



USTA vs. UTR

What are the differences between USTA and UTR tournaments and what should I play?

USTA

USTA sanctioned events are broken into Levels 1-5 at a state, sectional and national level. Level 5 events are designed for beginners while Level 1 for the most advanced player. Winning matches at USTA events earns players ranking points which in turn determines state, sectional, and national rankings. Here is an example of the point breakdown for USTA Southern events:

http://www.southern.usta.com/High-Performance-Pages/2017_junior_points_per_round/

If a player's goal is to earn a state, sectional, or national ranking, then the bulk of their competition schedule should be comprised of USTA events.

UTA posts a list of USTA events where free tournament coaching is provided as well as a recommended list of events to play. To search for additional events:

1. Visit usta.com
2. Select "Play" at the top tab bar then click on "Tennislink"
3. Select "Tournaments" and "Tournament Advanced Search"

UTR

UTR (Universal Tennis Rating) events are designed to increase the probability of playing competitive matches throughout a tournament. Many events guarantee at least 3 scheduled matches all against opponents with similar ratings. A player's rating is determined through competition results from either USTA or UTR, regardless of age or gender. So a player could compete against players of different gender or age, but would still be around their skill level. The goal of these events is to provide quality match play locally; reducing travel time, time spent at tournaments and overall cost.

For UTR Atlanta events: <https://www.myutr.com/clubs/98>

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UTA has been the leader with bringing these events to the Atlanta area, so many events are held at our facilities. These are great for match play and tournament experience but do not count towards a USTA state, southern or national ranking.