

## USTA Eastern Junior Events (12 & Under – 18 & Under)

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| <p><b>L3</b><br/>UPS</p>                                  | <p>Entry Level</p>                  | <p>Unranked; non-elimination (usually Round Robin) events for entry level players. Matches may be either short sets or timed matches; and typically take place over a 2-4 hour block of time. L3 Winners names will be posted on the <a href="#">L3 Honor Roll</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>12U</b> L3's will be played on a <b>78' court</b>, with a <b>Green Ball</b>; racquet length must be 29" or less.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>L20 &amp; L2R</b><br/>Opens &amp;<br/>Regionals</p> | <p>Intermediate</p>                 | <p>Intermediate events open to either <b>ALL</b> USTA members (<b>L20</b>) or <b>ONLY</b> Players from the region of the event (<b>L2R</b>). Draws are open and not limited to players of a specific ranking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>12U</b> divisions will utilize a <i>Short Set</i> format (the 1st player/team to win 4 games by a margin of 2 games, with a 7pt tiebreak at 4-all) and include a consolation match; providing each participant with at least a two matches.</li> <li>» <b>14U-18U</b> will utilize a full set (6-game) format, and will include either a consolation match or a doubles option.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>L1B</b><br/>Challengers</p>                         | <p>Intermediate</p>                 | <p>Intermediate tournament play open to all USTA members. The match format may be best of three sets with a mandatory 10-minute rest period after the second set; or may include a deciding match tie-break in lieu of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set, with a 2 minute rest period after the 2<sup>nd</sup> set. Draws are open and not limited to players of a specific ranking.</p>  |
| <p><b>L1 &amp; L1A</b><br/>Championships</p>              | <p>Advanced</p>                     | <p>Advanced tournament play open to all USTA members. The match format may be best of three sets with a mandatory 10-minute rest period after the second set; or may include a deciding match tie-break in lieu of the 3<sup>rd</sup> set, with a 2 minute rest period after the 2<sup>nd</sup> set. Draws are open and not limited to players of a specific ranking.</p>  |
| <p>Eastern<br/><b>Sweet 16</b></p>                        | <p>Advanced</p>                     | <p>A 'high-performance' 16-player compass draw event; (players will be scheduled for up to 4 consolation matches.) A deciding match tie-break in lieu of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set will be used. Selection into the event will be limited to the top 16 ranked applicants from the most recent standings list in the age division of the event.</p>   |
| <p><b>+L1</b><br/>Eastern<br/>Grand Prix</p>              | <p>Advanced</p>                     | <p>Two-weekend tournaments open to all Eastern members. The top 24 or 28 registrants (depending on total registrations) will be directly accepted into the Main Draw beginning the second weekend of the tournament. The remaining registrants will play off for the remaining 8 or 4 'qualifier slots' during the first weekend of the tournament. FIC-Q Consolation draw.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>14U-18U</b> Main Draw and 3/4 playoff singles matches will be the best two of three sets;</li> <li>» The <b>12U</b> division, as well as all <b>12U-18U</b> Qualifying and Consolation matches will use a 10 pt. deciding match tie-break in lieu of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Empire Cup</b><br/>Doubles</p>                      | <p>National<br/>L3's &amp; L4's</p> | <p>A six tournament <i>doubles ONLY</i> circuit, in which Eastern players have the opportunity to compete for <b>National L3 &amp; National L4</b> ranking points, as well as the opportunity to win the Empire Cup circuit. The doubles *team* in each age division who earns the most ranking points over the course of all six Empire Cup segments, will win the Empire Cup. More details <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>14U-18U</b> will utilize the best of three sets; the <b>12U</b> division will use a 10 pt. match tie-break in lieu of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set.</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Eastern<br/><b>Super Six</b></p>                       | <p>National<br/>L3's &amp; L4's</p> | <p>National L3 (January/June) &amp; National L4 (March, April, Sept. &amp; Nov.) "sectional" tournaments; limited to 32 or 64 (June) Eastern players; selection is based on section standing in the age group of the event and the next youngest age division; up to 2 players in draws of 32, and up to 4 players in draws of 64 players will be selected to the event from the next youngest age group, provided the applicants are in the top 25 of the Eastern Standing list of the next youngest age division; <i>please note this will not occur in the 12U division</i>. FIC-R16 Consolation w/ a QF Playoff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>14U-18U</b> Main Draw and 3/4 playoff singles matches will be utilize a best of three sets format.</li> <li>» The <b>12U</b> division and <b>14U-18U</b> consolation draws will use a 10 pt. deciding match tie-break in lieu of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set.</li> </ul> |

