

# 2018

## Ranking Rules for Juniors

### 2018 JUNIOR AGE ELIGIBILITY

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Born</b>	<b>End of Eligibility</b>
8	2010 and later	Eligible all year
8	2009	Last day of month preceding month of 9th birthday
10	2008 and later	Eligible all year
10	2007	Last day of month preceding month of 11th birthday
12	2006 and later	Eligible all year
12	2005	Last day of month preceding month of 13th birthday
14	2004 and later	Eligible all year
14	2003	Last day of month preceding month of 15th birthday
16	2002 and later	Eligible all year
16	2001	Last day of month preceding month of 17th birthday
18	2000 and later	Eligible all year
18	1999	Last day of month preceding month of 19th birthday

### NOTES ON AGE ELIGIBILITY

The beginning date of a tournament determines the player's eligibility for that tournament. Juniors may play in an age division until the month they age out of that division. This means that players who are 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 or 18 years old may continue to play in their age divisions until the month they turn 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 or 19 respectively. The chart above determines eligibility.

### **SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS**

#### **A. DEFINITION**

1. Tournaments sanctioned in North Carolina shall be designated by the local Tournament Committee, as "closed" or "open" and entry eligibility within the age classification for any tournament, depending upon its designation, shall be as follows:
  - a. "Closed": Any person who is a resident of, and domiciled in, the State of North Carolina for at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the tournament and who during the current ranking year has not entered a closed tournament in any other USTA District (State) or any Section other than the Southern Section of USTA.
  - b. "Open": Any person without regard to residence or domicile.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR ANNUAL YEAR-END RANKINGS**

1. To qualify for an annual year-end ranking, a junior player must be a member of the North Carolina Tennis Association (a USTA member living in North Carolina) and fulfill the minimum ranking requirements. Appeals of tentative year-end rankings are solely to correct data input errors.

2. RANKING YEAR: The USTA NORTH CAROLINA JUNIOR RANKING YEAR for 2017 runs January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for year-end final rankings.
3. Annual year-end final rankings will be published after the tournaments are completed at the end of the calendar year. Included in those rankings will be anyone age eligible at anytime during that ranking period and meeting the required minimum number of points and tournaments played.
4. The USTA NORTH CAROLINA annual year-end ranking lists will include results only from the age division being ranked, singles and doubles combined, and taking place during the applicable calendar year. **Ranked players must have earned a minimum of 18 ranking points in the age division being ranked.** And, must meet the following tournament requirements in singles play. 8 & under will not receive a ranking.
  - a. **Four (4)** NC tournaments of any level\*\* OR
  - b. **One (1)** NC State Closed and **Two (2)** other NC tournaments of any level.\*\*
  - c. **One (1)** National Championship (not including National Opens) plus a NC State Closed and **One(1)** other NC event of any level.\*\* OR
  - d. **Two(2)** NC State Closed Championships and **One(1)** National Championship OR
  - e. **High School Tennis Varsity Letter** plus **Three (3)** other NC events of any level. Satisfactory completion of a High School Var Letter will be determined by the high school. Players must contact the USTA NORTH CAROLINA office by October 31st of the ranking year and the AD returns the form to the USTA NORTH CAROLINA office by December 1st to receive these credits. You can only use HS credit in one age division.\*\*

OR

**\*\*NOTE:** The following tournaments do NOT count as a NC tournament: Icy Hot Southern L2, Zonals, Southern Closed, Southern Open, or other National events.

### COMBINED RANKING/STANDINGS REGULATIONS

This ranking system will include results from singles matches and doubles matches in all tournaments that are now included in the calculation for the USTA North Carolina Standings list. The points earned in singles competition will be combined with the points earned in doubles competition to form one final point total that will be used for the USTA North Carolina Standings list and the USTA North Carolina year-end ranking list. Players will receive credit for 100% of their singles points from their best six (6) singles events along with 25% of their doubles points from their best six (6) doubles events. New for 2015, North Carolina changed standing points allocated to a player from 15% to 25% for all doubles matches. The USTA Southern Section made this change for 2015, and this puts North Carolina in line with the section. See the example chart below:

Best 6 singles tournaments=1500 points  
 Best 6 doubles tournaments + 1200 points  
 25% of 1200=300 points  
 1500+300=1800

