

# **WEST TEXAS JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS**

## **INFORMATION & REGULATIONS**

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Welcome to the USTA Junior Team Tennis (JTT) program for the Midland/Odessa, hosted by Bush Tennis Center! Our previous 7 seasons have not only been fun but also a SUCCESS. The highlight of our program is watching players grow individually and as a team into something bigger than themselves. Our program focuses on developing players' skills through hard work and integrity, and on fostering a team environment that encourages a lifelong love of the game!

### **I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **A. Junior Team Tennis Objectives**

- To provide level competition in a “team atmosphere” for boys and girls, in a gender neutral format, from beginner to advanced ability levels.
- To serve as a “bridge the gap” program to the USTA Schools Program, NJTL, and other beginner programs and bring youth from entry-level tennis to competitive play in USTA tournaments.
- To provide additional JTT program opportunities outside our current “advancing” and “traditional” team tennis partners.
- To provide a “safe” team environment where beginner players can fully understand the rules of tennis and develop habits of good sportsmanship.
- To provide a “competitive” team environment where experienced players can seek advancement through competition at the local level and sectional level.
- To encourage volunteer participation from parents as team captains/managers and possibly assist in program administration.
- To provide a fair program across all local leagues and “to the best of our abilities” across all Junior Team Tennis programs under the umbrella of USTA.
- The “Local” & “Sectional” Junior Team Tennis seasons are designed to introduce kids to team competition in a setting that focuses on play opportunities, developing skills, and FUN.
- **The three priorities of local JTT are to:**
  1. Make it easy to form teams.
  2. Increase play opportunities for every child.
  3. Promote level-based play.

#### **B. The West Texas Junior Team Tennis Program – Midland/Odessa (WTXJTT)**

The Midland/Odessa USTA JTT program is the West Texas Junior Team Tennis Program. There are two seasons: Spring and Fall. Each local season has established dates for player development and match play. However, the WTXJTT program is flexible and will work with players/parents/teams/coaches/captains to ensure that all matches can be played in ample time to allow for teams to qualify, record scores accurately and in a timely manner, provide education about JTT and other applicable USTA Rules, and provide sufficient and adequate notice to players/parents about expectations and match information. This document serves only to cover the local rules. They only cover WTXJTT. This document does not contain the rules and regulations published by USTA Texas JTT. Nothing in the local rules overrides the criteria and regulations established by USTA Texas JTT.

**C. Waiver of Claims**

Players participating in WTXJTT program, or any USTA Texas JTT program, acknowledge the risks associated with playing tennis, accept those risks voluntarily, and in consideration of their acceptance in the program, assume all risks of injury, whether property or bodily, waive all claims for any and all injury or damages and agree to release and hold harmless USTA, USTA-Texas, any host facility, all officials, employees, volunteers and agents concerning to any injury or loss caused by negligence or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted, whether in law or equity.

**D. USTA Youth Protection Policies and Procedures for USTA Junior Team Tennis**

The USTA Youth Protection Policies and Procedures apply to all USTA Texas JTT programs and can be found at [www.usta.com/safeplay](http://www.usta.com/safeplay).

**\*\*\*\*\*ALL COACHES/MANAGERS ASSOCIATED WITH A TEAM MUST COMPLETE THE SAFEPLAY REQUIREMENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE ATTENDING SECTIONALS WITH A TEAM! IT IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE SAFEPLAY SOONER THAN LATER. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING SAFEPLAY, PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE ALC.\*\*\*\*\***

All program participants associated with WTXJTT are already SafePlay compliant. Any player who is 18 years old MUST complete SafePlay to compete. Questions or concerns about USTA SafePlay can be addressed to the area league coordinator.

