



## FALL South Miami-Dade Junior Team Tennis 2016-RULES

### Red Ball & Orange Ball DIVISIONS

(Beginner and Intermediate levels)

USTA Junior Team Tennis is a grassroots USTA program for boys and girls ages 5-18 of all skill levels. The philosophy of the program is fun, fitness, friends in an environment that stresses sportsmanship and socialization in a team tennis atmosphere.

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### IMPORTANT PRE SEASON DUE DATES FOR COACHES/CAPTAINS

Saturday, Sept. 10th	11AM-12:30PM	Tamiami Tennis Center Team Up/Open Registration <a href="#">Register here</a>
Saturday, October 1		Coaches/Captains Team Commitment form due <a href="#">click here</a>
Saturday, October 8th		Background Checks due for Coaches/Captains go to <a href="http://usta.com/safeplay">usta.com/safeplay</a>
Monday, October 17th		Last day to register players

### MATCH DATES

*Saturday matches are played @ Tamiami Tennis Center*

1. October 22nd
2. November 5th
3. November 19th

*Players should commit to all the matches before coach/captain submit their teams*

**Players in Orange Ball will earn 2 participation credits per season and places them in the system.**

**December 3/4** USTA Team Tennis Challenge (Orange/Green/Yellow Ball) – **Sanlando** [more info](#)  
**FEE:** \$60.00 plus Active.com fee: 3 matches, league fee, court cost, USTA administrative fee, player gift and trophies or medals.

**All players must be USTA members to play in the league.** To become a member, go to <http://membership.usta.com> or call 1-800-990-8782. Special FREE offer for NEW 10U players. Got to [www.tryusta.com/juniorfree](http://www.tryusta.com/juniorfree) source code 10UJRFREE.

## **RED BALL DIVISION**

6 Singles

Must use a racquet 23 inches or under

**SCORING:** 7 points in a game. First team to reach 7 points wins the game. Best 2 of 3 games. Individual match winner (game) is determined by total games won. The winner of the team match will be decided by total games won in all matches combined.

**COURTS, TENNIS BALL, SERVING:** Red felt tennis ball used. Total of six 30 minute matches. The first player serves 1, then each player serves 2 as in a tiebreak. Players can drop serve, with or without a bounce, or serve overhead. The serve must go cross court land in the opposite service box to be good.

## **ORANGE BALL DIVISION**

3 singles and 1 doubles

Minimum of 4 or more players (we recommend 5 players or more)

**Orange Ball racquet size:** no larger than 25"

**SCORING:** Best two out of three short sets. Start games at 0-0. First team to reach 4 games will win set. No ad scoring and a 5 pt. tiebreaker will be played if each team wins one set. The tiebreak will decide the match.

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## **GENERAL FORMAT & ORDER OF PLAY FOR RED and ORANGE**

**Questions about matches:** Any parent questions should be answered by the Team Captain and not Cyndi. If the team captain cannot answer that questions the Captain must FIRST refer to this document for the answer before calling Cyndi.

**RESCHEDULES:** There is no rescheduling allowed, except for weather related issues. If the match has to be postponed due to weather, the coaches are responsible to agree on a date and time and notify Cyndi within 48 hrs of original match

**PROCEDURES PRIOR TO A MATCH** Away coach/captain must confirm with the home coach 72 hours prior to the match to confirm the match and to confirm that the visiting team has the minimum (3) required number of players.

**LINE UP:** Lines up should be exchanged before the start of the match via email or text. If team brings extra players we always encourage you to have the kids fun matches. These matches would not count. Lineups cannot be changed after match begins.

**TENNIS BALLS:** Home team will be responsible to bring the Tennis Balls.

**DEFAULT RULES:** Full defaults will result in team suspension for the next season and for the next Regional or Sectional event.

A Default is defined as any of the following:

- If a team shows up with only 1 player.
- A team cancels or postpones a match within 48 hrs of match time (except weather related issues)

Partial Default

- If a team shows up with only 2 players the team must default one singles **TARDINESS:** 10 minutes late will be a loss of 2 games and 20 minutes late a complete default of that match.

**ARRIVAL, WARM UP:** Teams and coach/captains should arrive 15 minutes prior to the match start time. Allow a 5 minute warm-up before each individual match.

**COACHING: No Parents Are Allowed On The Courts.** Coaching is only allowed by the assigned coach/captain on a changeover. There is no coaching at any point during a tiebreak. All players are encouraged to stay and cheer on their teammates using good sportsmanship and etiquette.

**SCORESHEET & ENTERING SCORES** Both coaches must agree on a final score at the end of the match and sign the scoresheet. Coaches should keep a copy of the signed scoresheet and send to Cyndi Johnston immediately after the match by taking a picture of the scoresheet, scan or typing it via email to [jrextremetennis@me.com](mailto:jrextremetennis@me.com) or 786-376-6967.