1. Each player's standings and year-end annual ranking will be based on his/her best **six (6)** tournament results in singles and doubles during the computation period. A player may access his/her player record [here](#). ***If a player does not record any wins in a tournament he/she will not receive any standing points.***
2. Bonus points are only attached to the singles event in which they are earned. If an event total (including both round points and bonus points) is not among a player's best six events, neither the event points nor the bonus points will count toward the player's standing or ranking point total. No bonus points are awarded for doubles.
3. Byes do not qualify as wins.
4. **Withdrawals, defaults, and walkovers qualify as wins for the advancing player and earn round points, but do not earn bonus points.**
5. USTA NORTH CAROLINA will publish on [www.nctennis.com](http://www.nctennis.com) a Junior Standings List at least once per month. This list will be updated continually throughout the year and may be used by tournament directors for seeding information and by USTA NORTH CAROLINA selection committees for selection to teams and events. (Tournament Directors are encouraged to use the most recent update of the USTA NORTH CAROLINA Standings List available when the draw is made. The tournament retains the right to adjust if necessary in accordance with the NC seeding criteria.) The Junior Standings List will be computed for all age eligible players possessing a minimum of 6 points.

The USTA NORTH CAROLINA will not accept any phone calls about placement on the Junior Standings List. Questions and/or corrections should be made in writing to the USTA NORTH CAROLINA office or emailed to [rankings@nctennis.com](mailto:rankings@nctennis.com). Please include name and age division on all correspondence.

Corrections may not be reflected on player records until the next Junior Standings List is published. The Junior Standings List may not be appealed. 8 & under will not have a standings list.

6. Tiebreak rules for standings and annual year-end ranking lists:
  - a. Player whose best event has the highest number of points, second best, third best, etc. through six events.
  - b. Total bonus points earned in all events played during the computation period.
  - c. Highest single opponent bonus earned, second highest, third highest, etc.
  - d. Best random draw number.
7. The USTA NORTH CAROLINA Combined Standings list will include results in multiple age divisions in which the player is age eligible. Combined Standings will reflect the previous 12-months points in both the upper and lower age divisions. Lists will include all age eligible players having accumulated at least 6 NC points from the age division being ranked, as well as results from "playing up" multiple divisions, and taking place during the computation period. A player's standings value will be calculated on his/her best six single and six doubles tournament results during the computation period.
8. In standings lists only the results of players "playing up" multiple divisions will count. Points earned in an age division will be applied to a player's record in that division, as well as all younger division for which the player is eligible in both singles and doubles.

For example, if a 12s player plays a tournament in the 16's, the results will count in their 12s, 14s, and 16s standings (if those results are among their best 6). Bonus Points are determined by the age division in which the match is played, regardless of the Standing List the result is used in. The standings will still be computed from the six (6) best singles and doubles tournament point totals, regardless of age divisions from which the points were acquired. See chart below:

BG18: Results included only from 18's

BG16: Results included from 16's and 18's if eligible in both divisions

BG14: Results included from 14's, 16's, 18's if eligible in all three divisions

BG12: Results included from 12's, 14's, 16's, and 18's if eligible in all 4 divisions

BG10: Results included from 10's, 12's, 14's, 16's, and 18's if eligible in all five divisions

### North Carolina Points Tables

#### TEAM EVENTS

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Position #1 Points/Win	60	50	40	20	10
Position #2 Points/Win	60	50	40	20	10
Position #3 Points/Win	60	50	40	20	10
Position #4 Points/Win	60	50	40	20	10
Position #5 Points/Win	60	50	40	20	10
Position #6 Points/Win	60	50	40	20	10

#### MAIN DRAW WITH FIC THRU OTRS

Level Weight	1X	2X	3X	4X	10X
	<b>Tournament Level</b>				
Player Result	1	2	3	4	5
Champion	660	330	220	165	66
2nd Place	540	270	180	135	54
3rd Place	480	240	160	120	48
4th Place/SF 2	420	210	140	105	42
FIC Champion	390	195	130	98	39
FIC Finalist	360	180	120	90	36
FIC SF	330	165	110	83	33
FIC QF	300	150	100	75	30
FIC QF Qualifying	270	135	90	68	27
FIC R16	240	120	80	60	24
FIC R16 Qualifying	210	105	70	53	21
FIC R32	180	90	60	45	18
FIC R32 Qualifying	150	75	50	38	15
FIC R64	120	60	40	30	12
FIC R64 Qualifying	90	45	30	23	9
FIC R128 Qualifying	60	30	20	15	6
FIC R64	0	0	0	0	0

