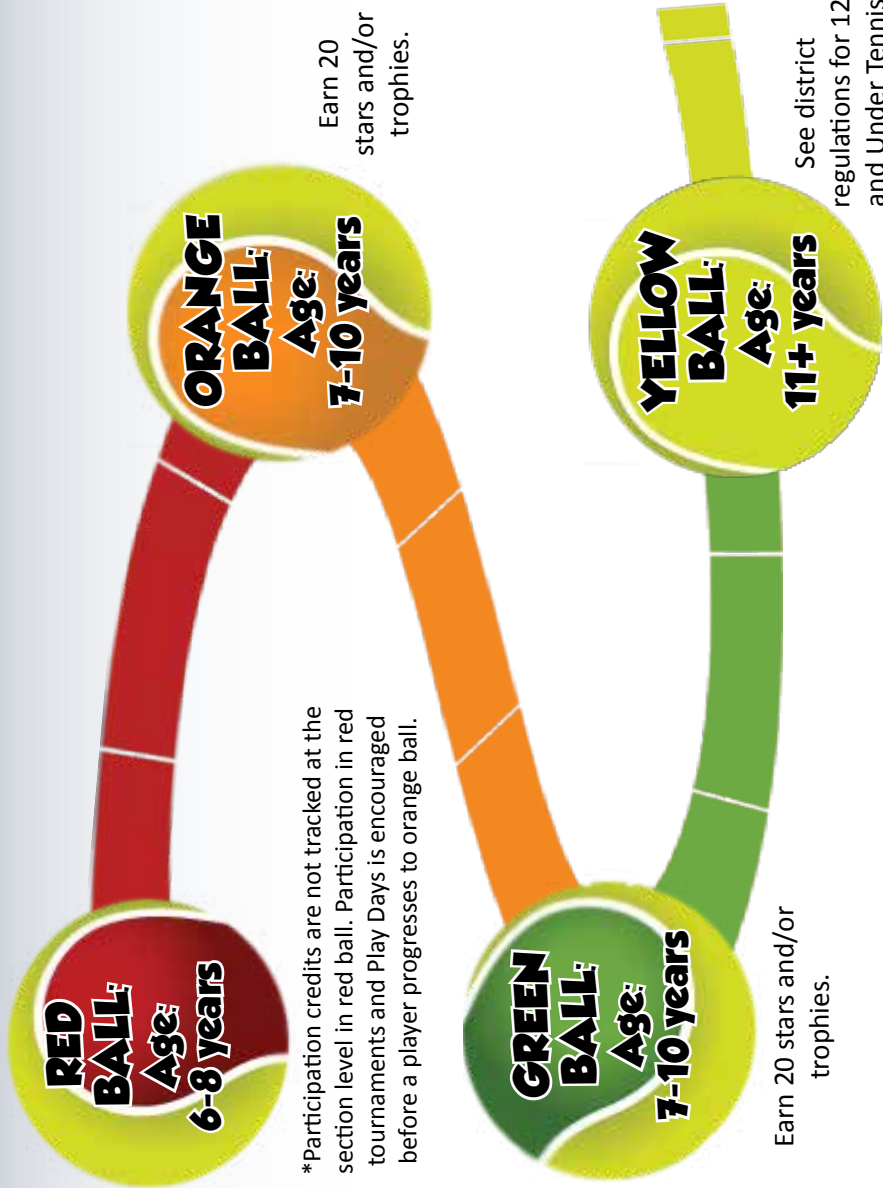


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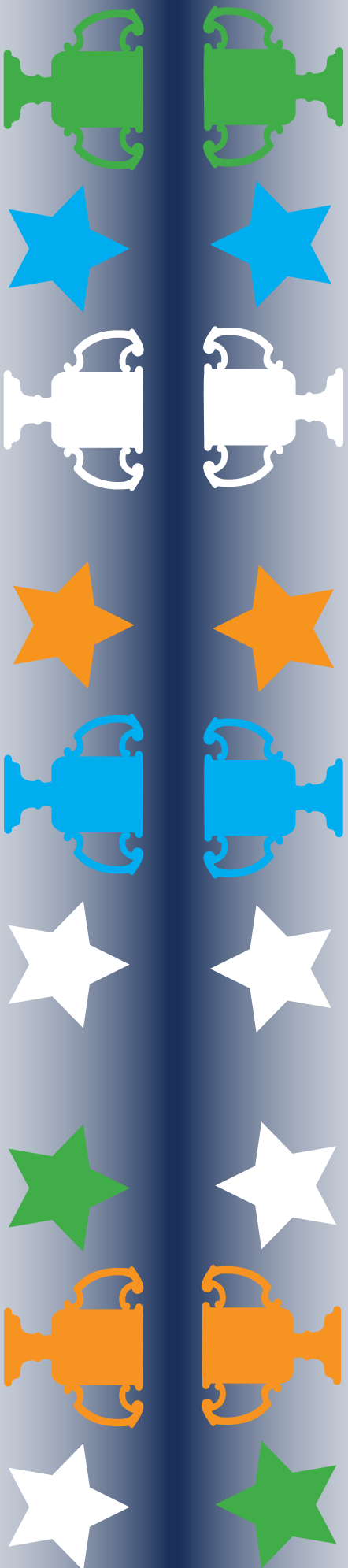
Youth Progression Chart - Stars & Trophies			
	10 and Under Orange	10 and Under Green	
Participation			
Tennis Play Days	One (1) star (max 2)	One (1) star (max 1)	
Youth Progression Tournaments	Two (2) stars	Two (2) stars	
10 & Under Junior Team Tennis	Three (3) stars/season (max 6)	Three (3) stars/season (max 6)	
Results			
Progression Tournament Winner	Two (2) trophies	Two (2) trophies	
Progression Tournament Finalist	One (1) trophy	One (1) trophy	

What is Youth Progression? The youth progression system is for players 10 and under and follows the same logic as other youth sports like baseball or soccer, which use kid-sized equipment to decrease frustration and increase fun!

What's different?

- Courts are smaller and easier to cover
- Balls bounce lower and slower
- Racquets are easier to grip and swing
- Shorter scoring equates to more matches
- Three levels of balls for kids 6-10 years

In order to guide young players through red, orange, green and yellow, the Youth Progression Pathway has been implemented. The Pathway allows players to progress through the ball colors by earning stars and trophies through a combination of Youth Progression Play Days, Junior Team Tennis leagues and Youth Progression tournaments.



PLAY OPPORTUNITIES

Play Days

Let kids experience the thrill of competition without the pressure. Kids are introduced to competition in a low-pressure setting where the emphasis is on FUN. Play Days allow kids to gain match-play experience with others of similar age and skill so they can transition to team tennis and tournaments.

