

# 10 and Under Tennis in Texas

The new 10 and Under Rules in Texas will take effect January 1, 2012.



The new 10 and under system places an emphasis on participation and promotes play in both orange ball and green ball events. This system is structured to keep young players in orange ball and green ball events long enough to develop tactically and technically. A young player who is technically advanced and physically competent will be able to progress through the levels in a reasonable time period. Some highlights of the new system:

The 10 and Under division will offer ZAT's in two levels, and all ZAT Tournaments will be required to offer both

- 1) Competition with an Orange ball on a 60' court will be the initial level , and
- 2) Competition with a Green Ball on a 78" court will be the next level

## ORANGE BALL

\* Players will accumulate 10 Participation Credits in Orange Ball ZAT's in order to gain eligibility to Green Ball.

\* One Participation credits is earned by completing each Orange Ball ZAT tournament, or by playing one season of JTT

\* Players may also advance by winning 4 Orange Ball ZAT Tournaments

## GREEN BALL

\* Players will accumulate 10 Participation Credits in Green Ball ZAT's in order to gain eligibility to 12's ZAT's (Yellow Ball)

\* One Participation Credit is earned by completing each Green Ball ZAT, or by playing one season of JTT

\* Players may also advance by winning 4 Green Ball ZAT Tournaments

There are specific age requirements associated with movement between levels. There is a comprehensive transition plan for those players who by 12/31/2011 have already been playing both 10 and Under, and 12 and Under ZAT's.

Guidelines for Orange and Green Ball events in "other" tournaments are in place.

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