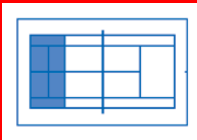

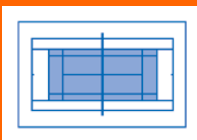

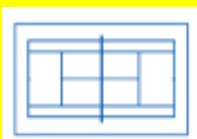





# USTA Northern Junior Tennis Pathway

STAGE	AGE	COURT SIZE	NET HEIGHT	BALL	RACQUET	SCORING	DESCRIPTION	SUGGESTED COMPETITION
Red	5-8	 36' x 18'	2'9"	 Very Low Compression Red Felt	Up to 23"	2 out of 3, 7-point tiebreaks	Slower balls, smaller courts and shorter racquets enable young players to rally and play much sooner. Players start to play individual and team games and activities, develop good technique and use simple tactics.	USTA Jr. Team Tennis  Local festivals/events  Local and sanctioned non-ranking tournaments
Orange	9-10	 60' x 21' singles 60' x 27' doubles	3'	 Low Compression Orange Felt	23" – 25"	2 out of 3, 4-game sets using no-ad scoring and a 7-point tiebreak at 4 all. 3 <sup>rd</sup> set is a 7-point tiebreak	The court is larger and the ball is faster than the red ball but continues to provide an optimal striking zone and the ability to implement advanced techniques and tactics. Matches are longer and kids play both team and individual events.	USTA Jr. Team Tennis  Local festivals/events  Local and sanctioned non-ranking tournaments
Yellow	11+	 78' x 27' singles 78' x 36' doubles	3'	 Yellow Felt	25" – 29"	Any scoring system within the Rules of Tennis	Once players have progressed through the red and orange stages, they will be ready to train and compete with a yellow ball on the full court. To ease the transition to the yellow ball and covering the full court, local programs and players may choose to use the green ball.	USTA Jr. Team Tennis  Level 1-7 sanctioned tournaments

### Notes:

- The Red Foam ball may be used for indoor gymnasium settings.
- The Green Felt ball may be used for local play to ease the transition into competition on the full court with the yellow ball.
- A few players may progress through the above junior tennis pathway faster than their peers.
- For more information on USTA Northern Junior Tennis Programming, visit: [www.northern.usta.com](http://www.northern.usta.com)

