JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS AGE DIVISIONS AND LEVELS OF PLAY

Placing your child at the proper tennis ability level increases their aptitude to develop and grow as a tennis player. The ball color and size of court may vary depending on what your child's age and level is but the key descriptors to determining ability doesn't vary between age levels. Please see Levels of Play chart to determine what level fits your child best. We recommend talking with a coach or facility coordinator if you feel your child is between levels or pick the level that the majority of boxes best decribe your child.

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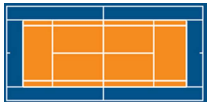
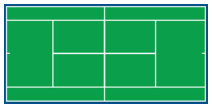
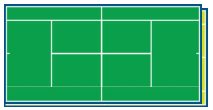
Age & Level	Ball	Court
10 & Under (BEG, INT LO, INT HI)	**Orange Ball** 50% Compression.	 60' Court
10 & Under (ADV) **12 & Under** (BEG, INT LO, INT HI, ADV) **14 & Under / 18 & Under** (BEG)	**Green Ball** 75% Compression.	 78' Court
14 & Under (INT LO, INT HI, ADV) **18 & Under** (INT LO, INT HI, ADV)	**Yellow Ball** 100% Compression	 78' Court

LEVELS OF PLAY

Level	General Experience	Game Strategy	Movement & Footwork	Ball Control & Placement	Strokes	Net Play	Serve	Consistency
BEG **(Beginner)**	Entering competition for the first time.	Just learning to play and primarily working on getting the ball into play.	Understands correct positioning when returning or serving. Lacks court recognition after point has started.	Consistent hitting soft paced loopy balls. Does not have intended placement or direction.	Still developing basic mechanics of hitting forehands, backhands and serves.	Can make contact with the ball when at the net.	Able to serve some balls into the correct box from the baseline. (3 out of 10 times).	Inconsistent but can sometimes sustain a slow-paced rally with someone of the same ability.
INT LO **(Lower Level Intermediate)**	Prior match experience including JTT & some entry-level or circuit tournaments.	Lacks shot anticipation on returns and therefore can only react.	Lacks ability to anticipate and therefore has difficulty covering the court. Limited footwork.	Consistent when hitting medium paced shots but lacks execution when trying for directional control, depth or power.	Not comfortable with all strokes including volleys, lobs, overheads and approach shots.	Can volley slower paced balls on both forehand and backhand side.	Able to serve into the correct box. (5 out of 10 times). Limited double-faults.	Fairly consistent hitting medium paced shots within reach. Difficulty ending points.
INT HI **(Higher Level Intermediate)**	Extensive match experience and some success with Level 7 tournaments.	Has an idea of what game strategy to use but lacks ability to fully execute game plan.	Can cover the court well but may make errors because of timing and footwork.	Improved stroke dependability with directional control on moderate shots.	Comfortable with all strokes. Player needs to improve control of height, depth, direction and speed.	Can volley medium paced balls and return with directional intent.	Player is developing more spin and power on the first serve and seldom double-faults. (7 out of 10 times)	Consistent hitting medium paced shots but may error when opponent uses varying pace, depth and spins.
ADV **(Advanced)**	Playing Level 5, 6 or 7 tournaments with some success.	Can attempt to vary game plan according to their opponents & can successfully execute strategy.	Can easily make adjustments to footwork and swing to execute a return.	Dependable strokes including directional intent, depth, spin and pace.	Can control depth of shots, pace, and use various spins.	Aggressive net play.	Can hit first serves with power and accuracy and place the second serve with accuracy.	Can consistently return a variety of spins and paces from various depths with control.

Sportsmanship - During matches all players should be respectful toward opponents, teammates and coaches.