



NORTH CAROLINA

TEAM COACH/MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES

- The team coach/manager is responsible for knowing the teams' match schedule and relaying that schedule to the team.
- The team coach/manager is responsible for understanding and complying with all eligibility requirements, rules and regulations.
- The team coach/manager is responsible for checking the team in at the site of the match.
 - Do not check in with the site desk until **ALL** players are present and ready for play.
- When checking into the site desk for a team match, coaches/managers will turn in the completed scorecard.

What do I complete on my scorecard?

- **Match #**
 - **Day & Time of Match**
 - **Age/Flight**
 - **Site**
 - **Completed line-up**
- Completed scorecards should be submitted 30 minutes prior to the scheduled match time
 - A fifteen-minute default time will be enforced from the time that match is scheduled to start.

Please do not have parents/players check into the tournament desk or report scores. Only coaches/managers need to check in for matches and turn in scorecards.

- Once lineups are submitted, they may only be changed in the event of illness, injury, or disqualification.
- Teams will be given 3-4 courts for a team match. Mixed will always be the last match played.
- Team coaches/managers will record scores on the scorecard.
- At the conclusion of the team match, coaches/managers will compare the scorecard with the opposing coach/manager, then sign and return both cards to the tournament desk.
- Each scorecard also contains a place for a sportsmanship nomination, which should be completed when the scorecard is signed and turned in.
- Blank scorecards for the next match will be distributed after scorecards from the previous match are turned in.
- All teams are expected to play all scheduled matches! Any team not complying will be subject to grievance procedures. In accordance with USTA League Tennis Regulations, any team forfeiting an entire team match for ANY REASON will result in all matches of that team previously played or to be played to be declared null and void. If all teams in contention for the Qualifier have already played the forfeiting team in good faith, the matches stand as played. *Per the 2022 NCJTT Regulations section 2.03N(2)*
- Coaches/managers are asked to enforce that all matches observe a 5-minute warm up, including serves.

In recognition of the support by the USTA North Carolina to competitions such as the USTA Junior Team Tennis Qualifiers/Tournaments, certain behavior is expected. Players at these events become role models for other players and athletes. We expect the highest level of sportsmanship and exemplary behavior both on and off the court.

Each player shall abide by the following rules of conduct while participating at any above events:

Player Conduct:

- If you have any doubt as to whether a ball is out or good, you must give your opponent the benefit of the doubt and play the ball as good.
- It is your obligation to call all balls on your side, to help your opponent make calls when the opponent requests it, and to call against yourself (except for a first service) any ball that you clearly see out on your opponent's side of the net.
- Any "out" or "let" call must be made instantaneously; otherwise, the ball continues in play.
- Do not enlist the aid of spectators in making line calls. If you feel that bad calls are a problem during your match, please stop play, let your team captain or coach know, and they will get a site official.
- If you call a ball out and then realize it was good, the point is over, and your opponent wins the point.
- To avoid controversy over the score, the Server should announce the set score before starting a game and the game score prior to serving each point.
- If players cannot agree on the score, they may go back to the last score on which there was agreement and resume play from that point, or they may spin a racket.
- Wait until the players on another court have completed a point before retrieving or returning a ball.
- From the beginning of the match, play must be continuous. Attempts to stall or to extend rest periods for the purpose of recovering from a loss of physical condition are clearly illegal.
- Intentional distractions that interfere with your opponent's concentration or effort to play the ball are against the rules.
- Players are expected to put forth a full and honest effort regardless of the score or expected outcome.
- Players are expected to maintain full control over their emotions and the resulting behavior throughout the match.

Spectator Conduct:

- One of the goals of USTA Junior Team Tennis is to allow the players a competitive setting without the pressures of a tournament. The purpose of the Qualifiers/Tournaments is to allow the best team on the court to play and win, clapping for good shots will be allowed provided spectators clap for both teams' good shots.
- Remember, our concern is the well-being of every junior participating in this event. We want all teams that play to feel good after every match. Site officials will impose penalties if abuse occurs. If cheering gets out of hand, the spectators will be informed that any cheering or clapping will not be allowed the remainder of the match. If abuse continues the person(s) will be asked to leave the site. Team Captain/Coaches are responsible for their spectators and should make sure their parents and players understand.
- Please use common sense as a spectator. Think how your child would feel in a situation before subjecting another child to unfairness. Remember, these teams are all champions already. Even though the score may not reflect it, every child is a winner. Let them play the matches on the courts. Let's all help the players have a wonderful experience, so they continue to play tennis in the future.