A WHOLE NEW BALL GAME

10 And Under Tennis Tournaments
2012 Tournament Directors Manual
Your USTA membership turns obstacles into OPPORTUNITY

“I’ve always wanted to try tennis and now it’s finally coming to my school because the USTA/Midwest Section has trained my gym teacher. With QuickStart Tennis, even though we don’t actually have the courts at my school, my friends and I can still learn the game. I can’t wait to start playing.”

Join the USTA. Expand the game.
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In 2011, the USTA/Midwest Section implemented a new Junior Tennis Pathway. The QuickStart Tennis play format is a key component of the progression for 10 and under players. The Junior Tennis Pathway provides developmental stages featuring age appropriate balls, racquets, and court sizes. In the past, children have tried the game of tennis using a yellow ball, and an adult-sized racquet on a full (78’) court. As a result, many of these children lose interest due to lack of success because the equipment does not correlate with the size of the player. The QuickStart Tennis play format scales the game down to the size of the child through the use of age appropriate balls, racquets and courts. Utilizing these specifications, the QuickStart Tennis play format allows the child to learn the game faster and have greater success. For many years, countries around the world have been training their 10 and under players using program formats similar to QuickStart Tennis. These program formats have produced some of the world’s top professionals including Roger Federer, Justin Henin, Kim Clijsters and others. The success of these programs demonstrates why QuickStart Tennis is such a vital part of the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Tennis Pathway.

Through the Junior Tennis Pathway, a club, school, park and recreation department and other public facility can host a QuickStart Tennis Play Format Junior Tennis Event. Your participation is vital to the future of the game in the USTA/Midwest Section.

This manual has been produced by the USTA/Midwest Section to assist individuals in conducting USTA-sanctioned 10 and Under Tournaments using the QuickStart Tennis play format. It is a compilation of guidelines that will assist you in creating a fun, action-packed event for all of our 10 and under players. In addition to this manual, the USTA/Midwest Section website www.midwest.usta.com and www.10andUnderTennis.com provide information and resources to assist you with ordering equipment, event promotion, and more.

We hope you find this manual to be useful as you prepare for your next event. If you have any questions, comments or need additional information, please contact the USTA/Midwest Section:

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There are currently hundreds of 10 and Under Junior Tournaments scheduled to take place in the USTA/Midwest Section’s seven state area. In the majority of these events, players use the green ball, and adult-sized racquets on a 78’ court. Most 10 and under players struggle to cover the full size court which leads to unrealistic footwork patterns, shorter points, and lack of tactics during point play.

After more research, it has been determined that the type of ball, racquet size and court dimensions are key components to the development of young players from a technical and tactical perspective. In an effort to create a true Junior Tennis Pathway that will address the above concerns, several changes were implemented in 2011. The following chart will explain the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Tennis Pathway (a full page version is available in Appendix A).

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SECTION 2: MIDWEST JUNIOR TENNIS PATHWAY OVERVIEW

The QuickStart Tennis play format is tennis scaled to fit the size, age and abilities of young players. Each stage is based on six key specifications:

**RED STAGE**

*Age* - 5 to 8 year old players (can be co-ed)

*Ball* - Foam or felt balls that are larger and 75% slower than the yellow ball

*Court* - 36’ x 18’ (doubles sideline to doubles sideline)

*Net Height* - 2’9”

*Racquets* - 19”, 21” and 23” in length

*Scoring* - Two out of three 7 point tie-breaks (Maximum scoring - can be shorter)

**Benefits** - Skill of rallying is achieved with faster success, and introduction of technique takes place.

All USTA/Midwest Section sanctioned 8 and under Junior Tennis Events are Level 7 Junior Tennis Events and must use the QuickStart Tennis play format using the above specifications. Please refer to page 15 for more information about the USTA/Midwest Section 10 and Under Recognition List.

**ORANGE STAGE**

*Age* - 10 years old and under (can be co-ed)

*Ball* - The orange ball is 50% slower than the yellow ball

*Court* - 60’ x 21’ for singles, and 60’ x 27’ for doubles

*Net Height* - 3’ at the center and 3’6” at the net posts

*Racquets* - 23” or 25” in length

*Scoring* - 2 out of 3, 4 game sets using no-ad scoring and a 7-point tiebreak at 4 all. A 7-point tiebreak will be played in lieu of a 3rd set. (Max scoring - can be shorter)

**Benefits** - The court is larger and the ball is faster than the red stage, but the orange stage continues to provide an optimal striking zone and the ability to implement more advanced techniques and tactics for players.

