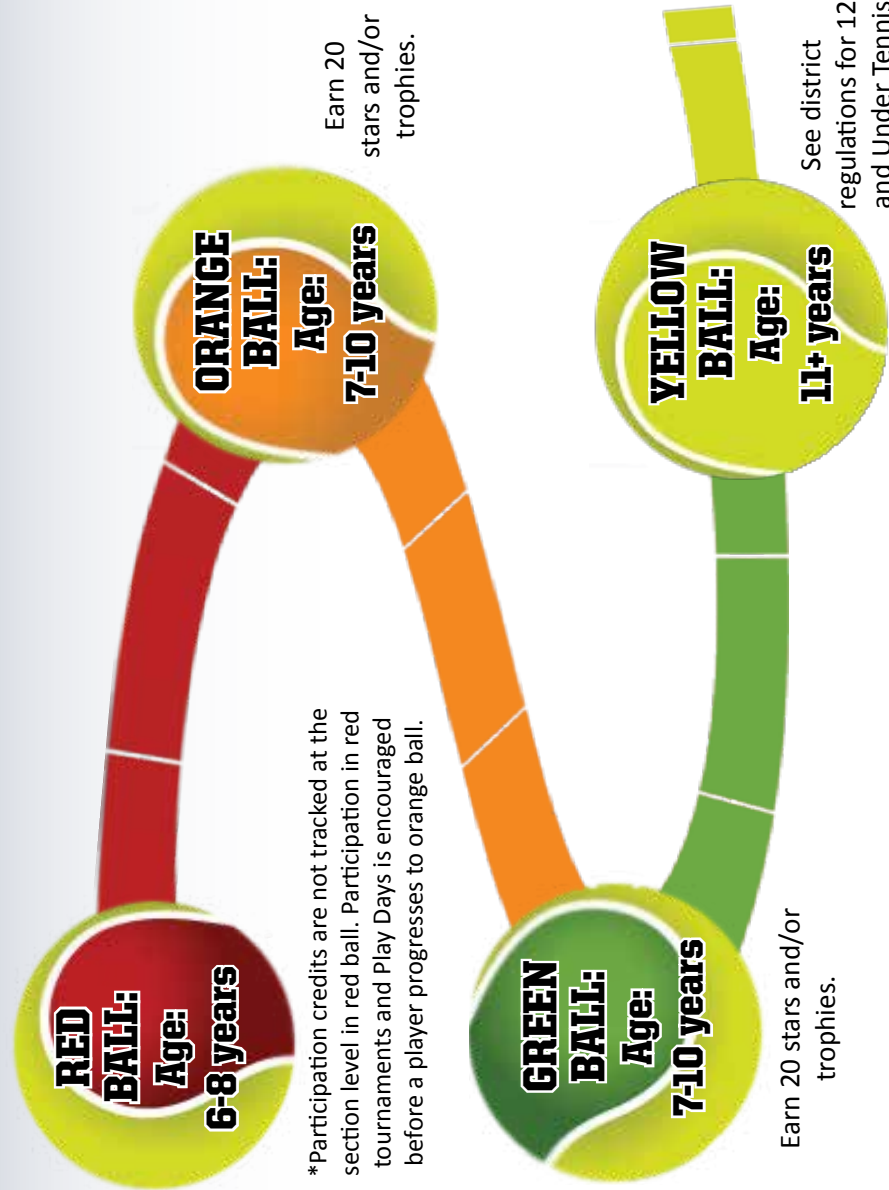
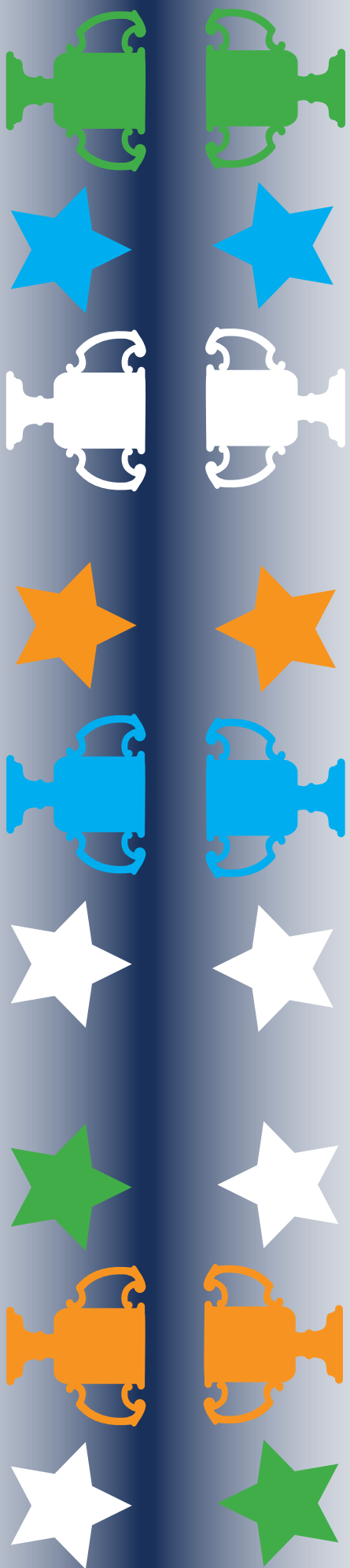


