
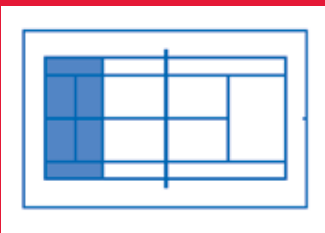

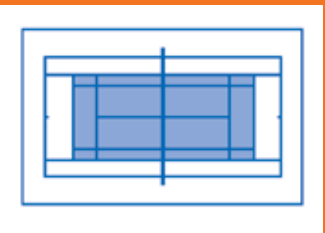

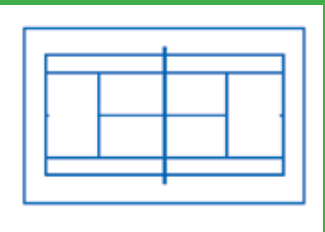

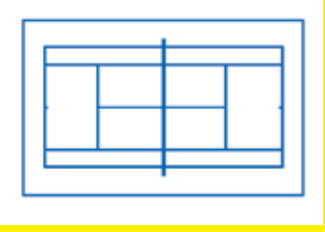




JUNIOR TENNIS PATHWAY



STAGE	AGE	BALL	COURT	NET HEIGHT	RACQUET* (Depending on the size of the player)	SCORING	DESCRIPTION	SUGGESTED PROGRAMS AND TOURNAMENTS
RED	5-8 years	 <p>Red foam or felt 75% slower than yellow ball</p>	 <p>36' x 18'</p>	2' 9"	Up to 23"	2 out of 3, 7-point tiebreaks (official USTA rule for 8 & Under competition)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slower play on smaller court Shorter racquets enable earlier rally/play Individual/team games and activities are played Development of technique Required specifications for all USTA-sanctioned 8 and Under tournament play 	Tennis Festivals Schools Tennis Tennis Play Days Midwest Youth Team Tennis Level 7 QuickStart Tournaments
ORANGE	9-10 years	 <p>Orange 50% slower than yellow ball</p>	 <p>60' x 21' singles, 60' x 27' doubles</p>	3' center 3' 6" at net posts	25" and below	2 out of 3, 4-game sets using no-ad scoring and a 7-point tiebreak at 4 all. Third set is a 7-point tiebreak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play is faster vs. Red stage Lower bounce appropriate for child's size Implementation of advanced techniques and tactics Longer matches for individual/team events Approved for USTA-sanctioned 10 and Under tournament play 	Tennis Festivals Schools Tennis Tennis Play Days Midwest Youth Team Tennis Level 7 QuickStart Tournaments
GREEN	10 & under	 <p>Green 25% slower than yellow ball</p>	 <p>78' x 27' singles, 78' x 36' doubles</p>	3' center 3' 6" at net posts	25" - 29"	2 out of 3 sets with match tiebreak for the third set	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play is faster vs. Orange stage Continued development of technique, movement and advanced tactics Individual/team events are played Approved for USTA-sanctioned 10 and Under tournament play 	Midwest Futures Team Tennis BG 11-12 Tennis Play Days USTA Jr. Team Tennis 10 & Under Advanced Division Level 1-6 10 & Under Tournaments Level 7 BG 12 Tournaments
YELLOW	11 & over	 <p>Yellow</p>	 <p>78' x 27' singles, 78' x 36' doubles</p>	3' center 3' 6" at net posts	25" - 29"	Any scoring system within the Rules of Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After progression of Red, Orange and Green Stages 	Tennis Play Days USTA Jr. Team Tennis Level 1-7 Tournaments

The USTA/Midwest Section Junior Competition Committee and Midwest Coaches Commission recommend that all 10 & Under competition and training should be organized using slower Red, Orange, and Green balls on the appropriate-sized courts with the appropriate-sized racquet. Please Note: Some players may progress through the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Tennis Pathway faster than other players.