

Dear VCJTA Member;

The following general information is designed to acquaint you with the organization and answer questions you may have

**MEMBERSHIP:** All juniors are eligible to join VCJTA regardless of where they live. Prior to entering a NOVICE tournament, please refer to **NOVICE TOURNAMENTS** below. The dues for the 2025 membership are \$16.00 per person or \$25 per family. ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO BE MEMBERS OF VCJTA to be eligible to participate in tournaments.

**TOURNAMENTS:** VCJTA co-sponsors the tournaments with private clubs and public facilities. While VCJTA is the organizing and governing body, it is the host facility which runs their tournaments. Complaints regarding a tournament should be in WRITING to [VCJTA@aol.com](mailto:VCJTA@aol.com). The 2025 season runs January through December.

**NOVICE TOURNAMENTS:** VCJTA offers Novice Tournaments which are all round robin. All Novice 10 and under will be played with green dot balls. Novice is intended for players who would not normally expect to make it past the first round of an OPEN VCJTA tournament. To be eligible to play in Novice a player must NOT have won a USTA Satellite or two matches in an OPEN tournament. **IF A PLAYER WINS TWO NOVICE ROUND ROBINS IN THE PRESENT SEASON HE/SHE MUST ADVANCE TO THE OPEN TOURNAMENTS. IF A PLAYER WINS ONE NOVICE IS THE PRESENT SEASON BUT NOT ANOTHER HE/SHE MAY NOT PLAY NOVICE THE FOLLOWING SEASON.**

*Once a player is out of Novice in any age division he/she may not move up in age division and continue playing Novice Tournaments. DO NOT enter Novice if you know you are NOT a Novice player. See "Am I Eligible to Play Novice" in this book. Novice Tournaments do not count for Grand Prix points or for ranking.*

**ENTRY FEES:** Entry fees are from \$25. You may enter tournaments online by going to [www.vcjta.com](http://www.vcjta.com) and click on "Register Now". You must be a member to enter tournaments.

**NOTIFICATION OF TIME:** You will be contacted via e mail or phone of your day and time. Usually by Wednesday prior to the tournament.

**AGE DIVISIONS: YOU MUST FOLLOW THE AGE SHOWN ONLINE AT VCJTA.COM.**

**LATE ENTRIES:** Late or telephone entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the director.

**TOURNAMENT RULES:** USTA rules will govern play including point penalties or defaults for misconduct and tardiness. Regular scoring will be used or a director may choose to use no ad. 10 point breakers might be played in lieu of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set. (if round robin format is not being played)

**DEFAULTS:** A player will be defaulted if he/she is over 15 minutes late and there is an available court. The tournament director has the right to extend default time AND TO ACCESS POINT/GAME PENALTIES.

**ENTERING TWO AGE DIVISIONS:** It is the discretion of the tournament director whether or not to allow players to enter two age divisions. In most tournaments in created a scheduling problem. If a player is allowed to enter two age divisions he/she may be required to play back to back matches with only a 10 minute break.

**DO NOT ENTER A TOURNAMENT IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO PLAY EITHER OF THE SCHEDULED DAYS.**

**TOURNAMENT DRAW PROCEDURES:** Most VCJTA tournaments are round robin. The number of participants in each age division will determine the number of flights and games per flight. If there is more than one flight there will be a playoff.

**OFFICIAL UMPIRES:** VCJTA does not provide umpires at tournaments. If you have questions or problems LEAVE YOUR RACQUET ON THE COURT and go to the tournament desk. **YOUR PARENTS CANNOT SPEAK FOR YOU OR TO YOU DURING THE MATCH.** We're counting on all of you for honesty, sportsmanship and keeping track of the score.

**JESSE HILLOCK MASTER'S POINTS:** Points are earned only in open tournaments. 10 points for entering and 10 points for each round played in a round robin. Additional points for rounds won. No points are given in Novice. We hope to reinstate the Master's soon

**TROPHIES:** If sufficient numbers enter each age division all champions and finalists will receive awards.

**RAIN:** In case of inclement weather be sure to **CALL THE TOURNAMENT SITE**. Please do not call Board members as the decisions will be made by the tournament director.