

All American Team Tennis Local Rules

Youth Tennis at Palm Springs

Community, Camaraderie, Sportsmanship

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All American Team Tennis is an organization designed to uniting the tennis industry. We do this by following the example of other youth sports like baseball, basketball, and football and forming youth tennis leagues. We've produced a product that can be enjoyed by children of all ages and abilities by 1) making the sport more affordable and by 2) allowing kids to develop as people and players without outside interference.

What we offer:

- Team Uniforms
- Referees
- Coaching
- Pre-game Introductions
- Field Trips
- Playoffs
- All-Star Game
- Buckeye Leafs
- Trading Cards
- Souvenirs

No other youth tennis organization can offer what All American Team Tennis offers its participants every Season. We've made tennis a big deal. In an effort to compete with the Big 4 (football, baseball, basketball, and soccer) we've stepped outside of the tennis box and come up with a youth tennis league with the team as our primary focus. Tennis is fun again. Tennis is enjoyable again. All American Team Tennis is tennis... re-imagined!

GENERAL OUTLINE

- 3 Age Divisions – 6-8, 9-10, Travel 11+
- 4- 8 Teams in each age division
- Practices – Monday through Thursday 6-8:30pm
- Game Day – Saturday at 9:30am and 11a
- Season runs for 11 weeks
 - Pre-Season – 2 Weeks
 - Regular Season – 6 Weeks
 - BYE Week – 1 Week
 - Playoffs – 1 Week
 - All-Star Game – 1 Week
- Players are placed within each age division based on their birth date. Players must be of the appropriate age by the Playoffs to participate in that division, e.g. - A player turning 11 years old during the season is permitted to play in the Travel age division. The same applies to the 6-8 division.

TRAVEL TEAM

- All American Team Tennis and Palm Tennis have partnered to form the Travel division
- Ages: 11-14, with few exceptions
- An outline of the League Rules can be found in the attached document
- Matches are held at each participating club's Home courts. That means half of a team's schedule will be Home games and the other half Away games.
- Players are required to wear their team's uniform on Game Day or they will not be permitted to participate.

- The Referee is the final authority and is responsible for disciplinary actions should they be necessary.

COACHES

- Coaches are responsible for the success of their team. Players are responsible for their own development.
- Coaches must attend an Orientation and submit to a background check in order to serve as a Coach.
- All Coaches must become members of the Amateur Athletic Union.

GAME DAY MATCH SCHEDULE

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Saturday	Court 1	Court 2	Round 2	Court 3	Court 4
8:30am	6-8a	6-8b	9am	6-8a	6-8b
9:30am	9-10a	9-10a	10am	9-10a	9-10a
10:30am	9-10a		11am	9-10a	
11:30am	9-10b	9-10b	Noon	9-10b	9-10b
12:30pm	9-10b		12:30pm	9-10b	
Sunday	Travel	Travel			

- Start times are interchangeable and could result in teams playing at different times each week.
- Every effort will be made to accommodate parents with children in different age divisions.

GAME DAY SATURDAY

- The 6-8 age division will play on a 60-foot court while using a green dot tennis ball. When playing on a 60-foot tennis court, the Regulation singles sideline will serve as the out-of-bounds line. They will play one (1) set of Doubles, No-Ad scoring. To win the set, a team must win (6) games with a margin of victory of two (2) games. In the event of a 6-6 tie, a 12-point tiebreak will be played. The winning team must score seven (7) points with a margin of victory of two (2) points to win the tiebreak.
- The 9-10 age division will play on a Regulation tennis court with a regulation tennis ball. They will play two (2) sets of doubles and one (1) set of singles, No-Ad scoring. To win the match a team must win 2 out of 3 sets. Scoring is the same as ages 6-8.
- The 11+ age division will play on a Regulation (78') tennis court while using a Regulation yellow tennis ball. Scoring is outlined in the **Appendix A**.
- Every team will be introduced as the *Game of the Week* (GOTW). Prior to the start of the match players will be introduced to the audience one-by-one.

SUBSTITUTIONS

- Every player is required to play a minimum of one (1) game in every round of the younger age divisions (6-8, 9-10). It is the responsibility of the Coach to make substitutions to achieve this goal.
- Substitutions are optional in the Travel division.

