



2017 USTA Eastern Look Ahead

USTA Eastern strives to provide quality competitive opportunities for players to contest and develop their skills against other players, as they progress through the USTA Eastern and USTA National tournament pathways. The utmost levels of courtesy and sportsmanship are expected of all participants and spectators at all times. Players are required to know and understand all other rules and regulations detailed in the USTA's Official Rule Book: [The Friend at Court](#); and those posted on the [Junior Competition Homepage](#) at eastern.usta.com.

Requirements and Regulation Reminders:

- ≡ Players must be current USTA Members to participate in sanctioned tournaments and be eligible for ranking.
 - » *To obtain a USTA Membership, please call: 1-800-990-8782*
- ≡ Tournaments are offered in the 12 & Under (12U), 14U, 16U, & 18U divisions.
 - » Players become **ineligible** to play in an age division on the 1st day of their birthday month, the year they turn 13, 15, 17, or 19.
- ≡ Playing in *or registering for* ***Concurrent Tournaments*** is **not allowed**; and penalizable by the Code of Conduct with Suspension Points. Players may not play or register for overlapping tournaments; *unless the start dates of the tournaments are more than three days apart.*
- ≡ Players and spectators are required to know and abide by all other rules and regulations in the USTA's Official Rule Book: [The Friend at Court](#); and those posted on the [Junior Competition Homepage](#) at eastern.usta.com

Important *Changes* for 2017...

- ≡ L2O & L2R tournaments will be merged into a single level called L2's
- ≡ +L1 Tournaments Eastern Grand Prix tournaments have been removed from the calendar to accommodate the expansion of the 2017 National Tournament Schedule
- ≡ Point tables will likely be adjusted for 2017 events, changes will not be retroactive, information to follow
- ≡ USTA National has made changes to the [National Competitive Tournament Structure](#) and [National Rankings](#); We have quick linked to information on our [Junior Competition Homepage](#) but further information can be directed to jrcomp@usta.com.

Information & Resources:

- ≡ All USTA Eastern Rules and Regulations, as well as FAQ's and many other helpful resources can be found on our [Junior Competition Homepage](#) at eastern.usta.com
 - » We also recommend that players purchase the USTA's Official Rule Book: [The Friend at Court](#); at USOpenShop.com and keep it in their tennis bags in case a dispute arises during USTA play.
- ≡ Questions regarding USTA National Tournaments, National Rankings or play outside of the Eastern section should be directed to jrcomp@usta.com



Eastern Super Six:

National L3 (January/June) & National L4 (February, April, September & October) "Sectional" tournaments.

Draw Size: 32 Singles

Draw Format: Feed in Consolation with a QF Playoff (FIC-R16)

Match Formats: BG14-18: 2 of 3 Sets

BG12: 2 of 3 sets with a 10pt Match tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set

Registration Fee: \$115 per player

Notes: Selection will be based on section standing in the age group of the event and the next youngest age division. Up to 2 players will be selected to the events from the next youngest age group, provided the applicants are in the top 25 of the Eastern Standing list of the next youngest age division; *(please note this will not occur in the 12U division.)* * Players may register for multiple age divisions, but will only be admitted to one; selection is done for the older age groups first – if a player is selected to an older age division they will automatically be withdrawn from the younger division.

Dates: January 14th – 16th
February 24th – 26th
April 29th – May 1st

June 2nd – 4th & June 9th – 11th
September 16th – 18th
October 13th – 15th

Eastern Empire Cup:

National L3 & L4 Doubles ONLY events. The doubles *team* in each age division who earns the most points over the course of all six Empire Cup segments each year, will win the Empire Cup, and have their names etched onto the Cup and into the history of USTA Eastern. Standings will be updated on eastern.usta.com

Draw Size: Open Doubles Draws

Draw Format: Modified Feed in Consolation + 3/4 Playoff

Match Formats: 2 of 3 sets with a 10pt Match tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set

Back draw may be 8 game pro set

Registration Fee: \$45 per player/\$90 per team

Notes:

Dates: February 3rd – 5th
March 17th -19th
March 31st – April 2nd

May 12th – 14th
October 20th 22nd
December 15th – 17th

Eastern Sweet 16:

High Performance; Compass Draw event in which players are guaranteed at least 4 scheduled singles matches. Selection will be based off of standings in the age group of the event. Players may register for multiple age groups, but will only be admitted to one; selection is done for the older age groups first – if a player is selected to an older age division they will automatically be withdrawn from the younger division.

Draw Size: 16 Singles 8 Doubles

Draw Format: Compass Draw

Match Formats: BG14-18: 2 of 3 Sets;

BG12: 2 of 3 sets with a 10pt Match tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set

Registration Fee: \$140 per player

Date: November 10th – 12th



L1 & L1A Championships: Advanced tournament play open to all USTA members.

Draw Size: Open Singles Draws

Draw Format: Single Elimination

Match Formats: 2 of 3 sets **OR** 2 of 3 sets with a 10pt Match tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set

Registration Fee: Maximum Entry fee is \$50 for Singles & \$25 for Doubles

Dates:

(*denotes L1A distinction, ^denotes downstate only)

January 6–8	April 7-9	July 21-July 23	October 6-9
January 14-16*	April 29-May 1*^	August 11-13	October 13-15*
February 10-12*	May 26-29	August 18-20	November 10-12
February 17–19	June 2-4/9-11*	August 25-27	November 17-19
February 24–26*	June 23- 25	September 8-10	November 24-26*
March 10–12	June 30-July 2	September 16-18*^	December 8-10
			December 26-30

L1B Challengers: Intermediate tournament play open to all USTA members

Draw Size: Open Singles Draws

Draw Format: Single Elimination

Match Formats: 2 of 3 sets **OR** 2 of 3 sets with a 10pt Match tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set

Registration Fee: Maximum Entry fee is \$50 for Singles & \$25 for Doubles

L1B events may be scheduled during any week on the calendar.

L2 Opens: Intermediate events open to either ALL USTA members.

Draw Size: Open Singles Draws + Doubles Option

Draw/Match Formats: **BG 12's will utilize a Short Set format:** the 1st player/team to wins 4 games by a margin of 2 games, with a 7pt tiebreak at 4-all) **and include a consolation match providing each participant with at least a two matches. BG14-18's may run full set (6-game) format, and may include either a Consolation Match or Doubles option for all players.**

Registration Fee: Maximum Entry fee is \$50 for Singles & \$25 for Doubles

L2 events may be scheduled during any week on the calendar.

L3 UPS: Unranked, non-elimination events for entry level players. Round Robin, Compass Draws and timed match formats are allowed. Please contact the tournament director to find out more information about the specific L3 you are interested in playing. Trophies for winners and finalists awarded and winners names are listed on the L3 Honor Roll on our website. The maximum entry fee for L3 events is \$40 and they ***may be scheduled during any week on the calendar.***



2017 Calendar View

Super Six & L1A
Empire Cup Doubles
L1/L1A Championships
Sweet 16 & L1A

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