

2026 JTT LEVEL OF PLAY CRITERIA

USTA North Carolina strives for fair competition. Our primary goal is to preserve the integrity of the Beginner division by ensuring players who have clearly progressed beyond entry-level skills are placed appropriately.

Player placement involves multiple variables and is governed by the mandatory rules and placement criteria outlined in this document. Coaches and managers are responsible for verifying player eligibility before registration. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of the player(s) and/or team by the Local League Coordinator or USTA North Carolina staff.

Coaches or managers who are unsure about a player's or team's placement must contact their Local League Coordinator before the registration deadline.

Category	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited tennis experience. Learning the basic rules. Developing coordination while hitting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participates regularly in clinics to develop technical skills, speed, accuracy, and pace. May play in a low position on a varsity high school team Participates and wins matches in entry-level tournaments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trains technically & tactically. Regularly competes in L6 or higher tournaments. May play in a high position on a varsity high school team. Has a National Standing
Technique	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inconsistent strokes. Slower, inconsistent serve. Basic grips & swing shapes. Volleys & overheads are unformed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More consistent strokes with spin and pace development. Reliable serve. Strengthening and using volleys/overheads in play. Improving directional control to run basic patterns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent strokes with spin, pace, and placement. Serve variety (flat, kick, slice). Can hit specialty shots: half volleys, lobs, approach shots and drop shots.
Match Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short rallies, often blocking or pushing the ball. Needs help with scoring & match formats. Focus is on contact and having fun. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses full strokes when running for a ball. Long rallies; compete with more strategy and control. Moves well to track down difficult shots. Reliable player at the net during doubles play. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constructs points intentionally, forces errors. Maintains consistency under pressure. Adapts strategy mid-match. Minimizes errors and capitalizes on opportunities. Confident at net and in all court areas. Recovers quickly.

Mandatory Placement Rules

Purpose: Ensure players who have progressed beyond Beginner level are not placed in a division below their skill, preserving fair competition.

The following requirements must be followed unless an exception is approved by the LLC:

1. Once a player competes in the Intermediate or Advanced division, they may not return to the Beginner division without LLC approval.
2. A player with a fully verified or high-confidence rating under any recognized rating system may not play in the Beginner division without LLC approval.
3. Teams that include a mix of Beginner and Intermediate players, or Intermediate and Advanced players, should be placed based where the majority of players fall. Coaches must contact their LLC for placement guidance prior to registration.
 - Examples:
 - If most players meet Intermediate criteria, the team must be placed in the Intermediate division.
 - If most players meet Advanced criteria, the team must be placed in the Advanced division.
 - If roster composition is evenly split or unclear, LLC guidance is required before placement.
4. **Intermediate Ranking Criteria (No Exceptions)**
 - Players with 30 or more ranking points must play Intermediate in any age group on the Combined National Standings List as of:
 - January 8, 2026 (Spring), July 29, 2026 (Fall)

5. **Advanced Ranking Criteria (No Exceptions)**

- Players with a National standing in the ranges below as of January 8, 2026, must play in the Advanced division:
 - **12U:** 1–650, Must play Advanced in 12U or 14U, or play 18U Intermediate or Advanced
 - **14U:** 1–1500, Must play Advanced in the 14U or 18U age group
 - **18U:** 1–1500, Must play Advanced in the 18U age group
- Use the provided standings list or use the USTA player search tool to verify rankings. TennisLink will not prevent an ineligible player from registering based on ranking alone.

Additional Placement Criteria for Intermediate or Advanced Divisions

Purpose: Support coach judgment by identifying factors to consider when determining the most appropriate division for players and teams. These factors shape placement decisions. While none automatically disqualifies a player from a division on its own, any of them may indicate that placement in a higher division is more appropriate.

1. A player who had strong results in the Beginner division in previous seasons and/or competed at a State Championship.
2. A player who has made the roster of a school tennis team.

Note: Some schools have no-cut policies or broad participation, so this factor alone does not always indicate Intermediate-level ability.