Youth Progression Chart - Stars & Trophies	
	10 and Under Orange
	10 and Under Green
Participation	
Tennis Play Days	One (1) star (max 2)
Youth Progression Tournaments	Two (2) stars
10 & Under Junior Team Tennis	Three (3) stars/season (max 6)
Results	
Progression Tournament Winner	Two (2) trophies
Progression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



START



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.



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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.

- 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

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!



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YOUTH PROGRESSION PATHWAY

AND

2016 SCHEDULE

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2016 Youth Progression Tournament schedule



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Date	Host	Location	Ball
Jan. 18	Woodside	Westwood, KS	
Jan. 30	Hilltop	KC, MO	
Feb. 15	Woodside	Westwood, KS	
Feb. 20	Genesis	OP, KS	
Mar. 4	OPRC	OP, KS	
Mar. 19	Northland	KC, MO	
Apr. 16	Hilltop	KC, MO	
Apr. 24	Homestead CC	Prairie Village, KS	
May 1	PTC	KC, MO	
May 15	Homestead CC	Prairie Village, KS	
June 18	Hallbrook CC	Leawood, KS	
June 26	Homestead CC	Prairie Village, KS	
July 1	PTC	KC, MO	
July 23	Genesis	OP, KS	
Aug. 5	Hallbrook CC	Leawood, KS	
Aug. 12	OPRC	OP, KS	
Sept. 9	OPRC	OP, KS	
Sept. 17	Hilltop	KC, MO	
Oct. 10	Woodside	Westwood, KS	
Oct. 15	Genesis	OP, KS	
Nov. 11	Northland	KC, MO	
Nov. 19	Hilltop	KC, MO	
Dec. 2	OPRC	OP, KS	
Dec. 10	Genesis	OP, KS	

Date	Host	Location	Ball
Jan. 16	Lifetime TC	Des Moines	
Jan. 22	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Jan. 23	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Jan. 29	Ames TC	Ames	
Feb. 5	Ames TC	Ames	
Feb. 20	Hawkeye AC	Iowa City	
Feb. 21	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Mar. 11	Aspen AC	Des Moines	
Mar. 25	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Mar. 26	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Apr. 2	Hawkeye AC	Iowa City	
Apr. 22	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Apr. 23	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
May 6	Aspen AC	Des Moines	
May 13	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
May 14	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
June 6	Bettendorf Jr.	Bettendorf	
June 11	Ankeny	Ankeny	
July 11	Mississippi Valley	Dubuque	
July 21	Westfield TC	Cedar Rapids	
July 22	Westfield TC	Cedar Rapids	
Aug. 6	Midlands DC	Iowa City	
Aug. 7	Midlands DC	Iowa City	
Aug. 12	Pella	Pella	
Sept. 17	Westfield TC	Cedar Rapids	
Sept. 30	Aspen AC	Des Moines	
Oct. 7	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Oct. 9	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Oct. 14	Lifetime	Des Moines	
Nov. 5	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	
Nov. 11	Lifetime	Des Moines	
Dec. 10	Hawkeye AC	Iowa City	
Dec. 11	Hawkeye AC	Iowa City	
Dec. 17	Quad City TC	Moline, IL	

Date	Host	Location	Ball
Jan. 16	Genesis RR	Wichita	
Mar. 19	Genesis WC	Wichita	
Apr. 16	Genesis	Topeka	
May 21	Kossover TC	Topeka	
June 5	Genesis WC	Wichita	
June 18	McPherson CT	McPherson	
July 16	McPherson CT	McPherson	
July 23	Genesis RR	Wichita	
Aug. 20	Genesis	Topeka	
Sept. 17	Ark City HS	Ark City	
Oct. 22	Genesis RR	Wichita	
Nov. 19	Genesis	Topeka	
Dec. 10	Genesis WC	Wichita	

