

THE QUEST FOR STARS AND TROPHIES

The more kids play, the more stars and trophies they earn. Best of all, they improve their skills along the way.

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YOUTH PROGRESSION

USTA has created a “Youth Progression Pathway” nationally that serves as a guide for coaches, parents and players to help ensure that kids 10 and under participate in events using the appropriate ball and court for their skill level.

Players will compete at appropriate levels of play as they progress through stages based on age, participation and achievement. By providing a pathway, young players will have the opportunity to experience suitable levels of competition as well as develop their games tactically and technically.

The progression tracking system rewards players for competing and inspires them to play more often.

It's not just about winning and losing – it's about having fun, engaging young children and helping them fall in love with tennis.

HOW IT WORKS

For children ages 7-10 years old, a best-in-class system has been developed to track the progress of junior players from the orange level to the green level to the yellow level of competition.

A child can advance a level by earning the required amount of participation stars and trophies. A player's mission is to clear each level by collecting a combination of **20 stars and/or trophies to advance**. The more they play, and the more they improve their skills, the more stars and trophies they accumulate, enabling them to advance to the next level.

Players can track their progress on Tennis Link's “My Player” page. There, players can see how many more virtual stars and trophies they need to acquire to reach the next level. Each player's page will track their progress and accumulation of stars and trophies as opposed to ranking points.

To clear each level, players will have to collect a combination of 20 stars and/or trophies.

- Players collect stars for: tournament participation and Junior Team Tennis participation
- Players collect trophies for: winning a tournament, reaching the final of a tournament and for tournament matches won.

LEVELS

Orange and Green Levels 1 - Collect 20 stars/Trophies from Orange level to advance to Green Level. Collect 20 in the Green and advance to a 12 and under yellow ball tournament.

THE NEW 10 AND UNDER YOUTH TENNIS PROGRESSION

Designed to help players develop their fundamentals and get the most out of tennis, the Youth Progression system rewards kids for competing and inspires them to play more often.



The Youth Progression serves as a guide for coaches, parents and players to ensure that kids 10 and under participate in events using the appropriate ball for their skill level. Now that balls and courts are tailored to a player's skill level, children can improve and have fun right from the start. Kids will be able to track progress on their Player Progression Page. The more they play, and the more they improve their skills and clear each level, the more stars and trophies they accumulate.

ORANGE LEVEL 1

HOW TO COLLECT STARS/TROPHIES

1 Tournament = ★ ★

Team Tennis Season = ★ ★ ★

Tournament Champion = 🏆 🏆

Tournament Finalist = 🏆

GEAR



Tennis Ball
Orange Felt



Racquet
Up to 25"



Court
60'x21' (Singles)
60'x27' (Doubles)

GREEN LEVEL 1

HOW TO COLLECT STARS/TROPHIES

1 Tournament = ★ ★

Team Tennis Season = ★ ★ ★

Tournament Champion = 🏆 🏆

Tournament Finalist = 🏆

GEAR



Tennis Ball
Green Dot



Racquet
Up to 29"



Court
78'x27' (Singles)
78'x36' (Doubles)

FAQ

Where do the points (stars and trophies) come from?

Points will be accumulated through two programs — Junior Team Tennis and Sanctioned Progression Tournament play.

Junior Team Tennis

- Stars may be earned by completing a Junior Team Tennis session that includes at least 1 local league match recorded in TennisLink

Sanctioned Progression (“Tagged”) Tournaments

- Stars may be earned by participating in a district-sanctioned progression tournament
- Trophies may be earned by winning a district-sanctioned progression tournament
- Trophies may be earned by being a finalist in a district-sanctioned progression tournament

How (and when) does my child advance?

Players and parents will receive e-mails with progression updates, and players can track their progress via TennisLink.

- Players earn “stars” and “trophies” worth 50 points each, with players needing 1,000 points, or a combination of 20 stars and trophies, to advance to the Green level (a traditional 78-foot court with a Green ball).
- If they accumulate 1,000 points (or 20 stars/trophies), they can advance to the Yellow level.

But players have the choice on whether to advance on points. They can opt to remain at the Orange or Green level until they automatically progress out of the system on the first day of their 11th birthday month.

Progress updates will be published weekly, and emails will automatically be generated by the system to alert kids/parents who have advanced to a new ball level.

Players will also occasionally receive emails with encouraging status updates.