

2021 Play Tracker USTA Junior Team Tennis Help Guide for providers and players

- Link to [The Net Generation PlayTracker Site](#)
- PlayTracker points for USTA Junior Team Tennis will come from divisions of play in [TennisLink](#)
- [Link to Junior Team Tennis Program Search on TennisLink](#)

- **10U Junior Team Tennis Divisions (programs) must be submitted in TennisLink to be counted for the PlayTracker, below is what is being asked for 2021:**
 - 10U Beginner Divisions: Red Ball
 - 10U Intermediate Divisions: Orange Ball
 - 10U Advanced Divisions: Green Ball

- **10U players WILL be allowed to play up into older age divisions in 2021, please see the below guidelines.**
 - This will be for both local and championship JTT programs.
 - This is different from what was previously communicated by National.
 - Any 10U player (red, orange, green, or yellow) can register for 12U divisions
 - While 10U players can play up into 12U, if they play in 10U, they must play in the ball color(s) that they're eligible for (for example, an 8 year old who has not been assessed to green ball and is still in orange could not register for a 10U green ball JTT division - they could only play in red and orange ball).
 - If a player is at least 9 or 10 years old, the player is able to play in 10U green ball divisions regardless of how many points they've earned in red and orange, and they would earn green points.
 - A green ball player can play down to orange or red if needed based on skill level.
 - 10U players who have earned their way to yellow ball (i.e. mission complete) within the PlayTracker can also register for 14U or 18U divisions
 - With around 5,000 10U players currently playing up into 12U divisions, the National Local Play & Competition committee felt that more time was needed to prepare for these changes to JTT.
 - Regarding the PlayTracker, play and win points will still be awarded for 8U and 10U divisions only.
 - No points will be awarded to any 10U players playing up into 12U divisions.

- **Format for players receiving PlayTracker play and win points for USTA Junior Team Tennis:**
 - 100 play points (per event/season played) / red, orange and green ball
 - 100 singles win points (per match won) / green ball only
 - 50 doubles win points (per match won) / green ball only
 - MAX 500 per event (per season played)
 - There is no MAX set for play points received each year in red and orange
 - Play Points for participating in Green Ball Tennis are capped at 500 points.
 - Green Ball Tennis will earn Win Points - there is no cap to the number of Win Points that can be earned.
 - Players are eligible for PlayTracker points on the first day of the month of their 5th birthday.
 - 10U Beginner divisions count towards red points (play points only)
 - 10U Intermediate divisions count towards orange points (play points only)
 - If a red ball player plays in a 10U Intermediate JTT program, they would earn orange points regardless if they've earned any red points.
 - 10U Advanced divisions count towards green points (play and win points)
 - Players must play a minimum of 1 match for their team and that match be recorded in TennisLink to earn PlayTracker points.
 - PlayTracker play and win points will appear on the player's profile in real-time.

- Net Generation PlayTracker credit will be counted for Junior Team Tennis once a player plays in an actual match and the **result is entered**.
 - There will be frequent data transfers from TennisLink to Serve Tennis.
 - A player receiving a default would receive play points.
 - A player that does not play a match would not receive play points.
 - A default in a 10U green ball division will count as a win and that player will receive those win points.
- **How do players move from one ball color to another?**
 - Moving from Red to Orange ball:
 - Players are recommended to stay in red ball until 7 years of age
 - Players must be at least 5 years of age to participate in an Orange Ball Net Generation Event.
 - It is strongly recommended players do not advance to Orange Ball before the age of 7.
 - Recommend 1,000 play points before they move to orange ball
 - Skills + Parent Education Video (and/or turn 7)
 - No win points are provided
 - No coach assessment available
 - Moving from Orange to Green ball:
 - Players recommended to stay in orange ball until 9 years of age
 - Recommend 1,000 play points before they move to green ball
 - Skills + Parent Education Video + Coach Assessment (and/or turn 9)
 - Players under 9 may advance to Green Ball status after receiving 85% on an Orange Level 1 coach assessment.
 - The coach assessment must be completed by a certified coach who has completed the assessment training video. (Must be a current USPTA or PTR member - current with fees)
 - No win points are provided
 - Moving from Green to Yellow ball:
 - Players recommended to stay in green ball until 11 years of age
 - 1,500 play/win points before they are able move to yellow ball
 - Players are capped at 500 play points in green ball
 - Skills + Wins (and/or turn 11)
 - Win points provided and required to move forward to yellow
 - No coach assessment provided
 - The USTA month-of-birth age eligibility requirements set forth in USTA Regulations will apply, except that players must also be either 11 years of age or shall have met the requirements of the USTA PlayTracker.
- **How does a player get assessed by a coach to move from orange to green ball?**
 - The coach assessment is to be done by a certified coach and a current USPTA or PTR member (current with fees)
 - The coach assessment training video will be live on the Net Generation App on January 1, 2021
 - There is an assessment process for certified coaches to be able to assess players
 - Coaches must have the Net Generation App
 - They must Complete SafePlay compliance
 - They must connect to player (through App) and be listed primary coach
 - They must complete assessment training video
 - Assess Player
 - Change play skill level within the app

FAQ's

- 1) **Does Tennislink automatically age a player out of 10U now on the first day of the month of their 11th birthday?**
 - Answer: Yes, A player "ages out" the 1st of their birth month.

- 2) **Does a player aging out of 10 and under rely on the age validation that is set in the program, the season start date or both?**
 - Answer: It relies on the date that you set for the age validation of the program
 - The age validation is only seen on the back end of setting up your JTT program.
 - This is not visible to parents or players.

- 3) **If a season starts February 15th and ends April 15th, and an age validation is set for February 1st, does that mean that any player that turns 11 in the month of February ages out to 12U?**
 - Answer: Correct, the player officially ages out of 10 and under February 1st, and will need to register for 12 and under JTT.

- 4) **If a player turns 11 during the season, but after the month that the age validation date is set, will they still be able to play 10U?**
 - Answer: Yes, players turning 11 during the season, after the month that the age validation is set will be eligible to register for 10 and under JTT.

- 5) **What division does a player earn PlayTracker points in Junior Team Tennis?**
 - 10 & under Beginner - Red (play points only)
 - 10 & under Intermediate - Orange (play points only)
 - 10 & under Advanced - Green (win and play points)

- 6) **What ball color should be used in 12U JTT?**
 - Answer: USTA is strongly recommending that 12U Intermediate divisions use green ball and 12U Advanced divisions use yellow ball.

- 7) **Does the same process apply for 12U-18U divisions for local Junior Team Tennis?**
 - Answer: No, just for the 10 and under PlayTracker does it take into account the 1st day of the player's birth month.