

USTA NNMTA's 2017 Junior Varsity/Club Tennis League Presented in Partnership with the City of Albuquerque and in Collaboration with the NM Activities Association NOTE: This is not an official NMAA or APS Athletics Program.

The JV/HS Club Tennis League is a program conducted by USTA Northern New Mexico Tennis Association District for non-varsity players eligible to play at the high school level. Players must demonstrate that they play #9 or below on their high school varsity teams or are not eligible because of NMAA rules to play for their high school teams. APS players cannot be playing for their varsity team.

League Season and Schedule:

- **Practice** schedule will be set by the coach ONE minimum per week starting the week of February 19th.
- Match schedule to be provided on-line once school signups are complete. Matches shall begin on Wednesday, March 1st. There will be a bye the week of March 19th. Teams may also ask for a bye the first week by contacting the coordinator, Becky Lee at nnmtaprograms@gmail.com or at 505-280-2465.
- End of Season Tournament will be run by USTA NNMTA. The format will be 4 singles and 2 doubles. All tournament matches will be played on Saturday and Sunday, April 15&16, at the Albuquerque Academy, Jerry Cline, and other sites as needed.

Match Format (Boys' and Girls' Teams only - No Coed):

- 4 Singles and 2 Doubles **or** 6 and 3 if a school has sufficient players.
- 6-Game Pro Set, No-Ad Scoring, tiebreak at 6-6. If there is a tie in the 4S/2D format, go to the number of games, then go to a match tiebreak between the number one doubles teams.
- Score sheets are provided online at: http://www.nnmta.usta.com/Juniors/JVClubTennis/

<u>Coach/Coordinator Volunteer Criteria and Team Rosters (All coaches/club coordinators must meet their individual school's requirements to coach):</u>

- All coaches/coordinators must take the NMAA on-line Concussion Course available. There is no charge for the course. http://nfhslearn.com/courses/61037/concussion-in-sports
- APS Coaches have specific instructions with regard to establishing a School "Club" Team. Contact Becky Lee at nnmtaprograms@gmail.com for more information.
- All players must meet their individual school's requirements to play. Seniors and 8th grade students may play IF permitted by their schools and in attendance at the school. Physicals may be required.
- All players should be registered so coaches can enter scores in a timely manner.
- Additions to a JV/Club Team roster can be made throughout the season. However players must have played
 a minimum of two team matches to participate in the tournament. Schools not participating in the full season
 can participate in the tournament as long as teams and players have played a minimum of 2 team matches.
 Records of play must be submitted to Becky before the tournament.

League Fees:

- Coaches may set the fees necessary to cover the program fees and the cost of uniforms, balls, etc. Used balls and loaner racquets are available for teams. Uniforms are not required. USTA NNMTA does not get involved with individual team administration except for the required number of matches and the requirements set out above with regard to eligibility and registration.
- USTA NNMTA Fees are \$20/player, payable through TennisLink, the USTA's online registration system. Fees for teams outside the Albuquerque Metro area may be reduced. Fees cover registration, liability insurance, and league/tournament expenses. Player scholarships are available through NNMTA and the NM Youth Tennis Foundation. Contact Becky for more information.

Coaching Stipends:

Stipends will be offered to the JV coach/club coordinators (2/school - 1 for a boys' team/1 for a girls' team) through the NNMTA and the NM Youth Tennis Foundation. Forms (due at the end of the season) will be provided to participating coaches. Coaches paid by their schools are not eligible for stipends. Stipend amounts will vary depending on the number of JV participants in a program as well as meeting the program requirements to practice, play scheduled matches, administer team, and attend the season tournament.