

THE NEW 10 AND UNDER YOUTH TENNIS PROGRESSION

Designed to help players develop their fundamentals and get the most out of tennis, the Youth Progression system rewards kids for competing and inspires them to play more often.



The Youth Progression serves as a guide for coaches, parents and players to ensure that kids 10 and under participate in events using the appropriate ball for their skill level. Now that balls and courts are tailored to a player's skill level, children can improve and have fun right from the start. Kids will be able to track progress on their Player Progression Page. The more they play, and the more they improve their skills and clear each level, the more stars and trophies they accumulate.

ORANGE LEVEL 2

HOW TO COLLECT STARS/TROPHIES

1 Tournament = ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Team Tennis Season = ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Tournament Champion = 🏆 🏆 🏆 🏆 🏆

Tournament Finalist = 🏆 🏆 🏆 🏆

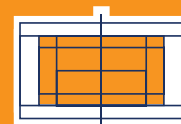
GEAR



Tennis Ball
Orange Felt



Racquet
Up to 25"



Court
60'x21' (Singles)
60'x27' (Doubles)

ORANGE LEVEL 1

HOW TO COLLECT STARS/TROPHIES

1 Tournament = ★ ★ ★

Team Tennis Season = ★ ★ ★ ★

Tournament Champion = 🏆 🏆 🏆

Tournament Finalist = 🏆 🏆

GEAR



Tennis Ball
Orange Felt



Racquet
Up to 25"



Court
60'x21' (Singles)
60'x27' (Doubles)

GREEN LEVEL 1

HOW TO COLLECT STARS/TROPHIES

1 Tournament = ★ ★

Team Tennis Season = ★ ★ ★

Tournament Champion = 🏆 🏆

Tournament Finalist = 🏆

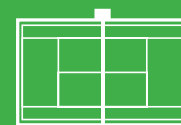
GEAR



Tennis Ball
Green Dot



Racquet
Up to 29"



Court
78'x27' (Singles)
78'x36' (Doubles)

THE 10 AND UNDER TENNIS YOUTH PROGRESSION

YOUR MISSION: THE QUEST FOR STARS AND TROPHIES

Youth Progression serves as a guide for coaches, parents and players to ensure that kids 10 and under participate in events using the appropriate ball for their skill level. Now that balls and courts are tailored to a player's level, children can improve and have fun right from the start.

Kids love playing games. That's why we're applying gaming principles to 10 and Under Tennis. 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 stars and trophies they accumulate.

The minimum age to start playing an Orange Ball Progression Tournament is 7 years old. Players 6 and under are encouraged to participate in Play Days, Junior Team Tennis and Junior Tournaments using the red ball. On the first day of a player's 11th birthday month, he or she will automatically advance out of the Youth Tennis Progression tracking system.

The Youth Progression requirements are minimum recommendations for competitions. Players are encouraged to stay at their current level until they have fully developed their skill set for that specific court and ball. Remember, it's not a race to the yellow ball!

YOUTH PROGRESSION COMPETITIVE PATHWAY

To advance to the next level, all players must earn a combination of 20 stars and/or trophies. The following is a description of how stars and trophies can be earned in any orange or green youth progression tournament:

Orange Ball Progression Level 2:

- Participation in any orange youth progression tournament: 5 stars
- Complete a season of 10U Junior Team Tennis: 6 stars
- Win any orange ball tournament: 5 trophies
- Finalist in any orange youth progression tournament: 4 trophies

Orange Ball Progression Level 1:

- Participation in any orange youth progression tournament: 3 stars
- Complete a season of 10U Junior Team Tennis: 4 stars
- Win any orange youth progression tournament: 3 trophies
- Finalist in any orange youth progression tournament: 2 trophies

Green Ball Progression Level 1:

- Participation in any green youth progression tournament: 2 stars
- Complete a season of 10U Junior Team Tennis: 3 stars
- Win any green youth progression tournament: 2 trophies
- Finalist in any green youth progression tournament: 1 trophy

Junior Team Tennis

- Participation in a championship and/or local Junior Team Tennis: 10U singles & doubles
- Must play a minimum of 2 matches for team. Player will only receive participation star for one team per season.
- Can receive credit for a maximum of 2 seasons/calendar year.
- Players can play in either 10U orange ball or 10U green ball leagues and receive participation stars in their current level in progression.
- JTT participation stars will show up after the flight end date.

Minimum and Maximum Age (with the exception of any player that qualified through the grandfather clause):

- The minimum age to enter this pathway effective September 1, 2016 is 7 years old.
- On the first day of a player's 11th birthday month, they will automatically advance out of the 10U Youth Pathway Progression and may begin playing yellow ball competitions.
- All 6 years old and younger can play in Play Days, JTT & red ball tournaments.

Tracking Player Participation and Pathway Status:

- USTA members have a profile page in TennisLink (tennislink.usta.com) and each 10U player may log in and track their progress and accumulation of stars and trophies earned
- As players advance, they will see how many more stars and trophies they need in order to reach the next level. Stars and trophies will only be collected for the new ball color and level

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