**E. Administration of the WTXJTT**

Every USTA JTT program is administered by an Area League Coordinator (ALC). The ALC is approved by the USTA Texas JTT Chair. The WTXJTT ALC is Laura Nodolf. Laura can be reached at [bushstennisjtt@gmail.com](mailto:bushstennisjtt@gmail.com) or at 432-770-8122 (call or text). Laura often utilizes additional volunteers and coaches to help ensure WTXJTT runs smoothly and effectively. Complaints or concerns about any volunteer or coach assisting with the WTXJTT program should be directed to Laura. Any complaints or concerns about the WTXJTT program or Laura should be directed to the USTA Texas JTT Coordinator or Committee. Information about the USTA Texas JTT Coordinator, Committee, and program can be found on page

**II. IMPORTANT DATES****A. WTXJTT is a TEAM event!**

It is very important that our players take this seriously because they are relying on you to attend clinics, practice matches, match play dates, and most importantly, the USTA Texas JTT Sectional Tournament! If you cannot make the sectional tournament, you may be leaving your team in a position where they cannot compete. WTXJTT is a commitment.

**B. Schedule:**

Below is our tentative schedule. It may be adjusted as needed to accomplish the goals of WTXJTT:

August 12th – Registration Open

August 23th – Informational Meeting @ Bush at 12:30

August 26<sup>th</sup> – Informational Meeting by Zoom. Please see [www.wtxjtt.org](http://www.wtxjtt.org) for more information.

October 18th – Local registration ends

Season Dates:

| Development Dates                                                             | Match Play Dates                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| August 30th: Doubles Clinic                                                   | October 4th – Match Play 1 @1:30               |
| September 13 <sup>th</sup> : Practice Matches                                 | October 11th – Match Play 2 @1:30              |
| September 20 <sup>th</sup> : Singles Clinic                                   | October 18th – Match Play 3 @1:30              |
| September 27 <sup>th</sup> : Practice Matches                                 | October 25th – Match Play 4/Player Party @1:30 |
| Depending on the weather, practice matches may be pushed to a Friday evening. | November 1st – Make Up Matches ONLY            |

Post Season: November 15th- Deadline to Register For Sectionals – the ALC complete  
Sectional Dates: December 5-6 at Newks Tennis in New Braunfels

### III. PLAYER INFORMATION

#### A. Player Agreement

All players participating in JTT, agree to abide and be bound by the USTA Constitution and Bylaws, the FRIEND AT COURT – The USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations including THE CODE, Wheelchair Rules of Tennis (unless modified by these USTA Texas JTT Regulations) and the standards of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship. Laura, coaches, and other volunteers will work with players to help them understand Friends at Court and provide constructive advice. However, any player who does not comply with Friends at Court is subject to suspension from a match play date or removal from the program.

Players are also expected to take the USTA Sportsmanship Pledge prior to the beginning of local match play. The ALC may, but is not required, acknowledge players who exhibit outstanding sportsmanship. If recognized, those players' names will be submitted to USTA Texas for further recognition.

#### B. Player Registration: Divisions & Age Eligibility

**Divisions:** JTT is broken into divisions based on a variety of factors such as age, skill level, and ball color. The divisions are established by the USTA Texas JTT Committee listed below.

| DIVISION                       | MINIMUM WTN     | MAXIMUM WTN |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 10U and 12U Green Ball         | No minimum (40) | No maximum  |
| 12U Beginner (Yellow Ball)     | No minimum (40) | 29          |
| 12U Intermediate (Yellow Ball) | No minimum (40) | 19          |
| 12U Advanced                   | No minimum (40) | No maximum  |
| 14U Beginner                   | No minimum (40) | 29          |
| 14U Intermediate               | No minimum (40) | 19          |
| 14U Advanced                   | No minimum (40) | No maximum  |
| 18U Beginner                   | No minimum (40) | 29          |
| 18U Intermediate               | No minimum (40) | 19          |
| 18U Advanced                   | No minimum (40) | No maximum  |

