

## **Junior Team Tennis**

Teams compete against one another, and the total games won determines which team is the victor. All games are “coached” which means that a coach can come on the court during the change over and talk to the players. This is the only format that allows coaching during match play, and is quite beneficial. One or two players can lose a game against another team, and still win!

Most everyone who participates in team tennis will tell you that it is a FUN and GREAT experience.

The next Junior Team Tennis League will be held in the spring of 2007. As of in the fall, there will be a 14 and under “intermediate” league. We would like to put together a 12 and under “advanced” league, and possibly a 14 and under advanced league.

### **Intermediate league:**

2 singles  
2 doubles

6 people are required to play a team match. The team may consist of girls and boys. There is no requirement for boys to only play boys, and girls to only play girls in the intermediate division. It is best to have at least 8 –10 people on a team in case some people cannot make it for a match.

An intermediate player would not have a year-end ranking in the top 200 in any age division (top 50 in the 10 and under division). These players usually don’t play sanctioned SCTA tournaments and may only be playing NJTL tournaments.

### **Advanced League:**

2 boys singles  
2 girls singles  
1 mixed doubles match

6 players are required to play a team match (3 boys and 3 girls per match). Boys must play against boys and girls against girls in the singles matches. It is best to have at least 8 –10 people on a team with equal number of boys and girls in case some people cannot make it for a match.

If a player has a year-end ranking in the top 200 in any age division (top 50 in the 10 and under division), they would be considered an “advanced” player.

## Age Eligibility

12 & under    Must not turn 13 before 12/15/07  
14 & under    Must not turn 15 before 12/15/07  
18 & under    Must not turn 19 before 12/15/07

## Coaches

Parents are the key to the leagues success. Most tennis coaches in the valley are too busy with their tennis programs to spend more time during a weekend to coach team tennis matches. It is very easy to be a parent-coach, as the only requirements are organizing the team, and putting a line-up together. The teams that get into the “team spirit” usually have the most fun. If you would like to help out and be a parent-coach, or would like to get your child involved, please send a message to [bob.cummins@psptennis.com](mailto:bob.cummins@psptennis.com).



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