



**USTA Junior Team Tennis Midwest Section Championship**  
**Indianapolis, IN July 14-16, 2023: Ben Davis High School**

Juniors participating in USTA Junior Team Tennis throughout the USTA/Midwest Section will have an opportunity to participate in the 2023 USTA Junior Team Tennis Midwest Section Championship, July 14th – 16th, 2023. Entry Fee will be \$60.00 per player plus TennisLink fee. All teams must be registered by midnight eastern on Monday July 10, 2023. This is a hard deadline as the draw/schedule will be created and published on the afternoon of Tuesday July 11, 2023.

**The championship will host the following age divisions:**

- 10U Green Ball
- 12U Division
- 14U Intermediate and 14U Advanced
- 18U Intermediate and 18U Advanced

**How To Qualify:**

All teams must compete locally in the division they plan to advance in (this includes 10's-18's).

**14U and 18U Divisions:** A player must play in at least one team match in Tennis Link to be eligible for advancement. **For 2023**, teams will have the opportunity to advance via two pathways and this will be determined by district administration. (Includes all ages and divisions)

1. Districts may choose to hold local leagues followed by a district championship event with the winner advancing to Midwest Sectionals. (Original JTT Advancement Pathway)
2. Districts may choose to hold local qualifier events without a league to advance teams to their district championships. If districts prefer to have one large, combined district qualifier/championship event to determine their division winners, they can do that also. (2022 JTT Advancement Pathway)

"As long as a player played for the team in either the league leading up to the championship or a qualifier leading up to the district championship, they would be eligible for the section championship.

**12U Division:** A 12's team may qualify like in years past via a league/championship model or via a qualifier event. They may play in a local league and then play in the district championship, or the district may use one of the qualifier methods as listed above. This decision will be made by the district office.

**10U Division:** A 10's green ball team may register for the section championship as long as they played in a league or green ball event locally.

### **Draw Sizes:**

Every district qualifies one team in each division (**12U, 14I and 14A, 18I and 18A**) to attend the section championship. The draws will consist of a max 16 total teams per division (1 team per 13 districts and 3 automatic wildcards). **In the event a district does not send their advancing team to sectionals, additional wildcards may be offered.** The wildcard list/order will be provided to districts by June 1, 2023. \*Note, the Midwest section has final say for number of teams selected for each division.

For the 10's green ball division, it will be open to the first 16 teams who have played locally in their district. A waitlist will be started in order of registration if total team entries exceed 16.

### **Team Makeup:**

Teams for the Midwest Section Championship must consist of a minimum of three boys and three girls in the 14U and 18U divisions. In the 12U division, teams must have a minimum of two boys and two girls. For the 10U green ball division, teams must have a minimum of 4 players (Gender Neutral).

If a team falls short a boy or girl after starting the event, they will be required to forfeit the singles match for that gender. **A team may not start the tournament if they are below the required player minimum.**

### **Player Registration/Eligibility:**

All participants of the USTA/Midwest Sectional Championship must be registered on TennisLink for USTA Junior Team Tennis. To be eligible, a player must play in at least one team match for their respective team and have a result posted in TennisLink.

Teams may substitute one player to their team only if the team goes below the minimum needed and that player played in the same league or qualifier event as the advancing team.

**Age:** The cutoff date for age eligibility is August 31, 2023.

### **Player Ratings and Divisions:**

For 2023, the section championship and all district events will use the World Tennis Number (WTN) for player ratings to determine the intermediate and advanced division levels. These rating bands are for the 14U and 18U division only: The 12U and 10U green ball division will not use ratings.

- 14U Intermediate Division WTN:
  - Players must have a WTN between 40.0 and 29.0
- 14U Advanced Division WTN:
  - Players may have a WTN between 40.0 and 1.0
- 18U Intermediate Division WTN:
  - Players must have a WTN between 40.0 and 26.0
- 18U Advanced Division WTN:
  - Players may have a WTN between 40.0 and 1.0

### **Ranking Points:**

With the recent elimination of JTT nationals, all levels of JTT events have lost the ability to offer ranking points based on tournament regulations. This applies to section and district championships. USTA National and section staff around the country are in talks on how to allow ranking points for the section event only. If we are granted approval for 2023, more information will be shared with district JTT coordinators as soon as possible. Therefore, the 2023 event as it currently stands, will not offer ranking points.

### **Match Format 14's and 18's:**

Matches will consist of one eight game pro-set. A 12-point tiebreaker will be played at seven games all. The total number of games won by each team will decide the overall match winner. If the total number of games results in a tie, a 12-point tiebreaker will be played by a mixed doubles team. The mixed doubles team may be any two players, (one boy and one girl), from the team. This 12-point tiebreaker will decide the overall match winner.

Each team match will use two courts. Matches will start with girls' and boys' doubles, followed by girls' and boys' singles, and then finish with one mixed doubles match- a total of 5 matches. **(Only one girl & one boy may play two matches within a team match. The two players playing twice must play singles and mixed or doubles and mixed.)**

### **Match Format 12's:**

Matches will consist of one six game set. A 12-point tiebreaker will be played at 5 games all. The total number of games won by each team will decide the overall match winner. If the total number of games results in a tie, a 12-point tiebreaker will be played by a mixed doubles team. The mixed doubles team may be any two players, (one boy and one girl), from the team. This 12-point tiebreaker will decide the overall match winner.

Each team match will use two courts. Matches will start with girls' and boys' doubles, followed by girls' and boys' singles, and then finish with one mixed doubles match- a total of 5 matches. **(A boy and girl may play in all 3 match lines within a team match due to team minimum requirements of only 2 boys and 2 girls.)**

### **Match Format 10's Green Ball:**

Matches will consist of one six game set. A 12-point tiebreaker will be played at 5 games all. The total number of games won by each team will decide the overall match winner. If the total number of games results in a tie, a 12-point tiebreaker will be played by a gender-neutral doubles team. The doubles team may be any two players, from the team. This 12-point tiebreaker will decide the overall match winner.

Each team match will use two courts. Matches will start with (2) gender neutral singles, followed by (2) additional gender-neutral singles and finish with (1) gender neutral doubles. A total of 5 matches. **\*Note, a player can only play 1 singles match within a team match.**

### **Pre-Tournament Zoom Call**

A coach's informational Zoom Call will take place on Wednesday, July 12th, 2023, at 12:00pm EST and 7:00pm EST. It is mandatory for the coach of a team to be on at least one of these calls. Zoom details will be sent out to coaches closer to the meeting date.