1. **Age:** Players **MUST** remain eligible to play in their age division through **December 31st, 2026**.
  - Examples:
  - Sarah Serve is 13 years old and will turn 14 on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Sarah is still eligible to compete in the 14U division for Fall 2026 JTT because she will not age out of her division.
  - Johnny Ace is 14 years old and will turn 15 on November 8th, 2026. Johnny is **not** eligible to play in the 14U bracket because he will turn 15 before December 31st, 2026. Johnny would need to register for the 18U bracket.
2. **Ball Color:** Players ages 5-10 **MUST** compete in their designated ball color until:
  - NO PLAYER may test out of their assigned ball color. The only way to advance out of red, orange, or green ball is by competing and earning points in USTA Net Generation Playtracker.
  - Turned 11
  - While a player may be accustomed to practicing or playing in yellow ball, they cannot register for yellow ball until one of the criteria above has been met.
3. **Skill Level:**
  - The three skill level divisions for JTT: Beginner (or Novice), Intermediate, and Advanced.
  - The divisions encourage competitive matches against players of similar skill level based on players' World Tennis Number (WTN). A player's WTN number may be found at <https://worldtennisnumber.com/>. The WTN starts at 40.0. When players compete in USTA tournaments/sanctioned play/JTT, they earn points that are calculated into their WTN.
    - *A WORD OF CAUTION:* The WTN is just that; it is a number. It is not always the best gauge of a player's skill level. Currently, it is the best tool available to help create competitive divisions for JTT. There are players with a long playing history and high WTNs, and players with little playing history and low WTNs. USTA National, USTA Texas, and WTXJTT have no control over any players WTN.
  - **Beginner** (or Novice) is for players with a WTN that is not lower than 29.0.
  - **Intermediate** is for players with a WTN that is not lower than 19.0.
  - **Advanced** has no minimum or maximum for players WTN.
    - *NOTE:* This division rarely makes in any age bracket to compete at the USTA JTT Sectional Tournament. However, if you are interested in competing in an advanced bracket, please contact your ALC and you will be provided with a discount code that reduces the registration fee.
  - **Examples:**
    - Rob Racket is 13 years old and has been taking lessons for 5 years. Rob has a WTN of 36.7. Rob has played in one tournament and several practice matches. While Rob may hit very well in his lesson and even won the tournament, Rob should register for the beginner (novice) division even though he has played for 5 years.
    - Addie Ace is 16 years old and has been taking lessons and playing competitively since she was 6. She has played in many tournaments and won. She also plays for

her high school varsity team. Addie has a WTN of 31.0. That would mean Addie could play in the beginner division. However, she is not a beginner and should play in the intermediate or advanced bracket to make for fair competition.

4. Questions and concerns about registration and divisions should be directed to the ALC.
5. Players may play in an older division per USTA regulations.
6. No player may play down an age division.

#### C. **Player Expectations**

1. **The most important thing to remember about JTT is that YOU ARE PART OF A TEAM!!!!**
2. Teams must work together and be able to rely on each other. If you cannot commit to attending sectionals with a team, then this program may not be the right fit for you. Of course, we understand that emergencies arise that are not the player's fault. All that we ask is you be considerate of the other players because if your team only has 4 players that qualify for sectionals and you chose not to attend, then the entire team cannot attend sectionals.
3. Each player must be a member of USTA. Membership in USTA is free. Parents should register for an account and add their player as a family member. For more information please visit: <https://www.usta.com/en/home/membership/individual-memberships/juniormembership.html> If you need assistance with registering your player, please contact the ALC.
4. **EACH PLAYER MUST HAVE PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION LISTED ON THEIR USTA ACCOUNT.**
5. Players will register through <https://tennislink.usta.com/>
6. All players must remain eligible within their age range for the entire season.
7. The program cost is \$145.00. TennisLink and USTA fees are \$11.83. Total is \$156.83
8. Upon registration, each player/coach must subscribe to receive messages through the TennisLink Communication Center.
9. By registering for WTXJTT, each player consents to receiving updates and information via text message.
10. Each player is expected to be properly equipped to participate. We will answer any questions that a player/coach/manager or parent may have when addressing proper playing equipment.
11. Each player is responsible for knowing Friends at Court that can be found at <https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/2022-pdfs/2022%20Friend%20at%20Court.pdf>
12. We understand that some players are still learning the rules. We are here to help players learn the rules so they can apply them correctly during their matches.
13. All players must demonstrate a minimum knowledge of the rules of tennis. This includes keeping score, when to make changeovers, the time allowed during change overs, rules for restroom breaks and when to obtain a court monitor, and more than a basic knowledge of the sport. Parents of players who do not meet these requirements will be notified as soon as possible.

