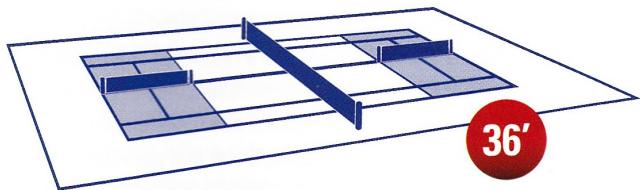


## 8 and Under: Red Ball Tennis

Court Size	Racquet	Ball	Net Height
36' x 18'	up to 23"	A red foam or red low compression felt ball moves slower, bounces lower and travels less distance.	2' 9"



For children 8 and under, the size of the court is 36' x 18'. The setup divides a standard-sized court into several smaller courts, using the standard-sized court's doubles sidelines as baselines. Racquets are up to 23 inches in length so that every child can easily handle the equipment. The ball, a red foam or low compression felt ball, is lightweight, bounces lower and travels through the air slower. The net height is 2'9", making it easier for each child to rally over the net.

### Age Eligibility

Any Player until the 1st day of the month of their 9th birthday.

### Tournament Formats

Non-Elimination Formats (e.g. Round Robin, Compass)

Single Day Tournaments

### Scoring Formats

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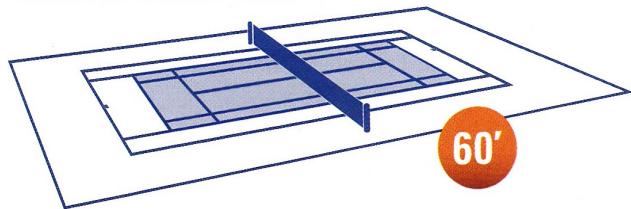
### Tournaments

Available Districts may allow any number of Red Ball Tennis tournaments to be sanctioned.

Red Ball Tournaments are a great way for players in the first stage of the Junior Tennis Pathway to start with tournaments. These non-elimination, single day tournaments are a great introduction for players to become acclimated with the look and feel of a tournament. The focus can remain solely on fun, development, and learning the game.

## 10 and Under: Orange Ball Tennis

Court Size	Racquet	Ball	Net Height
60' x 21' singles	up to 25"	An orange low compression felt ball moves a little faster and travels farther than the red ball but still has a lower bounce than the yellow ball.	3'
60' x 27' doubles			



For children ages 9-10, the size of the court is 60' x 21' (60' x 27' for doubles). The racquets are up to 25 inches in length. A low compression orange ball is used. A low compression orange ball travels a little faster and farther than the red foam or felt balls but still has a lower bounce and travels slower than the standard yellow ball.

### Age Eligibility

Any Player until the first day of the month of their 11th birthday.

### Tournament Formats

Non-Elimination Formats (e.g. Round Robin, Compass Draw)

### Scoring Formats

As permitted by USTA Rules and Regulations found in the Friend at Court

Players must show their competency in Orange Ball Tennis before earning entry to Green Ball Tennis. By allowing both advancement and non-advancement Orange Ball Tennis Tournaments, we can provide an Orange Ball Tennis tournament structure for players looking to advance, while still providing other, novice Orange Ball Tennis tournaments for entry-level players.

To advance to the next level, all players must earn any combination of 20 stars and/or trophies. Following is a description of how stars and trophies can be earned:

- Participation in any Progression Tournament: four stars
- Win any Progression Tournament: four trophies
- Second place finish in any Progression Tournament: three trophies
- Complete a season of Junior Team Tennis: five stars

## 10 and Under: Green Ball Tennis

### Age Eligibility

Any Player until the first day of the month of their 11th birthday (who has advanced from Orange Ball Tennis).

### Tournament Formats

A variety of tournament formats will be used.

### Scoring Formats

Best of 3 tiebreak sets with 10 point match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set.

### To Advance Yellow Ball Tennis (12-18 and Under Divisions)

To advance to Yellow Ball Tennis, players must complete one of the following:

1. A player who has already advanced to Green Ball Tennis from Orange Ball Tennis may advance to Yellow Ball Tennis on the first day of the month of the player's 10th birthday.

To advance to the next level, all players must earn any combination of 20 stars and/or trophies. Following is a description of how stars and trophies can be earned:

- Participation in any Progression Tournament: four stars
- Win any Progression Tournament: four trophies
- Second place finish in any Progression Tournament: three trophies
- Complete a season of Junior Team Tennis: five stars

Just as players advanced from Orange to Green Ball Tennis, they must demonstrate their competency in Green Ball Tennis before they can earn entry to Yellow Ball Tennis. This can be achieved through results, participation, or ultimately age. This system will encourage players to develop properly and demonstrate competency in Green Ball Tennis before advancing to Yellow Ball Tennis.