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FIC R32	180	90	60	45	18
FIC R32 Qualifying	150	75	50	38	15
FIC R64	120	60	40	30	12
FIC R64 Qualifying	90	45	30	23	9

FIC R128	60	30	20	15	6
FIC R128 Qualifying	0	0	0	0	0

**ROUND ROBINS**

MODIFIED CONSOLATIONS INCLUDING FMLC, AND COMPASS DRAWS*					
Level Weight	1X	2X	3X	4X	10X
	Tournament Level				
Player Result	1	2	3	4	5
Champion	660	330	220	165	66
2nd Place	540	270	180	135	54
3rd Place	480	240	160	120	48
4th Place/SF	420	210	140	105	42
Quarterfinalist	300	150	100	75	30
Reached R16	240	120	80	60	24
Reached R32	180	90	60	45	18
Reached R64	120	60	40	30	12
Reached R128	60	30	20	15	6
Reached R256	0	0	0	0	0
Points Earned for Each Consolation Round Won	60	30	20	15	6

\* In Compass Draw events ONLY the East Draw earns main draw points; all other directions and "Gold Draw" earn consolation points.

Description	Finish	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Champion	1	660	330	220	165	66
2nd Place	2	540	270	180	135	54
3rd Place	3	480	240	160	120	48
4th Place	4	420	210	140	105	42
5th - 8th Place	5-8	300	150	100	75	30
9th - 16th Place	9-16	240	120	80	60	24
17th - 32nd Place	17-32	180	90	60	45	18
33rd - 64th Place	33-64	120	60	40	30	12
65th - 128th Place	65-128	60	30	20	15	6
129th - 256th Place	129-256	0	0	0	0	0

**Bonus Points—Reward for Significant Wins**

USTA North Carolina Ranking	Points Awarded
Top 10	50
11-20	25
21-50	10

**Examples:**

#5 defeats #1, #5 receives a 50 point bonus added to #5's points for the event.

#1 defeats #24, #15 and #30 in the same event, #1 receives 10+25+10=45 bonus points added to #1's points for the event.

#100 defeats #19 and #48 in the same event, #100 receives 25+10 bonus points added to #100's points for the event.

**Standing used to determine bonus points are based on Final Standings from the month prior. Final monthly standings are posted on or near the last day of the month.**

### Main Draw with Rd. of 16 Feed-In

Description	Finish	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Champion	1	660	330	220	165	66
2nd Place	2	540	270	180	135	54
3rd Place	3	480	240	160	120	48
4th Place/SF	4	420	210	140	105	42
5th Place - QF Playoff Winner	5	410	205	135	0	0
6th Place - QF Playoff Runner Up	6	405	200	130	0	0
8th Place - QF Playoff Cons Losers	7-8	400	195	125	0	0
FIC Winner	9	390	190	120	98	39
FIC Runner-up	10	360	170	110	0	0
FIC Semifinalist	11-12	300	150	100	0	0
FIC Quarterfinalist	13-16	270	135	90	0	0
Reached FIC R16	17-24	240	120	80	0	0
Reached FIC R16 Qual	25-32	210	105	70	0	0
Reached FIC R32	33-48	180	90	60	0	0
Reached FIC R32 Qual	49-64	150	75	50	0	0
Reached FIC R64	65-96	120	60	40	0	0
Reached FIC R64 Qual	97-128	90	45	30	0	0
Reached FIC R128	129-192	60	30	20	0	0
Reached FIC R128 Qual	193-256	0	0	0	0	0

### JUNIOR CONSIDERATIONS

#### A. HOURS & REST FOR JUNIORS

- A. A player in the 10 & under, 12 & under, and 14 & under should not start a match nor resume a suspended match after 8:00 pm. A player in the 16 & under or 18 & under should not start a match nor resume a suspended match after 10:00 pm. All players should be given at least 12 hours rest between the completion of the last match & the first match the following day.
- B. In singles a junior player should be entitled to a minimum of 60 minutes rest period between matches when playing the best of 3 sets or a 10 point match tiebreak in lieu of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set. 30 minutes for doubles only tournaments. 10's playing short sets will have one (1) hour rest between sets
- C. In the event of inclement weather, the tournament referee should have the right to depart from the above rules A & B if necessary to complete the tournament within the tournament dates.

