



# UNIVERSAL TENNIS JUNIOR REGIONALS

## ELIGIBILITY AND PRIZES

Universal Tennis is introducing a new twist on their Junior Pathway offering \$50,000 of funds back into American Junior Players pockets with sixteen (16), \$3,125 junior events across the nation on December 16th - 17th, 2023.

Each event will consist of the top 16 players in both 18U and 16U, providing 512 American junior tennis players the opportunity to earn funds to support their playing goals and opportunities. Each group of 16 players will be split into 4 groups of 4 players, competing in a round-robin format to see who advances to the playoffs for a chance to compete for the \$3,125 stipend.

### ELIGIBILITY:

#### **A. Player Eligibility**

All Junior National Pathway players must be:

- Ages 18 & Under
- Not enrolled in a college or university
- and within the JNP citizenship and residency requirements.

#### **1. Citizenship and Residency Requirements**

All National Pathway events shall be open to United State Citizens and:

- Permanent resident aliens of the United States, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- Diplomats. Aliens who have resided in the United States continuously for more than one year and who are members of families of persons in the diplomatic or consular corps.
- Aliens with Refugee Status. Aliens who have been granted Refugee Status.
- Aliens with Asylee Status. Aliens who have been granted Asylee Status. Aliens with Temporary Protected Status. Aliens who have been granted Temporary Protected Status.
- Aliens with Adjustment Status. Aliens whose I-485 (Application to Register Permanent Resident or Adjust Status) has been accepted for filing.

Documents commonly used to support a particular alien status include a permanent resident alien card (green card), Form I-94, or a receipt confirming the filing of the I-485.

The citizenship and residency requirements do not apply to Universal Tennis Pro Tennis Tour Tournaments.

## **2. Birthday Rule**

Players that are 17 or 18 years old **MUST** play in the 18U Division. Players 16 years old and younger are allowed to play in **EITHER** 16U or 18U Division.

(Example 1: A 15 year old player is eligible for and allowed to register for both 16U and 18U. Players are only allowed to participate in one of the Divisions.)

(Example 2: A 17 year old player **MUST** participate in the 18U Division.)

(Example 3: A 19 year old player **WOULD STILL BE ELIGIBLE** in 18U Division if their birthday is 08/15 and the tournament dates are 08/14-08/16).

Note: Players with a Projected UTR Rating will have their eligibility for National Pathway tournaments determined by the UT Executive Committee.

## **3. Junior Regionals Designation**

For Junior Regionals, all players are required to play:

- In the assigned region that they reside in based on their player profile. Regions are designated by player residence.
- Players are only able to edit their residence when they are not registered for a current or upcoming event that requires Junior Regionals play.
- If a player's profile location falls under multiple regions, the system will show a drop down option of Junior Regionals choices, this player will need to select which region they would like to designate themselves as a part of. **See Appendix A.**

## **REGISTRATION:**

### **A. Registration Deadline**

The Registration Deadline is the time by which a player must enter in order to be considered for inclusion on the Acceptance List.

The Registration Deadline is at 2:00 PM American Eastern Standard Time (EST) two Wednesdays prior to the Junior Regional event start date.

All entries and withdrawals **PRIOR** to the registration deadline must be submitted online through the player's account. Withdrawals **AFTER** the registration deadline must be made via email to [JuniorPath@universaltennis.com](mailto:JuniorPath@universaltennis.com). Withdrawals after the registration deadline will **NOT** be refunded their

entry fee and shall result in a minimum of a 180 day suspension from play in National Pathway events as determined by Universal Tennis (in its sole discretion). For more information please go to the “Entry Offences” section in the [National Pathway Code of Conduct](#).

During an event, a player may not withdraw, no show or retire from a match and then go on to play in any subsequent matches in the same tournament. Players who are found in violation of playing in a subsequent event may be deemed ineligible for future regional and national tournaments.

## **B. How to Register:**

### **1. Create an Account:** <https://app.universaltennis.com/join>

- What’s a Player Profile: [LINK](#)
- Activating a Player Profile When Signing Up for Universal Tennis: [LINK](#)

### **2. Register for a Junior Regionals:** <https://www.universaltennis.com/national-pathway>

- By registering, you agree that any information or content provided by you or collected by Universal Tennis is in accordance with the Universal Tennis Privacy Policy (<https://www.universaltennis.com/privacy>).

## **PRIZES/ADVANCEMENT TO NATIONALS:**

### **A. Junior Regionals**

- Primary Playoff Winner (1st Place):
  - 1 PTT Wild Card
  - Fabletics Prize Pack
  - 1st Place Medal
- Primary Playoff Finalist (2nd Place):
  - 2nd Place Medal

### **Stipend Distribution:**

- 18U:
  - 1st Place: \$800
  - 2nd Place: \$375
  - 3rd/4th Place: \$200
  - 5th Place: \$200
  - 6th Place: \$150
  - 7th/8th Place: \$100
- 16U:
  - 1st Place: \$350
  - 2nd Place: \$175
  - 3rd/4th Place: \$100
  - 5th Place: \$100
  - 6th Place: \$75
  - 7th/8th Place: \$50