#### D. **Local Play Only:**

If, after the conclusion of match play, the area league coordinator determines that a player would benefit from additional instruction PRIOR to attending sectionals or that playing at sectionals would hurt a player instead of helping them, the ALC will notify the player and their parents as soon as possible. A player who participates in any clinic, but does not participate in match play, may request a partial refund. A player who is notified after

match play has concluded will not receive a full refund but may receive a credit towards future clinics, or lessons, in an amount equal to the players portion paid towards sectional fees. The player will still receive their shirts ordered for competition.

**E. Minimum Matches:**

Each player will be required to compete in a minimum of two matches to be considered qualified for sectionals. This includes a combination of the following: One or Two Singles OR Doubles Matches OR One Singles Match and One Doubles Match.

**F. Voluntary Withdrawal:**

Any player who registers and subsequently voluntarily withdraws will NOT receive a refund. The Area League Coordinator reserves the right to disqualify a player from future JTT events for voluntary withdraw after the registration deadline leaving a team without the requisite number of players. Appeals may be made to the USTA Texas JTT Committee. A player who has to withdraw due to an emergency will receive a partial refund.

## **IV. TEAM FORMATION**

**A. JTT Team Overview:**

1. **EACH TEAM IS GENDER NEUTRAL. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE FOR CO-ED TEAMS.**
2. Each team must consist of at least 4 players. The maximum number of players for a match is 8.
3. Any team competing in the 18 Intermediate Division **MUST** have at least **ONE** female player on the team. The female player is required to play the female player from another team. The female player is not required to play doubles. his rule only applies to the 18 Intermediate Division. However, teams should know JTT teams were never intended to consist of a single gender. Teams should anticipate changes similar to the one applied to the 18 Intermediate Division to apply to other divisions in the future.
4. No team is allowed to form online through TennisLink.

**B. Team Formation:**

1. **EXISTING TEAMS:** if a player is a member of an existing team **AND** have an approved Team Captain/Coach:
  - The Team Captain/Coach will communicate with the ALC that they have the requisite number of players (minimum of 4) to create a team and the Team Captain/Coach's USTA number. The Team Captain/Coach will then email their roster to [bushtennisjtt@gmail.com](mailto:bushtennisjtt@gmail.com) for age and division validation.
  - Upon validation, the ALC will
    - either move registered players to the appropriate team OR
    - the ALC will either create the team and provide the team number to the Captain/Coach.
    - The Captain/Coach will then need to provide the team number to their players before they register. This allows the player to register directly onto a team. However, a player who registers prior to receiving a team number can still be moved upon request by the team's Coach/Captain.