#### B. SCORING METHODS ACCEPTED FOR RANKING IN NC

LISTED BELOW ARE THE ONLY FORMATS FOR SCORING ACCEPTED FOR RANKING IN NC. FOR TOURNAMENTS THAT FAIL TO COMPLY, THE REFEREE AND THE TOURNAMENT ARE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES.

FOR PLAYERS WHO COMPETE IN EVENTS/MATCHES THAT FAIL TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS THOSE PLAYERS MAY NOT HAVE THOSE EVENTS/MATCHES INCLUDED IN THEIR RANKING/STANDING.

THESE ARE THE ONLY SCORING FORMATS ACCEPTED FOR NC RANKING FOR JUNIORS:

1. Two out of three tie break sets
2. Two out of three sets with a 10-point match tiebreak used in lieu of the third set.
3. No-Ad scoring may be used as determined by the referee.
4. 8 game pro sets (with set tiebreak played at 8 games all) may be used for DOUBLES and is prohibited in singles.
5. Match play for the Boy's and Girl's 12 and Under will consist of 2 out of 3 sets with a MATCH (10 pt) Tiebreak used in lieu of the third set.
6. L1-L5 may use short set scoring ONLY when granted specific permission on a case by case basis by the NCTA in the event of inclement weather. Use short sets- first to 4 games by 2. Two out of three tiebreak sets. 7 point, set tiebreak at 4-4. Match Tiebreak (10 point tiebreak) in lieu of the third set.

**7. 10 & Under**

**SINGLES:** Players will play the best of 2 short sets. The first player to win 4 games by 2 games wins the set. If the game score is tied at 4-4, a set tiebreak ( first to 7 & win by 2)is played. Regular scoring is used. A set tiebreaker will be played for the third set. The first player to win 7 points (by 2 points) wins the tiebreaker. AD SCORING

In case of inclement weather, singles play may consist of one regular six (6) game set with a set tiebreak at 6-6( first to 7 by 2) AD SCORING

**DOUBLES:** A regular six game set will be played with a set tiebreak at 6-6(first to 7 points by 2 points) AD SCORING

**8 & Under**

Best of 3 games. Games are the first to win 7 points (by 2 points) wins the game. First to win 2 games is the winner

**C. COACHING**

During a match in a junior tournament, coaching is permitted ONLY during an authorized intermission. The one and one-half minute period between change of courts is not an authorized intermission. There will be a rest period of 3 minutes between the 2<sup>nd</sup> set & a third set match tie breaker with coaching allowed. NC recommends players remain on court for coaching.

The mandatory 10-minute rest between the second and third sets when playing a full 3<sup>rd</sup> set as specified under USTA regulations and any authorized suspension of play is an authorized intermission.



D. Taking cost and school day factors into account, the North Carolina Junior Competition Committee has determined that all Level 3-5 tournaments will be limited to 16 players per age division. Friday play cannot begin before 5pm and is for doubles only. Singles play cannot begin until Saturday morning (exception are the few events in the summer that are sanctioned during the week).

### **EVENT LEVELS**

The USTA NORTH CAROLINA Sanction and Schedule Committee and Junior Competition Committee will determine the appropriate levels of the events considered for USTA NORTH CAROLINA Junior Standings and Ranking lists each year. Following are the tiers of events.

- Level 1: NC Junior Spring State Closed Championship
  - Tar Heel Qualifier
  - NC Junior Summer State Closed Championship
  - National Level 1
  - Southern Level 1 (Southern Winter & Summer Junior Closed)
  - Southern Junior Cup
- Level 2: All in-State Southern L3 events (including Tar Heel Qualifier as of 2018)
  - NC State Jr. Team Tennis Championships (*Advanced Division*)
  - USTA Jr. Team Tennis National Championships (*Advanced Division*)
  - National Level 1A and 2 Events
  - Southern Level 1A and 2 Events
- Level 3: Stronger USTA NORTH CAROLINA Junior Tournaments
  - NC State Jr. Team Tennis Championship (*Intermediate Division*)
  - USTA Southern Jr. Team Tennis Championships (*Advanced Division*)
  - USTA Jr. Team Tennis National Championships (*Intermediate Division*)
  - National Level 3 Events
  - National Level 4 Events
  - Out of State Southern Level 3 Events
- Level 4: All Remaining USTA NORTH CAROLINA Junior Tournaments (with the exception of Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, and Level 5 NC events)
  - USTA Southern Jr. Team Tennis Championships (*Intermediate Division*)
- Level 5: USTA North Carolina Junior L5 Tournaments
- Level 6: USTA North Carolina Entry Level Tournaments. Players will not receive ranking points, only "participation credits" and will be placed on a separate list.