GAME DAY MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- Team may have up to 6 players on their rosters. Teams playing in the 9-10 age division must have a minimum of three (3) players in attendance in order to play all three (3) sets assigned to the 9-10 age division. If a team has less than three (3) players in attendance, the team will forfeit the Singles match. If a team has less than two (2) players they must forfeit all three (3) matches. A forfeit will result in a 6-0 win for the other team. A double default (both team have less than two (2) players in attendance) will result in a 'no-contest'. This match will **NOT** be made up.
- Teams playing in the 6-8 age division must have a minimum of two (2) players in attendance in order to play their match. If a team has less than two(2) players, they forfeit the entire match. A double default (both team have less than two (2) players in attendance) will result in a 'no-contest'. This match will **NOT** be made up.

- Tardiness – The USTA’s Friend at Court, Table 14, Section A will be used to determine the penalty for a player or team arriving late to the start of a match. Assessment of a penalty will be left to the discretion of the Head Referee.

Table 14-A

When a player is late in arriving for the player’s scheduled match time and any court is available, the Referee shall start the lateness penalty clock. The Referee is not required to keep a court open while waiting for a player. A player is not deemed to have arrived until the player checks in at the place designated for checking in for matches and is properly clothed, equipped, and ready to play. A team is not deemed to have arrived until both partners have arrived.

- **Lateness for Start of Match**
If one player or team is late
- **Penalties**
*5 minutes or less:
Loss of toss plus 1 game*
*5:01 - 10 minutes:
Loss of toss plus 2 games*
*10:01 - 15 minutes:
Loss of toss plus 3 games*
More than 15 minutes: default
Except for a default, the Referee shall never assess more than a 3-game penalty for lateness

GAME DAY ANNOUNCER AND REFEREE SCRIPT

- Each bank of courts (2) will host its own match with an announcer and 2 Referees. The announcer will begin the match and then hand it over to the Referee. The Referee will be the only amplified voice during the match. They are to use the amplification to make line calls and announce the score between points and between games. Turn off the amplifier when talking to individuals.
- For the full script, refer to **Appendix B**.

TEAM UNIFORMS

- The team uniform consists of a jersey provided by the League. Shorts are supplied by each player and should have pockets. Black shorts are preferred but may be of any color.
- Uniforms worn on Game Day Saturday must belong to that Player and of the current Season. No exceptions. Failure to do so will result in denial to participate in all Game Day activities.
- Team uniforms are designed to have the team’s name and logo on the front along with the All American Team Tennis logo and the sponsor for that season.
- The back side of the uniform will have the player’s first name and a number of their choosing.

REFEREES

- The Referee is responsible for making sure matches are played according to the Official rules of tennis: Friend at Court.
- Referees must attend an orientation and submit to a background check in order to participate as a Referee.
- All Referees must become members of the Amateur Athletic Union.
- A Referee has been assigned to every court. This is to ensure every match is played fairly and according to the Official rules of tennis.
- The Referee uniform is a navy shirt and khaki shorts or pants.
- The Referee is responsible for scoring, line calling, and player conduct on the court and has been granted the power to penalize a player/coach/team/parent for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- The Referee’s call is final and is not to be argued or changed.
- The USTA’s Friend at Court, Table 12, will be used to determine the penalty for a player or team in terms of disciplinary action.
- **Penalties**
Violations shall be penalized as follows:
First Offense Point

Second Offense Game
Third Offense Default

- The Referee is permitted to administer a warning prior to a penalty being assessed.

PRACTICE RAINOUT

- In the event of inclement weather, players and parents will be notified of the postponement by the League Coordinator via text message no later than one (1) hour prior to the start of practice.
- If a practice is postponed due to weather, it will not be made up.

GAME DAY RAINOUT

- In the event of inclement weather, players and parents will be notified of the postponement by the League Coordinator via text message no later than one (1) hour prior to the start of the match.
- If a match is postponed due to weather, up to two (2) sets will be added to the following week's matches until all matches are completed. This will be known as a DOUBLE HEADER.
- If necessary, the BYE week will be used for making up rainouts.
- If matches are not completed prior to the Playoffs they will be cancelled.

