defaults they will be removed from the league standings and will not be allowed to participate in Sectionals.**
- B. A default occurs when a player is scheduled to play and is unable to find a sub; thus, having to forfeit.
 - a. If a player defaults 2 (two) times during a season, regardless of reason, the player will not be eligible to play for the remainder of the season. These defaults do not have to be consecutive. The player may not be eligible to participate in sectional play.
 - b. Defaults are a form of questionable sportsmanship.
 - c. **A default will be scored as 6-0.**
- C. A withdraw occurs if a player is unable to finish a match that has been started, because of illness or injury.
 - a. If a player is injured or becomes ill, the player may request a 5-minute time out from the Coach/Captain. At the end of 5 minutes, play must resume.
 - b. If player cannot continue the match is declared completed and both players will keep any already earned games in the match.

VIII. INTERFERENCE

- A. Teammates, spectators, or parents may not volunteer assistance with line calls, scoring or coaching.
- B. **Coach/Captains ONLY, may speak to players on the court**, should an issue arise.
- C. If a player needs assistance, he/she is to place his/her racquet down to signal to sideline to get a Coach/Captain.
- D. **No coaching is allowed at any time.** Should parental interference occur the JTT Grievance Committee may take action.
- E. The appointed DTA play day manager has the final say in any dispute.
- F. The appointed DTA play day manager has the authority to request a spectator leave the premises.

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IX. RESCHEDULED MATCHES/WEATHER

- A. The DTA Junior Team Tennis Area Coordinator will be responsible for determining delays, postponements and cancellations due to weather issues.
- B. The DTA Junior Team Tennis Area Coordinator will be responsible for the rescheduling of the play day.
- C. If a match has begun and becomes delayed due to weather, the teams must wait 1 hour for courts to be playable. If the courts do not become playable, the match will be rescheduled.
- D. The DTA Junior Team Tennis Area Coordinator will determine if a play day is a complete rainout, or delayed, at least 1 hour prior to start time.
- E. The rescheduled match will be played within 14 days from original scheduled date. If the rescheduled match is rained out, the process continues. If a player is not available for rescheduled time and date, that player is required to get a substitute. Exception: If the last match of the season must be rescheduled, it must be played within 7 days from the original scheduled date.
- F. Extreme Weather Conditions: The following weather conditions may subject a match to be rescheduled:
 - 1. If the actual temperature is 40 degrees or below OR the wind chill factor is 32 degrees or below.
 - 2. The actual temperature is 105 degrees or higher.
 - 3. If **sustained** winds are 30 mph or higher.
 - 4. No match may be cancelled before 12 hours to match time.

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X. SPORTSMANSHIP

- A. Ethical and sportsmanlike conduct is expected of all players and coaches/captains. The use of profanity, obscene gestures, slamming balls, throwing a racquet purposely, and habitual bad line calls **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**.
- B. The offending player's Coach/Captain should immediately issue a warning to the player. If the player's Coach/Captain refuses to give the warning, then opposing Coach/Captain may request the appointed DTA play day manager to intervene. The DTA play day manager has the final say in any dispute.
- C. If a player is warned with a 2nd violation during the same play day, the appointed DTA play day manager will notify the JTT Committee.
- D. The JTT Committee will review both violations and determine if the player will be ineligible to play the remainder of the season, as well as any end of season play. Any special cases will be reviewed and ruled upon by the JTT Committee.

XI. PROTESTS/GRIEVANCES

- A. Problems arising at a match are to be resolved by the Coach/Captains. If a problem arises that cannot be resolved by the Coach/Captains, either may file a protest after the match.
- B. The Coach/Captain must notify the opposing Coach/Captain and the JTT Coordinator as soon as possible that they are filing a grievance.
- C. All protests/grievances must be submitted in writing to the JTT Coordinator within 4 days of the match protested. The JTT Coordinator will notify and copy the DTA executive director and appropriate DTA board member who will then form a Grievance Committee.
- D. The Grievance Committee will review both sides and decide on appropriate action. Grievance Committee rulings are final.
- E. The JTT Coordinator will not take part in any Grievance ruling

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XII. DISIPLINARY ACTION

- A. Violation of any DTA Junior Team Tennis rule/guideline will result in a penalty toward the team that the violator represents and/or is affiliated with as (but not limited to) captain, co-captain, player, family member.
1. First violation will result in team warning – all captains; co-captains; players/parents; facility managers and USTA Texas Section will be informed of the violation and the warning via email.
 2. Second violation will result in team disqualification from any/all post season play. All captains; co-captains; players/parents; facility managers and USTA Texas Section will be informed of the violation and the disqualification via email.
 3. Third violation will result in team expulsion from league and all remaining matches will be recorded as defaults. all captains; co-captains; players/parents; facility managers and USTA Texas Section will be informed of the violation and the team expulsion via email.

