

## 2017 SCTA Level 5, 6, & Level 7 Eligibility Rules (Changes from 2015 are *bolded & italicized*)

If you plan to enter a Level 5, 6, or 7 tournament, it is **YOUR** responsibility to make sure that you are eligible to play in those levels of tournaments. Players who repeatedly enter levels of tournaments they are ineligible for, are subject to probation or suspension of play. If you have questions about your eligibility, please contact the SCTA office directly.

### **LEVEL 5 TOURNAMENTS (OPEN)**

This type of tournament is for players who have experience in regular junior tournament competition but lacking National junior tournament experience. **These rules do not apply to the 10s & 8s divisions.**

1. A player ranked in the top 50 (18s-12s only) on the standings list at the entry deadline is not eligible for Level 5 play in that age division. They may choose to play in a Level 5 tournament in an older age division provided they are not ranked in the top 50 of that division.

### **LEVEL 6 TOURNAMENTS (SATELLITE)**

This type of tournament is for players who are getting started in regular junior tournament competition. SCTA Level 6 junior tournaments are counted towards junior open rankings. **These rules do not apply to the 10s & 8s divisions.**

Listed below are the eligibility requirements for Level 6 tournaments.

1. A player ranked in the top 100 (18s-12s only) on the standings list at the entry deadline is not eligible for Level 6 play in that age division. They may choose to play in a Level 6 tournament in an older age division provided they are not ranked in the top 100 of that division.
2. All Level 6 tournament winners will be invited to participate in the 2018 Satellite Masters. Please note that in order to have the tournament count as a "win", the player must have won three or more matches (not including byes or defaults, unless the default is in the finals) to win the tournament.
3. A Round Robin Tournament winner is eligible for the Satellite Masters, as long as the player wins 3 matches (not including defaults)
4. Singles eligibility determines doubles eligibility.
5. Players who have had success in Level 6 play are **HIGHLY** encouraged to move up to Level 5 tournaments.
6. A junior player who has difficulty competing in Level 5 (open) junior tournaments may petition to the SCTA Junior Satellite Committee to return to Level 6 tournament play. Please email [Takamori@scta.usta.com](mailto:Takamori@scta.usta.com).

A Level 6 tournament (the satellite level) is a progression level. The SCTA Junior Competition Committee ***HIGHLY recommends*** the following:

If you have won three (3) Level 6 (satellite) tournaments by winning three (3) or more matches within those tournaments, you should:

1. Play Level 5 tournaments in the same age division.

OR

2. Play Level 6 tournaments in the next highest age division.

### **LEVEL 7 TOURNAMENTS (NOVICE)**

This type of tournament is for players who have not competed in junior tournaments or who have very little tournament experience. Level 7 tournaments do not count toward SCTA ranking. **These rules do not apply to the 8 and under division.**

1. No player who has won a match (not including defaults or byes) in the main draw of any SCTA Level 1-5 junior tournament (open) will be eligible for Level 7 events.
2. Players who win 2 rounds in a main draw (not including defaults or byes) of a SCTA Level 6 junior tournament (satellite) are not eligible to participate in Level 7 events.
3. Players who win 2 Level 7 tournaments (with draws of 6 or more) must move up to Level 6 Tournaments, regardless of the age division(s) they won.
4. Various formats may be used at these events. Most Level 7 tournaments will be round robin with multiple opponents.
5. Eligible players that either win or reach the finals of a Level 7 in 2017 will be invited to the 2018 SCTA Novice Jamboree, to be held in late January.