- The Team Captain/Coach **MUST** opt in to receive messages through the TennisLink Communication Center.
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  - The ALC will communicate with the Team Captain/Coach and players about upcoming matches through TennisLink Communication Center. Any conflicts in dates need to be communicated with the ALC as soon as possible.
  - Any team that qualifies for sectional and DOES NOT have the requisite number of players will forfeit their qualification OR agree to accept another player who has played their qualifying matches.
  - A COACH/CAPTAIN IS NOT OBLIGATED TO ACCEPT ANY RETURNING PLAYER OR ANY ADDITIONAL PLAYER. Coach/Captains are ultimately responsible for their teams during local match play and at sectionals. The decisions of the Coach/Captain not to accept a returning player should be driven by more than a desire to win but should be made with due consideration to the team as a whole and the best interest of all players. Sometimes, players are not a good fit for a team and everyone should want what is in the best interest of ALL involved. As a courtesy, if a Coach/Captain elects to not accept a returning player, the Coach/Captain should explain their reasons in a constructive manner. If the Coach/Captain anticipates that any issue may arise when a returning player is notified that they will not be accepted back on a team, the Coach/Captain should reach out to the Area League Coordinator and let them know about the situation. The Area League Coordinator is available to assist in these delicate situations. NO APPEAL MAY BE MADE FROM A COACH/CAPTAINS DECISION. THE USTA TEXAS JTT COMMITTEE HAS NO ABILITY TO OVERTURN OR REVERSE A DECISION OF A COACH/CAPTAIN.
    - The acceptance of additional players is rests solely with the Coach/Captain. Since JTT is a TEAM effort, it is encouraged that the Coach/Captain confer with the team prior to accepting any additional players.
    - A player who has been notified they will not be returning to a team will be allowed either a full refund or the opportunity to compete on any newly formed team, as a substitute player, or work towards creating a new team. The area league coordinator will assist any player in this situation as much as possible.
2. **NEW TEAM:** If a player is NOT a member of an existing team that's OK! We will help you form a team:
- The player will go to <https://tennislink.usta.com> and register for their appropriate age and level of play.
  - The Area League Coordinator (ALC) will work to put players together to form a team.
  - Parents of players who are not assigned to a team will work with the ALC to get a parent qualified as a Team Captain/Coach.
  - The ALC is willing to be listed as the Team Captain/Coach through the qualifying matches ONLY. In the past, the ALC was listed as the Team Coach/Captain for too many teams to



manage. Therefore, *if a team does not have a Team Captain/Coach who can provide verification of a completed SafePlay and background check at the conclusion of match play, the ALC reserves the right to not submit any team that does not have an Team Coach/Captain apart and aside from the ALC as qualified to the USTA Texas JTT Director for the purposes of competing at sectionals regardless if the team won their division. If a team has a parent who is working towards completing the steps to become a Coach/Captain, the ALC will submit the team as qualified to the USTA Texas JTT director.* If the ALC does disqualify a team, the next team with the highest number of matches won will be certified for sectionals. It is strongly suggested that teams work with the ALC to complete the SafePlay and background process as soon as possible!!!!

- Any team that qualifies for sectional and DOES NOT have the requisite number of players will forfeit their qualification OR will agree to accept another player who has played their qualifying matches either locally or from another JTT Program that has completed qualifying matches.
- **TRAVEL TEAM:**
- The ALC reserves the right to create a travel team that would compete at the USTA Texas JTT Sectional Tournament.
- The travel team is established by:
  - Player evaluation during clinics and practice matches by the ALC, coaches, or any other individual designated by the ALC.
  - Players will be required to play a series of challenge matches.
  - Generally, the results of these matches will not be recorded. However, they may be recorded pending approval from USTA.
  - Players will then be placed on a ladder based on the most matches won. Once the ladder is set, a player cannot challenge any other player above them to change their position on the ladder.
  - The top 8 players with the most matches won will then be placed on the traveling team. The remaining players will be placed on the local team.
  - The traveling team and the local team will then compete against each other in order to record the necessary matches to qualify for the USTA Texas JTT Sectional Tournament.
  - If a player in the top 8 is unable to attend the sectional tournament, the next player on the ladder will be moved up to the travel team.
  - If the USTA Texas JTT Sectional Tournament allows for a wild card team to be submitted, the ALC will submit the local team to compete in the wild card position. No wild card positions are guaranteed to be offered.

