



25th Annual “Road to the Little Mo Nationals” Rules and Regulations

Welcome to the 25th Annual “Road to the Little Mo Nationals”! The “Little Mo” tournaments are designed to provide good competition at the regional and national level while also encouraging players to develop new friendships, learn good sportsmanship, and most of all, have fun. [All players, parents, coaches, and spectators must adhere to the following rules and regulations:](#)

- The Road begins this spring and summer with the four “Little Mo” Regionals (North, South, East, West) held in different cities across the United States. The Regionals are open to any player who lives in the United States and its territories. There are no other special qualifications or ranking needed to register for the regional events - any USA player who registers will be accepted into the draw until the draw limit. **Please note that players must have lived in the United States for at least six months to register for a regional tournament. If a player does not meet this requirement, they will be withdrawn from the tournament.*
- Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis and we will be accepting up to 32 entries in each division (no additional entries will be accepted unless there is a withdrawal).
- Players may play in any regional event regardless of where they are currently living in the United States or its territories. Players may also play in as many regional events as they would like, but they only need to compete in one regional event and finish in the top four (yellow ball division only) to qualify for the "Little Mo" Nationals.
- The "Little Mo" Regionals and Nationals are Singles only tournaments (no Doubles or Mixed Doubles events).
- Players must register in the proper age division according to their birth year. This ensures that our players are competing against others who are born in the same calendar year (i.e., a player born in 2012 must play in the 10's division since they will be turning 10 this year).
 - Boys and Girls 12's - born in 2010
 - Boys and Girls 11's - born in 2011
 - Boys and Girls 10's - born in 2012
 - Boys and Girls 9's - born in 2013
 - Boys and Girls 8's - born in 2014 (***NEW IN 2022:** Only players who are born in 2014 will be allowed to play in the 8's divisions. Players born in 2015 or 2016 will not be eligible).
- Yellow (regular) ball divisions will be offered for boys and girls ages 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 in addition to a green dot option for ages 8, 9, and 10. Players must register for only one singles division. This means that players competing in the 8's, 9's, and 10's divisions must choose to play with either the yellow (regular) ball or the green dot ball for their age group. Players in the 11's and 12's must play with the yellow (regular) ball. All divisions will be played on a full 78' tennis court with either the yellow (regular) ball or green dot ball.

- ***NEW IN 2022:** The “Little Mo” Regionals will be using several different draw formats based on the size of a division. Regardless of the draw size, all players will be guaranteed at least two singles matches during the tournament.
 - For a 32-size draw, a **Modified Feed-in Consolation format through the Round of 16 with a 3rd/4th Place and 5th/6th Place playoff** will be used. This means that any player who loses before the Quarterfinal Round (Main Draw) will be fed back into the Consolation draw. The losers of the Quarterfinal Round will play into a 5th/6th Place playoff and the losers of the Semifinal Round will play a 3rd/4th Place playoff.
 - For a 16-size draw, a **Feed-in Consolation format through the Quarterfinals with a 3rd/4th Place playoff** will be used. This means that any player who loses before the Semifinal Round (Main Draw) will be fed back into the Consolation draw. The losers of the Semifinal Round will play a 3rd/4th Place playoff. The Consolation Winner and Consolation Runner-Up are the 5th/6th Place winners in this format.
 - For an 8-size draw, a **First Round Losers Consolation format with a 3rd/4th Place playoff** will be used. This means that any player who loses in the First Round (Main Draw) will move into the Consolation draw (a Feed-in format is not possible because the Second Round is the Semifinal Round). The losers of the Semifinal Round will play a 3rd/4th Place playoff. The Consolation Winner and Consolation Runner-Up are the 5th/6th Place winners in this format.
 - A **Round Robin** format will be used for all divisions with 5 or less players.
- The top four **yellow ball** players (semifinalists) in each age division from each regional event will advance to the prestigious "Little Mo" Nationals, which will be held at the Austin Tennis Academy from September 23-26 in Austin, Texas. These players will form a 16 draw size in each age division at the Nationals. If you advance to the Semifinal Round (top 4) in your age division at the Regionals and you (and your parent/coach) have followed the Code of Conduct, you will receive your Nationals invitation with a special code needed for registration by email from the MCB office following the event. The top 160 players who reach the Nationals are the youngest and brightest future stars in American tennis! *While the green dot players will **not** be able to advance to the Nationals, they might be considered as replacement players if there is an opening in the yellow ball division.*
- If one of the top four players (semifinalists) from a regional event cannot attend the Nationals, we will contact the 5th/6th Place winners (if applicable) to take their place as the first and second alternates. If neither player can attend, we will contact the Consolation Winner as the next alternate. If the Consolation Winner cannot attend, we will consider other players in the draw as replacements based on their results and UTR. If we are unable to find a replacement player, we may consider providing special wildcards to players who did not play in the regional events in order to fill the draws. If wildcards are needed, we will consider using UTR ratings to determine these players.
- All yellow ball results from the “Road to the Little Mo Nationals” (Regionals, Nationals) will count towards your player’s Universal Tennis Rating (UTR). At this time, UTR only accepts yellow ball results (green dot divisions will **not** count for UTR).

Good luck to all players!

