

# YOUTH PROGRESSION



## YOUR MISSION: THE QUEST FOR STARS AND TROPHIES

The USTA has designed a best-in-class system to track the progress of junior players, ages 10 and Under from Orange Ball to Green Ball and Green Ball to Yellow Ball. The system will track a player's progress through participation in tournaments and Junior Team Tennis. Players will receive credits for completing tournaments and earn "bonus points" for tournament results. 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 starts and trophies they accumulate.

### HOW TO CLEAR EACH LEVEL

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

	HOW TO COLLECT STARS/TROPHIES	GEAR	
<b>ORANGE LEVEL 1</b>	<p>1 Tournament ★ ★</p> <p>Team Tennis Season ★ ★ ★</p> <p>Tournament Champion 🏆 🏆</p> <p>Tournament Finalist 🏆</p>	<p>Tennis Ball: Orange Felt Racquet: Up to 25" Court: 60'x21' (Singles) 60'x27' (Doubles)</p>	
<b>GREEN LEVEL 1</b>	<p>1 Tournament ★ ★</p> <p>Team Tennis Season ★ ★ ★</p> <p>Tournament Champion 🏆 🏆</p> <p>Tournament Finalist 🏆</p>	<p>Tennis Ball: Green Dot Racquet: Up to 29" Court: 78'x27' (Singles) 78'x36' (Doubles)</p>	<p>For the Green Ball Division, USTA Texas will continue to monitor Challenger 1-Day (10s) tournament wins for the purpose of moving to the 12s Championship level (four wins in the Green Ball Division will still be required).</p>

## Player Page

Each player's page will track his/her progress and accumulation of stars and trophies. When a player logs into his/her Tennis Link account, he/she will see a colorful, easy to follow, player page with current eligibility level, "My Awards" showing stars and trophies earned, "My Mission" showing what needs to be completed to progress to the next level, and "My Activity" showing player record.

To access the player page, go to <https://tennislink.usta.com> and click on the My Tennis tab. Enter in the player's USTA number and password to be directed to the player's Welcome screen. This screen will allow the player to access various items including his/her Youth Progression Player Progress Report:

The screenshot shows a player's progress page for Ryan Sager. At the top, there is a profile picture of a young boy, his name "Ryan Sager", and his USTA number "2010541296". Below the name, it says "Southern > Georgia > Canton, GA". To the right of the profile information, it displays "Level 1", "★ x 13", and "🏆 x 6". The main heading is "Player Progression".

The "My Awards" section shows two progress bars. The first bar is labeled "Participation" and shows 13 stars. The second bar is labeled "Results" and shows 6 trophies.

The "My Mission" section states: "You're 1 ★ or 🏆 away from advancing to **Green Level 2** and achieving your mission!". Below this, there are three informational boxes:

- As a youth tennis player, you advance to the next ball color in **32 days** when you reach the maximum age.
- You can also clear ball color-level by achieving a combination of 20 stars and/or trophies!
- Continue to play at your cleared ball color-level, or register for events at your new ball color and level and start a new mission!

The "My Activity" section shows "as of 4/3/2015" with a "select month" link.

At the bottom, there are five buttons: "Monthly Progress", "All Progress", "Expanded Info", "Print Report", and "Send Excel".

The player will also be able to see his/her match results in Challenger 1-Day (10s), 10s Participation Credit Tournaments, and Youth Progression Tournaments outside USTA Texas. The match information is updated nightly but players will not see their updated stars and trophy progress until after the automated publish dates:

**My Activity** as of 4/3/2015 [select month](#)

Monthly Progress | All Progress | Expanded Info | Print Report | Send Excel

Program	Date	Event	Score W/L	Round, RR Order	Award
JTT	3/8/2015	Winter Age Eligible Bridgemill (7034253243)	4-0, 4-0 W		
JTT	3/15/2015	Winter Age Eligible Bridgemill (7034253243)	4-2, 4-1 W		★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Tournaments	4/2/2015	Star Island Resort's Jingle Bells Blast Level 7 - 150103114	5-3, 4-1 L	R1	★ ★ ★
Tournaments	4/2/2015	Star Island Resort's Jingle Bells Blast Level 7 - 150103114	4-0, 4-0 W	R2	
Tournaments	4/2/2015	Star Island Resort's Jingle Bells Blast Level 7 - 150103114	4-0, 4-0 W	R4	
Tournaments	4/2/2015	Star Island Resort's Jingle Bells Blast Level 7 - 150103114	4-2, 4-1 W	R5	🏆 🏆 🏆
PlayDays	4/3/2015	Play Day Participation *****			★

If desired, the player can upload a photo to his/her player page by clicking “Manage Account” directly under the player’s USTA Account # in the top right corner of the Welcome screen.

If a player continues to play in the division once he/she accumulates twenty stars and/or trophies, additional stars and/or trophies earned in that division will NOT appear on the player page. For the Green Ball Division, USTA Texas will continue to monitor Challenger 1-Day (10s) tournament wins for the purpose of moving to the 12s Championship level (four wins in the Green Ball Division will still be required).

**Player Email Notification**

In order to receive inspiring status updates and aging up notification emails, the contact information on file with USTA Member Services must be accurate and current. To update the email address, login to Tennis Link and click “Manage Account” directly under the player’s USTA Account # in the top right corner of the Welcome screen. The information can also be updated by contacting USTA Member Services at 1-800-990-8782.

**Transitioning to 2016**

**Since at least one Challenger 1-Day (10s) tournament deadline and draw posting are prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>, entries in ALL January Challenger 1-Day (10s)/10s Participation Credit Tournament will be based on the participation credit and win credit lists posted December 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Players under the age of eleven that have accumulated participation credits and/or win credits will be issued stars and trophies based on the percentage of completion in the current system.

Players under the age of eleven that have already progressed to Yellow Ball will remain in Yellow Ball at their current level (Challenger, Champs, or Supers).