**C. Only One Team in a Division:**

1. Every member of the team is STILL REQUIRED to play two matches.
2. However, the results of the matches do not have an effect on the teams qualifications for sectionals. What counts is the simple fact the matches were played.

3. The team may be required to play up a division or age group. These matches will still be recorded into TennisLink.
4. Matches may be played on another date depending on schedules.

#### D. **Team Coach/Captains**

1. Each USTA Junior Team Tennis Team **shall have a Team Captain/Coach who is responsible for the team (players, parents, friends, etc) if they qualify for sectionals.**
2. Each team may have a Captain/Coach during the WTXJTT Season so long as they have complied with the USTA Youth Protection Policies and Procedures for USTA Junior Team Tennis. Complete the Team USTA training module and acknowledge and accept the USTA Safe Play Conduct, Policies, and Guidelines with a greenlit through the NCSI background check process.
3. The section coordinator will email each captain to remind them of the rules/regulations. The section coordinator may also be contacted by email or text.

### V. **MATCH INFORMATION**

- A. **Dates & Times**: All clinics, practice matches, and matches will be played primarily on Sunday afternoons. However, the dates may change due to inclement weather or facility availability. If that occurs, the ALC will contact the players and advise them when makeup matches will occur.
- B. **Absence**: We will make every effort to list matches ahead of the scheduled dates of play. If a team/player has certain dates that due to conflict, cancellation due to illness or emergency, or other reason, they **MUST** communicate that with their Coach/Captain or ALC as possible. The ALC will make every attempt to accommodate any matches that need to be rescheduled to allow for fair and equal playing time.
- C. **Communication**: Any team/player that **fails** to communicate with the ALC that they will not be able to attend a scheduled match will be entered in as a forfeit if the opposing team is prepared to play. Forfeited matches will only be entered as a last resort if a player/coach/captain or parent can show that attempts were made to contact the ALC.
- D. **Weather**: We acknowledge that things occur that are completely out of our control. However, our goal is to make sure that the ALC communicates effectively with the players/teams/coaches/captains and all we ask is that the players/teams/coaches/captains make every effort to communicate effectively with the ALC. Information about matches can be found at <https://wtxjtt.org> or will be sent:
  - By text message
  - By email
  - Through TennisLink (if the functionality is working)
- E. **Match Format**
  1. All division matches will consist of one 6 game Pro Set, no ad, 7-point tiebreaker at 6-all, win by 2.
  2. Matches are played as a team. Players on the team **MUST** completed a minimum of two matches for their team to be considered as a qualified member of the team to compete at sectionals. Matches played for a team include a combination of the following: Two Singles Matches, Two Doubles Matches, One Singles Match and One Doubles Match.
  3. All matches will be recorded in TennisLink.

4. Every game won by a player counts towards the team's overall score.
5. Doubles matches will be played first, then singles matches.
6. In the event of a tie in total games won during a head-to-head match, teams will play **one** doubles 10-point tiebreaker to count as one game towards the team's total. This is an important rule to remember. If your team leaves before the scores from the day are validated by the ALC and a tiebreaker is necessary, then the team that has left the courts will be deemed to have forfeited the tie breaker.
7. Teams must have a **minimum of four players registered to play matches that qualify the entire team for sectionals. ALL players MUST play the required two matches. If a team only has three players, then players may play but the team will be subject to the following:**
  - If a team has only three players, it must default line four singles and line two doubles.
  - If a team has only two players, it must default line three and four singles and line two doubles.
8. Players are required to report their scores the ALC in-person or by text message if the ALC, or their designee, is unavailable.
9. In case of any issues encountered during the event, like weather, the ALC reserves the right to change the event format. Including scheduling changes to play format or scoring to complete the event and determine a winning team in each division.