PLAYDAY GUIDELINES

FOR ALL CAPTAINS/PLAYERS/SPECTATORS:

- Start with Doubles first (2 lines), then play Singles (4 lines).
- CAPTAINS ONLY check in at the JTT desk. Pick up clipboards with blank scorecards provided. Please fill out completely. Please write as clearly as possible. Turn in completed scorecards WITH SCORES & NAMES after the matches to the JTT desk.
- PLAYERS DO NOT check in.
- Coaching players by a parent is not allowed during matches.
- Coaching is ALLOWED from OUTSIDE THE FENCE only during change-over, and is limited to 90 seconds, by registered coaches who have completed all requirements by the USTA.
 - **NOTE FOR ORANGE BALL:** Coaching by designated Captain is ALLOWED, by registered coaches who have completed all requirements by the USTA. We want the kids to enjoy playing and most are here to learn and get better.
- Parents/Spectators coaching from the stands during matches is prohibited.

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- Parents/Spectators should not confront opposing coaches/players, before, during or after a match.
- Only team coaches should communicate concerns between each other
- All Eligible coaches must have successfully completed: USTA play-safe program, and background check.
- Each player is responsible for their own match when it comes to line calls and scoring.
- Players should try to work out scoring disputes on court first before asking for help.
- If players need additional help, only their team coaches should get involved to find a solution.
- When a coach disagrees with a call by the opposing players, he/she must bring it to the attention of the opposing coach and should NOT over-rule the opposing players.
- All parents and spectators must stay off the court during team matches.
- Do not sit/go on court during any team match.
- If you need to give something to a player during a match, only the coach can go on court and give it to the player (during the changeover)
- Please pick up all used tennis balls from the courts and turn in at the JTT Desk.

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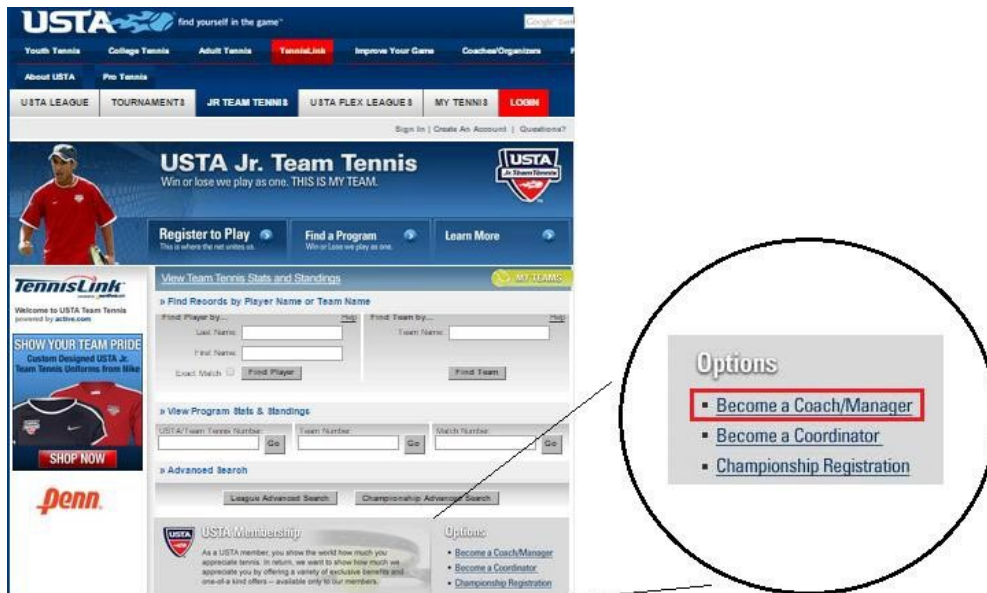
[BECOMING A JTT COACH/TEAM CAPTAIN](#)

Below are instructions for a volunteer or parent to add the role of coach/captain to your Junior Team Tennis account in TennisLink (note that this MUST be done for a captain to be added in TennisLink)

Note: If you do not have a USTA account, please follow the steps in Non Member Account Creation to create an account before proceeding to the steps below

Note: USTA requires that all Coach/Captains comply with the Youth Protection Policies and Procedures for USTA Junior Team Tennis by going through the Safe Play process. This will require completing a background screening through NCSI (National Center for Safety Initiatives). To start the process please start here with this [Net Generation and Safe Play Help Guide](#). For FAQs please visit [Net Generation/Safe Play FAQ](#)