All USTA/Midwest Section sanctioned 10 and under Level 7 Junior Tennis Events will be held using the above QuickStart Tennis play format specifications. Please refer to page 15 for more information about the USTA/Midwest Section QuickStart Recognition List.

**GREEN STAGE**

*Age* - 10 years old and under

*Ball* - The green ball is a 25% slower ball than the yellow ball

*Court* - 78’ x 27’ for singles, and 78’ x 36’ for doubles

*Net* - 3’ at the center and 3’6” at the net posts

*Racquets* - 25”-29” in length

*Scoring* - 2 out of 3 sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set

**Benefits** - The green ball is faster than the orange ball, but still slower and bounces lower than the yellow ball. This helps players to continue to develop good technique and movement, and implement advanced tactics.

All USTA/Midwest Section sanctioned 10 and under Level 1-6 tournaments for 2012 that are designated in the USTA/Midwest Section Points Per Round Ranking Program as a Level 1,2,3,4,5,or 6 will be held using the above specifications. Additionally, the 12 and under division Level 7 tournaments have the option of using green stage specifications. Please refer to page 26 for more information about the Midwest Points Per Round Ranking Program and events.
10 AND UNDER TENNIS EQUIPMENT

Red foam and red felt:
For kids 8 years old and under, a red ball moves slower through the air, bounces lower and travels less distance.

Orange ball:
For kids 9 & 10 years old, an orange low-compression, ball moves a little faster and travels farther than the ball used with the younger group but still has a lower bounce than the standard yellow ball.

Green ball:
For kids ages 10-12 years old. As children become more accomplished with their strokes and tactics, they can move to the full-sized court and use the green ball, which is slightly lighter and slower-moving than a yellow ball, giving children more time to get to and return shots.
This section will help you organize a fun, action packed event for the players, parents, coaches and volunteers. The following are areas to consider when running your event:

- Age, stage, and ability of the player
- Duration of the Event; It is recommended to conduct these events in three hours or less. The duration of matches will increase in length as the players progress in their development.
- How many courts will be used
- Number of players you have registered for the event
- Draw Format: Compass Draw, Round Robin, etc. (avoid using elimination draws)
- Team Event vs. Singles Event. Team Events are recommended for players just starting the game.

**Scoring Formats for USTA Sanctioned Events**
The following scoring formats are the longest formats that should be used for all USTA Sanctioned QuickStart Tennis play format events:

- 10 and under Scoring Format (Green Stage): Two out of three sets with a match tiebreak for the third. USTA/Midwest Section Level 1-6 Events

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- In situations where court space is limited, it is an acceptable practice to use timed matches.

**Determining Duration of the Event**
It is generally recommended that the following “formula” is used when determining the duration of matches: number of matches based on the Draw Format used divided by the number of courts being used.
Events that are conducted at this stage should be less formal and emphasis should be on the players having fun. The instructions below describe how to lay out a 36-foot court on top of regulation 78-foot courts.

**THE COURT**
The court shall be a rectangle that is 36 feet long and 18 feet wide. This size shall be used for singles and doubles.

**THE NET**
The court shall be divided across the middle by a net suspended by a cord that shall pass over or be attached to two net posts at a height of 2 feet 9 inches. The net shall be fully extended so that it completely fills the space between the two net posts and must be made of sufficiently small mesh so that a ball cannot pass through it. The height of the net at its center shall be 2 feet 9 inches.

**THE LINES**
It is highly recommended to use blended lines when hosting a 10 and Under Tennis event. In the event that it is not possible to do so, an alternative can be to use painters tape for lines.
NOTES

• 10 and Under Tennis playing lines shall be textured line paint within the same family 78-foot court color.
• All 10 and Under Tennis playing lines shall terminate 3 inches from the 78-foot court lines.
• All 10 and Under Tennis playing lines shall be 1 1/2” wide.
• All 10 and Under Tennis playing lines shall be measured out to out, with the exception of the center lines which shall be measured out to center.
• The center mark for the 36 foot court shall be set 2 inches off the 78 foot court doubles sideline and shall be 2 inches long by 1 1/2” wide.
COMPETITION COURTS

This is an example of 36-foot competition courts with ample space between each court. In this case, the 78-foot court’s baseline is used as one of the 36-foot court’s center line.