**F. Tie Within a Draw:**

1. The tie-breaking format that has been used at Nationals will determine a winner.
2. If there is a tie within the flight, the winner will be determined by the highest number of games won in the tied team's head-to-head match.
3. If still tied, the number of lines won in the tied team's head-to-head match decide a winner.
  - If three teams are tied within the flight, it will be broken by the highest number of games won between the three tied teams' team matches.
  - If still tied, the ALC will decide a fair way to break the tie.

## **VI. FINANCES**

- A. **Fees** The cost is \$156.83 **PER PLAYER.** \$145.00 is the local fee and \$11.83 is the USTA Fee. Player fees cover:

- Court fees.
- Tennis Balls – players do not need to bring their own tennis balls.
- Program administration (Please note that the ALC does not receive any direct, or indirect, compensation for coordinating the WTXJTT Program. Any administration fee is intended for printing, marketing materials, reimbursement of travel costs or other purchases).
- Education: Class over Friends at Court and training for players/teams/coaches/captains on “What to Expect” for the teams that qualify for sectionals.
- At least one clinic with certified coaches with each age group. This includes instruction in singles and doubles.

- Assistance to volunteer coaches/captains navigate sectionals, rosters, analysis of players strengths and areas where development would be beneficial. This does not mean that coaches will be able to attend sectionals. However, a coaches from may attend sectionals as availability allows.
- A USTA JTT player gift
- Team shirts to wear at sectionals specific to the program.
- End of Season Party and Awards
- USTA JTT Sectional Fees for teams who have committed to attending. \*\*\*\*\*Any team who represents that their team will participate in sectionals and their sectional fees are paid for who elect not to attend will be required to reimburse the WTXJTTprogram the sectional fee.\*\*\*\*\*

B. **Scholarships:** The ALC has complete discretion to offer scholarships or discounts to assist players or encourage team development as appropriate and necessary. For scholarship information please reach out to Laura at [bushtennisjtt@gmail.com](mailto:bushtennisjtt@gmail.com) or 432-770-8122.

C. **Costs Not Covered**

- Any team clinic or coaching fees that result from additional clinics or coaching outside the WTXJTT programs are the sole responsibility of the team to make those arrangements.
- WTXJTT is not responsible for any post-season training, court fees, equipment, team expense (except as stated above), or personalized team items.
- WTXJTT is not responsible for hotels, mileage, per diems, or any other fee associated with USTA JTT Sectionals other than our commitment to pay the sectional fees for qualified teams.
- Intentional damage to any part of any facility utilized on the part of an individual player/team/coach/captain/parent will not be tolerated and will result in a forfeit of the player fee paid and removal from the program. The player/team/coach/captain/parent will be liable to the facility for the cost of any repairs.
- WTXJTT program will NOT cover the cost associated with a player's equipment, clothing, proper footwear, etc.

D. **Fundraising:**

Any individual, organization, company, or corporation may donate or sponsor the WTXJTT program as a general donation or sponsorship. General donations will be utilized to assist with scholarships for players who may need financial assistance to participate in the program or attend sectionals, additional coaching or clinics, or other items expressly authorized by the ALC. Any remaining funds from donations or sponsorships shall remain associated with the WTXJTT program for future events. If no future event is held, any funds will be remitted to the USTA Texas JTT program. Questions or concerns should be directed to the ALC.

A team that has qualified for USTA JTT Sectionals may fundraise to cover the costs associated with attending sectionals. A team that elects to conduct a fundraiser is required to inform the ALC of their intent to raise funds. No team is permitted to utilize No individual involved with the WTXJTT program is responsible for receiving or managing any funds raised for a particular team.

