

10 & UNDER TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

AGES 8 & UNDER

Court Size: 36' x 18'

Racquet: up to 23'

Ball: foam or very low compression

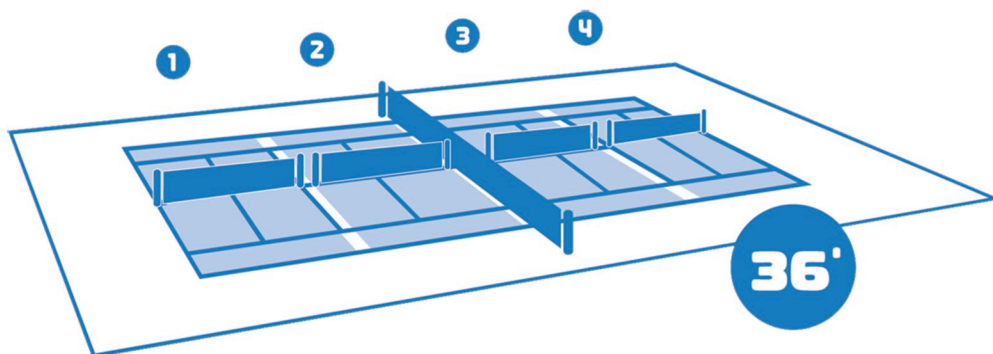
Net Height: 2'9"

Scoring: best of 3 games

1st to 7 points wins game

Players alternate serving 2 points

Serving: Underarm with no bounce is acceptable.



AGES 10 & UNDER

Court Size: 60' x 21' singles

60' x 27' doubles

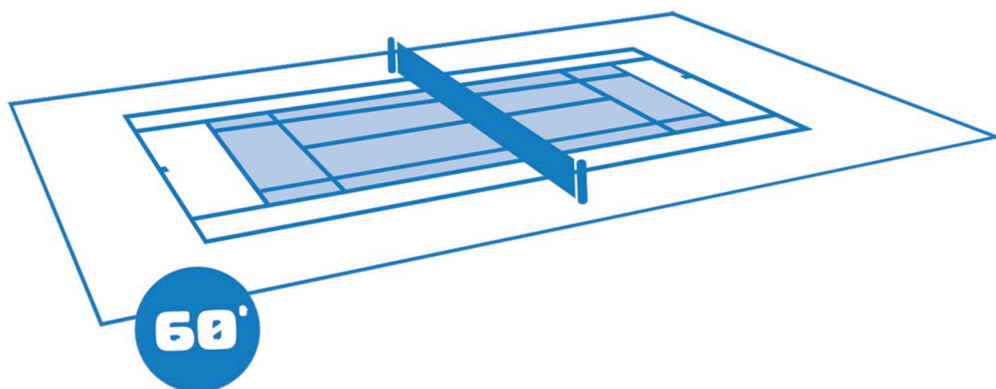
Racquet: up to 25'

Ball: low compression

Net Height: 3'

Scoring: 2 out of 3 short sets-first to 4 games (win by 2) 7 point tiebreak at 4-4; 7 point tiebreak for 3rd set

Serve: Encouraged to hit overhead serve.



CRITERIA FOR QUICKSTART TOURNAMENTS

- USTA South Carolina will supply balls
- Water, ice, and restrooms available to all players
- Use compass draw, round robin, or feed-in consolation
- The suggested time for an event is 2-4 hours
- 8s are co-ed singles and doubles
- 10s are boys or girls in singles and doubles
- All players should play 3 or more matches in a tournament
- All players receive an award (i.e., certificate, trophy, medal, etc.)
- No certified referee required
- Monitors needed on each court for 8s. Strongly encouraged to have monitors on court for the 10s. Parents may not monitor their child's match.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Conduct Parent & Player Meeting after registration to explain schedules and scoring format
- Use blue or green painter's tape for the lines
- Make sure to add in the sideline on the 60' court
- T-shirts are great additions to the tournament
- Encourage the parents of club/facility/CTA to bring snacks or lunch for all kids to enjoy

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2012 10 & Under Tennis Tournament Guidelines
USTA South Carolina

10 & Under Division:

All Play in the 10 & Under Division in USTA Sanctioned Tournaments shall be on a 60' court with an orange low compression ball with a racquet no larger than 25". Tournament Directors, at a minimum, must use the following scoring format for L1-L4 10 & Under age divisions:

- Best of three short sets to 4 games, must win by 2 (7 point set tiebreak at 4-4) with a 7 pt tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set (must win by 2). The use of ad/no ad scoring is at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- Full Sets (with a 10 point tiebreak for the 3rd set) may be used by the TD to ensure adequate playing time for the participants **should the draws be small** (ie: 3-4 players).
- Another option for small draws is to utilize a double round robin with short scoring, where players will play others in the draw twice.
- Rising Stars and 10 & Under Tournaments (L5 Tournaments) shall use, **at maximum**, the short set format listed above in tournament competition. It is **suggested that no-ad scoring is used** at this level.

8 & Under Division:

Play in the 8 & under division in USTA SC Sanctioned Tournaments shall be with a red low compression balls on a 36' court with a racquet no larger than 23". The scoring format for this division is best of three games, first to seven wins the game, 2 games wins the match. The server gets 2 serves and each player serves 2 points before changing servers.

If the facility does not have permanent lines, a solid, contiguous line must be provided for match play. For clay, lines may be drawn using the line sweeper. For hard courts, green or blue painter's tape (do not use masking tape or duct tape) is suggested.