

YOUTH PROGRESSION



MID-ATLANTIC

HOW TO CLEAR EACH LEVEL

Your mission is to collect 20 stars and/or trophies to advance to the next level.

ORANGE LEVEL 2

HOW TO COLLECT STARS/TROPHIES

1 Tournament =



Team Tennis Season =



Tournament Champion =



Tournament Finalist =



GEAR



Tennis Ball Orange Felt
 Racquet Up to 25"
 Court 60'x21' (Singles)
 60'x27' (Doubles)

ROOKIE = Orange Level 2

[Present MAS Level 7 & 8 Tournaments.]

Level-Up Example:
 Sarah is 9 and she has played a season of JTT (6 Stars), played in 2 Tournaments (2 x 5 Stars = 10 Stars) and reached the Finals of one Tournament (4 Trophies). $6+10+4=20$ Stars/Trophies ... Sarah Levels-Up to CHAMPS!

ORANGE LEVEL 1

HOW TO COLLECT STARS/TROPHIES

1 Tournament =



Team Tennis Season =



Tournament Champion =



Tournament Finalist =



GEAR



Tennis Ball Orange Felt
 Racquet Up to 25"
 Court 60'x21' (Singles)
 60'x27' (Doubles)

CHAMPS = Orange Level 1

[Present MAS Level 6 Tournaments.]

Level-Up Example:
 Nabil played 2 seasons of JTT (2 x 4 Stars = 8 Stars), played in 3 tournaments (3 x 3 Stars = 9 Stars) and he was the Champion of one of the Tournaments (3 Trophies) $8+9+3=20$ Stars/Trophies ... Nabil Levels-Up to SUPER-CHAMPS!

GREEN LEVEL 1

HOW TO COLLECT STARS/TROPHIES

1 Tournament =



Team Tennis Season =



Tournament Champion =



Tournament Finalist =



GEAR



Tennis Ball Green Dot
 Racquet Up to 29"
 Court 78'x27' (Singles)
 78'x36' (Doubles)

SUPER CHAMPS = Green Level 1

[Present Level 5 & Section Green Tournaments.]

Level-Up Example:
 Malik played in 9 Tournaments (9 x 2 Stars = 18 Stars) and he was a Finalist in 2 of the Tournaments (2 x 1 Trophies = 2 Trophies) $18+2=20$ Stars/Trophies ... Malik Levels-Up to ELITE!

Additional Stars may be earned for participation in specific, USTA/MAS non-tournament events - be on the lookout for these opportunities!

THE 10 AND UNDER TENNIS YOUTH PROGRESSION

YOUR MISSION: THE QUEST FOR STARS AND TROPHIES

Youth Progression serves as a guide for coaches, parents and players to ensure that kids 10 and under participate in events using the appropriate ball for their skill level. Now that balls and courts are tailored to a players level, children can improve and have fun right from the start.

Kids love playing games. That's why we're applying gaming principles to 10 and Under Tennis. The mission is to clear each level by collecting a combination of 20 virtual participation stars and/or trophies. Best of all, players can track their progress on TennisLink's My Player Page. The more they play, and the more they improve their skills and clear each level, the more stars and trophies they accumulate.

The minimum age to start playing an Orange Ball Progression Tournament is 7 years old. Players 6 and under are encouraged to participate in Play Days, Junior Team Tennis and Junior Tournaments using the red ball. On the first day of a player's 11th birthday month, he or she will automatically advance out of the Youth Tennis Progression tracking system.

The Youth Progression requirements are minimum recommendations for competitions. Players are encouraged to stay at their current level until they have fully developed their skill set for that specific court and ball. Remember, its not a race to the yellow ball!

USTA Mid-Atlantic Section will activate the 10U Youth Progression on June 1, 2016.

To enable current kids age 10 and under to continue playing at their level when the 10U Youth Progression is activated on June 1, the following Grandfathering criteria have been established.

USTA MAS 10U Grandfathering | Definition: If a player is "grandfathered" into a level it means they are permitted to register for events at that level *and all levels below it*.

For example: If Amalie is 9 and she is grandfathered into Super-Champs Green Level 1, then she can participate in Super-Champs Green 1, Champs Orange 1 and Rookie Orange 2 tournaments. Amalie may not register for Yellow Ball (12U) Tournaments until she clears Super-Champs Green Level 1 or until the month of her 11th birthday.

Below are the levels players can potentially be Grandfathered into.

Level	Achievement necessary by 5/23/16 to be Grandfathered into this Level on June 1 (no grandfathering will occur after June 1, 2016)
"Rookie" Orange Level 2	The Starting Point. No grandfathering needed. Rookie Orange Level 2 is Open to all players age 7+ <u>and</u> younger players that meet any of the below grandfathering criteria by 5/23/16.
"Champs" Orange Level 1	Participation in 2 Orange Ball Tournaments <u>or</u> 1 Season of Orange JTT
"Champs" Orange Level 1 with 10 Stars	MAS Standing of 101-150 <u>or</u> 2 Seasons of Orange JTT (To clarify, these more experienced players will be grandfathered in to Orange Level 1 <u>and</u> be given 10 Stars - 1/2 of what they need to clear this level.)
"Super-Champs" Green Level 1	MAS 10U Standing of 1-100 <u>or</u> 1 Season of JTT 10U Advanced / Green
"Elite" Yellow (12U)	2 wins or more in L6 or L5 12U Tournaments <u>or</u> 1 Season of 12U Intermediate or Advanced JTT. (Note: 10U players will not be able to register for 12U Yellow Ball tournaments after June 1 unless they met the above grandfathering criteria by 5/23/16, or, until they clear the "Super-Champs" Green 1 Level.)