

2011 Tennessee Junior Novice Grand Prix Circuit Regulations

1. USTA Tennessee directs the Tennessee Junior Novice Grand Prix Circuit.

The Junior Novice Grand Prix Circuit provides a starting point for beginners in allowing juniors to compete with other players at their own level. The Grand Prix season consists of eleven (11) tournaments (also check our webpage for additional tournaments added during the year) and a Grand Prix Masters tournament for a total of twelve (12) tournaments for the season.

Players are awarded points for their match play performance (see POINT SYSTEM TABLE) and qualify for the Masters tournament based on these point totals.

2. To improve junior tennis in Tennessee is the guiding concept for the Grand Prix Circuit. Tennis is a sport that develops confidence and character; therefore, the overall spirit of the Circuit is to encourage juniors to play tennis and to allow them to participate and grow as much as possible in the game.

3. How the Circuit Works: Each tournament will have age divisions for novice players 10-16 years of age. Regular scoring format will be used. Players are awarded points for their match play performance in each tournament. These points accumulate for the season and start over again the next season.

4. These points serve three (3) major functions:

A. Point totals will be used to determine seeding.

B. Point totals will be used to determine qualification for the Grand Prix Masters tournament.

C. Point totals will be used to seed players in the Grand Prix Circuit.

Seeding will be based on points accumulated. On the occasion that a tournament has a small draw and a player has to compete in a different age division, the player will be awarded points in his original age division.

5. **Circuit Administration:** USTA Tennessee acts as the administrative body, which deals directly with the circuit. The circuit operates under the rules and guidelines of USTA Tennessee. The circuit acts with the advice and consent of the USTA Tennessee Board of Directors.

6. **How to Enter Circuit Tournaments:** Use online registration for each tournament you want to enter. Entry fee must be paid online along with each entry. You are not charged until the tournament director makes the selection, after determining you are eligible

Entry to all tournaments requires proof of current USTA membership.

7. To enter a **NOVICE** event, players must not have a current state ranking higher than 61 and no sectional or national ranking in any event, including alphabetical, numerical or insufficient data ranking. Tennessee's 2010 final year-end rankings

will be used to determine eligibility. Winners of the 2010 Junior Novice Grand Prix Masters tournament are ineligible.

8. Entering more than one age division: In any given tournament, a player may enter **only one age division**.

9. Point Accumulation—Point System Table:

RESULT POINTS

Winner 44

2nd Place 36

Semifinals-Runner Up 28

Quarterfinals-Runner Up 20

Rd. of 16 Runner Up 16

Participant 4

Consolation Pts. 1 point per round won

10. Players who default a match due to bad conduct for no reason will receive zero points. Players who retire from a match due to illness or injury will receive participation points due the loser of that match. Players who default from a tournament after the draw is made but before play begins due to illness or injury will receive zero points.

11. How to qualify for the Grand Prix Masters: Players with the top 16 point totals in each age division will qualify for the Grand Prix Masters tournament. In the event of a point tie, a playoff will be conducted immediately preceding the start of the Grand Prix Masters tournament to fill open positions. Any player may enter the Grand Prix Masters if they have played in a Novice Grand Prix tournament during the year.

12. Special Circuit Tournament Rules: The USTA Code of Conduct has been adopted for all circuit tournaments.

13. First match loser consolation **MUST** be offered in each Grand Prix tournament except the Grand Prix Masters tournament. Points will be awarded for each consolation round won—one point per round.

14. All Junior Novice Grand Prix tournaments are sanctioned by USTA Tennessee, USTA Southern and USTA; however, the tournaments count only for Tennessee rankings. All Junior Novice Grand Prix tournaments **MUST** use the TDM software to manage the tournaments.

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performance and qualify for the Masters tournament based on total points.

2011 Junior Novice Grand Prix Tournaments

March 18th

2011 CBRC JR Novice Grand Prix Championship (TN L5)

ID#704243311

Cedar Bluff Racquet Club

Knoxville, TN

April 22

Belle Meade Country Club Junior Novice Grand Prix (TNL5)

ID# 704231511

Nashville, TN

May 13

Champions Junior Novice Grand Prix I (TN L5)

ID#704215211

Champions Club,

Lupton City, TN

May 27

2011 CBRC JR Novice Grand Prix Clay Court Chmp (TN L5)

ID# 704266311

Cedar Bluff Racquet Club

Knoxville, TN

June 17

Knoxville Summer Junior Novice Grand Prix (TN L5)

ID# 704218911

City Of Knoxville Parks & Recreation

Knoxville, TN

July 8

Maryland Farm YMCA Junior Novice Grand Prix 2011 (TN L5)

ID# 704235511

Maryland Farms Family YMCA

Brentwood, TN

July 15

2011 CBRC JR Novice Grand Prix Clay Court Championship (TN L5)

ID# 704200311

Cedar Bluff Racquet Club

Knoxville, TN

August 5

Fairfield Glade Jr Novice Grand Prix Chps (TN L5)

ID# 704239411

Fairfield Glade Racquet Club

Crossville, TN

August 26

Wildwood Junior Novice Grand Prix (TN L5)

ID# 704217011

Wildwood Swim & Tennis Club

Brentwood, TN

September 16

Knoxville Fall Junior Novice Grand Prix (TN L5)

ID# 704219011

City of Knoxville Parks & Recreation

Knoxville, TN

October 7

Champions Junior Novice Grand Prix II (TN L5)

ID# 704237411

Champions Club

Lupton City, TN

November 5 (tentative)

2011 Junior Novice Grand Prix Masters (TN L5)

ID# 704246511

City of Knoxville Parks & Recreation

Knoxville, TN