1. Navigate to TennisLink Team Tennis homepage
2. Scroll down to bottom of page, click Become a Coach/Manager



3. Input USTA Account Number
4. Click Submit
5. Login with Email Address/Password (should be same Safe Play login)
6. Click Login
7. Click Submit

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PLAYER 14-18 AND PARENT ACCOUNT CREATION

If you do not have an existing USTA account and need to create a new account, please follow the steps below to create an account:

1. Navigate to USTA.COM
2. Click JOIN button



3. Click CHOOSE for path that best describes you: Players & Parents or Teachers, Organizers & Facility Operators
4. To create an account, fill out all *required fields
5. Check box to confirm age and agree to USTA terms of use and privacy policy
6. Click CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT
7. Go through remaining account setup screens

Note: After filling out the information and creating your account you will be automatically logged into your USTA profile. Your USTA Number will be visible on the PROFILE tab. Please write down this number for future reference

If you have an existing or old USTA account in the system but do not know your information or how to login to TennisLink, you can use the Search for Your Account feature outlined below. If you still need additional help please contact USTA Customer Care at 800-990-8782. They will be able to assist you with locating your existing account and check to see what email address is associated with your account as email login is now required to access TennisLink.

1. Go to USTA.COM
2. Click LOGIN
3. At bottom of page, click Unsure if you have a USTA Account? Search for your account link

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4. Enter in all *required information
5. Click SEARCH

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[ADD A CHILD ACCOUNT ON USTA.COM](#)

USTA has rolled out a new update on USTA.com that will allow parents to add a child to their account. To do this, please follow the steps below:

NOTE: If you do not have an account in the system, please go to USTA Account Creation before following the steps below. If your child already has an existing USTA account please contact USTA Customer Care directly to get your child linked to your account. They can be reached at 800-990-8782. Please make sure to provide them with your USTA # along with your child's USTA #

NOTE: If your child is in your family membership, please manage your child on the membership page

NOTE: If you have any issues or difficulties, please contact USTA Customer Care at 1-800-990-8782 to get your child's account linked

1. Parent navigates to USTA.com
2. In upper right corner, click LOGIN

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PLAYER REGISTRATION

In order to register for Junior Team Tennis team, the parent will need to have their child's

USTA account linked to their USTA account. You can do this on USTA.COM by following the steps over on Add Child Account on USTA.com. If you have any issues please reach out to Customer Care at 800-990-8782 or customer care@usta.com to get your account linked to your child.

With the new registration flow, you also have the option to add a child/member of family during the registration process. In order to register for a team, you will need to obtain the team # from your coach/captain or program coordinator. If you do not have this information please go to Contact Junior Team Tennis Coordinator. To complete your JTT registration, please follow the steps below:

1. Login to My Tennis page with Email and Password
2. Click JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS tab

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

3. Click Have a Team ID? Button



4. On Register to Play page, enter Team ID #
5. Click Enter
6. To Add a child/member to your family click link to be re-directed to USTA.com

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Team Tennis Home > Register to Play > Team Details

Team Details

Below is the information we have on file regarding "Hardin County" ID 7036387209

You have selected registration for "Hardin County (7036387209)". If this is not correct [re-enter your team ID](#).

Team	Flight	Program	Reg. Begins	Reg. Ends	Contact
Hardin County	Middle School	2019 FALL - Etown Middle School League	7/1/2019	12/31/2020	Jennixxx Laxxx

To complete registration enter the following information.

This team does not require USTA membership

Add a child/member to your family [here](#)

[Need help with account/registration?](#)

Remove

Enter or Select Player USTA Account

add another player to this team

Proceed to Checkout or [back](#)

For assistance, please visit our [Help Center](#).

- On Team Details page, Enter or Select Player USTA Account from dropdown

Enter or Select Player USTA Account

✓ - Select a player -

- 2018519676 Debbie Challenge
- 2018518897 Kansas Challenge
- 2018522039 Bella Child

Proceed to Checkout or [back](#)

- Click Proceed to Checkout
- Confirm player registration details
- Enter in all *required details
- Enter Payment Information
- Click Register Player to complete registration

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DIVISIONS DESCRIPTIONS

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DIVISION	MINIMUM WTN	MAXIMUM WTN
10U and 8U Red Ball	N/A	N/A
10U Orange Ball	N/A	N/A
10U/12U Green Ball	No minimum (40)	No maximum
12 & Under Beginner (Yellow Ball)	No minimum (40)	29
12 & Under Intermediate (Yellow Ball)	No minimum (40)	19
12 & Under Advanced	No minimum (40)	No maximum
14 & Under Beginner	No minimum (40)	29
14 & Under Intermediate	No minimum (40)	19
14 & Under Advanced	No minimum (40)	No maximum
18 & Under Beginner	No minimum (40)	29
18 & Under Intermediate	No minimum (40)	19
18 & Under Advanced	No minimum (40)	No maximum

NOTE: For any Red, Orange, or Green Ball divisions in local or sectional seasons please refer to the playtracker rules and regulations.