PLAYOFFS

- The week following the end of the Regular Season is known as the Playoffs, or Championship Saturday. In both age divisions, every team will participate in a single elimination tournament to determine the **National Champion** team.
- Also on this day, awards will be handed out for Pennant, MVP, Sportsmanship, #1 Doubles team, #1 Singles team, and National Champions.
- The Playoffs will be conducted in accordance with the same rules of uniform and tardiness.

ALL-STAR WEEKEND

- The week following the Playoffs will be All-Star week. One (1) player from each team in the 6-8 age division, and Two (2) players from each team in the 9-10 and 11+ age divisions will be chosen to participate in an exhibition match.
- Players are chosen by Coaches and invited to participate by the League Coordinator.
- Players will receive a new uniform (jersey).
- The All-Star game will consist of one (1) doubles match and one (1) Singles match to eight (8) games. To win, a team must lead by a margin of two (2) games. The final scores from both sets will be added together to determine the winning All Star team.

SEASON AWARDS and the SELECTION PROCESS

Buckeye Leafs – The 'Kaniuga'

- 'Holding' or 'Breaking' the serve is an important part of the game. Players are rewarded for their success in both of these areas.
- Buckeye Leafs are small iron-on decals of the team logo and in the team color.
- For every serve a player successfully 'Holds', they will receive one (1) Buckeye Leaf.
- For every three (3) games a team successfully breaks, they will receive one (1) Buckeye Leaf.
- Buckeye Leafs are handed out during the following practice.
- Buckeye Leafs are to be placed on the back of the jersey in the location of the player's choosing.

Pennant – The 'Reynolds'

- The team finishing the Regular Season in the #1 position will be awarded with the Pennant.
- This is a team award and is presented to each player on the team.
- The award consists of a small pennant to commemorate the occasion.

MVP – The 'Salomon'

- In the 10+ division, the Most Valuable Player is chosen from the Pennant-winning team.
- In the 10+ division, the player is nominated by the Head Coach and confirmed by the League Coordinator. (S4)
- In the 7-9 age division, players from every team are nominated by Coaches from every team, voted on by players in the 10+ division, and confirmed by the League Coordinator. (S4)
- The award consists of a printed t-shirt in the color of the player's team.

Sportsmanship Award – The 'Ambro'

- In the 6-8 division, the Sportsmanship Award goes to the player with the best attitude. This player must exemplify the ideals of All American Team Tennis as outlined by the Founder of All American Team Tennis, Coach Ken Tolber.
- These ideals would include:
 - Sportsmanship – Conduct becoming of one participating in a sport
 - Fairness - Graciousness in winning and in defeat, respect for one’s opponent
 - Gracious – Marked by kindness and courtesy
 - Courtesy – Polished manners and respect for others
 - Respect – An act of giving particular attention
- The award consists of a printed t-shirt in a very bright color.

Aging Out (Senior Day) – The ‘Santos’

- In the 11+ Travel division, players exceeding the age limit of 14 prior to the start of the following season will be recognized by the League as ‘Graduating’. We are calling this ‘Senior Day’
- A token of our appreciation will be given to these players.
- The award is TBD.

#1 Doubles

- The team finishing the Regular Season with the best Doubles win/loss record will be awarded with the #1 Doubles Award.
- This is a team award and is presented to each player on the team.
- The award consists of a keychain.

#1 Singles

- The team finishing the Regular Season with the best Singles win/loss record will be awarded with the #1 Singles Award.
- This is a team award and is presented to each player on the team.
- The award consists of a keychain.

National Champions

- The team who wins the Playoffs will be crowned as the National Champion and receive the National Championship Award.
- This is a team awards and is presented to each player on the team.
- The award consists of a trophy, or plaque, with a name plate that reads “National Champions”.

All-Star Team

- The week following the Playoffs will be All-Star Week.
- The All-Star Game will feature two teams comprised of players from every team in the League.
 - East – Strikers, Kings, Shock, Pirates
 - West – Ace Factor, Stingrays, Ninjas, Net Masters
- Players are nominated by their Coaches and confirmed by the League Coordinator.
- Players will receive a new jersey to commemorate the occasion.

