

Currituck USTA Junior Team Tennis

8- and 10-and-Under Divisions

What?

In concert with the United States Tennis Association (USTA), Currituck Tennis is sponsoring a Junior Team Tennis League this spring.

The teams are co-ed: boys and girls will play on the same teams. Students do not have to have any prior tennis experience in order to participate.

When?

Practices will begin in mid-March, and the season itself will begin after spring break. The season will last until the first week of June.

Matches in the 8-and-under division will be played on Monday evenings, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Matches in the 10-and-under division will be played on Tuesday evenings, also at 6:00 p.m.

Practices and matches will be played at Moyock Middle School, Currituck County High School, and other tennis facilities in the county.

Coaches

Teams will be coached by parents and other volunteers. All coaches will be certified via the USTA's background check system, SafePlay.

Parents interested in helping coach a team should contact Vic Ramsey at info@curritucktennis.org.

Insurance

Insurance coverage for students participating in the program is provided through Currituck Tennis and the United State Tennis Association.

Questions and More Information

Please contact Vic Ramsey at 252-202-3555 for additional information about the Junior Team Tennis program.

If you have older children who would like to learn to play tennis, ask about our 14-and-under league.

Format

A player's eligibility is based on his/her age as of August 31, 2017.

Both divisions will use the USTA-approved formats for their age groups.

In the 8-and-under division, a team match consists of seven singles matches, each played as best two-of-three tiebreakers.

Players in the 8-and-under division play on a 36' court, using a very low compression "red" ball, which is slightly larger than a standard tennis ball. Racquets in the 8-under division must be no longer than 23" in length.

In the 10-and under division, a team match consists of two singles matches and two doubles matches. The winner of the team match will be determined by the total number of games won.

Players in the 10-and-under division play on a 60' court, using a low compression "orange" ball, which is the same size as a standard tennis ball, but lighter and less bouncy. Racquets in the 10-and-under division must be no longer than 25" in length.

How to Register

Junior Team Tennis is a USTA-sanctioned program. As such, USTA membership is required of all participants.

The normal rate for a USTA junior membership is \$20 per year. However, the USTA offers a free membership for first-time members who are 10 years old or younger. USTA membership includes a magazine subscription and other privileges, including the opportunity to participate in other USTA-sanctioned leagues and tournaments.

In addition to the USTA membership fee, there is a league fee of \$5.00, most of which consists of the cost of using the USTA's TennisLink registration system.

Both the USTA membership and the league fee must be paid prior to attending the first practice, and the fees are not refundable. Both fees are paid online, and you will find detailed instructions on the reverse side of this flyer.

Instructions for joining USTA and Enrolling in the Junior Team Tennis League

Joining the USTA

- Go to www.usta.com.
- In the top banner, click on the link in the light blue box that reads "Join USTA".
- Click on "View Benefits and Join" ...
 - under "Junior Memberships", if you want to purchase a membership for your child only
 - under "Family Memberships", if you want to purchase a membership for your entire family
- On the next screen, select the type of membership (junior or family) you wish to purchase, and then select the length of membership.
- On the next screen, enter the payment information requested.
 - **Important:** if your child is a first-time member, enter the source code FYF17CNS in the upper right-hand box, and click "Apply". This will reduce the membership fee to zero.
 - Once done, click "Continue", and work your way through rest of the online payment process.
- At the end of the process, your child will be assigned a USTA membership number. You will need this number to enroll in the league. You will also be able to print a membership card.

To Create a USTA Account

- Go to www.usta.com
- Click on the blue "TennisLink" link in the top banner on the right side of the page.
- In the red banner, click on the link that reads "Don't Have a USTA Account? Learn more and create one today"
- Click on the "Create Account" button under "Do You Have a USTA Membership but not a USTA account?"
- Enter the information and obtain a USTA account number, and create a password for your child's account.

To Enroll in the USTA Jr. Team Tennis League

- Go to www.usta.com.
- Click on the blue "TennisLink" link in the top banner on the right side of the page.
- Click on the red "LOGIN" button, and enter your child's USTA account number and password.
- Hover over the "Junior Team Tennis" tab. Then, click on "Have a Team ID?" Under "Start Playing".
- Enter your team number based on the school your child attends.
 - 8-and-under - 7039322000
 - 10-and-under - 7039322217
- Enter your child's USTA account and click "Submit".
- Follow the remaining prompts and complete the online payment process.

If Your Child Is Too Old to Play

The age division is based on your child's age at the end of the season. For this reason, the system may not allow your child to register if his/her 11th birthday falls in the next few months.

If the system denies registration to your child because he or she is too old to play, please contact Currituck Tennis at info@curritucktennis.org, and we will provide you with information about our 14-and-under league.