



## 2024 Tournament Criteria for USTA Alabama Junior Circuit (One Day – Two Days)

1. The Tournament must meet “**Junior Requirements for Sanctioned Tournaments and Junior Circuits**”.
2. The Tournament is highly recommended to use at least one USTA-certified official or a tournament director certified in the [TD/Referee Dual Role](#). **Tournament Directors and Officials must be SafeSport certified.**
3. The Tournament is open to all players, ages 5 -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 1<sup>st</sup> Place in ALL Round Robin draws and for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Place in Compass draws. Medals and or other rewards are permissible.
6. The Tournament must supply NEW USTA-approved balls suitable to the surface and age and ball color of each division 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:**
  - a. All USTA Alabama Junior Circuit events should make player selections using registration date, WTN or USTA rankings.
  - b. If Seeding is needed (Such as in Compass draws), WTN or the PlayTracker rankings (10U) must be used.
8. **Entry Fees** – \$40.00 (or less). Exceptions are:
  - a. When run concurrently with a National Level 5 - National Level 7 tournament, entry fees may be the same amount as the concurrent tournament.
  - b. When run as a USTA Southern Grand Prix 10U Junior Circuit: Entry Fees include Singles and/or Doubles (It is not required to include Doubles) and must follow the below rates:
    - i. Two-Day Events  
Up to \$45.00 + Serve Tennis Fee
    - ii. One-Day Events  
Up to \$25.00 + Serve Tennis Fee

## 9. Scoring Formats:

Boys/Girls 5-18s must play two out of three short sets to 4, win by 1 (a deciding game is played at 3 all), with a 7- point “match” tie-break played in lieu of the third set. No AD scoring will be used. Exception: A USTA Southern Grand Prix 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. Ad or no ad scoring may be used. Coaching is allowed during the 3-minute rest break between the second set and the “match tiebreak” in both scoring formats.

Scoring formats can be changed due to inclement weather. Please contact USTA Alabama Director of Junior Development for approval.

10. USTA Southern Grand Prix Junior Circuits must have Grand Prix stated in the name of the tournament, must follow the USTA Southern guidelines and must be submitted to USTA Southern for approval through USTA Alabama Director of Junior Development. USTA Southern guidelines can be found [here](#).
11. Match format must be Round Robin, Round Robin with Play-Off, or Compass Draw.
12. During the school year the Junior Circuit Tournament must be held on the weekend (Saturday and/or Sunday).
13. During the summer or school vacation the Junior Circuit Tournament does not have to be held on a weekend.
14. Refund policy regarding inclement weather must be posted on the tournament website by the close of entries.
15. Your Late Entry Policy must be stated on your tournament webpage.
16. To be specified as a USTA Alabama Junior Circuit Tournament, the above guidelines must be followed.