
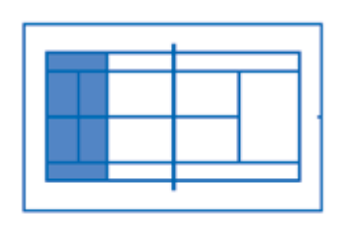

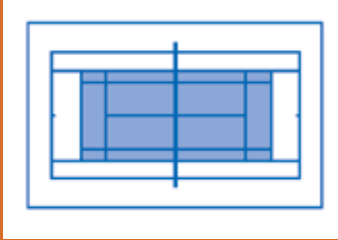

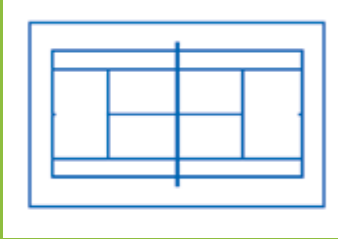

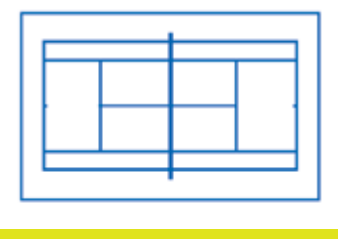


# 10 & UNDER TENNIS PLAY FORMAT

Draft (as of 3/18/10)

STAGE	AGE	BALL	COURT	NET HEIGHT	RACQUET <i>*(Depending on the size of the player)</i>	SCORING	DESCRIPTION
RED	5-8 years	 <p>Red foam or felt 75% slower than a yellow ball</p>	 <p>36' x 18'</p>	2'9"	Up to 23"	Two out of three, 7-point tiebreaks (official USTA rule for 8 & Under competition)	Slower balls, smaller courts and shorter racquets enable young players to rally and play much sooner. Players start to play individual and team games and activities, develop good technique and use simple tactics. All USTA-sanctioned play for 8 & Under must use these specifications.
ORANGE	9-10 years	 <p>Orange 50% slower than yellow ball</p>	 <p>60' x 21' singles, 60' x 27' doubles</p>	3' center, 3'6" at net posts	25" and below	2 out of 3, 4-game sets using no-ad scoring and a 7-point tiebreak at 4 all. 3rd set is a 7-point tiebreak	The court is larger and the ball is faster than the red ball but continues to provide an optimal striking zone and the ability to implement advanced techniques and tactics. Matches are longer and kids play both team and individual events. The USTA recommends these specifications for 10 and Under-sanctioned play.
GREEN	11 & over	 <p>Green 25% slower than yellow ball</p>	 <p>78' x 27' singles, 78' x 36' doubles</p>	3' center, 3'6" at net posts	25" – 27"	Modified scoring formats for shorter matches are recommended	The Green ball is faster than the Orange ball but still slower and lower bouncing than the Yellow ball. This helps players to continue to develop good technique, movement, as well as implement advanced tactics. Both team and individual events are played. The USTA recommends this stage for training and non-sanctioned play.
YELLOW	11 & over	 <p>Yellow</p>	 <p>78' x 27' singles, 78' x 36' doubles</p>	3' center, 3'6" at net posts	25" – 29"	Any scoring system within the Rules of Tennis	Once players have progressed through the Red, Orange and Green stages, they will be ready to train and compete with a Yellow ball on the full court.

The United States Tennis Association recommends that all 10 & Under competition and training should be organized using slower Red or Orange balls on the appropriate-sized courts with the appropriate-sized racquet.