Date	Host	Location	Ball
Jan. 17	Cooper TC	Springfield	
Feb. 27	Millennium	Joplin	
Mar. 20	Cooper TC	Springfield	
Apr. 9	CC of Missouri	Columbia	
Apr. 30	Grover Park	Warrensburg	
May 15	Hickory Hills CC	Springfield	
May 21	White Park	Aurora	
June 4	Millwood CC	Ozark	
June 24	Washington Park	Jefferson City	
July 19	Perry Courts	Springfield	
July 23	Waynesville HS	Waynesville	
Aug. 13	CC of Missouri	Columbia	
Aug. 28	Hickory Hills CC	Springfield	
Sept. 10	Millwood CC	Ozark	
Sept. 24	Stockstill Park	Branson	
Oct. 2	Ber Juan Park	Rolla	
Oct. 29	Millennium	Joplin	
Nov. 13	Cooper TC	Springfield	
Dec. 4	Cooper TC	Springfield	

Date	Host	Location	Ball
Jan. 17	Woods TC	Lincoln	
Feb. 28	Woods TC	Lincoln	
Mar. 20	Hanscom TC	Omaha	
May 22	Koch TC	Omaha	
June 2	Fremont HS	Fremont	
June 25	Harmon Park	Kearney	
July 17	Koch TC	Omaha	
July 21	Harmon Park	Kearney	
Aug. 7	Fremont HS	Fremont	
Aug. 20	Woods TC	Lincoln	
Sept. 18	Woods TC	Lincoln	
Oct. 2	Koch TC	Omaha	
Nov. 6	Hanscom TC	Omaha	
Dec. 29	Hanscom TC	Omaha	

Date	Host	Location	Ball
Jan. 30	Oakwood CC	Enid	
Jan. 31	Oakwood CC	Enid	
Feb. 27	Oakwood CC	Enid	
Feb. 28	Oakwood CC	Enid	
Mar. 5	Lafortune	Tulsa	
Mar. 19	Earlywine	Oklahoma City	
Apr. 16	Oak Tree	Edmond	
Apr. 23	Lafortune	Tulsa	
May 21	Earlywine	Oklahoma City	
May 28	Indian Springs	Broken Arrow	
June 11	Tulsa Union	Tulsa	
June 18	Westwood TC	Norman	
July 9	Indian Springs	Broken Arrow	
July 23	Greens CC	Oklahoma City	
Aug. 6	Greens CC	Oklahoma City	
Aug. 20	Oak Tree	Edmond	
Sept. 10	Indian Springs	Broken Arrow	
Sept. 24	Westwood TC	Norman	
Oct. 8	Lafortune	Tulsa	
Oct. 22	Oak Tree	Edmond	
Nov. 6	Oak Tree	Edmond	
Dec. 10	Oakwood CC	Enid	
Dec. 11	Oakwood CC	Enid	

Date	Host	Location	Ball
Jan. 15	Creve Coeur RC	Creve Coeur	
Jan. 23	Kings Point	Belleville, IL	
Feb. 6	Vetta Sports	St. Louis	
Feb. 27	YMCA	Edwardsville, IL	
Mar. 12	St. Clair	St. Clair, IL	
Mar. 26	Missouri AC	Des Peres	
Apr. 9	Forrest Lake TC	St. Louis	
Apr. 30	Vlasis Park	Ballwin	
May 7	Sunset TC	Sappington	
May 21	Forrest Lake TC	St. Louis	
June 4	Webster Groves TC	Webster Groves	
June 18	Kirkwood Park	Kirkwood	
July 9	Kirkwood Park	Kirkwood	
July 30	Webster Groves TC	Webster Groves	
Aug. 6	Vlasis Park	Ballwin	
Aug. 13	Forrest Lake TC	St. Louis	
Sept. 10	Sunset TC	Sappington	
Sept. 24	YMCA	Edwardsville, IL	
Oct. 22	Creve Coeur RC	Creve Coeur	
Oct. 29	Sunset TC	Sappington	
Nov. 5	Forrest Lake TC	St. Louis	
Nov. 19	Kings Point	Belleville, IL	
Dec. 10	Missouri AC	Des Peres	
Dec. 17	YMCA	Edwardsville, IL	

★ THE QUEST FOR STARS AND TROPHIES ★