Play Days typically last two to three hours, and allow kids to play multiple matches in a non-elimination setting—all with the goal of enhancing skills and making friends in a fun, social atmosphere. For both novices and experienced players, Play Days are a welcoming way for kids to experience the social and competitive aspects of tennis.



Junior Team Tennis

Kids can get active, have fun and make friends by playing tennis on a team. USTA Junior Team Tennis brings kids together in teams to play singles, doubles and mixed doubles against other teams. It promotes social skills and important values by fostering a spirit of cooperation and unity, as well as individual self-growth. Also, it's a fun environment for kids in which they learn that succeeding is really more about how they play the game – win or lose.

Junior Tournaments

Junior Tournaments give youth the opportunity to advance their game by getting on the court, learning from the best and connecting with friends. Competing in junior tournaments will help take their game as far as they want to go – high school, college or the pros. Youth can compete in their town, district, section or nationally. Junior competition includes events for everyone- from first time competitors to top level tournaments for more experienced competitors.

Early Development Camps

Early Development Camps (EDC) is a new initiative developed by USTA Player Development that focuses on local players 7 to 10. The goal is to bring together players currently competing in the Youth Progression Pathway in a local area for intensive half-day orange ball training sessions. EDCs located throughout the section will help develop the talent pool of USTA Missouri Valley Junior players.

