

2021 Play Tracker USTA Junior Circuit Event Help Guide

for providers and players

- Link to [The Net Generation PlayTracker Site](#)
- Link to [PlayTennis](#) for players to find USTA Junior Circuit Events
- PlayTracker points for USTA Junior Circuit Events will come from matches played in a sanctioned Junior Circuit event in Serve Tennis (within the tournament module)
 - Providers must submit their USTA Junior Circuit Event and event ***must be approved and sanctioned by the district.***
- Sanctioned Junior Circuit Events within the PlayTracker are:
 - Junior Circuit 10 & Under Orange Ball (PlayTracker eligible)
 - Junior Circuit 10 & Under Green Ball (PlayTracker eligible)
- Sanctioned Junior Circuit Events that are not available for PlayTracker Points are:
 - Junior Circuit 12 & Under Green Ball (not eligible for PlayTracker points)
 - Junior Circuit Yellow (not eligible for PlayTracker points)
- Format for players receiving PlayTracker play and win points for USTA Junior Circuit Events:
 - 100 play points (per event) / 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
 - 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.
 - Results in events that use 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.
 - PlayTracker play and win points will appear on the player's profile in real-time.
 - Players must play a minimum of 1 match to receive play points.
 - Net Generation PlayTracker credit will be counted for Junior Circuit events once a player plays in an actual match and the result is entered.
 - **Players enter a USTA Junior Circuit event based on ball color.**
 - **Players must play in the ball color they have achieved or lower as determined by the Net Generation PlayTracker.**
 - **For players under the age of 9, they will not be allowed to play in green ball events unless they had the coach's assessment piece, in which case they would be cleared for green ball and would be able to earn green ball points.**
 - A green ball player can play down to orange or red if needed based on skill level.
 - **If a 10U player is not mission complete and has not been assessed, they will not be able to register for 12U events in 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 green ball event 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.
 - Recommended 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
 - Recommended 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 in orange ball
- 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