**The Sombathy Tennis Academy**

**Junior Team Tennis Information (JTT)**

What is Junior Team Tennis?

Junior Team Tennis (JTT) is a USTA program of team tennis competition that takes place two seasons a year (Fall, Spring ). It is a co-ed team format where one team competes in a season long schedule against other teams in the same division for the right to advance to city and state championships.

Who can play?

 Any junior player

When are the matches?

 Most of the divisions will compete on Sundays during the regular season.

* Regular Spring season will be select Sundays from late August through November
* The exact schedule for each team will be known by the middle of August
* Teams typically play between 6-7 competitions in the schedule
* Sectionals (State Championship) for those teams that win the Austin division and advance will be in late November or early December

Who has JTT Teams?

Many of the country clubs and private tennis institutions have JTT teams. The Sombathy Tennis Academy is proud to have had over 80 players in last Spring’s JTT season including 24 teams that have placed in the state championships over the past 12 years.

What is the format of play?

Matches against other teams typically take between 2 and 2 ½ hours They consist of 4 official lines of singles and two lines of doubles.

Players will sometimes play singles, sometimes doubles and sometimes both. I will always make sure that players who are on time will get to play at least once against an opponent.

Are there team practices?

If we can accommodate team practices we will schedule them but it is not guaranteed. Once our season gets going it is not easy to find times that fit all the players.

What are the possible teams a player can join with Sombathy Tennis Academy?

11 and Under Beginner Veterans (orange balls)

12 and Under Beginner Green Ball

12 and under yellow ball

12U Intermediate

14 and Under Beginner

14 and Under Intermediate

18 and Under Beginner

18 and Under Intermediate / Advanced

Coach Sombathy will have multiple teams in many of these divisions. Players will be assigned to teams based upon where he feels they are best suited.

How do I register?

Step 1: Text Coach Sombathy and notify him of your intention to play this season for his team. Deadline to send text: July 17 (if paying with the early bird discount) or August 1 (if paying full price) (PLEASE NOTE EVEN THOUGH THE DEADLINE IS IN AUGUST, EACH TEAM WILL BE CAPPED SO IT IS FIRST COME FIRST SERVE SO WE DO RECOMMEND COMPLETING YOUR REGISTRATION AS EARLY AS YOU CAN TO GUARANTY A SPOT ON ONE OF OUR TEAMS)

Step 2: Fill out his team registration form (found on the web site). Please do not leave any parts of the form blank. PLEASE NOTE: The registration form requires that you provide and CURRENT USTA number for the player (not the parent). This membership must be valid through May of this year

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Step 3: Submit payment via check, zelle, cash or Venmo

Early bird rate $200 if paid by July 17

Regular rate of $225 if by August 1

What is the coast and what do I get for it?

The cost for the fall season is $225 That includes the following

* USTA Tennis Link fee for JTT
* Balls
* Coaching fees for games
* Team T shirt
* All administrative functions such as score entries with USTA, team communication, schedule management and attendance at all required USTA/ JTT meetings

What is not included in the cost? Your USTA membership fee

PLEASE NOTE: Our schedule will not be given to us until right before matches begin We ask that all players notify me which Sundays they will NOT be available this fall. I realize things change and that is fine as we can bring in some substitutes but I want a general idea of who is good for which weeks. Please do not contact us in regards to “when the schedule will be out”. We will get it out to you as soon as USTA gives it to us.