### **How is the Criteria Determined for NC Level 3 and Level 4 Events?**

In the Points Per Round Ranking System, tournaments will fall into categories, or Tiers, to determine the point values a player receives when playing in a particular tournament. Tier 1 consists of the Tar Heel Qualifier and the 2 State Closed. Tier 2 consists of all Southern L3's in NC Tier 5 will be for NC Futures tournaments. The remaining NC tournaments will fall in the Tiers 3 & 4 based on the criteria detailed below to determine relative strength.

As of 2018, the NC Tar Heel Qualifier will count as a Southern Level 2.

The first component in determining the strength value of a tournament is the average size of the draw. The size of the draw is given a point value based in Chart A. The average number of players in a draw is determined by the number of players entered into a tournament divided by the number of draws held.



The second component in determining the strength value is the quality of the players competing in the event. This is addressed in Chart B. For each highly ranked player (Top 50 in NC & Top 100 in USTA Southern Section), the tournament will be awarded a certain number of points. The player's ranking is based only on the age group in which he or she is playing. Therefore, when a player ranked #25 in the Boys 12's in NC plays in the Boys 14's (and is not ranked in the Top 50 in NC in the 14's), the tournament will not receive a point for him.

These two components will be added together. The value of the Tournament Director Point System (this point system is designed to give tournament directors points if they do not comply with NC Sanction and Schedule Rules) will then be subtracted from the previous two components to calculate a final tournament value. Depending on this value, the tournament will be determined either a Level 3 or Level 4.

Chart A	
Ave players per draw	Points Awarded
Number of players per draw times 2	

  

Chart B	
Ranked Players	Points Awarded
NC Ranked Players Top 50:	1 point per player
USTA Southern Section Ranked Players Top 100:	2 points per player

The top 15% of our regular tournaments (and ties) by final point value will be classified as Level 3 and all remaining tournaments as Level 4. A minimum of 12 events will be classified as Level 3, even if the top 15% guideline produces a smaller quantity of events. Additionally, a minimum of three events will be classified as Level 3 in each of the four geographic regions of NC (I, II, III, & IV as detailed in the Sanction & Schedule Rules for Sanctioned Tournaments), even if their point values are below the top 15% guideline.

## SPECIAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS

There are certain types of tournaments held throughout the year that differ from a standard junior tournament.

### A. TAR HEEL QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT

North Carolina is a state association of the Southern Section of the USTA. Each year, the Southern Section holds the Southern Closed Championships (June) for each age group Boy's and Girl's 10-18's. In order to qualify for the Southern Closed Championships (June) a N.C. junior must first play the TARHEEL QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT. The tournament format will be as follows:

1. **Singles draws will be limited to 64 with a feed-in consolation.**
2. **Selection will be based on a NC standings list run in mid-May 2017. The top 64 (age eligible) applicants will be selected.**
3. **Doubles draws will be limited to 32 teams & play an 8 game pro set.**
4. **Seeding: seed by the most up to date Southern Standings.**
5. A player may play in only **one (1)** age division.

