

Information for New Players and Parents

Understanding USTA Tournaments

After Registering: What Happens Next?

Once you register your player for a tournament, take time to carefully read all the information on the tournament page.

- After registration closes, the tournament director will select players.
- If your player is selected, you will receive a confirmation email.

After Selection: What's Next?

To complete registration, submit the required **medical release form** using the **MatchTennis App**.

- The **mobile number of the person attending the tournament** should be used for app notifications.
- The app allows up to three different mobile numbers, ensuring the tournament desk can contact you for **match updates, schedule changes, or weather alerts**.

Make sure your player's USTA profile includes:

✓ **A mobile number for on-site communication**

✓ **An email address accessible on a mobile device**

How Do I Find My Player's Match Times?

- Match schedules and draws are usually posted by **Thursday before the tournament starts**.
- To find match times:
 1. Go to the tournament website and click the **Draw tab**.
 2. Use the **USTA Player App** for quick access.
 3. Check the **Notes section** of the tournament page for the exact posting time.
- **USTA Georgia requires draws to be posted at least 24 hours before the tournament begins.**

Understanding Round Robin Draws

Some divisions may use a **round robin format**, especially when there are **five or fewer players**.

- **Each player competes against every other player in the draw.**
- **This is a non-elimination format**, so each player is guaranteed multiple matches.
- Look for your name on the left. Click **‘View Matches’** or the **Plus+ button** if on a mobile device to see the time and locations of your matches.

When to Arrive & What to Bring

- **Arrival Time:** Players should arrive at least **15 minutes before their match time**.
- **Check-In Process:** Upon arrival, use the **MatchTennis App** to check in or go to the tournament desk. Checking in signals that the player is ready to go on court.
- **What to Bring:**
 - ✓ Water & sports drinks
 - ✓ Towel & sunscreen
 - ✓ Bandages & snacks
 - ✓ Extra racquets & grip tape
 - ✓ Folding chair for spectators

How to Read the Draw

1. **Accessing the Draw**
 - Click on the **Draw tab** and select your player's age group.
 - Some tournaments have a **main draw and a consolation draw**. Click the **main draw** first.
2. **Understanding the Match Details**
 - If the draw is a **round robin**, players should review all scheduled match times in the **Group List View**
 - For standard feed-in brackets:
 - Locate your player's name in **Round 1**.
 - Identify their **line number** in the bracket.
 - In the middle of the bracket, a **three-letter abbreviation** will indicate the match location.
 - Match details will show the **date and time** for that round.

What Happens After the First Match of a Standard Feed-In Draw?

- **If your player wins:**
 - They remain in the **main draw** and advance to the next round.
 - Their name will be placed in the next bracket (typically to the right).
- **If your player does not win:**
 - They will move to the **consolation draw** (if offered).
 - To find the next match:
 - Look for your player's **line number** in the consolation draw, usually in the same round they played in the main draw.
 - If there is a **bye**, move to the next bracket to the right.
 - The bracket will show the **location, date, and time** of their next match.

What Happens After the First Match of a Round Robin Draw?

- **If your player wins:**
 - They remain in the **draw** and compete in the next round.
- **If your player does not win:**
 - They remain in the **draw** and compete in the next round.

Sometimes there will be a playoff round at the end of the round robin play. Please check for that if you are in a round robin group of 3 or 4.

Have fun!!