GIRLS 12s				
NC	STA	NAT	NAME	TOT
1	1	6	DUPERE, Lucy	11498
2	4	11	NOEL, Mikayla	9240
3	6	37	DAVIS, Clarion	5812
4	7	43	HIGGINS, Elizabeth	5116
5	9	48	DAVIS, Casey	5052
6	13	60	READ, Sunny	4364
7	18	104	JIKURI, Elizabeth	3147
8	19	119	GOODE, Grace	2905
9	22	137	SHEEHY, Lily	2589
10	23	138	ALEXANDER, Dargan	2546
11	26	152	RAWAT, Aarna	2411
12	29	192	AUTRY, Gabriella	2018
13	32	204	BILLINGS, Savannah	1916
14	33	208	HONG, Angela	1887
15	35	217	VILLAVICENCIO, Aurora	1834
16	39	253	KOSOSKI, Sofia	1682
17	41	268	IE, Chelsea	1599
18	45	298	PREZENCHUK, Sophia	1459
19	59	362	SUJAY, Aanya	1152
20	62	394	SUNGUROV, Kenna	1071
21	66	409	OLIMANI, Amisha	1034
22	74	452	MCIVER, Vivian	939
23	77	476	GOWTHAMAN, Lasya	876
24	80	492	PENNELL, Bryce	837
25	81	501	HAYNES, Olivia	823
26	86	535	JAWED, Sana	778
27	88	553	REDDIC, Anmarie	745
28	89	555	OLIMANI, Anisha	739
29	90	557	PARK, Ella	737
30	96	596	CHEN, Emily	706
31	98	606	VOLODKO, Karina	697
32	100	608	JANOVICH, Claire	694
33	102	614	SHEEHY, Grace	688
34	103	620	FIERRO, Kayla	678
35	110	665	SRIVASTAVA, Aahana	635
36	111	673	GANESH, Siya	627
37	116	699	WARREN, Cam	599
38	118	710	FRIEDMAN, Rose	587
39	119	716	MILAS, Gabi	583
40	122	722	WHITE, Laurin	577
41	123	724	KVASHCHENKO, Vasilisa	576
42	125	738	FELDER, Gianna	565
43	133	775	DAVIS, Camille	547
44	137	808	XIA, Alice	519
45	146	840	VAN, Emily	497
46	149	865	MCNAMARA, Smith	485
47	153	876	HIRA, Amaya	477
48	155	900	ALLEN, Lillian	462
49	166	955	BARNHILL, Charlotte	434
50	174	1015	THIRUGNANAM, LAKSHITHA	405

GIRLS 14s				
NC	STA	NAT	NAME	TOT
1	3	15	NOEL, Kyndall	8613
2	7	43	DUPERE, Lucy	6084
3	8	68	THIRUGNANAM, Harshitha	4665
4	13	103	COX, Caroline	3833
5	24	185	CHEATWOOD, Lila	2601
6	25	189	SLAYDON, Mycah	2583
7	29	220	NOEL, Mikayla	2280
8	35	260	GORHAM, Nala	1899
9	36	266	STOHL, Elizabeth	1876
10	39	282	SCANLON, Collins	1791
11	43	297	GOVIND, Ayana	1762
12	61	398	HIGGINS, Elizabeth	1414
13	65	416	VAN, Katie	1364
14	67	444	DAVIS, Clarion	1300
15	68	446	READ, Sunny	1299
16	69	450	PREZENCHUK, Madelyn	1286
17	83	548	XIA, Chelsea	1088
18	84	549	SPROUSE, Ashlynn	1077
19	85	552	DAVIS, Casey	1074
20	89	581	RAWAT, Aarna	1012
21	92	598	GLUCK, Reese	980
22	93	601	CERMINARA, Caroline	976
23	101	655	PENNELL, Geri	914
24	102	665	GUYOT, Alice	908
25	105	700	SMITH, Eliza	872
26	106	708	JIKURI, Elizabeth	866
27	107	712	RIEGO, Danica	861
28	115	773	IE, Chelsea	776
29	119	814	GOODE, Grace	727
30	121	821	GLOER, Sophia	723
31	122	822	MCMILLIAN, Selonia	722
32	126	848	DICKSON, Leah	699
33	127	853	DIMITROV, Alexandra	693
34	130	885	HAMEL, Paige	672
35	131	889	PREZENCHUK, Sophia	670
36	142	956	FIERRO, Kayla	623
37	143	963	KOSOSKI, Sofia	621
38	148	977	GANESH, Reeva	611
39	149	997	WANG, Rachel	594
40	152	1014	LANGONE, Mia	587
41	159	1046	KRANEC, Alexandra	574
42	160	1058	SHEEHY, Lily	568
43	161	1059	MAYOROVA, Anna	568
44	172	1119	VU, Johanna	543
45	173	1124	MORAGA, Victoria	541
46	176	1142	GOWTHAMAN, Lasya	532
47	185	1216	ALEXANDER, Dargan	509
48	190	1255	LE, Kenzie	494
49	207	1323	SUNGUROV, Kenna	469
50	210	1346	AHMAD, Sophia	459
51	213	1352	SHVETSOVA, Elizabeth	457
52	214	1354	SUJAY, Aanya	457
53	218	1372	PARKER, Elizabeth	451
54	219	1382	HONG, Angela	448
55	227	1445	STANFORD, Sonia	428
56	232	1486	KIRBY, MacKenzie	416
57	234	1496	LIU, Sophie	413
58	235	1499	MEDISSETTI, Nakshatra	412
59	242	1544	AUTRY, Gabriella	404
60	246	1551	KIRBY, Brynne	402