## **VII. ADMINISTRATION**

- A. **USTA Texas JTT Committee** USTA Texas Sectional JTT shall be governed by the USTA Texas JTT Committee appointed by the President of USTA Texas and subject to the control and direction of the USTA Texas Executive and Management Committees.
- B. **USTA Texas JTT Section Coordinator**  
The USTA Texas JTT Section Coordinator shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of USTA Texas JTT, including USTA Texas Section JTT Sectional Championship events. The USTA Texas JTT Section Coordinator is Mark Hodge and can be reached at [mark.hodge@texas.usta.com](mailto:mark.hodge@texas.usta.com).
- C. **WTXJTT Area League Coordinator (ALC)**
1. The WTXJTT program falls under the direction of the Midland/Odessa Area League Coordinator (ALC), Laura Nodolf. The ALC is responsible for ensuring players/teams/coaches/captains and parents comply with all USTA Rules and Regulations and the USTA Texas JTT Rules and Regulations. Conference calls or in-person meetings will be scheduled before and during the season to assist and communicate with the teams.
  2. All match scores should be reported to the ALC in-person or by text message. If the ALC has a conflict or is unable to be on-site during matches, she may delegate the responsibilities of receiving scores to another. That person will then report the scores to the ALC. The ALC will certify all match scores and teams that qualify for sectionals.
  3. All reported infringements of the USTA Rules and Regulations should be reported to the Program Coordinator. All attempts to resolve any issues promptly and locally. The ALC reserves the right to not certify a player or team who has repeatedly violated USTA Rules and Regulations for participation in sectionals. Any player/team/captain/coach/manager or parent who has a complaint about the administration of the local rules, or application of the USTA Rules and Regulations, or decisions regarding certification to sectionals will be referred to The USTA Texas JTT Section Coordinator.
  4. Laura can be reached at [bushtennisjtt@gmail.com](mailto:bushtennisjtt@gmail.com) or at 432-770-8122 (call or text).

## **VIII. WHAT TO EXPECT IF YOUR TEAM QUALIFIES FOR SECTIONALS**

- A. **Location:** Waco, Texas
- B. **When:** May 9-10<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- C. **General Information:**
- Captains must check-in on time at the location provided by USTA JTT Sectionals. There they will receive additional information and instructions.
  - Each player **MUST** complete the USTA Texas Wavier.
  - Coaching is allowed **ONLY** during the 90-second changeovers by an **approved and badged Team Captain** for that team. Coaching is not permitted during the first change of sides of each set. Coaching must take place from outside the fence. Team Captains are not allowed on the court. Parents & spectators are required to stay away from the fence throughout match play.

- Only Team Captains are allowed to approach the tournament desk. Team Captains will receive all instructions and match assignments and relay them to their players and parents.
- Team Captains must check-in 15 minutes **before each** scheduled round.
- Team Captains will be given four cans of tennis balls for each match.
- Used balls must be turned into the tournament desk after EACH head-to-head match. Both team captains must sign the score sheets and will NOT be accepted without the tennis balls used from the match.
- Only **PLAYERS** may request a line judge.

**D. General Information for Parents and Spectators**

- Spectators are not permitted to assist the players in any issue related to the court play and performance. (i.e., calling out the score or calling a ball out is not allowed)
- Spectators should always display respect towards all players, Team Captains, and spectators. Clapping or cheering when a player hits a winner or after a long rally is acceptable. Clapping or cheering when the other player or team makes an error, like a Double Fault, is unacceptable.
- Help us by informing friends and family of your team and players, who may be attending, understand tennis spectator etiquette, and what is appropriate or inappropriate.
- All parents and spectators are asked to refrain from approaching the ALC, getting into captain/tournament staff discussions, and engaging others in the match's issues surrounding the match. Please utilize the Team Coaches/Captain of the team to help manage possible issues that arise during the match.

**\*\*NOTE –** We want you and your players to enjoy their experience of junior team tennis. Please sit back and enjoy the matches, the energy, and effort of ALL the players. This event is for the children, and at no point should we, the adults, become the focus of what's happening during the matches.

**E. General Information For Players**

- Players are asked to conduct themselves respectfully on and off the court during matches.
- **Only players** are allowed to request a line judge throughout the matches.
- Players should call out scores and utilize net scorekeepers (where available) throughout the match to ensure no points are overlooked.