COURT SET UP FOR PLAYGROUNDS

This is an example of 36-foot court with lines painted onto a school parking lot.
The court is larger and the ball is faster at this stage. The Orange Stage is vital to the development of players, and the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Competition Committee strongly encourages facilities to host events on this court dimension. The following court dimensions are recommended:

**THE COURT**
The court shall be a rectangle that is 60 feet long and 21 feet wide for singles, and 60 feet long and 27 feet wide for doubles.

**THE NET**
The court shall be divided across the middle by a net suspended by a cord that shall pass over or be attached to two net posts at a height of 3 feet 6 inches. The net shall be fully extended so that it completely fills the space between the two net posts, and must be made of sufficiently small mesh so that a ball cannot pass through it. The height of the net at its center shall be 3 feet. The net may be held down by a strap. The strap and band shall be primarily white.
A full sized 78-foot court will be used at this stage. The Green ball must be used as it is faster than an Orange ball but still slower than a Yellow ball. This helps players to continue to develop good technique and movement, and implement advanced tactics.
The following areas must be complete in order to have your event listed as a USTA/Midwest Section 10 and Under Tennis event.

TOURNAMENT CHECK LIST
Prior to the start of event, it is very helpful to create a checklist to keep tasks organized and run a successful event.

- Initial Committee Meeting
- Prepare a Preliminary Budget
- Reserve Court Time
- Sanction Fees to TennisLink Registration System. All QuickStart Tennis play format events will be $25.00. Contact Sponsors
- Order Tennis Balls (See Appendix B)
- Order Awards
- Make the Draws Using the Tournament Data Manager (TDM)
- Schedule Matches
- Post First Round Information
- Set up Desk(s)
- Post Final Results in TDM

REQUIRED EVENT/TOURNAMENT WEB PAGE INFORMATION

- Level of tournament: Midwest Level 7
- Event Format: This event MUST use the QuickStart Tennis play format for all players 10 and under. Please go to www.midwest.usta.com for more information pertaining to the QuickStart Tennis play format.
- Starting times must be posted three days prior to event.
- Order of play
- Directions to club
- SEE APPENDIX C FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

FACILITY PREPARATION
Make sure the courts and facility are clean, safe and playable prior to the start of play. Items that are helpful during the event are:

- Line courts with specific court dimensions. Allow for one hour to set up six courts.
- Score indicators: score cards, clothes pins, etc., are easy to use
- Water coolers
- Courtside chairs/benches
- Water, ice and snacks
- Teaching equipment is out of the way
EVENT/TOURNAMENT DESK SET-UP
The main Event/Tournament Desk is the heart and soul of the event. It must remain organized, and be staffed with knowledgeable individuals who are capable of assisting players parents and coaches.

MAIN DESK SET UP: A table big enough for the following items:
- A place for the balls
- A phone
- A paging system
- First aid supplies
- Emergency phone numbers available

MAIN DESK DUTIES
The Tournament Desk is responsible for the following:

CHECK IN PLAYERS FOR MATCHES - Check-in players who are ready to begin play.

ANNOUNCE MATCHES TO BE PLAYED - Call all players when a court becomes available.

ASSIGN COURTS WHEN AVAILABLE - First come-first serve. Both players must be present at desk before sending match to the court.

RECORD SCORES OF COMPLETED MATCHES - Enter on the tournament desk draw sheets. Enter on the viewing draw sheets. Enter into the Tournament Data Manager (TDM) and publish to the Internet.
Best Practices from QuickStart Tournament Directors

1. For all QuickStart events, it is imperative to have volunteers to conduct the event. Volunteers could include high school players, adult league players, parents, etc. The USTA/Midwest Section Tennis Volunteer Corp is a group of tennis enthusiasts seeking volunteer opportunities. If your tournament is in need of volunteer assistance, please visit www.midwest.usta.com/volunteers to request local volunteers.

2. It is highly recommended to use blended lines for 60 foot courts. If blended lines are not possible, “painters tape” can be used to line the courts. You can find this at any hardware store. It is also recommended to pre-measure your courts. Marking the courts with a small mark/spot will allow for courts to be “taped” faster. Allow at least one hour to set up six courts.

3. It is recommended to group all players by ability if the event committee knows all players. If not, random draw players to different flights.