## **Junior National Championships**

Universal Tennis Pro Tennis Tour Wild Cards will be rewarded to the following players within the Junior National Championship(s) (18U Only):

### **U18 Wild Cards:**

**Winner:** 3 Wild Cards

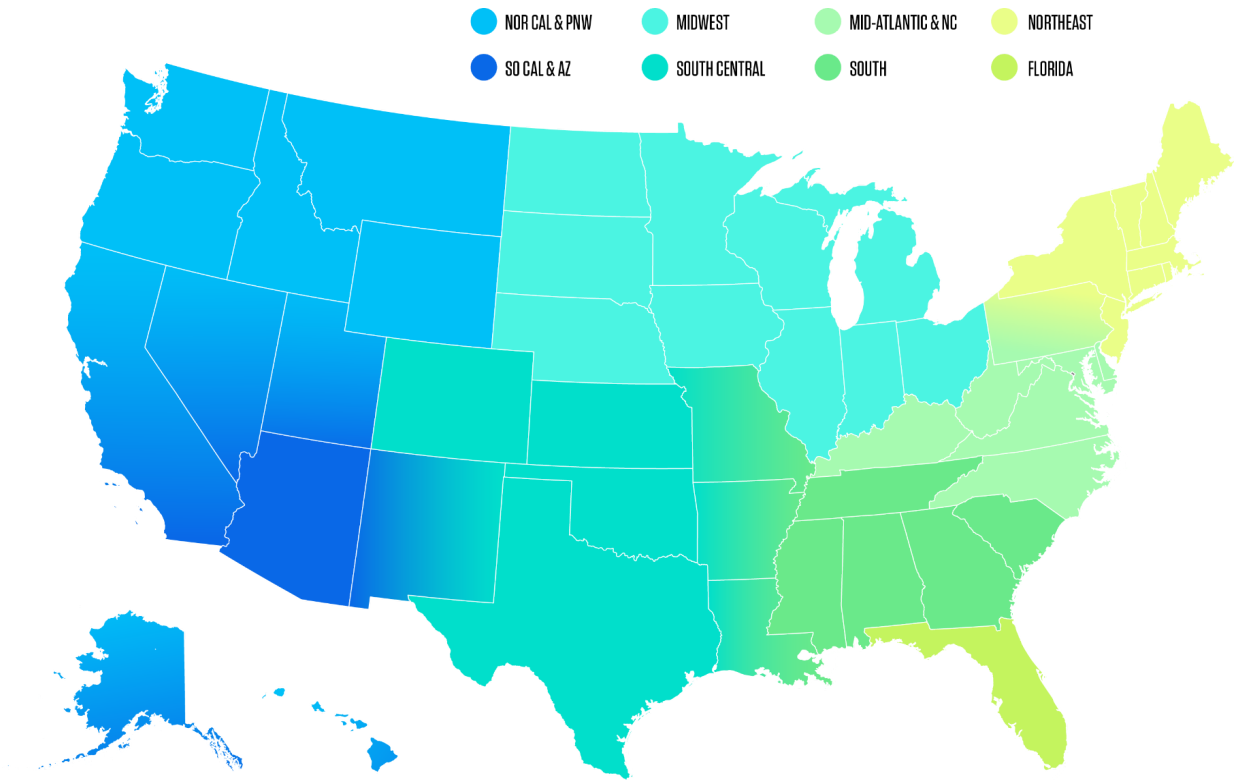
**Finalist:** 2 Wild Cards

**Semifinalists:** 1 Wild Card

Wild Cards awarded as prizes from the Universal Tennis Junior National Pathway must be used within the ensuing 12 months of the specific event(s) offered on a use it or lose it basis by the PTT Team. A Wild Card can be used **ONLY** if the player has an eligible UTR Rating at the time of registration close for the PTT Event.

In the event of a dispute regarding prizes, winners, and/or rank on the standing list, the determination of resolution regarding winners, prizes, rank on the standings list, and/or point system will be at full discretion of Universal Tennis.

APPENDIX A



NOR CAL & PNW	MIDWEST	MID-ATLANTIC & NC	NORTHEAST
California (North)	Illinois	North Carolina	New Jersey
Idaho	Wisconsin	Virginia	New York
Montana	Michigan	Kentucky	Connecticut
Oregon	Minnesota	West Virginia	Rhode Island
Washington	Iowa	Maryland	Massachusetts
Wyoming	Indiana	Delaware	New Hampshire
Alaska*	Ohio	Washington D.C.	Vermont
Hawaii*	Nebraska		Maine
Nevada*	North Dakota		Pennsylvania
Utah*	South Dakota		
SO CAL & AZ	SOUTH CENTRAL	SOUTH	FLORIDA & CARIBBEAN
California (South)	Texas	Georgia	Florida
Arizona	Oklahoma	South Carolina	Puerto Rico
Alaska*	Kansas	Alabama	Virgin Islands
Hawaii*	Colorado	Mississippi	
Nevada*	Arkansas*	Tennessee	
New Mexico*	Louisiana*	Arkansas*	
Utah*	Missouri*	Louisiana*	
	New Mexico*	Missouri*	

\* = States that qualify for more than one Region