



JUNIOR TOURNAMENT PATHWAY



The Junior tournament pathway is designed to provide a better experience for junior competitors at all levels. Players should begin Utah District tournament play in the Futures events, and then work their way up to Open level tournaments. See details below for structure.

OPEN

For the highest level performance players in each age division.

- These tournaments accrue points as Section Level 6. No National points are earned through these tournaments.
- Two Section Level 5 Tournaments (District Cups) will be offered each year - Ivory Homes Utah State Open and Ardene Bullard Of Love.
- Format of play is at discretion of the Tournament Director. Most tournaments will offer First Match Losers Consolation, although Single Elimination events will also be offered.
- A standings list with points awarded for wins per round will be created for all age groups based on results in Open tournaments.
- Players may "play up" in older age divisions in the Open divisions only.
- 12s-18s Open will compete using the Yellow Ball.
- 12s Open Green Dot Ball Division: This division may be played by any 12s Division player who is seeking more Green Dot Ball match play. 10s Division players who have qualified for Green Dot balls in the 10s Division may also play up in this division.

PLAYERS 10&UNDER

- Each tournament in the 10&Under division will offer both Open Orange Ball (60' court) and Open Green Ball (78' court) divisions.
- Any 10 & Under player may compete in the Open Orange Division.
- A standings list will be created for the Open Green Tournament results ONLY. Wins in the Open Orange events will NOT accumulate points for standings.
- USTA Youth Progression rules for eligibility will apply for 10&Under players: Players must participate in a minimum of 10 Open Orange Ball tournaments to advance to Green Ball, then Players must compete in a minimum of 10 Open Green Ball tournaments to advance to 12s Yellow Ball.
- Challenger and Futures events do NOT count toward Youth Progression.
- 12s Green Ball matches do NOT count toward Youth Progression.



CHALLENGER

For the junior player with some tournament experience.

- These tournaments are Section Level 7 tournaments which do NOT count toward Sectional Ranking.
- Definition of Challenger Player: A novice player who has not won an Open tournament in any age group. A junior may continue to participate in Challenger events until they have won no more than two (2) Challenger tournaments. After two (2) Challenger tournament wins, a junior is no longer eligible for a Challenger event until they age up.
- Players may NOT "play up" in age groups in Challenger events.
- Tournament formats will vary based on Tournament Director discretion.
- A standings list will be created for performance in Challenger tournaments in the 12-18 age groups. (Wins in Open tournaments will not accrue points in the Challenger Standings list).
- Seeding will be done based on standings in the Challenger Standings list. No seedings to be done for Challenger 10 & Under age group.
- 10s Challengers will compete using Orange Ball; 12s Challengers will compete using Green Dot Ball; 14s-18s Challengers will compete using Yellow Ball.



FUTURES

Designed for players just starting to compete in tournaments.

- These tournaments are Section Level 8 events and do NOT count towards Sectional Ranking.
- These tournaments are 1 day stand-alone, non-elimination events, with a 2 hour period of play set per age division.
- Matches are timed, no-ad scoring.
- Players will be placed in "pools" with round robin play.
- It is not required to show a winner for each division of play. Some matches may be tied when time is called.
- 10 & Under events will be co-ed. 12-18s will be gender based.
- 10 & Under division will use Orange balls.
- 12-18s age divisions will play with Green Dot Balls.
- For the 10&Under division, all levels of players may compete (Open level players MAY compete). Players will be placed in pools based on their abilities.
- Players in older divisions should be entering their first tournaments—highly experienced players should not compete in futures events.

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