

# 2025 Spring League Information - Central Valley

## USTA NORCAL JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

### **Season Dates: March 9-May 4, Sectionals: May 17-18**

- Match days are Sundays at 12PM
- **One out of every four teams** in a division or flight will advance to the Section Championship; however, there must be at least three teams in a division or flight to qualify
- Spring Sectionals will be held at [Mission Hills Racquet and Swim Club](#) in Fremont, May 17-18
- No matches will be scheduled on Easter, April 20
- The final deadline to play all regular season matches is April 27, playoffs are May 4

### **Registration Deadlines:**

- **Team Registration Deadline: Friday, February 7 by noon (PST)**
- **Player Registration Deadline: Wednesday, February 12 by noon (PST)**
  - A team must have the minimum number of players (4) rostered by February 12
  - Teams with less than 4 players will be deleted before scheduling begins
  - Additional players can sign up anytime during the season prior to their first match
  - All team captains must be [Safe Play](#) certified throughout the entire duration of the season

### **Roster Size/Court Requirements:**

- **(10U) Orange Ball Division (Gender Neutral):**
  - 4 Players minimum / 2 Courts
- **(10U) Green Ball Division (Gender Neutral):**
  - 4 Players minimum / 2 Courts
- **(12U) Green Ball Division (Gender Neutral):**
  - 4 Players minimum / 2 Courts
- **(12U) Yellow Ball Division (Gender Neutral):**
  - 4 Players minimum / 2 Courts
- **(14U) Yellow Ball Division (Gender Neutral):**
  - 4 players minimum (any mix of boys/girls) / 2-3 Courts
- **(18U) Yellow Ball Division (Girls Only):**
  - 4 players minimum / 3 Courts
- If you'd like to run a division not listed here, please reach out to us at [jrteamtennis@norcal.usta.com](mailto:jrteamtennis@norcal.usta.com)

### **Player Eligibility:**

- Players must be age eligible throughout the end of the season (May 4, 2025), exceptions may be granted by staff on a case-by-case basis
- A FREE junior membership is needed to sign up for a team. Sign up at: [usta.com/join](https://usta.com/join) or call 1-800-990-8782.
- USTA NorCal JTT player registration fee is \$33 per player (players will be charged at checkout in TennisLink)

### **10 and Under – Net Generation PlayTracker:**

- 10 and Under players are only able to play on 10U and 12U divisions (unless they have completed all the requirements of the Net Generation PlayTracker).
- Players will earn [Net Generation PlayTracker Points](#) in the 10U/12U Orange & Green divisions
- For more information on Net Generation PlayTracker [CLICK HERE](#)

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### General Guidelines

- Please bring a filled out lineup/scorecard (blank scorecards are located in [TennisLink](#)) on match day
- All warm-ups are 5 minutes. Warm-ups are included in the round's time limit (i.e. if it's a 20 minute round, 5 minutes is for warm-ups and 15 minutes for matchplay)
- All JTT matches are timed, except for 18U (non-timed)
- You can search for a player's WTN rating [HERE](#)

### Formats of Play

#### **10U Orange Ball and 10U Green Ball Gender Neutral Divisions\***

(\*Players receive Net Generation PlayTracker points if eligible for 10U Divisions)

#### **10U Orange Ball 2 COURT FORMAT**

- 2 courts required per match
- 4 Players minimum required per team/match
  - Any combination of boys and girls, goal is to have at least 1 boy or 1 girl at every match
    - If a team has 3 players, the #4 singles and #4 doubles matches are defaulted
    - If a team has 2 players, it is an entire team default
- 4 total singles and 4 total doubles matches per team match (Four 20 minute timed rounds)
  - 1 singles match and 1 doubles match per round
- 4 game short set, no ad scoring
  - Play to completion of the set or until 20 minutes is called, whichever comes first
  - No tiebreaker played at 3-3, one more full game is played
- Players should play singles matches (1-4) according to strength determined by coach
  - Players cannot play singles more than once per team match
  - Cooperative lineup exchanges based on strength order
- Players can play a maximum of 3 out of the 4 rounds during a match
- Must be played with a 25" racquet or less
- Total **games** won determines the overall team match score
  - A team match may end in a tie

