

**The ALTA Junior Leagues City Finals
Re-Imagined for Fall 2020
Saturday, Nov. 7 & Saturday, Nov. 14**

Due to the ongoing possibility of the spread and transmission of COVID-19 at large group gatherings, **the Fall 2020 ALTA Junior Leagues City finals will be played at home/away facilities instead of a central location.** All government and CDC regulations in place at match time MUST be followed. All Facility social distancing rules MUST be followed. All ALTA Junior Leagues Covid-19 Recommendations/Guidelines must be followed. In keeping with acts of good sportsmanship and fair play, it is recommended that any facility restrictions imposed upon the visiting teams be followed by the home teams as well.

Match Schedules:

Saturday, November 7	18U	15U	12U	10U
Junior Boys	A1, B1	B1, C1		
Junior Girls	A1	B1, C1, C3, C4	C3	
Saturday, November 14				
Junior Boys		C3, C4	C3, C5	C5
Junior Girls	B1		C5	C5

1. Start times will be **1:30** p.m. for girls (or at the conclusion of an ALTA Men's Playoff Match) and **3:30** p.m. for boys. **The city finals dual match may be played earlier in the day with agreement from both team managers and approval from your coordinator.** Matches rained out are scheduled for the next day at 1:30 for the girls and 3:30 for the boys.
2. If the home team cannot provide courts, the visiting team will have the opportunity to provide courts. If the visitor does not have courts, it reverts back to the home team to schedule the city finals match at ALTA approved courts in their area.
3. In the Fall season, all Boys teams must have lights to host a city final match.
4. City final lineups must be approved by a coordinator.
5. Teams should gather near their assigned courts. The coordinator will address the entire team and spectators regarding City Finals rules and procedures.
6. ALTA supplies balls for all City Finals matches.

7. **If four courts are available to start the match all 4 positions will be played at once. If two courts are used for the match, the order of play will be 2 Singles and 2 Doubles followed by 1 Singles and 1 Doubles.**
8. If the score is tied when all matches are completed, the **last position to complete their match** remains on the court to play a 7-point tie-break to determine the winner of the City Finals match. The coordinator will explain the tie-break once and leave the court.
9. No clapping, cheering, coaching or signals will be permitted at City Finals.
10. No alcohol is permitted at ALTA junior league matches.
11. The coordinator will present both teams with awards
12. Please remove trash and clear your area before leaving the facility.

JUNIOR PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

SEEDING FOR PLAYOFFS:

Levels/Flights with One Division – Draw of 4 Teams

The top four teams are seeded for the Playoffs, with the first place team playing the fourth place team and the second place team playing the third place team. The first and second place teams would be the home teams.

Levels/Flights with Two Divisions – Draw of 4 Teams

The first place team from Division 1 plays the second place team from Division 2; the first place team from Division 2 plays the second place team from Division 1; the first place teams are the home teams.

Levels/Flights with Three Divisions – Draw of 8 Teams

All first place teams and second place teams are in the Playoffs; the two third place teams with the highest percentages are also in the Playoffs.

Levels/Flights with Four Divisions – Draw of 8 Teams

All first place and second place teams are in the Playoffs.

Levels/Flights with Five Divisions – Draw of 8 Teams

All five first place teams are in the Playoffs, as are the three second place teams with the highest percentages.

Levels/Flights with Six Divisions – Draw of 8 Teams

All six first place teams are in the Playoffs, as are the two second place teams with the highest percentages.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. Ties of division winners have precedence over second place teams.
2. Ties of second place teams have precedence over other second place teams with lower percentages.
3. If teams are tied for first, second or third place, the winner of their regular season head-to-head match is the winner.
4. If teams are tied in the seeding, but were not in the same division, then the least number of points scored against them determines the winner. A level that has 1 division of four teams and a tie in seeding and one win each in head to head season play will be determined by the least number of points scored against each team.
5. All boys' teams with home matches must have lighted courts to host the playoffs in case of darkness. If the facility does not have lights, the visiting team then becomes the home team if its courts have lights. If neither has lights, the original home team must then provide an alternate location with lights within a reasonable distance. The alternate facility must be ALTA approved.

PLAYOFF RULES

1. Playoffs are held the Saturday for girls at 1:30 p.m. and boys at 3:30 p.m., after the last season match, and for levels/flights with more than 2 divisions, the following week as well.
2. **If it rains on the Saturday of a scheduled playoff match, the match should be completed by the following Tuesday for girls and boys.** If it is raining on Tuesday, the match will be scheduled for the next day.
3. The match may be played before Tuesday if both managers agree and ***if the Coordinator is notified.***
4. The order of play is the same as a regular season match. If a tie exists after all four positions have been played, the last players to finish their match return to the court and play a 7-point tie-break to determine the winner of the dual meet.
5. Four courts may be used if agreed upon by both managers and ***if the Coordinator is notified.***
6. Line-ups ***must be approved by the Coordinator*** before all Playoff matches and City Finals. They may not be "creative" – line-ups must be consistent with those used during the regular season, except in cases of loss or absence of a player. A good rule of thumb is to play team members in several different positions during the season (always using player movement rules) to avoid locking players into a specific position. This will give you more flexibility in Playoff line-ups.

7. The home team furnishes the refreshments and provides all balls. The balls must be unopened cans of USTA-approved tennis balls. Exception: U10 uses the orange low compression balls.
8. No cheering or clapping is allowed at City Finals. We encourage the same for Playoffs.
9. Players should take everything they need for the match onto the court with them. No communication is permitted between the players and spectators during the match, with the exception of both team managers explaining the 7-point tie-break and then leaving the court, if a tie-break is necessary.
10. A strict 10-minute warm-up should be enforced.
11. No one may leave the court except in case of an emergency. (Please use common sense.)
12. Players should be reminded to call the score loudly and clearly after each point and to move the score-markers after each game to avoid misunderstandings.
13. All individual matches must be finished even if the outcome of the dual meet has been determined.
14. A scorecard from each captain must be filled out, signed by both managers and *immediately* entered into the computer online. The opposing team must confirm the scores.