Youth Progression Pathway

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2017 Schedule



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2017 Youth Progression Tournament Schedule

*2017 schedule as of November 21, 2016. Please check TennisLink for up-to-date tournament information



HEART OF AMERICA

Date	Host	Location	Ball
Jan. 13	OPRC	OP, KS	
Jan. 28	Hilltop	KC, MO	
Feb. 18	Genesis	OP, KS	
Feb. 25	Blue Hills CC	KC, MO	
Mar. 3	OPRC	OP, KS	
Mar. 18	Northland	KC, MO	
Apr. 15	Hilltop	KC, MO	
Apr. 23	Homestead CC	Prairie Village, KS	
May 12	PTC	KC, MO	
May 14	Homestead CC	Prairie Village, KS	
June 17	Hallbrook CC	Leawood, KS	
June 25	Homestead CC	Prairie Village, KS	
July 1	PTC	KC, MO	
July 22	Genesis	OP, KS	
Aug. 6	Homestead CC	Prairie Village, KS	
Aug. 18	OPRC	OP, KS	
Sept. 8	OPRC	OP, KS	
Sept. 16	Hilltop	KC, MO	
Oct. 7	Hilltop	KC, MO	
Oct. 15	Genesis	OP, KS	
Nov. 10	Northland	KC, MO	
Nov. 18	Hilltop	KC, MO	
Dec. 1	OPRC	OP, KS	
Dec. 10	Genesis	OP, KS	

IOWA

Date	Host	Location	Ball
Jan. 13	Lifetime TC	Des Moines	
Jan. 20	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Jan. 21	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Feb. 10	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Feb. 11	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Feb. 25	Aspen AC	Des Moines	
Mar. 10	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Mar. 11	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Mar. 31	Aspen AC	Des Moines	
Apr. 15	Hawkeye TC	Iowa City	
Apr. 21	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Apr. 22	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
May 12	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
May 13	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
May 13	Aspen AC	Des Moines	
June 13	Bettendorf Jr.	Bettendorf	
June 17	Ankeny	Ankeny	
July 13	Hawkeye TC	Iowa City	
Aug. 12	Midlands DC	Iowa City	
Aug. 13	Midlands DC	Iowa City	
Aug. 19	Pella	Pella	
Sept. 16	Westfield TC	Cedar Rapids	
Sept. 30	Aspen AC	Des Moines	
Oct. 6	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Oct. 8	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Oct. 13	Lifetime	Des Moines	
Nov. 3	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Nov. 4	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Nov. 4	Aspen	Des Moines	
Dec. 9	Klotz	Iowa City	
Dec. 15	Lifetime	Des Moines	

KANSAS

Date	Host	Location	Ball
Jan. 14	Genesis RR	Wichita	
Feb. 25	Genesis WC	Wichita	
Mar. 4	Genesis	Topeka	
Mar. 18	Genesis WC	Wichita	
Apr. 8	Genesis	Topeka	
Apr. 22	Riverside	Wichita	
May 6	Genesis RR	Wichita	
May 20	Kossover	Topeka	
June 17	McPherson	McPherson	
June 24	Ark City	Ark City	
July 15	McPherson	McPherson	
July 22	Kossover	Topeka	
Aug. 12	Ark City	Ark City	
Aug. 26	Riverside	Wichita	
Sept. 16	Genesis WC	Wichita	
Sept. 30	Genesis	Topeka	
Oct. 21	Genesis RR	Wichita	
Nov. 4	Genesis	Topeka	
Dec. 9	Genesis WC	Wichita	