## USTA Eastern 10 & Under Events

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| <b>Playdays</b>             | Playdays are fun, low pressure, one day, non-elimination style events that provide a positive atmosphere and allow kids to play multiple matches against a variety of players. Play formats vary and include short sets and timed matches as well as team play. |  |
| <b>8 &amp; Under</b>        | <i>Unranked</i>   | Unranked; non-elimination events for entry level players played on a <b>36' court</b> with a <b>Red Ball</b> ; racquet length must 23" or less. Events are formatted as 1.5-2.5 hour round robins or compass draws. Play formats vary and include short sets and timed matches as well as team play. Events may be co-ed.  |
| <b>10 &amp; Under (10U)</b> | <b>L3</b>   | Unranked; non-elimination (usually Round Robin) events for entry level players played on a <b>60' court</b> , with an <b>Orange Ball</b> . Matches may be either short sets or timed matches; and typically take place over a 2-4 hour block of time. L3 Winners names will be posted on the <a href="#">L3 Honor Roll</a> . Racquet length must 25" or less. L3 10U events may be co-ed.  |
|                             | <b>L2O &amp; L2R</b>  | Intermediate events open to either <b>ALL</b> USTA members ( <b>L2O</b> ) or <b>ONLY</b> Players from the region of the event ( <b>L2R</b> ). L2O/R events are played on a <b>60' court</b> with an <b>Orange Ball</b> ; racquet length must 25" or less. Match formats for 10U L2's are the best of 3 <i>short sets</i> (the 1 <sup>st</sup> player/team to wins 4 games by a margin of 2 games, and a 7pt tiebreak at 4-all) 10U L2O/R events include a consolation to provide each participant with at least two matches. |
|                             | <b>L1B</b>  | Intermediate/Advanced events run on a <b>78' court</b> with a <b>Green Ball</b> . Racquet length must 29" or less. Events will be 2 out of 3 <i>short sets</i> , (the 1 <sup>st</sup> player/team to wins 4 games by a margin of 2 games, and a 7pt tiebreak at 4-all) and include a consolation match; providing each participant with at least a two matches.  |
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## Adult Tournaments

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| <b>Age Group</b>                  | Open Division, 25, 30, 35..., 80, 85, and 90 (25 = 25 and older)  | Age Group Events are open to all players with current USTA Memberships, and have reached or will reach the minimum age limit of the division (25, 30, 35, 40..., 80, 85, and 90) on or before December 31st. Events include singles, doubles, and mixed doubles and may be single elimination, round robin, or include consolation draws. Age Group events are ranked events. |
| <b>NTRP</b>                       | 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 ect...  | The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) is the official system for determining the levels of competition for the USTA Adult Leagues and NTRP Tournaments. The rating categories are generalizations about skill levels. NTRP Events Further information on NTRP ratings and tournaments play can be found <a href="#">here</a> .  |
| <b>Compete in the Parks (CIP)</b> | <i>Unranked Events</i>  | Compete in the Parks (CIP) events offer non-ranking competitive opportunities for members and non-members; as well as the opportunity to host Charity or Benefit events utilizing <i>tennislink</i> and Tournament Data Manager software.   |
| <b>Family Events</b>              | Family Events include: Father-Son, Father-Daughter, Mother-Son, Mother-Daughter, and Husband-Wife Doubles, and Century Doubles, ect...  |   |
| <b>Innovative Events</b>          | USTA Eastern sanctions several innovative tournament formats including 1 Day Shootouts, One-on-One Doubles, ect... for more information on hosting Innovative Tournaments, please contact Rob Festa at <a href="mailto:festa@eastern.usta.com">festa@eastern.usta.com</a> . |   |