

IMPORTANT JUNIOR TOURNAMENT TERMS

Standing List - This is a list where a junior player is placed on it according to results in tournament play. It is published bi-weekly online. It fluctuates depending on tournament results. Players receive points for winning rounds in tournaments. The point amount increases with each round won. The point totals determine position. It is based on tournament play in one or more age categories.

Looking up a juniors position on the Standing List.

> Go to usta.com

Click on TennisLink

Click on Tournaments

Under Find A Ranking click on Rankings Advanced Search

Under the National/Section/District scroll to either Midwest or Midwest-S.E.Michigan

List type -click on Standing List (put in the year before you click)

SEMTA - Scroll Midwest-S.E.Michigan

MIDWEST SECTION - Scroll only Midwest (It gives the Midwest standing list)

Ranking List - This is a list that is published once a year. It usually comes out by March. It is based on tournament play from January 1st - to December 31st. Players must play a set minimum number of tournaments and have wins in some of these tournaments. It based on play in one age category. There may be rankings in singles and doubles.

USTA Point Penalty System - The USTA officials may give out penalty points for poor sportsmanship or rules violations in junior tournaments. If a player receives too many points they may be suspended from USTA tournament play. Points may be given for pulling out of a junior tournament.

Essential Items Every Junior Must Take To A Tournament

1. Water/sports drink in hot weather (mix 50%)
2. Towel/change of clothing/hat
3. Extra racket - you can not leave the court to get one!
4. First aid ape (for a blister)
5. Shoe strings - what if you break one?
6. Little cooler with ice, energy bars, dates, bananas and pretzels (salt).
7. Directions to and telephone number of the tournament site (show up 30 minutes early!)
8. Little folding chair/ hand held water fan (hot weather treat on change-overs)
9. Foam ball to hit off a wall while you wait for the match to start.
10. Tennis balls

Note: Juniors should assemble their own bag and carry it at the tournament site.