



SOUTHERN ALABAMA

2024 Tournament Criteria for USTA Alabama Junior National Level 6 (2 Day event)

1. The tournament must meet “**Junior Requirements for Sanctioned Tournaments and Junior Circuits per the Friend at Court.**”
2. The tournament must use at least one USTA-certified official for each eight (8) courts used, per site. **Tournament directors must be SafePlay approved.**
3. National Level 6 tournaments are open to all players, ages 12-18, regardless of past or current rankings.
4. Trophies or medals must be provided for 1st and 2nd places in both the main draw and consolation in all completed events. Medals or trophies may be offered for 3rd and 4th place and are highly encouraged.
5. The tournament must supply USTA-approved balls suitable to the surface. New Can of USTA Approved Balls for Surface must be provided for each match. No “practice balls” or re-used balls allowed at this level
6. Singles scoring format is two tiebreak sets with ad, 10-point tiebreak at one set all. Scoring format must be posted on tournament website. Click on the web info tab and then paste under tournament details. Draws are limited to 16 players so draw must be split if more than 17 players. If you do split draws, seed AFTER splitting the draw and use the waterfall method of splitting the draws. In case of inclement weather or large draws going to no-ad scoring could be an option, contact state junior comp director before changing scoring or draw formats. All scoring formats must be posted on the tournament homepage.
7. Doubles scoring format is an 8 game proset. Ad or no-ad scoring may be used. Format must be posted on the tournament webpage.
8. The match format must be one of the following as recognized by USTA: Single elimination (doubles only), FIC through quarterfinals, compass or round robin so that each player is guaranteed a minimum of two matches. Any draw with fewer than six (6) entrants must be played as a round robin. In special cases a draw of 2 players may be approved by contacting state junior comp director.
9. Doubles is strongly encouraged. If a tournament sanctions main draw, FIC, and doubles, the draws will be limited to no more than a 32 draw for singles and 16 draw for doubles.
10. Must post on tournament webpage whether a player gift is offered.
11. Selection and seeding guidelines:
12. All National Level 6 events should make player selections in ServeTennis using the Most recent National Combined Standings List at Tournament entry deadline.
13. Players are primarily seeded using the National Combined Standings List. Seeding must use the same list as the selection list.
14. Entry fees will be as follows:

Singles only, Singles/Doubles and Doubles only

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Max Fee authorized. \$63.00 \$68.00 \$40.00 plus Serve Tennis fee.

Tournaments should use these fees as a guideline. Tournaments that do not use flat rates will be evaluated by Junior Competition Committee on an individual basis. For players registering for **ONLY** doubles, the

tournament director may charge up to half of the singles' entry fee per player. These fees include the ServeTennis fee. They do not include the administrative fee of \$2 per player. Players playing doubles only can't keep any singles players from getting into the doubles in case the doubles draw fills up.

The 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 the tournament webpage.
16. To be specified as a National Level 6 tournament, the above guidelines must be followed.
17. The Junior Competition Committee recommends that new tournament directors (those who did not sanction events in the prior year) be limited to no more than two (2) tournaments in their first year, at either National Level 7 or National Level 6.

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