

## **2020 USTA So Cal Endorsement Requirements for USTA Junior National Tournaments**

USTA So Cal must select (endorse) players to attend USTA National Championship events, USTA Intersectional Team Championships, and USTA Zone Team Championships. Only the top ranked players in their divisions are eligible to play in the USTA National Championships, USTA Intersectional Team Championships, and USTA Zone Team Championships. To be considered for placement on the USTA So Cal endorsement list to possibly compete in one of these tournaments, a player must meet the general endorsement policies and the endorsement requirements.

### **USTA So Cal Endorsement Process**

Once a player has met the tournament requirements for endorsement, he or she must make sure that he/she have met the General Policy and Procedure for Endorsement, which includes having a copy of their birth certificate on file with USTA So Cal. USTA So Cal will post the entire USTA So Cal Endorsement List on the Southern California ranking page. If you do not notice your name on the list and you feel you have met the requirements, please contact the USTA So Cal office immediately. It is not the responsibility of the Sectional Endorser to contact players to remind them about deadline dates for tournament entry applications.

### **General Policy and Procedure for Endorsement**

1. Personal behavior and good sportsmanship shall be important factors for endorsement. Players who have exhibited a pattern of poor sportsmanship on or off the court may be refused endorsement.
2. To be eligible for placement on the USTA So Cal standings list, a player must satisfy the following 2 sets of criteria: 1) be age eligible for that division and 2) played to completion in at least 1 USTA So Cal sanctioned tournament in the past 12 months in that age division. This tournament must be a tournament that is held in the Southern California section. Players will receive credit for endorsement in the division in which they participated in, as well as all lower age divisions in which they are eligible for placement on the USTA So Cal standings list.
3. To be eligible for endorsement, a player must have a current USTA membership number on file with USTA So Cal, as well as a copy of the player's birth certificate.
4. Only those juniors who "permanently" reside within the geographical area of the Southern California Tennis Association and who, in addition, must be American Citizens or Resident Aliens in possession of a valid Alien Registration Card, may apply for USTA So Cal endorsement. In order to be classified as a "permanent" resident, a player's parent or legal guardian must legally reside in Southern California. The Sectional Endorsement Committee reserves the right to ask any player, parent or legal guardian to furnish proof of residence, even though the junior may be holding a valid USTA card with USTA So Cal designation.
5. Juniors who represent another country in any ITF junior team championship will NOT be eligible to participate in the USTA So Cal Sectional Championships, USTA Zone Team Championships, USTA National Championship tournaments or any other USTA event requiring USTA So Cal endorsement in the calendar year in which they represented the foreign country, as well as the following calendar year. If a player wishes to challenge this rule, the player may appeal to the USTA So Cal Junior Competition Committee. If the appeal is unsuccessful, the player may follow the steps outlined under USTA Reinstatement of Eligibility listed in the USTA Friend At Court publication.
6. The USTA no longer publishes a National Junior Schedule booklet. Please see <https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/pdfs/2020%20National%20Junior%20Tournament%20Schedule.pdf> for the 2020 USTA National Junior Tournament Schedule
7. The USTA So Cal Junior Competition Committee reserves the right to change endorsement requirements at any time.

## 2020 Endorsement Requirements

In 2020, the current USTA So Cal standings lists will be used to formulate the order on each endorsement list, there is no tournament participation requirement. Each standings list date is published below. The following tournaments will require USTA So Cal endorsement in order to participate in:

- USTA National Clay Court Championships (USTA Level 1 ranking, July 12-18/19). USTA So Cal will use the standings list published the week of June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- USTA Zone Team Championships (USTA Level 2 team ranking, July 30-August 3). USTA So Cal will use the standings list published the week of June 8<sup>th</sup>. (Note: CTC results WILL BE included for Zonals selection)
- The USTA National Championships (USTA Level 1 ranking, August 7/8/9-15/16). USTA So Cal will use the standings list published the week of July 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The USTA National Indoor Championships (USTA Level 1 ranking, November 27-30). USTA So Cal will use the standings list published the week of October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- USTA National Winter Championships (USTA Level 1 ranking, December 28-January 3). USTA So Cal will use the standings list published the week of November 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Selection for the USTA Intersectional/ National Team Championships will be determined using the 2020 USTA So Cal Junior Team Selection Process (see below)

The USTA So Cal Junior Competition Committee reserves the right to change the endorsement standings lists dates at any time for a cogent reason.

### 2020 USTA Intersectional/National Team Selection Process

#### July 5-9                      BG14 USTA Intersectional Team Championships – Auburn, AL (4 BG14s)

1. Winner Henry Talbert 14s
2. Winner Fullerton 14s
3. Winner Woody Hunt 14s
4. USTA So Cal/Committee Selection

#### July 5-9                      BG16 USTA Intersectional Team Championships – Shreveport, LA (4 BG16s)

1. Winner Henry Talbert 16s
2. Winner Fullerton 16s
3. Winner of Woody Hunt 16s
4. USTA So Cal/Committee Selection

#### August 1-4                      B18 USTA National Team Championships – Chattanooga, TN (7 B18s)

#### August 2-5                      G18 USTA National Team Championships – Claremont, CA (7 G18s)

1. Winner of Henry Talbert 18s
2. Winner of Fullerton 18s
3. Winner of Woody Hunt 18s
4. Winner of Jr. Sectionals 18s
5. Finalists of Jr. Sectionals 18s
6. USTA So Cal/Committee Selection
7. USTA So Cal/Committee Selection

\*Any Duplicates/Non-Acceptances of earned bid reverts to a USTA So Cal /Committee Selection Spot\*

**USTA So Cal has the right to rescind any automatic spots due to excessive suspension points, sportsmanship & grievance issues, or past issues at team events.**