# THE FOUR SEASONS JUNIOR TENNIS SYSTEM

What makes this program different? We don't just have catchy names and a website, we have a product that delivers results. This is a proven system which has turned out some of the best players in the country over the past 20 years.

## **RED BALL - RALLY ROOKIES - AGES 4-8**

#### Red 1

Our Rally Rookies program is Step 1 of the long term development of a Junior Tennis player. Here we Spark the passion for them to enjoy the sport of tennis, while developing the foundation of their movement, reaction and body awareness.

#### Red 2 & Red 3

This program is designed to turn the kids into little tennis players. They will be able to serve, rally, and score, all while developing their foundation for long-term development. (Later) Introduction to Match Play will take place at these levels.

### **ORANGE BALL - COURT CRUSHERS - AGES 7-10**

#### **Orange 1 & 2**

This is where all of the hard work starts. Taking the basic foundation from red ball and developing longer swings, volleys and serve. Incorporates more dynamic movement as well as tactical development during Match Play. These kids are now real little tennis players. This program is 2-3x a week.

#### **GREEN BALL - GRAND SLAMMERS - AGES 9-11**

The growth and development that was done on the orange court is now challenged on a bigger court with faster balls. This is where the basic skills are now developed into adult skills that will either help or hurt you later on in your competitive years. At this stage more time is spent on your movement, racquet speed and transition into the net as well as developing your serve and returns for a larger court. This program is 2-3x a week.

#### YELLOW BALL - AGES 10 AND UP

At this point our little tennis player will probably choose a path of more USTA competition level or a recreational (high school) level path. Our goal is to provide an enjoyment of the game to reach everyone at their commitment level.

INTELLIGENT TENNIS DEVELOPMENT: THE FOUR SEASONS WAY

# FOUR SEASONS RACQUET CLUB





RED 1 Foam / Red Ball 36-ft. court | 1 tie break Approx. Age: 5-7 Timeline: 1-2 yrs 75% slower **GAME PRINCIPLES**Enjoy Playing

PHYSICAL/MOVEMENT Side Shuffle Stop on balance

MENTAL Listen & follow direction

TACTICAL Aware of self **TECHNICAL** (Hitting) Self Feed Make contact on both sides of body

**SERVE**Drop feed to start point

COMPETITION

Red Clinic Play





RED 2 Foam / Red Ball 36-ft. court | 1 tie break Approx. Age: 6-7 Timeline: 1-2 yrs 75% slower **GAME PRINCIPLES** 

Rally - be able to play out points

PHYSICAL/MOVEMENT

Stop on balance after hitting shots & recovery back after hitting shots

**MENTAL** 

Mature enough to attend match play

**TACTICAL** 

Be able to understand own shots CC/DTL

**TECHNICAL** (Hitting) Can direct/redirect ball to a given target

SERVE

Start the point/direct overhand serves

COMPETITION

Match Play in House Tourneys





RED 3 Foam / Red Ball 36-ft. court | 1 tie break Approx. Age: 6-8 Timeline: 1-2 yrs 75% slower **GAME PRINCIPLES** 

Consistently attending match play

PHYSICAL/MOVEMENT X drill movement

**MENTAL** 

Enjoy training & playing in match play

**TACTICAL** 

Be able to direct balls to opponents FH&BH side in a point situation

TECHNICAL (Hitting) Introduce top spin & slice and defend

**SERVE** 

Hitting to correct boxes during point play

COMPETITION

Match Play in House Tourneys USTA U8 JTT





ORANGE 1 Orange Ball 60-ft. court | Short sets Approx. Age: 7-10 Timeline: 1-2 yrs **GAME PRINCIPLES** 

Know boundaries (new court size) & new scoring

PHYSICAL/MOVEMENT

Recover back to home base after hitting all shots

**MENTAL** 

Gives a good effort when playing (100%)

**TACTICAL** 

Understanding space (hitting to open court/ away from opponent

**TECHNICAL** (Hitting) Swing must get longer

to compensate for the longer court

**SERVE** 

1st&2nd serves overhead (starts to learn spin on serves) COMPETITION

Match Play in House Tourneys



50% slower



ORANGE 1 Orange Ball 60-ft. court | Short sets Approx. Age: 7-10 Timeline: 1-2 yrs 50% slower **GAME PRINCIPLES** 

Be a consistent player to match play (see COMP)

PHYSICAL/MOVEMENT

Run down ALL balls, Dynamic movement on the run MENTAL

Enjoying training and playing in match play

TACTICAL

Be able to move opponent around (Angles & move oppo outside lines)

**TECHNICAL** (Hitting) Must have complete

game and feel at home on this court before moving to Green ball

Serve

On their way to hitting flat, slice & topspin serves

**COMPETITION** 

Match Play in House Tourneys USTA U10 JTT





**GREEN** Green Ball 78-ft.court | Regular sets Approx. Age: 9-11 Timeline: 1-2 yrs 25% slower GAME PRINCIPLES

Solid points are played

PHYSICAL/MOVEMENT Recover back home after

hitting all shots, including at the net

**MENTAL** 

Gives a good effort when playing (100%) focused

**TACTICAL** 

Must be able to defend & take balls on the rise

TECHNICAL (Hitting)
Must have complete
game and feel at home
on this court before
moving to Yellow ball

**SERVE** 

On their way to hitting flat, slice & topspin serves

COMPETITION

Match Play in House Tourneys USTA U10 JTT

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