4. Give prizes and make sure the event is fun for all players and parents.

Important 10 and Under Tennis Websites

www.10andundertennis.com
www.midwest.usta.com/10andundertennis
www.facebook.com/10andUnderTennis
www.twitter.com/10UnderTennis

In addition to the preceding resource page, please contact the USTA/Midwest Section 10 and Under Tennis Coordinator at (317) 577-5130.
Painting 10 and Under Tennis blended tennis lines at your facility is the next step in creating permanency for the format that will change the face of youth tennis in America. The USTA/Midwest Section wants to partner with your community to help you accomplish this common goal, and grow the format to its fullest.

Purpose:
Funding provided by the USTA and USTA/Midwest Section to assist communities with the cost of putting 10 and Under Tennis blended lines on existing courts.

Requirements:
- Facility must apply for a 2012 USTA Public Facility Category I Assistance Program Grant ($4,000 maximum grant which requires a 50% local match) by filling out a Facility Assistance Form.
- Facility must be willing to line a minimum of two courts.

Other requirements include:
- Park and Recreation Departments that apply must be a designated Tennis In The Parks Agency.
- Community Tennis Associations that apply must be registered in the national database.
- Schools that apply are encouraged to have QuickStart tennis lines for elementary and junior high campuses and No-Cut programs in high school.
- NJTL chapters that apply must be an NJTL chapter in good standing.
- Private clubs are eligible to apply if they use the QuickStart format.

Amount:
The USTA/Midwest Section will match dollar for dollar the investment a local community makes toward the total cost of lining courts to make up the required 50% local match (a maximum of $500 USTA/Midwest Section contribution per facility). Currently, the cost to line QuickStart courts is approximately $200 - $500 per court.

Application process:

Work with an assigned USTA or Section representative to gather required information for a technical review, and to develop a concept drawing.

The USTA/Midwest Section funding will be awarded on a “first come, first serve” basis as approved by the USTA. Funding will be withheld for up to 60 days after approval. Failure to complete the project within 60 days may result in funds being released to another community.

Reimbursement:
After the project has been completed, pictures of the completed project and a final contractor’s invoice have been received, the USTA/Midwest Section will reimburse the local facility for the amount of the grant. The USTA national office will do the same for their portion.

For further information, please contact Michael Hughes, USTA/Midwest Section 10 and Under Tennis Coordinator at MichaelHughes@midwest.usta.com.

The USTA National office also offers larger Facility Assistance Grants for resurfacing (Category II up to $35,000), new construction, or converting existing 78-foot courts into 36-foot permanent courts (Category III up to $50,000). These grants do not have a match from the USTA/Midwest Section.
Help them learn a game that they will love for a lifetime.

Our QuickStart Tennis Training Workshop will give you all the skills you need to work with kids 10 and under so they have fun right away!

Expert instructors will teach you age specific activities and provide the tools to work with kids 10 and under. You’ll also get materials that make it easy for anyone to coach or organize tennis for kids.

Get in the game today by contacting a workshop near you or learn more at usta.com/oncourttraining.
Ranking Divisions and Minimum Requirements
An official USTA/Midwest Section QuickStart Recognition List shall be made annually in Boys’ and Girls’ 8 and 10 singles. Ranking data shall be obtained from all USTA sanctioned QuickStart format junior tournaments during the calendar year (January 1 through December 31). The results from all USTA sanctioned QuickStart format junior tournaments will be entered into a computerized ranking program that will generate the USTA/Midwest Section QuickStart Recognition List.

Additional Regulations for USTA/Midwest Section Points Per Round Ranking and Standing List
Matches played using the QuickStart format in the 8 and 10 under age divisions will only be used for the USTA/Midwest Section QuickStart Recognition List. Matches played in Novice/Satellite tournaments are not included in the ranking procedure, and these tournaments do not count toward meeting the minimum tournament requirements.

USTA/Midwest Section Event Levels
The USTA/Midwest Section Junior Competition Committee will evaluate and recommend annually the appropriate levels of the events considered for the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Ranking and Standing Lists. The event levels are as follows:

Level 7 QuickStart Events
- All USTA/Midwest Section Sanctioned QuickStart Formatted Tournaments - BG 8 only

Level 7 QuickStart Recognition List
Points Earned for each Tournament Played | 1
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Please refer to the current edition of ITF Approved Tennis Balls & Classified Court Surfaces when ordering tennis balls for your event. Each event should use new cases of tennis balls. Used tennis balls are not recommended. The following are recommendations for use of tennis balls in tournament play:

**RED STAGE**

Tennis Balls may be used for duration of the event. It is recommended to inspect the tennis balls prior to each match. If tennis balls look damaged or worn out, please do not use them.