6. Players must meet USTA NORTH CAROLINA, STA, and USTA residency requirements:
- a. Players must be domiciled in and a resident of the State of North Carolina for 30 days preceding the start of the Tar Heel Qualifier. In addition, they shall be citizens of the U.S., resident aliens in possession of a valid alien registration receipt card, or aliens who have resided in the United States continuously for more than one year and are members of the families of persons in the diplomatic or consular corps.
  - b. To make sure all competitors playing in the Tar Heel Qualifier are eligible to compete in the Southern Closed, and possibly the National Championships if chosen, the NCTA will require that all players must have a copy of a **Birth Certificate or Green Card** on file in the NCTA office for proof of citizenship before play begins in the Tar Heel Qualifier.\* A player may submit the information by fax (336-852-7334), email ([ioanna@nctennis.com](mailto:ioanna@nctennis.com)) or regular mail. A list of those competitors who already have submitted their proof of residency to the STA office will not have to do so to the NCTA office. The list of NC competitors who have already fulfilled that requirement will be posted on the Tar Heel Qualifier website and [www.nctennis.com](http://www.nctennis.com), thus not having to do so again.
7. **Honor the Game Video:** At least one parent or guardian of a child who participates in North Carolina sanctioned tournaments is strongly encouraged to watch the sportsmanship video presentation. Viewing instructions are available [here](#).
8. Only the Waiver Committee may grant a waiver from the Tar Heel Qualifier. In all such cases, except for illness or injury as set forth below, a written request for consideration for waiver may be submitted one month prior to close of entries to the Tar Heel Qualifier. **A written request for consideration of a waiver other than injury must be submitted by/before the Tar Heel Qualifier entry/registration deadline.** A request does not guarantee that a waiver will be granted. At its sole discretion, the waiver committee may grant a waiver to any player presenting extraordinary conditions in support of a request for waiver. School conflicts or graduations are not considered extraordinary conditions.
- a. A waiver will not be granted to a player for play in any age group above his own. Example: A 14 year old may not play in the 16's and ask to be selected to the Southern Closed in the 14's. Selection must be in the age group in which one participates in the Tar Heel Qualifier.
  - b. Waivers for illness or injury will be considered for those who are forced to withdraw from the Tar Heel Qualifier due to illness or injury prior to the tournament. In all such cases, a request for waiver must be accompanied by a written medical document of disability, signed by a licensed physician. However, if such waiver is granted, this player will be selected to the Southern Jr. Closed Championships only if he/she is otherwise qualified and if the strength of the overall record legitimately ranks him/her within the selected group.

- c. A player ranked #1-16 in the nation in the 12s or #1-24 nationally in the 14s, 16s, or 18s may request a waiver from the Tar Heel Qualifier and still be selected to the Southern Closed Championships in his/her own age group to enter a tournament offering an undeniable developmental opportunity for the player. **This waiver must be requested 30 days prior to the THQ entry deadline.**

d. THE SOUTHERN JUNIOR CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP

THE SOUTHERN JUNIOR CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP (June) is the tournament that brings together the strongest players in each age group (BG 10-18) from each of the nine districts (states) in the Southern Section. In order to be selected from North Carolina, one must play in the [Tar Heel Qualifier](#) (May 25-28). For a NC player, entry into the Junior Southern Closed Tournament is made through the USTA NORTH CAROLINA Junior Selection Committee. Entry to the Southern Junior Closed Championship is done online [here](#) and through Tennislink. Each of the nine states in the Southern Section of USTA has a quota for entries and NC will select its strongest players. Selection to the Junior Southern Closed Tournament is based primarily on the most recent update of the USTA NORTH CAROLINA Standings List calculated with the results of the Tar Heel Qualifier included. The Junior Selection Committee retains the right to adjust if necessary. Juniors must play in the singles event of the Tar Heel Qualifier in the age group one wants to be considered for selection.

**Applications for selection to the Southern Closed Championship in an age division other than the age division the player participated in (in the Tar Heel Qualifier) will not be considered.** All players for selected must go onto [www.southerntennis.com](http://www.southerntennis.com) and enter through TennisLink prior to the listed Southern Closed entry deadline. You will not be selected by USTA NORTH CAROLINA if you have not entered the Southern Closed.

Because of the limited time between the end of the Tar Heel Qualifier and closing of entries into the Southern Closed, cooperation between all concerned will be appreciated. The following guidelines will help you and the NC Selectors complete the process more efficiently:

It is the player's responsibility to enter the tournament online through TennisLink at [USTA Southern](#) prior to the entry deadline.

1. The NC endorsement list will be posted at [www.nctennis.com](http://www.nctennis.com)
2. The player should make reservations, such as motel, travel, etc. The player may cancel if not selected. It is better to be prepared.

## **B. THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS**

THE N.C. JUNIOR SPRING STATE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS & the N.C. JUNIOR SUMMER STATE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS. Please see the Junior Tournament

schedule [here](#) for details.

□ **Residency Requirements for the Junior State Closed**

**“Closed”**: Any person who is a resident of, and domiciled in, the State of North Carolina for at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the tournament and who during the current ranking year has not entered a closed tournament in any other USTA District (State) or any Section other than the Southern Section of USTA.

**C. NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS & USTA SOUTHERN TOURNAMENTS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS 10-18** For more information and a schedule of national tournaments, please click [here](#).

