

USTA Kentucky,

It is great to be watching Wimbledon now that it is July! I hope that all of you are making the most of each opportunity to play tennis this summer while staying hydrated and cool amidst this heat wave.

The USTA Kentucky office has been busy this summer! The team hosted both the 40s and over and 18s and over State league championships in Lexington and Louisville!! There was a great turn out to these events and great tennis played. Mother nature presented some challenges at the Lexington Championships, but we made it through the weather, nonetheless. Thanks to all the players that played, the team captains for fielding teams, and to the players who played and traveled. Events of this magnitude are not possible without our amazing volunteers from throughout the state. Thank you!! Here are the winners:

**18 & Over Winners**

- 2.5w Milligan Team - Louisville
- 3.0m Becht Team - Louisville
- 3.0w Roberts Team Louisville
- 3.5m Haneline Team – Purchase
- 3.5w Schmidt Team – Louisville
- 4.0m McCubbin Team – Lexington
- 4.0w Webber Team – Louisville
- 4.5m Isaacs, Reeder Team - Louisville
- 4.5w Jackson Team – Louisville

**40 & Over Winners**

- 3.0w Murray Team – Bowling Green
- 3.0m Milburn Team – Lexington
- 3.5w O’Connell Team – Louisville
- 3.5m Caldwell Team – Louisville
- 4.0w O’Connell Team – Louisville
- 4.0m McCubbin Team – Lexington
- 4.5w Cunningham Team – Lexington
- 4.5m Isaacs Team - Louisville

Best of luck to these teams advancing to play in the Southern Sectionals! If you want to form a team or join a team for next year, just reach out to our office and we can help!

The USTA has many programs, and I want to showcase one that has been very successful. The NJTL (National Junior Tennis and Learning) program is a nationwide network of youth development organizations that use tennis to promote education, life skills, and character development—particularly for under-resourced youth. Here's a breakdown of NJTL:

- Founded by Tennis Legends: NJTL was co-founded in 1969 by Arthur Ashe, Charlie Pasarell, and Sheridan Snyder, with the goal of using tennis as a vehicle for positive youth development.
- Combination of Tennis and Education: NJTL programs offer both tennis instruction and educational components, like tutoring and life skills workshops.
- Focus on Under-resourced Youth: NJTL aims to provide opportunities for youth who may not otherwise have access to tennis and educational resources, making the sport more accessible.
- Supported by the USTA Foundation: NJTL is a flagship program of the USTA Foundation, the USTA's national charitable organization. The Foundation provides financial support and resources to NJTL chapters.
- Benefits of Participation: NJTL programs aim to help young people develop skills such as leadership, discipline, teamwork, and responsibility, while also improving their academic performance and promoting healthy lifestyles.

In summary, the NJTL network is a vital program that empowers youth, particularly those in under-served communities, by using the sport of tennis to teach valuable life lessons and promote educational excellence.

[The Lexington Open is here](#) July 27 – August 3. We have a chance to see unbelievable tennis just steps away in our home state. The USTA player appreciation day at the tournament is July 29, so come over and see us at the tournament.

Get out and play and live another day!