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FIND WTN/JUNIOR RATING LEVEL

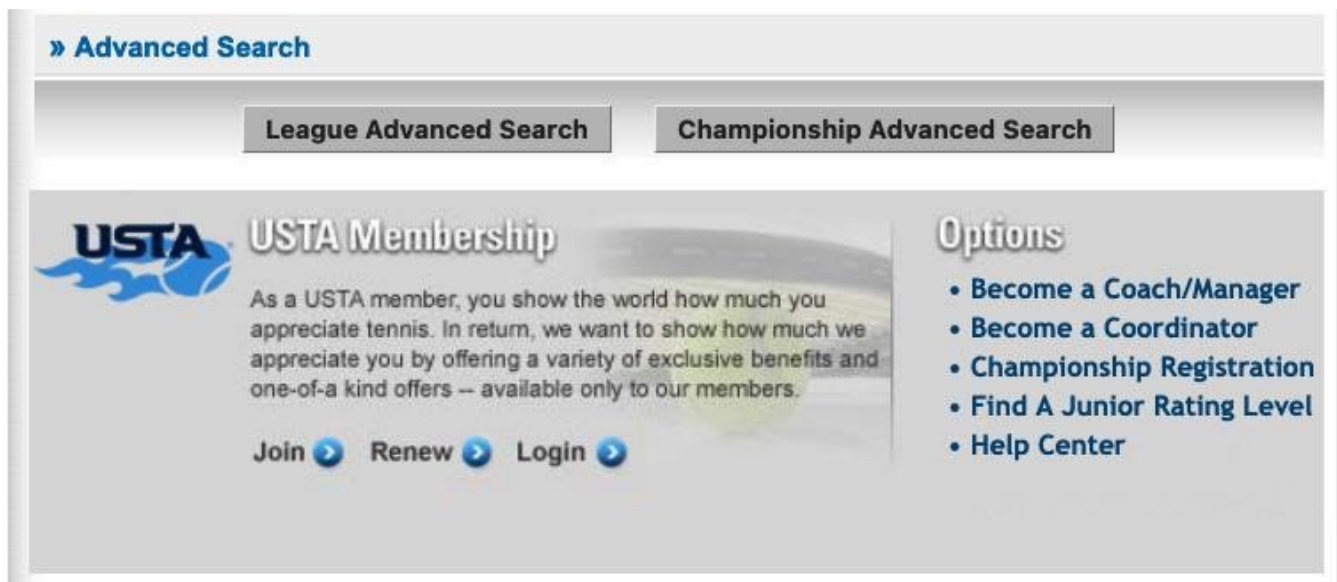
Starting in the 2023 season, Junior Team Tennis players will be using their new WTN (World Tennis Number) ratings instead of the current JNTRP (Junior National Tennis Rating Program) ratings in TennisLink. The WTN ratings are calculated by the ITF (International Tennis Federation) and updated weekly, while JNTRP ratings were updated every two weeks.

When the WTN ratings are calculated, for players who played in singles matches, a singles WTN rating is created. For players who played in doubles matches, a doubles WTN rating is created. In Junior Team Tennis, the player only has one WTN rating determined by using the lower value of their latest singles or doubles WTN rating. You will also notice that WTN rating values are different and range from 5.1 to 40.0 with 5.1 being the highest rated player.

To locate a player's WTN or Junior Rating Level for Junior Team Tennis, please follow the steps below:

Note: JNTRP ratings can still be searched through the end of 2022. WTN ratings will be replacing JNTRP rating for 2023 programs

1. Login to [TennisLink JTT Homepage](#) with email/password
2. Scroll down to Options Area



3. Click Find A Junior Rating Level

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Options

- Become a Coach/Manager
- Become a Coordinator
- Championship Registration
- **Find A Junior Rating Level**
- Help Center

4. Enter USTA Account # or Player Name
5. Select Rating Type from dropdown

The screenshot shows the TennisLink website navigation bar with tabs for USTA LEAGUE, TOURNAMENTS, JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS (selected), and USTA FLEX LE. Below the navigation bar is the TennisLink logo with the text "PROCESSED BY ACTIVE". The breadcrumb trail reads "Team Tennis Home > Junior Rating Level Search". The main heading is "Junior Rating Level Search". Below this is a search form with the text "Enter USTA Account #, team # or player name:" followed by an input field and a "Search" button. Below the input field is the text "and select Rating Type" followed by a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing a checkmark next to "W - WTN Rating" and "J - Junior Rating".

6. Click Search

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