**D. L5 JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS**

L5 Junior Tournaments are open to all players except those with the following standings:

Boys & Girls 18s	1-100
Boys & Girls 16s	1-100
Boys & Girls 14s	1-100
Boys & Girls 12s	1-100

***Standings used to determine eligibility for a L5 event are the Final Standings from the month prior to the tournament’s entry deadline.*** The final standings of a month are the standings published on or near the last day of that month. Once a player is ineligible she/he may become eligible again if his/her ranking falls outside the above standing range.

**REIMBURSEMENT FOR JUNIORS**

## Junior Reimbursement Form

The granting of tournament reimbursement funds and the amount granted is in the sole discretion of USTA North Carolina. To be eligible for consideration for reimbursement, players must be willing and eligible to represent North Carolina in events including, but not limited to, the NC Southern Cup team if invited by USTA North Carolina. No player is eligible for reimbursement if he/she has 6 or more suspension points when form is submitted. The form will be available September 1, 2018. The North Carolina Tennis Association will reimburse juniors for participation in the following events:

1. \$50 for the Southern Junior Closed (January & June) and USTA National Selection/Sweet Sixteen
2. \$100 for each USTA National Junior **Championship** or Zonal **NOT** held in North Carolina
3. \$50 for each National **Championship** or Zonal held in North Carolina.
4. \$150 for Southern Junior Cup

**The deadline to request reimbursement is October 31, 2018.** Requests should include events from October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018. One (1) check per player will be issued. Please complete the form below. Only one (1) player per form. **Checks will be mailed in November.**

## SPORTSMANSHIP

At the time of selection for teams, training camps, or other special opportunities, a player will NOT be considered if he/she has at that point accumulated 6 or more suspension points. Also, the selection committee may use their judgment if past suspensions should be taken into consideration. Click [here](#) to view the new “Honor the Game Video” in regards to sportsmanship.

## SUSPENSION POINT SYSTEM

The USTA Junior Suspension Point System will be in effect for all sanctioned USTA NORTH CAROLINA, Southern, and National sanctioned junior tournaments. The points may be accrued from any of these tournaments. If a player receives ten or more Junior Suspension Points during a 12-month period, the player will be suspended from competing in all sanctioned junior events for twelve (12) weeks. At the time of selection for North Carolina teams, training camps, or other special opportunities, a player will NOT be considered if he/she has at that point accumulated 6 or more suspension points. Also, the selection committee may use their judgment if past suspensions should be taken into consideration.

### **JUNIOR SUSPENSION VIOLATIONS AND POINTS**

Violation Type	Violation	Suspension Points
Code Violations	Each code violation (point, game, or default) except that players who receive code violations because of delay immediately after a medical timeout or because of delay immediately after a medical timeout	2
Defaults	Default for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct on or off court	8
Defaults	Default for refusal to play or continue to play (for reasons other than illness, injury, or personal circumstance)	5
Defaults	Default because of an adult discipline	5
Defaults	Default for no-show	5
Defaults	Default for late arrival	1
Defaults	Disqualification for ineligibility	3
Gross Misconduct	Physical violence against another person on or off court by a player, relative, coach, or other person associated with a player	10
Gross Misconduct	Illegal use or possession of drugs	8
Gross Misconduct	Possessing or drinking alcoholic beverages	8

Gross Misconduct	Gambling activity (see USTA Regulation IV.C.19.)	8
Gross Misconduct	Destruction of property	8
Improper Entry or Withdrawal	Being entered when entries close in two or more sanctioned tournaments scheduled to overlap unless each Tournament Committee approves the multiple entries in writing	5

Improper Entry or Withdrawal	Withdrawal from tournament after entries closed for reason other than injury, illness, personal circumstance, or previously authorized entry into another tournament	4
ITF Suspension Points	Each suspension point assessed at ITF tournaments and USTA International Tournaments becomes one suspension point under the USTA Suspension Point System	1
Playing Under Suspension	Playing in any sanctioned tournament while suspended by USTA or one of its Sectional Associations	10
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	Unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate conduct off court at locations such as the tournament site, hotel, housing, or tournament sponsored event	5
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	Not using best efforts to win	2
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	Unsportsmanlike conduct or inappropriate conduct on court after a match that would have resulted in a code violation had it occurred during the match	2

