



EASTERN

**EASTERN JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

FACT SHEET

Welcome to the 2024 Eastern
Team Sectional Championships

FACT SHEET & REGULATIONS

USTA Net Generation Pathway Regulations and USTA Eastern Regulations govern all Eastern Team Sectional Championships. Fair and inclusive level-based play is the foundation of USTA Team Tennis and associated regulations.

Team Management (coaches and captains) is responsible for understanding USTA Section Regulations and to ensure players and parents follow all regulations while participating in any Team Tennis competition.

All resources and forms necessary to manage a season are available at the [USTA Eastern Team Tennis Home page](#).

SAFE PLAY

As the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the United States, the USTA is committed to providing a safe and respectful environment for young athletes. Safe Play is the USTA's comprehensive athlete safety program governing appropriate behavior between Adults and Junior players.

The USTA worked with the U.S. Center for SafeSport and the United States Olympic Committee to develop Safe Play policies, procedures, and educational resources to support the USTA Safe Play program.

Compliance with the requirements of Safe Play, including clearing USTA background screening and successfully completing Safe Play education is required for all Team Tennis Coaches, Captains, Managers and any players over 18 yrs. To complete Safe Play, check your status, or renew certification, go to [SafePlay](#)

USTA EASTERN REGIONS

The USTA Eastern six geographic regions are:

- Long Island
- Metro
- New Jersey
- Northern
- Southern
- Western

USTA EASTERN TEAM TENNIS EVENTS

- **Sectional Championship** - The Eastern Team Sectional Championships will be open to any team that meets the age group and residency criteria. The Advanced division will be an L5 Closed event, for Eastern players only.

-**World Team Tennis Nationals** - The 18U Advanced and Intermediate division champion will be invited to represent USTA Eastern at the World Team Tennis Nationals. If the finalist team is not able to participate, the spot will be allocated to the 3rd place. If third place is unable to compete, USTA Eastern will select a team based on the Sectional Championship results.

DATES

Event	Date	Division	Location
Team Sectional Championships	May 10-12, 2024	12U, 14U & 18U Intermediate 12U, 14U & 18U Advanced	Multiple locations
WTT Junior Nationals	July, 2024	18U Advanced & Intermediate	Orlando, FL

2024 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

LOCATION

Each division location will be announced at least 6 weeks prior to the start of the event.

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WAIVERS

The Eastern section requires each participant to sign and complete this [Waiver and Liability Release Form & Photo Release Waiver](#)

TEAM REGISTRATION

All prospective teams for the Eastern Sectional Championships should complete Team Registration Form only once they have secured a Safe Play approved coach and the minimum number of players.

TEAM COMPOSITION

To participate in the USTA Eastern Team Sectional Championship, each team must have a minimum of 3 eligible boys and 3 eligible girls registered, with a minimum of 2 eligible boys and 2 eligible girls to play a match.

TEAM SELECTION

Each division will host a maximum of 16 teams. Teams will be selected based on Combined Team WTN Rating. The WTN that will be used will be the one at the time of the registration closed date.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to compete at the Eastern Sectional Championships, a player should be a member of the Eastern section (Advanced division) and be in good standing. If an eligible player on a team is unable to participate, resulting in a failure of the team to meet the minimum team size requirement, an eligible substitute player with the same WTN rating or below may be added. Substitute players must be approved by USTA Eastern.

Players should be age-eligible throughout the entire duration of the Sectional Championships. For the 18U Divisions, players should be age eligible until the World Team Tennis National Invitational.

COACHING

Coaching during matches is permitted by one Safe Play certified adult per team. Each team coach must be designated prior to the start of the event. Coaching is only permitted on changeovers on court or through the fence. Team management, parents or spectators may not speak to any players during play (in any language), and must view matches from outside of the court.

Safe Play clearance is required for All Team Coaches/ Managers listed on the Team Roster form and any players over 18 yrs. To become Safe Play approved, or renew your certification, click [here](#)

RANKING POINTS

The Sectional Championship will award L5 Closed points for the Advanced division and L6 points for the Intermediate divisions.

OFFICIALS

USTA Officials will be present at the site throughout the Regional & Sectional Championships.

TEAM UNIFORMS

Team uniforms or jerseys are mandatory, players & should wear the team uniforms/ jerseys while on court.

TRAINERS

Trainers will be available for the duration of the event (depending on location).

STRINGING

Stringing will be available throughout the event at each host site location (depending on location).

CODE OF CONDUCT

The USTA Standard of Conduct will be applied. Sportsmanship is expected from all participant players, coaches and parents.

FORMAT OF PLAY

EVENT FORMAT

- Team Sectional Championship

The event will consist of Group Round Robin and playoffs. Each division will have multiple groups depending on the number of teams registered with a maximum of 16 teams per division. Teams will be divided into even groups and the winner of each group will advance to the Semifinals. If a division has less than 5 teams a Round Robin between all teams will take place.

Combined team WTN will be used to seed teams. The top teams of each group will advance to the semi final playoffs. Group winners and 2nd place will be determined by team wins. In the event of a tie in the group stages, the winner will be decided by the following criteria:

- 1) Percentage of games won, 2) Head to head match result, 3) Greatest number of individual matches won
- 4) If the tie remains, the tied teams will select two players to play a mixed doubles 10 point tiebreaker.

TEAM MATCH FORMAT

A team match will consist of Boys singles, Girls Singles, Boys Doubles, Girls Doubles and a Mixed Doubles. The winner of each team match will be decided by total games.

SCORING

Each singles and doubles match will play one set to six games, no ad, with a tiebreak at 6-6.

TEAM LINEUPS

The coaches/managers for each team will exchange lineups or hand in their team lineup to the designated official no later than 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the team match. No substitutions may be made in an individual match after the lineup has been presented, except for injury to, or illness of a player prior to the start of such match and except under such further circumstances as a local/ area competition may authorize. If the substitution is made during the warm-up, the substitute is entitled to a five minute warm-up.