WAIVER OF CLAIMS

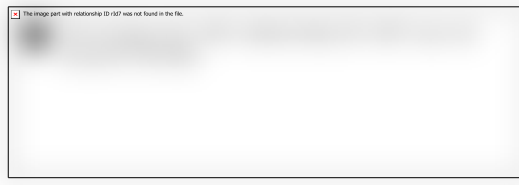
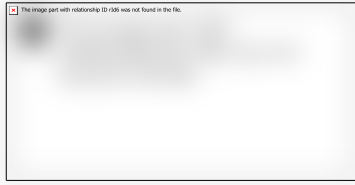
- Players participating in the All American Team Tennis League acknowledge the risks associated with playing tennis, accept those risks voluntarily, and in consideration of their acceptance in the program assume all risks for injury whether property or bodily, waive all claims for any and all injury or damages and agree to release and hold harmless the AATT, any host facility, all officials, employees, volunteers, and agents with respect to any injury or loss caused by negligence or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted, whether in law or equity.

GRIEVANCE

- A. All complaints against an individual or team may only be filed by the Coach of the team who competed in the match where the alleged violation occurred.
- B. All complaints involving the administration of the League shall be filed and heard in the same manner as any other complaint.

- C. All grievance committees shall consist of no less than three persons, including a chair but not including the League Coordinator, to adjudicate grievances. The members of the committee are to be approved by the AATT League Coordinator.
- D. AATT League Grievance Appeal Committee at the appropriate level. Decisions of such grievance appeal committees shall be binding and final.

Appendix A



Junior Team Tennis

What is the Palm Tennis Junior League? Palm Tennis' Junior Tennis League offers scheduled matches, that are recreational, competitive tennis based on players' age and abilities.

Teams: Teams are formed from local area tennis clubs and communities and have a minimum of 6 players on the roster. The roster may be of any gender make-up.

Divisions: Palm Tennis is offering one division for the Fall season. Players must be 12 – 14 years old and at the intermediate level.

Seasons: 3 seasons are offered each year. Fall/Winter/Spring.

Match Format: A team match requires 4 players. The match is played on three courts simultaneously consisting of 2 singles matches and 1 doubles match. Best of two sets with a third tiebreaker (first to 10 by 2) in lieu of a third set.

Match Schedule: Palm Tennis will issue a schedule of matches at the start of each season. Matches will be played on Sunday afternoons.

Junior League Tennis offers flexible start times of 3:30, 4, 4:30 or 5 pm depending on the club requirements. The start times will be noted on the schedule. The latest start time a club may have is 5 pm.

Length of Play: Each match will be 90 minutes in length. Captains will agree on start time and stop time. The 90 minutes includes a 10 minute warm-up period. It is important that all players arrive 15 minutes in advance of the match to allow time to exchange the line-ups.

Balls: Home team will provide 3 cans of new balls.

Scoring: The K-Swiss scoring system will be used. If a match is "timed out", all games will be counted up to the timed. Points will accumulate throughout the season. The team with the most points at the end of season will be the Champions.

The K-Swiss scoring system:

- The winner of each court receives 14 points for a 2-set win and 12 points for a 3-set win. The loser receives a point for each game won in their two highest scoring sets up to a maximum of 8 points for each match played. Example #1 - match score 6-4, 6-2, winner = 14 pts. & loser = 6 pts. Example #2 - match score 6-2,4-6, 1-0, winner = 12 pts. & loser = 8 pts.

- In the event of a default, teams will receive 14 points for each line forfeited to them.*

Captains: *Captains may be a parent or a tennis professional. Captains will be responsible for exchanging line-ups; enforcing proper code of conduct on the court; calling time when match hits 90 minutes; and entering scores after the match is completed.*

Inclement Weather: *If a match is interrupted or canceled due to inclement weather, captains will need to notify Palm Tennis. If all matches across the region are canceled on any play date, Palm Tennis may remove the match from the schedule.*

Appendix B

Today you are going to play one set to 6 games. You must win by 2 games.

And if you tie at 6 you will play a 12-point tiebreak.

I will make the line calls. Your job is to play the point.

I want you to call out the score before serving every point.

You have 20 seconds between points and 90 seconds on the Change over.

You may talk to your partner but DO NOT talk to your opponents.

Listen for my voice and DO NOT question my calls. Do you understand?

Good. Play hard. Have fun. Play to win.

Now shake hands.

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