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NC	STA	NAT	NAME	TOT
1	3	19	RENNARD, Catherine	7105
2	11	110	YOUNG, Danielle	4008
3	12	114	MANN, Victoria	3934
4	21	160	GILROY, Devin	3222
5	23	197	SLOVAK, Gabriella	2811
6	29	238	DELGADO, Sarah	2515
7	33	252	SONNEFELD, Linden	2433
8	38	312	DEWEY, Alexandra	2079
9	58	435	POLASEK, Heidi	1613
10	61	457	REILLY, Teagan	1542
11	62	466	VILLAGOMEZ, Ayla	1520
12	74	515	BUI, Pauline	1381
13	76	524	SICA, Audrey	1355
14	77	530	HARRIS, Sophia	1350
15	85	587	CHANDOK, Sehar	1237
16	91	614	MCDOWELL, Adeline	1183
17	93	623	KUMAR, Mala	1167
18	101	697	CHAVARRIA, Camila	1032
19	106	716	BOYKINS, Alyese	994
20	108	723	LEWIS, Ava	986
21	110	735	PETROCELLI, Sydney	970
22	113	769	WHITE, Emerson	922
23	114	780	HANES, Ryan	901
24	119	825	FU, Kairrie	860
25	123	860	STEWART, Brianna	813
26	124	862	COX, Caroline	812
27	135	914	PRANNYK, Justyna	771
28	136	922	SOMOANO, Gabriela	763
29	138	931	EDWARDS, Lily	750
30	145	979	JOHNSON, Valerie	703
31	150	1028	SMITH, BRAELYN	661
32	152	1031	BENNINGTON, Emily	658
33	165	1114	BARNHILL, Rankin	590
34	172	1156	DUKOWICZ, Ellie	570
35	176	1191	CONTRACTOR, Aesha	552
36	180	1213	MATEUS, Gabriela	541
37	185	1238	BENTON, Samantha	527
38	188	1261	KORJOVA, Sasha	513
39	192	1272	EULER, Lucy	510
40	196	1297	OWENBY, Lark	493
41	200	1309	MARGULIES, CARSON	487
42	204	1340	WALDO, Campbell	473
43	213	1409	NEVES, Lucia	445
44	214	1435	GORHAM, Johari	434
45	215	1447	ROY, Sachi	430
46	219	1471	TERRELL, Reese	422
47	220	1496	DAVIS, Celeste	413
48	223	1522	LAVIGNE, Lina	403
49	234	1620	GUYOT, Diane	367
50	240	1698	XIA, Haining	344
51	246	1727	DYSART, Camryn	334
52	247	1729	ANN, ZANNAH	333
53	248	1732	THIRUGNANAM, Harshitha	333
54	253	1817	RANKIN, Dahlia	313
55	256	1833	BILLINGS, Eloise	308
56	257	1841	LU, Isabelle	306
57	258	1851	YANG, Tanya	304
58	269	1917	HUGHLEY, Leigh	287
59	272	1942	UNIYAL, Shreya	280
60	282	1996	WORTHAM, Cohlsan	269