**ORANGE STAGE**

Tennis Balls may be used for duration of the event. It is recommended to inspect the tennis balls prior to each match. If tennis balls look damaged or worn out, please do not use them.

**GREEN STAGE**

Tennis Balls may be used a maximum of three rounds of play during the event. It is recommended to inspect the tennis balls prior to each match. If tennis balls look damaged or worn out, please do not use them. New tennis balls should be used after three rounds of play.
APPENDIX C - Additional Website Requirements

As a USTA/Midwest Section Junior Tournament Director, you are expected to be knowledgeable and abide by the regulations and procedures mandated by your District Association, USTA/Midwest Section Junior Competition Committee, and Junior Schedule Sub-Committee. Failure to follow regulations and procedures may result in your sanction being revoked.

The following information is strongly recommended to appear on each sanctioned tournament website home page:

8 AND UNDER RED STAGE EVENTS
(AS OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2010)

Tournament Web-Page Information prior to Tournament Deadline

- The term “QuickStart” must appear in the title of the event.
- 8 and under Tournaments: This tournament will use the QuickStart Tennis Format. The QuickStart Tennis Format is tennis scaled to fit the size, age and abilities of young players. It is based on six key specifications that will be used to conduct this tournament. The following specifications will be used for all participants:

  **RED STAGE: Boys and Girls 5-8 years old**
  
  Age: 5-8 years old players (co-ed)
  Ball: Foam or felt balls that are larger and 75% slower than a yellow ball
  Court: 36’ x 18’ (doubles sideline to doubles sideline)
  Net Height: 2'9"
  Racquets: 19”, 21” and 23” in length
  Scoring: Two out of three 7 point tie-breaks

- **Draw Format**: Tournament draws shall be any non-elimination format such as a compass draw or round robin (please specify). The maximum draw size shall be 32 players. Tournaments should not last more than one day.

- **We cannot contact you unless you provide your telephone numbers and e-mail address.**

  The USTA Legal Department has determined that the USTA cannot provide contact information to tournament directors unless the customer provides the contact information during the registration process. Previously the home phone number and email address were pre-filled from the USTA Membership database when a player went through the online registration process. The pre-fill was removed due to privacy concerns. If you don’t provide an email address and/or telephone number when you register for the tournament then we will be unable to notify you about any possible changes in the tournament.

- **Volunteers**: Please inform participants/parents of any volunteer opportunities.
Tournament Web-Page Information prior to Tournament Deadline

- The term “QuickStart” must appear in the title of the event.

**10 and under Tournaments:** This tournament will use the QuickStart Tennis play format. QuickStart Tennis play format is tennis scaled to fit the size, age and abilities of young players. It is based on six key specifications that will be used to conduct this tournament event. The following specifications will be used for all participants:

**ORANGE STAGE: Boys and Girls 10 years old and under**

- **Age:** 10 years old and under
- **Ball:** The orange ball is 50% slower than the yellow ball
- **Court:** 60’ x 21’ for singles, and 60’ x 27’ for doubles
- **Net Height:** 3’ at the center and 3’6” at the net posts
- **Racquets:** 23” or 25” in length
- **Scoring:** Two out of three, four game sets using no-ad scoring and a 7-point tiebreak at four all. A 7-point tiebreak will be played in lieu of a third set.

- **Draw Format:** Tournament draws shall be any non-elimination format such as a compass draw or round robin (Please specify). The maximum draw size shall be 32 players. Tournaments should not last more than one day.

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- **Volunteers:** Please inform participants/parents of any volunteer opportunities.
Tournament Web-Page Information prior to Tournament Deadline

• **10 and under Tournament:** The tournament will use six key specifications to conduct the tournament. The following specifications will be used for all participants:

  **GREEN STAGE: Boys and Girls 10 Divisions**
  Age: 10 years old and under  
  Ball: The green ball is 25% slower ball than the yellow ball  
  Court: 78’ x 27’ for singles, and 78’ x 36’ for doubles  
  Net: 3’ at the center and 3’6” at the net posts  
  Racquets: 25” - 29” in length  
  Scoring: Two out of three sets with a match tiebreak in lieu of a third set  

• **Draw Format:** Please indicate the draw format for the event (Compass Draw, Feed-In Consolation, First Match Consolation, etc.)

• **We cannot contact you unless you provide your telephone numbers and your e-mail address.**

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• **Volunteers:** Please inform participants/parents of any volunteer opportunities.
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