

# Tennis Tournaments & How to Get Started/Improve UTR

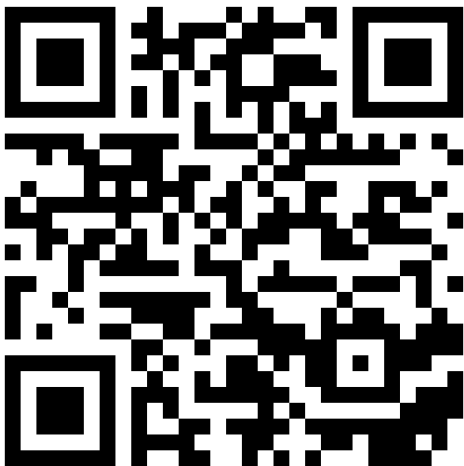
## UTR:

In today's tennis game, it is crucial to get started early on building your UTR. You can follow the link below or scan the QR Code to be taken to UTR's introduction page where you can learn more about how the website/application works.

Utr provides many opportunities for players to search for and find tournaments where they can compete and build their game. As we all know, the more opportunities the players have to compete, the more they will have opportunities to win or LEARN and build their game up.

Each player that plays sanctioned tournaments has a 'UTR' that gives an approximate rating of their playing ability. In order for the algorithm to verify a player's number and make it accurate, the athletes have to compete in enough tournaments to give the algorithm a reliable sample size.

<https://universaltennis.com/getting-started>



## USTA:

The United States Tennis Association provides players opportunities to play in more competitive tournaments that also benefit the player's UTR rating. To start out, you will need to make sure that you are a member. It is recommended to use a web browser on phone or on computer to search tournaments versus using the app. Oftentimes the app has trouble.

### Membership:

1. Go to the link or QR Code below.
2. Click the 'About' tab.
3. Click 'Membership' tab.
4. Click 'Become a Member' tab.

\*Junior profiles are always free!

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## Tournaments:

- The tournament search feature is very simple and easy to use.
- Levels
  - Level 7 - Beginner
    - If you have never played USTA tournaments, you will need to begin here until you build up enough points to go up in levels. Typically, we recommend that once you begin to receive medals in Level 7s, you move up to Level 6s, and so forth.
  - Level 1 - Most Competitive

<https://www.usta.com/en/home.html>

