NorCal Junior Tournament Sanctioning Instructions

2026 USTA NorCal Junior Level 3 to Level 7 Tournament Sanctions

SANCTIONING PACKET:
USTA NorCal has prepared the documents listed below for you to consult in preparing to submit a sanction for 2026 USTA NorCal Junior Level 3 to 7 Tournaments. ***Please be sure to review the most recent Junior Tournament Rules before starting the process as errors will result if an applicant does not consult the rule/documents and does not submit an application in compliance with the 2026 junior competitive structure.***

- Sanction Instructions (this document)
- 2026 Junior Tournament Descriptions: This document summarizes each of the 2026 junior tournaments.
- 2026 Junior Tournament Sanction Date Blocks
- 2026 Junior Tournaments Standardized Schedule of Play and Minimum Court Requirements: This is a document designed to aid applicants in determining the optimum tournament schedule when draws are full and the total number of courts required to run tournaments.
- USTA NorCal Tournament Sanction Regulations
- USTA NorCal Sanction Agreement (required at the time application for first 2026 Tournament is submitted)
- Site Permission Letter (required at time application is submitted if Organizer does not control the primary site)

SANCTION PRIMARY APPLICATION PERIOD:

- **January through December 2026 Tournaments:** Sanction applications are due end of August 15, 2025. Late applicants are considered, but only after timely applicants and only if they fill an open spot in the tournament calendar as determined by the sanctioning guidelines.

TOURNAMENT DATES:
Applicants MUST apply for one of the date blocks that is being offered - see 2026 Sanction Date Blocks for Junior Tournaments document that is included on the Tournament Directors' page for all junior tournaments. Applicants that fail to apply for a tournament in the proper date block may not be considered.

CONCURRENT TOURNAMENTS:
There are several date blocks on which multiple tournaments with set date blocks are being sanctioned as follows:

- ***February 8-9:*** Open Level 5 Super Series and Level 6 Ratings Round Robin
- ***March 8-9:*** Closed Level 5 Super Series and Level 6 Ratings Round Robin
- ***April 5-6:*** Open Level 4 Super Series and Open Level 5 Super Series
- ***May 3-4:*** Closed Level 5 Super Series and Level 6 Ratings Round Robin
- ***July 5-6:*** Open Level 5 Super Series and Level 6 Ratings Round Robin
- ***September 6-7:*** Open Level 4 Super Series and Open Level 5 Super Series
- ***December 6-7:*** Open Level 4 Super Series and Open Level 5 Super Series

If you are willing to run any tournament authorized for these date blocks, indicate this on your application.

NUMBER OF AGE DIVISIONS:
Please indicate the preferred age divisions for which you are applying, whether you will accept different divisions from your preference, and whether there is a minimum number of divisions you will accept.

DRAW SIZES, DRAW FORMATS, MATCH FORMATS:
Applicants MUST set the draw sizes, draw formats, match formats, as set forth on the Tournament Descriptions document that is included in the sanctioning packet.

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SUBMISSION OF USTA NORCAL SANCTION APPLICATION FORM:
NorCal is using an online form (not Serve Tennis) to accept sanction applications for the Level 3-7 Tournaments. The link to this form is below:
https://ustanorcal.formstack.com/forms/2026_tournament_sanction_application

An application is not considered submitted until this form is received AND the following additional documents are provided:

- An executed 2026 USTA NorCal Sanction Agreement must be submitted by the deadline. One Agreement is submitted annually; please do not submit multiple copies of this Agreement as it applies to all applications for tournaments held in 2026.
- If the Organizer does not control the primary site of the tournament, a Site Permission Letter for the primary site must be submitted by the deadline.

Failure to submit the required information on time may result in an application not being approved.