
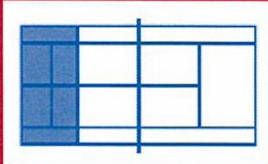

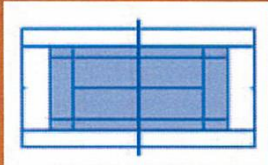

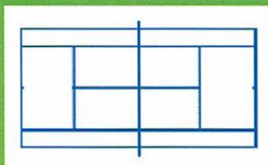

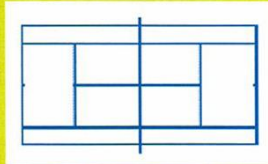


USTA-SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT RULES FOR 2012

STAGE	AGE	BALL	COURT	NET HEIGHT	RACQUET <i>(Depending on the size of the player)</i>	SCORING	DESCRIPTION
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*
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**
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**
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

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