MISSOURI

Date	Host	Location	Ball
Jan. 15	Cooper TC	Springfield	
Feb. 11	Millennium	Joplin	
Mar. 12	Washington Park	Jefferson City	
Mar. 18	CC of Missouri	Columbia	
Apr. 9	Washington Park	Jefferson City	
Apr. 29	Grover Park	Warrensburg	
May 14	Hickory Hills CC	Springfield	
May 20	White Park	Aurora	
June 4	Washington Park	Jefferson City	
June 23	Washington Park	Jefferson City	
July 18	Perry Courts	Springfield	
July 22	Waynesville HS	Waynesville	
Aug. 5	Rockwell Park	Moberly	
Aug. 27	Hickory Hills CC	Springfield	
Sept. 23	Stockstill Park	Branson	
Sept. 30	CC of Missouri	Columbia	
Oct. 21	Stockstill Park	Branson	
Nov. 12	Cooper TC	Springfield	
Dec. 10	Cooper TC	Springfield	

NEBRASKA

Date	Host	Location	Ball
Jan. 15	Woods TC	Lincoln	
Feb. 26	Woods TC	Lincoln	
Mar. 19	Hanscom TC	Omaha	
Apr. 23	Koch TC	Omaha	
May 21	Koch TC	Omaha	
June 1	Fremont HS	Fremont	
June 25	Kearney	Kearney	
July 16	Koch TC	Omaha	
July 20	Kearney	Kearney	
Aug. 6	Fremont HS	Fremont	
Aug. 27	Woods TC	Lincoln	
Sept. 10	Koch TC	Omaha	
Sept. 17	Woods TC	Lincoln	
Oct. 1	Koch TC	Omaha	
Nov. 5	Hanscom TC	Omaha	
Dec. 28	Hanscom TC	Omaha	

OKLAHOMA

Date	Host	Location	Ball
Jan. 28	Enid	Enid	
Jan. 29	Enid	Enid	
Feb. 26	Oak Tree	Edmond	
Mar. 4	Westwood TC	Norman	
Mar. 18	Indian Springs	Broken Arrow	
Apr. 22	Indian Springs	Broken Arrow	
Apr. 29	Kickingbird	Oklahoma City	
May 27	Indian Springs	Broken Arrow	
June 10	Bixby	Bixby	
June 17	Oak Tree	Edmond	
July 8	Indian Springs	Broken Arrow	
July 22	Greens CC	Oklahoma City	
Aug. 5	OKCTC	Oklahoma City	
Aug. 19	Westwood TC	Norman	
Sept. 9	Bixby	Bixby	
Sept. 23	Earlywine TC	Oklahoma City	
Oct. 7	Bixby	Bixby	
Oct. 21	Westwood TC	Norman	
Nov. 5	Oak Tree	Edmond	
Dec. 10	Oak Tree	Edmond	

ST. LOUIS

Date	Host	Location	Ball
Jan. 13	Creve Coeur RC	Creve Coeur	
Jan. 14	Creve Coeur RC	Creve Coeur	
Jan. 21	YMCA	Edwardsville, IL	
Feb. 11	YMCA	Edwardsville, IL	
Feb. 24	Creve Coeur RC	Creve Coeur	
Feb. 25	Creve Coeur RC	Creve Coeur	
Mar. 10	Sunset TC	St. Louis	
Mar. 31	Sunset TC	St. Louis	
Apr. 8	Bernard MS	St. Louis	
Apr. 29	YMCA	Edwardsville, IL	
May 6	Webster Groves TC	Webster Groves	
May 20	Bernard MS	St. Louis	
June 3	Creve Coeur RC	Creve Coeur	
June 17	Webster Groves TC	Webster Groves	
July 8	Kirkwood Park	St. Louis	
July 22	Webster Groves TC	Webster Groves	
Aug. 5	Bernard MS	St. Louis	
Aug. 12	Creve Coeur RC	Creve Coeur	
Sept. 9	Kirkwood Park	St. Louis	
Sept. 30	Webster Groves TC	Webster Groves	
Oct. 21	Bernard MS	St. Louis	
Oct. 27	Sunset TC	St. Louis	
Nov. 11	YMCA	Edwardsville, IL	
Nov. 25	Creve Coeur RC	Creve Coeur	
Dec. 8	Sunset TC	St. Louis	
Dec. 16	YMCA	Edwardsville, IL	

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