



2024 Tournament Criteria for USTA Alabama Junior National Level 7 (one day)

1. The Tournament must meet “Junior Requirements for Sanctioned Tournaments and Junior Circuits as outlined in the current Friend at court”.
2. The Tournament must use at least one USTA-certified official or must have a tournament director certified in the **TD/Referee dual role**. **Tournament directors and officials must be SafePlay approved.**
3. The tournament is open to all players, ages 12-18, regardless of past or current rankings.
4. The tournament is geared to recreational players, especially those who have participated in local USTA team tennis leagues, and other junior recreational leagues.
5. Trophies must be provided for 1st Place in all round robin draws and for 1st – 4th Place in compass draws.
6. The tournament must supply new USTA-approved balls suitable to the surface at the start of each age division’s first round. Balls may be reused for subsequent rounds. Balls should be replaced by the tournament director at the start of a new round when needed.
7. **Selection and Seeding Guidelines:**
 1. **All USTA Alabama National Level 7 events should make player selections bottom up using the National Combined Standings List.**
 2. **If seeding is needed (such as in compass draws), the most recent National Combined Standings List at Tournament entry deadline must be used and must be the same list that was used to make the selections.**
8. The maximum entry fee that may be charged is \$50.00 plus Serve Tennis fee. A player gift maybe offered but should be posted on the tournament website. For players registering for only doubles, the tournament director may charge up to half of the singles’ entry fee per player (\$25) plus Serve Tennis fee.
9. **Scoring format:** Boys/Girls 12-18s must use two out of three short sets to 4, win by 2 with a 7-point set tiebreak played at 4 all and a 7- point “match” tie-break played in lieu of the third set. No-ad scoring will be used. Coaching is allowed during the 3-minute rest break between the second set and the “match tiebreak”.
10. Match format must be round robin, round robin with play-off, or compass draw.
11. During the school year the National Level 7 Tournament must be held on the weekend (Saturday and/or Sunday). If scheduled for two days, one day must be a rain day and only used if completely rained out on previous day.
12. During the summer the National Level 7 tournament does not have to be held on a weekend.
13. Refund policy regarding inclement weather must be posted on the tournament website by the close of entries.
14. Your late entry policy must be stated on your tournament webpage.
15. To be specified as a USTA Alabama National Level 7 Tournament, the above guidelines must be followed.
16. The junior competition committee recommends that new tournament directors (those who did not sanction USTA Alabama events in the prior year) be limited to no more than two (2) tournaments in their first year, at either Level 7 or 6.