
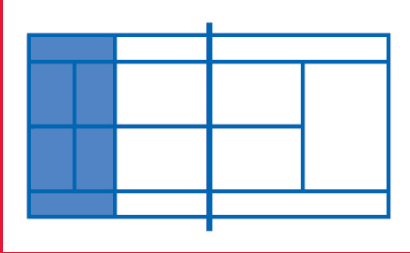

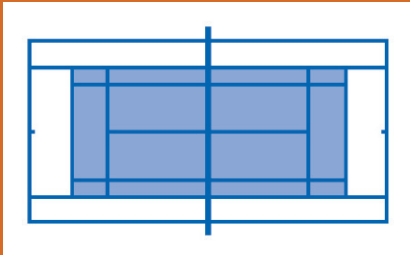

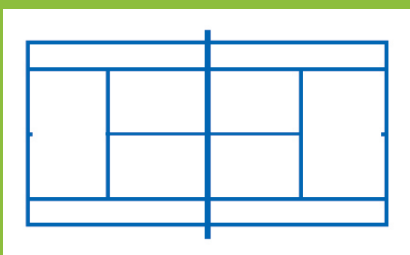

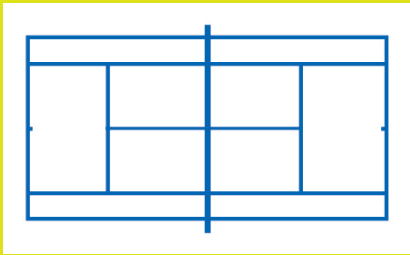


STAGE	AGE	BALL	COURT	NET HEIGHT	RACQUET <i>(Depending on the size of the player)</i>	SCORING	DESCRIPTION	SUGGESTED PROGRAMS & TOURNAMENTS
RED	5 - 8 years	 Red felt or foam Reduced bounce for ages 5 - 8	 36' x 18'	2'9"	Up to 23"	2 out of 3, 7-point tiebreaks (official USTA rule for 8 and Under competition)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slower play on smaller court Shorter racquets enable earlier rally/play Individual/team games and activities are played Development of technique and simple tactics Required specifications for all USTA-sanctioned 8 and Under tournament play* 	Learn and Play Days ↓ USTA Junior Team Tennis ↓ L3 8U sanctioned tournament
ORANGE	9 - 10 years	 Orange Reduced bounce for ages 9 - 10	 60' x 21' singles, 60' x 27' doubles	3' center, 3'6" at net posts	23" - 25"	2 out of 3, 4-game sets using no-ad scoring; 3rd set is a 7-point tiebreak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play is faster vs. Red stage Lower bounce appropriate for child's size Implementation of advanced techniques and tactics Longer matches for individual/team events Approved for USTA-sanctioned 10 and Under tournament play** 	Learn and Play Days ↓ USTA Junior Team Tennis ↓ L3 10U sanctioned tournament
GREEN	9 - 12 years	 Green Slightly reduced bounce from standard tennis ball	 78' x 27' singles, 78' x 36' doubles	3' center, 3'6" at net posts	25" - 27"	Modified scoring formats for shorter matches are recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play is faster vs. Orange stage Continued development of technique, movement and advanced tactics Individual/team events are played Approved for USTA-sanctioned 10 and Under tournament play** 	Learn and Play Days ↓ USTA Junior Team Tennis ↓ L2-+L1 sanctioned tournament
YELLOW	11 years and over	 Yellow Standard tennis ball	 78' x 27' singles, 78' x 36' doubles	3' center, 3'6" at net posts	25" - 29"	Any scoring system within the Rules of Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After progression of Red, Orange and Green stages 	Learn and Play Days ↓ USTA Junior Team Tennis ↓ L3-+L1 sanctioned tournament

* Red - Official rule in 2011 ** Orange and Green - Official rule effective 2012

The USTA Eastern Section Junior Competition Committee and Eastern Coaches Commission recommend that all 10 & Under competition and training be organized using Red, Orange, and Green balls on the appropriate-size courts with the appropriate sized racquets. Some players may progress through the pathway faster than others. To learn more about the programs & tournaments please visit www.eastern.usta.com.