



RULES & REGULATIONS

Jr. Team Tennis – 2024

The GRETA Recreational Junior Team Tennis (JTT) league is a fun, team-oriented, and competitive tennis league for youth tennis players from beginner through advanced levels of play. Teams are co-ed and comprised of players of similar age and ability. JTT is open to all players regardless of club or school affiliation. Teams will compete against other local teams in the spring season for the opportunity to advance to a state championship. There is also a fall season for players to continue to gain match experience. The objective of the GRETA JTT league is to introduce kids to team competition in a positive setting that promotes sportsmanship, skill development, and personal growth.

The GRETA Recreational JTT league is sanctioned and supported by the United States Tennis Association (USTA), the USTA Southern Section, and the North Carolina Tennis Association. In addition to the Local JTT regulations outlined in this document, all players, coaches, and parents must abide by the national regulations set forth by the USTA as well as additions set forth by USTA Southern.

SEASON DATES

- Spring Season Dates – March 16-May 4 (Saturdays)
 - no matches March 30, April 6
 - match start times – 1:00pm, 2:30pm
 - local league tournament Saturday, May 11; location TBA
- Fall Season Dates – TBA

SPRING DATES/DEADLINES

- Friday, February 23
 - Team created in TennisLink (Safe Sport and Background Check must have been completed prior)
 - How many courts available and date conflicts for home matches
 - Contact info (cell/email) for each team captain and/or pro who handles the weekly matches
- Sunday, February 25
 - Q & A zoom call with team captains/coaches
 - 6-7pm
- Friday, March 8
 - Minimum number of players must be registered in TennisLink
- Friday, April 26
 - Last day to register players on TennisLink
- Saturday, May 11
 - Local league tournament – location TBA
 - same match format/scoring as regular season
 - match times will be posted 3 days prior
 - single elimination event
 - in order to participate, players must have a 2-match history in TennisLink

- lunch provided by GRETA – 1 large cheese pizza for every 3 players on roster

DIVISIONS

- A minimum of 2 teams must be registered to field a division. Teams may move to another division in order to participate.
- Divisions Offered-
 - 8U Beginner+Intermediate combined (red ball)
 - 10U Beginner (orange ball)
 - 10U Intermediate (orange ball)
 - 12U Beginner (green ball)
 - 12U Intermediate/Advanced (yellow ball)
 - 14U Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced
 - 18U Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced

MATCH SITES/DAYS

- Teams must designate a facility for home matches
 - if a team does not have a facility they may use Page HS or be a travel team
- Matches will be scheduled on Saturday afternoons at 1:00pm or 2:30pm

LEAGUE FEES

- The online registration fee is \$35 per player per team plus the \$3.15 TennisLink fee
 - Your facility or club may charge an additional administrative fee and/or for practices
- GRETA will provide the match balls and awards for division winners

MATCH FORMAT

- 8U – 4 courts of singles; round robin match play
- 10U/12U/14U/18U – 1 court of singles/1 court of doubles followed by 1 court of singles/1 court of doubles

SCORING FORMAT

- 8U – 2/3 games to 7 points, win by 1; 1 underhand or bounce-hit “serve” into the court
- 10U/12U/14U/18U – First to 6 games, win by 1, no ad

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ADVANCEMENT

- The spring season is the qualifying season for the JTT State Championships for 10s/12s/14s/18 age divisions
- Winners from our local league tournament receive an automatic bid to the State Championships
- If the winning team cannot attend the State Championships the bid will go to the 2nd place team
 - If the 2nd place team cannot attend, a coin will be flipped to award the bid with the 3rd/4th place finishing teams
- Players must have a 2-match history in the local league (1 may be a default) to qualify
- Bids for the State Championships will be awarded to the winning teams from our local league tournament held at the end of the season
 - The local spring season results will be used for seeding at the local league tournament
 - If the local league tournament cannot be played, the regular season results will be used for advancement to the state championships (games won)

TEAM COMPOSITION

- Teams can be formed with any combination of boys and girls at the appropriate age and ability level for the division they are competing in
- 8U/10U/12U/14U/18U minimum number of players – 4

PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

- Prior to registration, the player must
 - be a current USTA member, in good standing, thru July 31st, 2024
 - age eligible thru July 31st, 2024
 - competing at the appropriate skill level (see JTT Levels of Play Guidelines document)
 - not be suspended from USTA competition
 - including beginner division, must be able to keep score, have a general knowledge of tennis rules and etiquette, make 50% of serves, rally avg of 2+ shots

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Show up 10-15 minutes prior to your scheduled match time
- Check in with your team captain when you arrive for your match
- Exhibit good sportsmanship and effort
- Encourage and cheer for your teammates
- Report match scores to your team captain

TEAM CAPTAIN REQUIREMENTS

- Prior to team creation, the team captain must
 - be a current USTA member or have a USTA number
 - complete the USTA Safe Play background screening and online education from the U.S. Center for Safe Sport on a bi-annual basis prior to creating a team. [Click here](#) to complete the 3-step process or visit <https://www.usta.com/en/home/safe-play.html>
- Make sure players and parents abide by the local league rules

TEAM CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Have match balls (new or slightly used) for the match
- Communicate with their team on player availability
- Communicate with other Team Captains on forfeits and general skill level of roster
- Put together match line-ups
- Record on scoresheet your lineup and opponents lineup
- Take picture of completed match with scores and winners circled and text to LLC 919.630.0386
- No coaching allowed by the team captain, assistant captain, coaches, and spectators during match warm-up and match play
- Ensure all spectators for their team follow the code of conduct
- Attempt to provide matches for “extra” players

CREATE A TEAM

- [Click here](#) or visit https://support.activenetwork.com/usta/articles/en_US/Article/Create-a-JTT-Team for a step-by-step guide to create your JTT team

REGISTER A PLAYER

- [Click here](#) or visit <https://tennislink.usta.com/TeamTennis/Main/RegisterPlayers.aspx> to register a player using a team number and the players USTA account number

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ADVANCEMENT

- Teams in the 10s-18s age divisions that win the local league tournament receive an automatic bid to the State Championships
- The State Championships will be held July 19-21, 2024; location will be announced in February

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- In the case of a grievance filing, the Local League Coordinator will form a grievance committee comprised of 3 persons that are free of conflict

Spectator Code of Conduct

In an effort to promote fairness and to assure a physically and mentally healthy experience for all players, tennis has expectations around spectator behavior. All JTT spectators are asked to follow these rules of conduct:

Cheering

Clapping for good shots is encouraged and will be allowed provided spectators show respect for all players.

- Please wait until a point has finished before clapping. Clapping during play is a distraction for all players.
- Please keep cheering respectful in tone and volume. Cheering that gets out of control can intimidate children on the court, disrupt other matches in progress, and cause conflict between opposing teams.

Coaching

Coaching and all other communication to the players from both spectators and the team captain/coach is prohibited in our local league. Spectators are not allowed to assist with making line calls, calling double bounces, or providing scores to players. The Team Captain/Coach may intervene in a match to answer a question or resolve a dispute.

Division	Ball/ Court	Match Format	Min # of Players	Scoring
8U Beginner/ Intermediate	Red 36' court or pickleball lines	4 courts singles round robin play for 1 hour drop-hit for serve	4	2/3 games to 7 pts; win by 1 player A feeds 1 game to 7 pts; player B feeds 2 nd game to 7 pts
10U Beginner Intermediate	Orange 60' baseline court	<u>Round 1:</u> 1 court of singles 1 court of doubles <u>Round 2:</u> 1 court of singles 1 court of doubles	4	(1) set to 6 games no ad win by 1 game (no tiebreaker)
12U Beginner	Green 78' court	<u>Round 1:</u> 1 court of singles 1 court of doubles <u>Round 2:</u> 1 court of singles 1 court of doubles	4	(1) set to 6 games no ad win by 1 game (no tiebreaker)
12U/14U/ 18U Beginner Intermediate Advanced	Yellow 78' court	<u>Round 1:</u> 1 court of singles 1 court of doubles <u>Round 2:</u> 1 court of singles 1 court of doubles	4	(1) set to 6 games no ad win by 1 game (no tiebreaker)