

USTA YOUTH PROGRESSION

WHY YOUTH PROGRESSION?

- Ensure players age 7-10 are competing at appropriate levels of play
- Serves as a guide for coaches, parents and players to help ensure that kids 10U participate in events using the appropriate ball and court for their skills level.
- The Youth Progression tracking system for the Hawaii Pacific Section will be launched on **May 1st, 2017.**

HOW IT WORKS?

1. The system tracks a child's progress through participation in Play Days, JTT, JTT for Kids, tournaments, trainings, and special events (see below for details).
2. Kids are encouraged to complete each "mission" by collecting participation stars and trophies based on their results.
3. To clear a specific level, players will have to reach a minimum of 1000 points that are achieved through a combination of 20 stars and/or trophies.
4. Stars and trophies will only be collected for the new ball color and level; however, players can always participate in their previous ball color and level for more practices.
5. The minimum age to start playing orange ball "progression tagged" tournaments is 7 years old.
6. On the first day of a player's 11th birthday month they will automatically advance out of the Youth Progression.
7. Youth progression players can only play in the same level or *one level below*.

HOW TO CLEAR EACH LEVEL?

- A player needs 1000 points to clear a level (1 star = 50 points / 1 trophy = 50 pints)

ORANGE LEVEL 1

HOW TO COLLECT STARS/TROPHIES

- 1 Tournament = ★ ★ ★ ★
- Team Tennis Season = ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
- Tournament Champion = 🏆 🏆 🏆 🏆
- Tournament Finalist = 🏆 🏆 🏆

GEAR

- Court**
60'x21' (Singles)
60'x27' (Doubles)
- Racquet**
Up to 25"
- Tennis Ball**
Orange Felt

GREEN LEVEL 1

- 1 Tournament = ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
- Team Tennis Season = ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
- Tournament Champion = 🏆 🏆 🏆 🏆 🏆
- Tournament Finalist = 🏆 🏆 🏆

GEAR

- Court**
78'x27' (Singles)
78'x36' (Doubles)
- Racquet**
Up to 29"
- Tennis Ball**
Green Dot

Other events to earn stars:

- Play Day participation = 4 stars (200 points)
- Early Development Camp (EDC) = 4 stars (200 points)
- Special Events = 2 stars (100 points)

HOW DOES THE GRANDFATHERED CLAUSES WORK?

- All players currently on the TennisLink will be grandfathered to the level that he/she is currently participating between January 15th to April 1st, 2017.
 - **Yellow ball**- have played in yellow ball tournaments and/or registered in JTT yellow ball division in Spring 2017
 - **Green ball** – have played in a green ball tournament and/or registered in JTT green ball division in Spring 17
 - **Orange ball** - have played in a orange ball tournament and/or registered in JTT orange ball division in Spring 17
- All new players starting 5/1/17 will be tracked using new youth progression tracking system.
- 2017 Timeline:
 - 1/15 - 4/1: Announcing and educating coaches/TDs/parents/players
 - 4/1 – 4/30: manually adjusting current 10U players to their grandfathered level
 - 5/1: Youth Progression Tracking System online. All players ages 7-10 will need to earn stars/trophies to clear each level.

How to find more information on Youth Progression?

- Info & details will be published on section's website at www.hawaii.usta.com, USTA Hawaii Pacific Section Newsletter, and at the coaches/parent meetings