#### **10U Green Ball 2 COURT FORMAT**

- 2 courts required per match
- 4 Players minimum required per team/match
  - Any combination of boys and girls, goal is to have at least 1 boy or 1 girl at every match
    - If a team has 3 players, the #4 singles and #4 doubles matches are defaulted
    - If a team has 2 players, it is an entire team default
- 4 total singles and 4 total doubles matches per team match (Four 20 minute timed rounds)
  - 1 singles match and 1 doubles match per round
- 4 game short set, no ad scoring
  - Play to completion of the set or until 20 minutes is called, whichever comes first
  - No tiebreaker played at 3-3, one more full game is played
- Players should play singles matches (1-4) according to strength determined by coach
  - Players cannot play singles more than once per team match
  - Cooperative lineup exchanges based on strength order
- Players can play a maximum of 3 out of the 4 rounds during a match
- Total **games** won determines the overall team match score; a team match may end in a tie

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#### **12U Green Ball and 12U Yellow Ball - Gender Neutral Divisions\***

(\*Players do not receive Net Generation PlayTracker points for 12U/14U/18U Yellow, but match results will go towards WTN rating).

#### **12U Green Dot Ball 2 COURT FORMAT**

- 2 courts required per match
- 4 Players minimum required per team/match
  - Any combination of boys and girls, goal is to have at least 1 boy or 1 girl at every match
    - If a team has 3 players, the #4 singles and #4 doubles matches are defaulted
    - If a team has 2 players, it is an entire team default
- 4 total singles and 4 total doubles matches per team match (Four 30 minute timed rounds)
  - 1 singles match and 1 doubles match per round
- 6 game short set, no ad scoring. A seven point tiebreaker is played at 5-5.
  - Play to completion of the set or until 30 minutes is called, whichever comes first
- Players should play singles matches (1-4) according to strength determined by coach
  - Players cannot play singles more than once per team match
  - Cooperative lineup exchanges based on strength order
- Players can play a maximum of 3 out of the 4 rounds during a match
- Total games won determines the overall team match score
  - A team match may end in a tie

#### **12U Yellow Ball – Intermediate: 2 COURT FORMAT**

- The [ITF World Tennis Number \(WTN\)](#) at the time of the registration will be used to determine player level for the 12U Yellow Ball division. Highest Permitted Singles WTN: **32.00 (32.00 and above would be eligible to play 12U Intermediate)\***
- 2 courts required per match
- 4 Players minimum required per team/match
  - Any combination of boys and girls, goal is to have at least 1 boy or 1 girl at every match
    - If a team has 3 players, the #4 singles and #4 doubles matches are defaulted
    - If a team has 2 players, it is an entire team default
- 4 total singles and 4 total doubles matches per team match (Four 30 minute timed rounds)
  - 1 singles match and 1 doubles match per round
- 6 game short set, no ad scoring. A seven point tiebreaker is played at 5-5.
  - Play to completion of the set or until 30 minutes is called, whichever comes first
- Players should play singles matches (1-4) according to strength determined by coach
  - Players cannot play singles more than once per team match
  - Cooperative lineup exchanges based on strength order
- Players can play a maximum of 3 out of the 4 rounds during a match
- Total games won determines the overall team match score
  - A team match may end in a tie

#### **(12U) Advanced Division - Gender Neutral: 2 COURT FORMAT**

- The 12U Advanced division is the same gender neutral format as the 12U Intermediate division but there is no WTN cutoff and is geared towards the more advanced level players. Players with Singles WTN ratings from 1-40 are allowed to play.