#### **THE JUNIOR SUSPENSION POINT SYSTEM PROCEDURE**

- 1. Junior Suspension Points will be reported in the new online TennisLink system by the Referee, TD, or Director of Junior Competition.**
- 2. The player will be notified of his/her suspension when they reach ten (10) or more Junior Suspension Points. Follow the National appeal process link here.**
- 3. After a suspension, the first ten Suspension Points will be canceled.**
- 4. NC Tournament Directors and the Southern office will also be notified of the suspension.**
- 5. Repercussions from a suspension will be the elimination of selection for any special programs sponsored by the USTA NORTH CAROLINA (Southern Junior Cup, USTA Player Development programs, USTA Area Training Center programs, Team NC, etc) for up to one year after the suspension. The player will also not be selected to the Southern Junior Closed Championships if the suspension falls during that time period. A year-end ranking may also be withheld.**

#### **TEAM NORTH CAROLINA**

Team North Carolina is a comprehensive plan to attract players from the 10-18s and offer training opportunities throughout their junior tennis career in North Carolina. Team North Carolina will attempt to build a base of players in the younger age groups and make an impact on their competitive training in these formative years. It also endeavors to build loyalty to the program by mentoring to younger players by also participating in the younger age group camp, and playing to represent North Carolina in team events. Each level of the Team NC will be represented by a colored bag tag for players to display as they travel around the state to events. The hope is that this program will be a living, breathing program that will grow and change to continue to meet the needs of our junior player population.



Most players who have been considered in the past have a minimum standing of top 20 in North Carolina in their age division at the time of selection. The selection committee will look at a combination of state, southern, and national standings for selection into each camp and any other information available to them. Camps will have no more than 32 players total (boys and girls) in each camp.

### **12-14s & 14-18s Camps**

Eligible participants must be willing to compete if selected in Southern Cup for North Carolina, and have 6 or less suspension points.

**[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about 12-14s and 14-18s  
Team NC Training Camp**



## **SOUTHERN JUNIOR CUP**

### **WHAT IS THE SOUTHERN JUNIOR CUP?**

Each fall the USTA SOUTHERN SECTION hosts the Southern Junior Cup for boys and girls at one central location. Each USTA Southern Section state sends a team composed of 6 participants, 3 girls and 3 boys, for each age division, 14s, 16s, and 18s. Each state competes against the other 8 states with each age division playing 3 singles and 2 doubles, one of which is mixed. The total team score is kept to determine a sectional winner. The USTA NORTH CAROLINA sends its state team with at least two coaches. A 12 and under team competition is held at a different time and place from the 14s-18s. Each of the nine states in the Southern Section sends 3 boys and 3 girls. Teams are not made by state rankings, but by the waterfall rankings from the USTA Southern Section. Each state selects one coach to participate.

## HOW CAN I GET ON THAT TEAM?

The Junior Selection Committee has the authority to invite players (both 12-14s and 14s-18s teams) that will best represent North Carolina. Many factors, including attitude and sportsmanship, enter into the decision of the selection committee. *The committee will look at the most recent State, Southern, and National Standings for selections and any other information available to them. A strong emphasis is placed on high sectional/national standing. Players who attend the state camp will be considered for Southern Jr. Cup (\*exceptions may be made in rare instances by the Selection Committee if deemed necessary but must be submitted in writing). Selections will be made at the end of the August by the North Carolina Selection Committee for both 12 & Under NC Southern Jr. Cup Team and 14-18 Southern Jr Cup Team. The Selection Committee reserves the right to move players to a different age division in order to field the strongest, most competitive Southern Cup team possible if the player in question is age eligible.*

## HEAD TAX

All tournaments sanctioned by the North Carolina Tennis Association are required to pay a Head Tax on each participant in the tournament. For junior tournaments there is a charge of \$1 for each singles player and \$1 for each doubles team.

## RAIN POLICY

Tournaments that are canceled due to weather are to follow this rain policy:  
Age divisions where play has begun - no refund.  
Age divisions where there was no play at all - partial refund after deduction for actual expenses.  
No tournament may be rescheduled without the approval of the Sanction & Schedule Committee.

## REFUND POLICY

Once the tennislink online registration deadline has closed, a tournament director is not required to return entry fees. Players must withdraw online before the deadline to receive entry fee credit. Fees may always be returned at the TD's discretion. If a TD selection process tournament, the player would not be selected, therefore, no fee would be charged to the credit card.