



## Junior Tournament Level Explanation

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### MID-ATLANTIC

The MAS tournaments pathway begins with short duration tournaments, short match formats and low entry fees, and logically and incrementally progresses to longer competitions, longer match formats and corresponding reasonable increases in maximum recommended entry fees.

Level	Recommended Maximum Entry Fee <small>(before tennislink processing fees)</small>	Duration	Match Format	Draw Format
L8 Xpress/L8 Bash <small>(50 Participation Points) Recommended for entry level players playing first tournament</small>	\$35 <i>USTA Membership *not* Required</i>	<b>1/2 Day</b> (Example: BG16s play Sat. 12 to 4pm) <i>No sanctioning limitations.</i>	Timed Matches, SuperSets, Short-Sets, No-Ad Scoring, Fast4	Non-Elimination Draws: Round-Robin & Compass 3-Match Guarantee (Draws may be split into 2 Draws)
L7 <small>(165 Points) Recommended for entry level players with some competition experience</small>	\$45 <i>USTA Membership *not* Required</i>	<b>1-Day</b> (Example: BG18,14 play Sat.   BG 12,16 play Sun.)  <i>Sanctioning Guideline: 20 mile no-competition radius recommended.</i>	<i>Up to 3 Matches Per Day:</i> Best 2 of 3 Sets, Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd Set or 2 of 3 short sets, tiebreak in lieu of 3 <sup>rd</sup> set, 8 game pro-set, SuperSet matches to six tiebreak at 6-6. <i>Up to 4 Matches Per Day:</i> Best 2 of 3 Short Sets, Tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd Set, 8 game pro set, SuperSet matches to 6, Fast4 OR Timed Matches <i>Up to 5 Matches Per Day:</i> SuperSets, Fast4, Timed matches	<i>Outdoor Season</i> (mid-March thru October): Non-Elimination Recommended. 2-Match Guarantee Required (FIC, Compass, Round Robin) <hr/> <i>Indoor Season</i> (November thru mid-March): 2-Match Guarantee Recommended. (FIC, Compass, FMLC) [Draws may be split into 2 Draws.]

<p><b>L6</b> (220 Points) Recommended for Intermediate players with competition experience and success at L7</p>	<p>\$55</p>	<p><b>2-Day</b> (Ex1: BG18-12 play Sat&amp;Sun. Ex2: G18-12 play Fri&amp;Sat. / B18-12 play Sat&amp;Sun.)  <i>Sanctioning Guideline: minimum 40 mile radius, (population centers will also be taken into account)</i></p>	<p>2 Sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set; Indoor: Timed Matches Allowed</p>	<p><i>Outdoor Season (mid-March thru October): FIC, FMLC or RR.</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>Indoor Season (November thru mid-March): 2-Match Guarantee Recommended.</i></p>
<p><b>Winter Indoor ShortSets L6</b> (220 Points)</p>	<p>\$60</p>	<p><b>Up to 2-Day</b> <i>Indoor Season Only (November thru mid-March)</i></p>	<p>2 <b>ShortSets*</b> with a match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set. *ShortSets begin at a score of 2 games all (2-2).</p>	<p><b>Voluntary FMLC 1-Round Backdraw -</b> <i>All FIC losers choose to opt-in or opt-out of the backdraw; a backdraw is created using only the players that opt-in, and backdraw play ends once all backdraw players have participated in 1 consolation match.</i></p>
<p><b>L5</b> (400 Points) Recommended for Advanced-Intermediate players who have had repeated success at L6. Intro to Advanced Competition</p>	<p>\$60</p>	<p><b>Up to 3-Day</b> (Ex1. Sat+Sun. &amp; Mon if needed. Ex2: Fri if needed &amp; Sat+Sun.)  <i>Sanctioning Guideline: generally 4-5 events per month per age division per month to be distributed regionally – Limited Draw Size</i></p>	<p>2 Sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set. Semi-Finals &amp; Finals = Best 2 of 3 sets.</p>	<p><i>Outdoor Season (mid-March thru October): FIC or RR.</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>Indoor Season (November thru mid-March): 2-Match Guarantee Recommended.</i></p>
<p><b>L4 &amp; L4+</b> (660 Points) Recommended for Advanced Level Players</p>	<p>\$75</p>	<p><b>3-Day</b> Section Challengers &amp; Championships</p>	<p>Singles: Best 2 of 3 sets; Doubles: 8-Game Pro-set</p>	<p>Per Section Regulations L4 = Section Points Only L4+ = Section &amp; National Points</p>
<p><b>L3</b> (700 Points) Elite Level Championship Event</p>	<p>\$75 (Jan) \$85 (June)</p>	<p><b>3-Day+ MAS SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP</b></p>	<p>Singles: Best 2 of 3 sets; Doubles = 8-game pro-set and/or 2/3 sets</p>	<p>Per Section Regulations</p>

**\*\*\*ENTRY FEES MAY VARY BASED ON SURFACE, SEASON, AMMENITIES, AND SITE AS APPROVED BY USTA MID-ATLANTIC.**