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#### 14U Yellow Ball – Gender Neutral Division

##### **14U Yellow Ball – Intermediate: 2 COURT FORMAT**

- The [ITF World Tennis Number \(WTN\)](#) at the time of the registration will be used to determine player level for the 14U Yellow Ball division. Highest Permitted Singles WTN: **31.00 (31.00 and above would be eligible to play 14U Intermediate)\***
- 2 courts required per match
- 4 Players minimum required per team/match
  - Any combination of boys and girls, the goal is to have at least 1 boy or 1 girl at every match
    - If a team has 3 players, the #4 singles and #4 doubles matches are defaulted
    - If a team has 2 players, it is an entire team default
- 4 total singles and 4 total doubles matches per team match (Four 30 minute timed rounds)
  - 1 singles match and 1 doubles match per round
- 6 game set, no ad scoring. A seven point tiebreaker is played at 6-6.
  - Play to completion of the set or until 30 minutes is called, whichever comes first
- Players should play singles matches (1-4) according to strength determined by Captain/Co-Captain
  - **Singles** - Players cannot play singles more than once per team match
  - **Doubles** - Cooperative line up exchanges should be discussed prior to the match regarding doubles matches as it's recommended to play your lowest rated team in the first round and discuss with the opposing Captain to match up both teams best doubles pairings in one of the remaining rounds
- Total **games** won determines the overall team match score; a team match may end in a tie

##### **14U Yellow Ball – Intermediate: 3 COURT FORMAT**

- 3 courts required per match
- 4 players minimum of any gender
  - It is recommended not to bring more than 6 players to a match to ensure each player can play twice during the team match
    - If a team has 3 players, the #4 singles and a doubles match are defaulted
      - You would play 1 singles and 1 doubles match per round in this case
    - If a team has 2 players, it is an entire team default
- 6 game set, no ad scoring. A seven point tiebreaker is played at 6-6.
- 4 doubles matches and 4 singles matches per team match (Three 30 minute timed rounds)
  - Round 1 – 1 doubles and 2 singles matches (*#1 and #2 singles players*)
  - Round 2 – 1 doubles and 2 singles matches (*#3 and #4 singles players*)
  - Round 3 – 2 doubles matches
    - One extra exhibition match (singles or doubles) can be played on the remaining open court in round 3 if both coaches agree and there are extra players available. This match will not count towards the match score and will not be reported online in TennisLink
- Players should play singles matches according to strength determined by coach
  - Cooperative lineup exchanges based on strength order
  - Players cannot play singles more than once per team match
- Total **games** won determines the overall team match score; a team match may end in a tie

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### **(14U) Advanced Division - Gender Neutral: 2-3 COURT FORMAT**

- The 14U Advanced division is the same gender neutral format as the 14U Intermediate division but there is no WTN cutoff and is geared towards the more advanced level players. Players with Singles WTN ratings from 1-40 are allowed to play.

### **Formats of Play**

#### **18U - Yellow Ball - Girls Division**

### **18U Girls - Intermediate Division: 3 COURT FORMAT**

- The [ITF World Tennis Number \(WTN\)](#) at the time of the registration will be used to determine player level for the 18U Yellow Ball division. Highest Permitted Singles WTN: **30.00 (30.00 and above would be eligible to play 18U Intermediate)\***
- 3 courts required per match
- 4 players minimum
  - It is recommended not to bring more than 6 players to a match to ensure each player can play twice during the team match
    - If a team has 3 players, the #4 singles and a doubles match are defaulted
      - You would play 1 singles and 1 doubles match per round in this case
    - If a team has 2 players, it is an entire team default
- 6 game set, no ad scoring. A seven point tiebreak is played at 6-6.
- 4 doubles matches and 4 singles matches per team match (no timed matches)
  - Round 1 – 1 doubles and 2 singles matches (*#1 and #2 singles players*)
  - Round 2 – 1 doubles and 2 singles matches (*#3 and #4 singles players*)
  - Round 3 – 2 doubles matches
    - One extra exhibition match (singles or doubles) can be played on the remaining open court in round 3 if both coaches agree and there are extra players available. This match will not count towards the match score and will not be reported online in TennisLink
- Players should play singles matches according to strength determined by coach
  - Cooperative lineup exchanges based on strength order
  - Players cannot play singles more than once per team match
- Total **games** won format determines the team match winner
  - A team match may end in a tie

### **18U Girls - Advanced Division: 3 COURT FORMAT**

- The 18U Girls Advanced division is the same format as the Intermediate division but there is no WTN cutoff and is geared towards the more advanced level tournament players. Players with Singles WTN ratings from 1-40 are allowed to play.