BOYS 12s				
NC	STA	NAT	NAME	TOT
1	2	13	BENEDICT, David	8973
2	4	21	RUBANENKO, Joshua	6489
3	9	52	RUBANENKO, Isaac	4447
4	10	68	BENEDICT, John	3610
5	11	70	ENACHI, Mark	3527
6	13	120	TAYLOR, Patrick	2459
7	16	126	PAJIC, Boris	2394
8	17	127	ILUT, Eric	2384
9	20	139	SHOWER, Kaden	2259
10	21	145	BROOKS, Peyton	2196
11	28	187	YAN, Ryan	1866
12	30	196	GUDIMA, Brian	1818
13	36	219	BURNETT, James	1684
14	38	232	PACHECO, Felipe	1604
15	51	349	SHARMA, RONIT	1114
16	53	374	XIONSCHEVICI, Alexandru	1013
17	55	391	LIU, Liam	986
18	60	408	THOMAS, Logan	948
19	69	446	XU, Anderson	879
20	74	468	MANE, Aaradhy	843
21	75	472	WU, Aaron	837
22	85	522	PHAIR, Camden	759
23	86	535	BASU, Shreyan	742
24	98	598	LOPEZ, Knox	668
25	100	606	LIU, Lucas	664
26	101	609	ANDREWS, Zeke	663
27	105	622	FALCON, Maximiliano	653
28	111	638	PAUL, AIDEN	641
29	116	666	SINGH, Aveer	618
30	118	674	STEPHENS, Alexander	613
31	120	681	PRICE, Ansel	604
32	123	691	WU, Ethan	596
33	124	705	ARUNKUMAR, Rishi	588
34	125	707	OKOGBENIN, Benjamin	587
35	133	745	REDDY, Varshith	571
36	140	776	SHEFER, Omer	549
37	146	876	EFREMOFF, Remy	488
38	153	915	MOORE, Brady	470
39	156	931	CHIDAMBARANATHAN, Nivan	464
40	161	975	CAI, Titus	453
41	162	979	INGOLD, Christian	452
42	164	990	BUTENKO, Daniel	447
43	173	1091	LIU, Anthony	411
44	176	1111	BARNARD, Charles	406
45	181	1150	JOHNSON, Theo	393
46	185	1177	RATCHFORD, William	385
47	191	1209	LI, Autus	380
48	192	1217	PARVITHINA, Arya	378
49	195	1228	SLAYDON, Simeon	375
50	202	1254	VENEGAS, Lucas	369

BOYS 14s				
NC	STA	NAT	NAME	TOT
1	3	27	ALEXANDER, Ambrose	5673
2	5	39	CARPENTER, Charles	4911
3	10	79	WILLIAMS, Blount	3436
4	14	95	HUITT, Carlton	3136
5	16	106	PHILLIPS, James	3021
6	19	138	LI, Evan	2656
7	28	212	BENEDICT, David	1991
8	32	247	DAVIS, Andrew	1803
9	33	264	PANT, Ayushman	1742
10	36	291	WEBSTER, Daniel	1620
11	37	295	HU, Aiden	1605
12	43	335	READ, Forrest	1476
13	49	381	RUBANENKO, Joshua	1347
14	50	386	AUGENSTEIN, Edward	1335
15	54	429	ALBOUYEH, Sam	1220
16	56	443	WANG, Austin	1193
17	59	451	CYRUS, Ethan	1170
18	66	487	YE, Jack	1089
19	68	508	RUBANENKO, Isaac	1049
20	69	516	GOODMON, Watts	1038
21	83	601	PATIL, Arth	925
22	84	615	ROTTCHER, Oliver	902
23	85	632	BRADFORD, William	886
24	95	704	CAI, Paul	805
25	99	738	ACEVEDO, Ticiano	770
26	104	793	JUNG, Joshua	728
27	105	798	VISHWANATH, Prahalad	724
28	106	801	BENEDICT, John	722
29	108	810	TEMPLETON, Amos	717
30	110	821	XU, Emerson	708
31	112	826	ENACHI, Mark	706
32	119	855	WZOREK, Santiago	686
33	122	871	BERTOSSI, John	677
34	124	885	YE, Nathan	672
35	126	910	HARDWICK, Mason	658
36	138	984	KEMP, Patrick	616
37	144	1039	LONG, Grant	594
38	145	1043	JANOVICH, Jack	592
39	147	1053	TATI, Akshaj	585
40	149	1062	RAMASAMY, Jake	578
41	154	1077	SANKAR, Advait	573
42	156	1097	KASARLA, Sidharth	567
43	159	1105	PHAIR, Cayden	564
44	161	1116	SRIDHAR, Rishab	561
45	163	1132	BEECHLER, Cash	554
46	166	1151	BHATI, Aarav	546
47	177	1223	ILUT, Eric	517
48	181	1243	TAYLOR, Patrick	510
49	197	1317	GUDIMA, Brian	484
50	201	1330	PAJIC, Boris	480
51	202	1342	MCGLOWN, Isaac	475
52	214	1431	SHOWER, Kaden	455
53	216	1452	SANTHOSH, Sreegan	447
54	217	1463	ROSS, Nixon	445
55	220	1480	DONG, David	441
56	221	1481	PUNJABI, Aditya	441
57	224	1498	BROOKS, Peyton	439
58	235	1587	BURNETT, James	419
59	242	1640	DAVID, John	408
60	245	1661	YAN, Ryan	404

