



USTA Northern California Orange and Green Ball Tournament Rules (1/22/2014)

	Orange	Green
Required	Stage 2 Orange ball	Stage 1 Green dot ball
Tournament Length	4 -6 timeframe	One day unless a Playoff round is played
Court Size	60 ft	78 ft
Net	33in	36in
Racket Size (required)	23-25in	25-27in
Events	Co-ed	Single Gender
Ball Usage	Tournament must start w/ new Orange balls. Guidelines for re-usage: Balls should be used for no more than four hours, however balls are not changed when a match is in progress, and balls should not be used more than eight short sets.	Tournaments must start with new Green Balls. Guidelines for re-usage: Balls should be used for no more than four hours, however balls are not changed when a match is in progress, and balls should not be used for more than eight sets.
Draw Format	Events with no fewer than 3 singles matches and no more than 6 singles matches: Events with 4 players shall play a RR, events with 6, 7, 9, 15, 17 or more players shall use Concurrent RR w/Playoff, events with 8 or 16 players shall use a Compass Draw. The playoff matches may be scheduled on a second day so as to complete all matches in a division in no more than a 4 hour period of time.	Events with no fewer than 3 singles matches and no more than 6 singles matches: Events with 4 players shall play a RR, events with 6, 7, 9, 15, 17 or more players shall use Concurrent RR w/Playoff, events with 8 or 16 players shall use a Compass Draw. The playoff matches may be scheduled on a second day so as to complete all matches in a division in no more than a 4 hour period of time.
Rest Between Matches	The guidelines in Table 11 apply when the short sets are used. Additional rest should be offered when the length of a match, heat humidity, total time on court during the day or other conditions justify rest.	The guidelines in Table 11 apply when single sets are used. Additional rest should be offered when the length of a match, heat humidity, total time on court during the day or other conditions justify rest.
PPS	PPS is authorized by the section	PPS is authorized by the section
Scoring Formats Singles	a. One short set: First to 4 games by a margin of 1. At 3 games all, a 7 Point Tie Break shall be played. No-ad scoring may be used. b. Best of 3 short-sets: First to 4 games by a margin of 1. 7-Point Tiebreak played in lieu of the third set. Two minute set break at the end of each set. No-ad scoring may be used.	a. One single set: First player to win 6 games by a margin of 2 games. At 6 games all, a 7 Point Tie Break shall be played. b. Playoff Rounds: 2 tiebreak sets with a 10 match tiebreak at 1 set all. 90 seconds allowed for change of ends, 2 minutes allowed for set-break.
Scoring Formats Doubles	The doubles match format shall be one 10 Point Match Tiebreak. The duration of all doubles events shall not exceed one hour. If there is an odd number of players, then players shall rotate partners after the completion of each match.	The doubles match format shall be one 10 Point Match Tiebreak. The duration of all doubles events shall not exceed one hour. If there is an odd number of players, then players shall rotate partners after the completion of each match.
Junior Development Pathway	Only players assigned to the Orange level in the Junior Development Pathway are eligible to participate in the event. Doubles results must be recorded for players to receive participation points.	Only players assigned to the Green level in the Junior Development Pathway are eligible to participate in the event. Doubles results must be recorded for players to receive participation points.

* For a complet listing of the Junior Tournament Rules visit: norcal.usta.com/professionals/tournament_directors/

