



2017 - 2018 Season New Tournament Structure

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WHAT are we doing?

USAB will be making changes to the current junior ranking tournament structure. These changes will also require changes in junior ranking calculations.

WHEN are we doing this?

2017-2018 season (after 2017 Junior National)

HOW does this impact you?

Grades	Category	Restrictions	Comments
National Tournaments	Junior International Trials for World Junior Championships Tournaments (JITW)	One per season (with caps) and no ranking points awarded	FOUR (4) highest ranking points earned in each event are counted for ranking
	Junior International Trial (JIT)	One per season (with caps) and no ranking points awarded	
	Junior Nationals	One per season (with caps)	
Regional Tournaments	Closed Regional Championship (CRC)	One per region per season (without caps)	
	Open Regional Championship (ORC)	One per region per season (with caps)	
	Open Local Championship (OLC)	Up to two per region per season (with caps)	
	Junior Development Series (JDS)	No restriction on the number and format	No residency requirements and, hence, may include international players

Playing up points within the last 52 weeks will be staying in the played-up age group and cannot be brought down to lower age group.

The number of tournaments and/or travel away will be reduced.

WHY are we doing this?

In order to support future badminton growth in United States, we need to establish a more systematic and structure way to allow the region to grow and with a national level of support.

The benefits of the new structure are:

1. Provide adequate time to allow junior athlete to train/develop by their personal coach into next level of players.
2. Allow for new training camps to help junior development
3. Protect athletes from injuries and develop athletes systematically
4. Standardize and streamline the tournament structure.
5. Reduced the amount of travel/cost for juniors to a reasonable level.
6. Reduce the total number of the tournaments that junior players are required to participate within a season.

DO I need to do anything?

Yes! Even though the current rules allow the playing up ranking points but you must take that into consideration the impact of 2017 - 2018 ranking.

WHO do I contact for help?

New JAG members will be announced in Jan 2017.

Details of the changes?

USAB NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS:

- A. USAB Junior National Championships. Annually the USAB shall hold USAB Junior National Championships for boys and girls in each age division (U19, U17, U15, U13 and U11)
- B. USAB Junior International Trials Tournaments (JIT). For 2016-2017 season USAB shall hold JIT for boys and girls in each age division (U19, U17, U15, U13 and U11). Starting 2017-2018 season, USAB shall hold Pan Am JIT (JITP) for U19, U17, U15 and U13 at a designated site. This is a non-ranking tournament. Players are seriously encouraged to focus on a maximum of 2 events.
- C. USAB Junior International Trials for World Junior Championships Tournaments (JITW). Effective 2017-2018 season, USAB shall hold separate JIT for boys and girls for U19 at a designated site. This is a non-ranking tournament. Players are seriously encouraged to focus on a maximum of 2 events.
- D. Players are not allowed to play more than one same event such as Two BS in a given tournament.

USAB REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS:

- A. Closed Regional Championship Tournaments (CRC) . One time annually, each of the 6 region USAB junior region shall hold one USAB Regional Championship Tournaments for boys and girls within its region. Players may not enter or play in a CRC outside their region. Top two finishers are guaranteed a spot in Junior National Championships.
- B. Open Regional Championship Tournaments (ORC). One time annually, each USAB junior region may hold one Open

USAB Regional Tournaments for boys and girls. Players may enter and play in an Open USAB Regional Tournament outside their region.

- C. Local Regional Championship Tournaments (OLC) . Up to two per region annually, each USAB junior region may hold two Open USAB Local Tournaments for boys and girls. Players may enter and play in an Open USAB local Tournament outside their region. Open Local Championship (OLC) is intended as a transition into the new structure and will be reviewed periodically/season.
- D. Players are not allowed to play more than one same event such as Two BS in a given tournament.

USAB LOCAL TOURNAMENTS:

A. USAB Junior Development Series Tournaments (JDS) (non-ranking but sanctioned - no ranking points, the only type of tournaments allows international players). Annually, each USAB junior region may hold one or more additional USAB Junior Regional Development Tournaments. The following principles should be applied for JDS series tournaments.

- a. put the needs and well-being of the child first;
- b. Allow foreign players to participate;
- c. facilitate the development of players; and
- d. increase overall customer satisfaction among players, parents, coaches and event administrators;
- e. be fun;
- f. be affordable (both in terms of distance from home and entry fee);
- g. provide competitive matches;
- h. be short in duration; and
- i. Provide a way for players to meet other like-minded kids who also enjoy playing badminton.

JUNIOR RANKING

Each athlete with a 52-week season, Junior National Championship, Closed Regional Championship and best two Open Regional championships will be used to calculate junior ranking.

Each athlete is allowed to register up to three events but cannot have two of the same events. i.e. no two BS in two age group is allowed. The points earned in the high age group cannot be brought down to lower age group. When a player is moving up, the last 52 weeks of lower age groups are carried forward to the upper age group.

Consolation results will not be awarded point except Junior National championship.

TRANSITION PERIOD:

All the 2016/2017 tournaments result will be recalculated using the new point structure. Super regional points will be treated as the Open Regional Championship to start up the 2017 - 2018 ranking. 2016/2017 20% and 10% results will be recalculated as Open Local Championship. The starting 2017/2018 Junior ranking is the result of the 2017 Best four results as the starting ranking for the 2017/2018 season. It will gradually be replaced by the 2017 results. No play up points will be brought down to the lower age group.