BOYS 18s				
NC	STA	NAT	NAME	TOT
1	3	19	GOODE, Gavin	6931
2	5	45	GUPTE, Saahil	5336
3	11	84	DRY, Anthony	4487
4	15	108	YI, Muyang	3987
5	16	131	MAZUR, Sebastian	3653
6	22	159	LOPEZ, Rafael	3266
7	23	172	FERREIRA, Reid	3124
8	29	225	LEWIS, Isaac	2581
9	36	312	LEE, Joseph	2004
10	37	324	FEKETE, Matthew	1953
11	39	329	SEREKEBERHAN, Yoel	1928
12	44	362	PRESSER, Sammy	1803
13	46	372	CORCORAN, Ryan	1758
14	47	376	CERMINARA, Colin	1729
15	48	377	NARBUT, Oliver	1722
16	53	401	CHEN, Robert	1658
17	57	428	WATSON, Mark	1569
18	58	430	GOODE, Griffin	1563
19	62	447	DUKOWICZ, Max	1528
20	74	516	BAO, Brandon	1353
21	87	583	GIPNER, Ryan	1230
22	90	600	TOTH, David	1185
23	91	603	PERSINGER, Justin	1183
24	93	610	KLEPPINGER, Grant	1166
25	94	612	AKULA, Shaw	1164
26	98	626	WOLF, Johnny	1144
27	100	653	GLICKSTEIN, Harrison	1092
28	101	658	GOODWIN, William	1079
29	103	704	BHALLA, Romir	1011
30	110	767	SHARMA, Rishit	927
31	120	810	NAIN, Yash	876
32	121	813	CARLOS, Alphonso	875
33	124	822	AGAFONOV, MARK	867
34	126	843	BARROW, James	846
35	135	921	RIELY, Connor	777
36	139	961	O'BRIEN, James	751
37	149	1022	PREMANAND, Trishiv	703
38	150	1027	SHUTE, Derek	697
39	161	1087	HERNANDEZ, Joaquin	653
40	166	1139	KIRBY, Jack	624
41	169	1155	LVOVICH, Daniel	615
42	173	1191	FEKETE, Mason	593
43	179	1233	WARD, Townsend	568
44	185	1278	ROSS, Bryant	548
45	190	1311	ALBION, James	531
46	192	1324	HU, Ethan	525
47	194	1328	CHAPMAN, Ruffin	522
48	212	1475	VIJAY, Smyan	465
49	228	1536	QUICK, Hudson	445
50	231	1546	PLYLER, Zach	442
51	233	1557	POWERS, Graham	439
52	235	1571	DUA, Siddhant	435
53	239	1593	GRATHWOHL, Jackson	429
54	248	1629	DHEEKONDA, Sairaja	419
55	269	1706	ALEXANDER, Blick	395
56	277	1746	SMITH, Austin	386
57	279	1748	JOHANSSON, Maddux	386
58	281	1760	MILLER, Aiden	383
59	287	1796	ILUT, David	373
60	294	1856	COOPER, Sean	362