

Red Ball:

Kids participate in fun, red ball play days. There are currently 1 day red ball tournaments that introduce kids to tournament play.

Future Stars tournaments are the perfect starting point, as they are designed to give players a taste of competitive tennis in a fun, inviting, and welcoming environment. Particularly for players with little tournament experience, these one-day tournaments offer an opportunity to compete, meet other players, and start building tournament skills.

Match Format:

1. Court size: 36-foot court
2. Racquet length: no longer than 23 inches
3. Net Height: 2 feet, 9 inches
4. Ball: red low compression balls
5. Age: 8 & Under
6. Scoring: 2 out of 3, 7-point tiebreaks (first to win 7 points by a margin of 2). Players shall change ends after each tiebreak.

For any further question regarding Red ball/ Future stars please reach out to Angela Allin @ Aallin@tbarmtennis.com or visit Youthtennistexas.com/future-stars

Orange Ball:

Challenger 10s tournaments are entry-level tournaments that count towards USTA Texas Youth Progression, issuing both virtual stars and trophies. These tournaments are run in conjunction with Challenger 2-Day (12s-18s) tournaments

Eligibility:

- The minimum age eligibility is the first day of the month of the player's seventh birthday.
- A player may elect to move to the Green Ball Division prior to the last six months of age eligibility by earning a combination of twenty stars and/or trophies:
- Two Stars are earned by completing a Challenger 1-Day (10s),
- A player may only earn stars at one tournament per month.

A player will be placed into the Orange Ball Division A Draw once the player has earned two trophies in the Orange Ball Division. If an Orange Ball Division A Draw cannot be made with a minimum of four players, then all players will be placed in one draw.

- Once a player earns twenty stars and/or trophies, he/she will become eligible for the next division after the automated calculation and publish date. When a player becomes eligible for another division, he/she will start at zero (0) stars and trophies in the new division.
- During the last six months of age eligibility in the 10s division, a player must move to the Green Ball Division if the other criteria are not met. If a player is within the last six months of age eligibility but has not participated in a Challenger 1-Day (10s) or a Participation Credit 1-Day (10s), he/she may not be eligible to play in the Green Ball Division in any sanctioned tournament. This player may be required to play one Challenger 1-Day (10s) or Participation Credit 1-Day (10s) in the Orange Ball Division or have a waiting period after notifying the USTA Texas office. A player who chooses to enter an "other" tournament may have to play multiple Orange Ball tournaments while waiting for the automated calculation.

Match Format:

Format:

Matches will be played in accordance with all six Orange Ball Tennis elements:

1. Court size: 60-foot court
2. Racquet length: no longer than 25 inches
3. Net Height: 3 feet at center; 3 feet, 6 inches at net posts
4. Ball: orange dot low compression balls
5. Age: 7 to 10 ½
6. Scoring: 2 out of 3, 4-game sets (first to win 4 games by a margin of 1 game) using no-ad scoring; 7-point tiebreak in lieu of 3rd set (first to win 7 points by a margin of 2)

ORANGE LEVEL 1

HOW TO COLLECT STARS/TROPHIES	GEAR
1 Tournament = ★ ★	 Tennis Ball Orange Felt
Team Tennis Season = ★ ★ ★	 Racquet Up to 25"
Tournament Champion = 🏆 🏆	 Court 60'x21' (Singles) 60'x27' (Doubles)
Tournament Finalist = 🏆	

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Green Ball division:

Eligibility:

- A player will be eligible to play the Green Ball Division until the first day of the month of the player's eleventh birthday.
 - In order to move to the Challenger (12s-18s) level (Yellow Ball) prior to the month of eleventh birthday, a player must meet both of the following criteria:
 - Must be at least nine years old.
 - Earn a combination of twenty stars and/or trophies
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- 1- Two stars are earned by completing a Challenger 1-Day (10s)
 - 2- Three stars are earned by completing a USTA Junior Team Tennis league season in a 10s division and meeting the requirements established by the Junior Team Tennis Committee.
 - 3- Two trophies are earned by winning a Challenger 1-Day (10s)
 - 4- One trophy is earned by the finalist of a Challenger 1-Day (10s)

When a player (regardless of age) wins four Challenger 1-Day (10s) in the Green Ball Division, he/she must move to the 12s Championship level when playing 12s. The player remains eligible for the Green Ball Division until the first day of the month of the player's eleventh birthday except if the player advances to the 12s Championship level through 12s. *PARENTS- Please communicate with 1 of our coaches on staff when this occurs*****

- A player will be placed into the Green Ball Division A Draw once the player has earned two trophies in the Green Ball Division. If a Green Ball Division A Draw cannot be made with a minimum of four players, then all players will be placed in one draw.
- Once a player earns twenty stars and/or trophies, he/she will become eligible for the next division after the automated calculation and publish date. When a player becomes eligible for another division, he/she will start at zero (0) stars and trophies in the new division.
- A player is not permitted to participate in a Challenger 1-Day (10s)/Participation Credit 1-Day (10s) and a Challenger 2-Day (12s-18s), a Challenger 1-Day (12s-18s), a Championship Major Zone, or a Super Championship Major Zone in the same month.

Match Format

Matches will be played in accordance with all six Green Ball Tennis elements:

1. Court size: 78-foot court
2. Racquet length: no longer than 29 inches
3. Net Height: 3 feet at center; 3 feet, 6 inches at net posts
4. Ball: green dot low compression balls
5. Age: 7 to 11
6. Scoring: 2 out of 3, 4-game sets (first to win 4 games by a margin of 1 game) using no-ad scoring; 7-point tiebreak in lieu of 3rd set (first to win 7 points by a margin of 2).

GREEN LEVEL 1

HOW TO COLLECT STARS/TROPHIES	GEAR
1 Tournament = ★ ★	 Tennis Ball Green Dot
Team Tennis Season = ★ ★ ★	 Racquet Up to 29"
Tournament Champion =  	 Court 78'x27' (Singles) 78'x36' (Doubles)
Tournament Finalist = 	

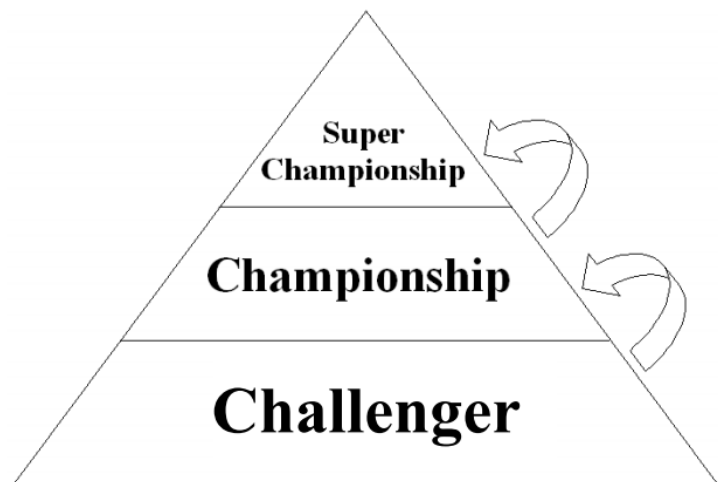
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Yellow Ball:

What age division can I compete in?

a) Divisions available are:

- 10s: Birthdates in 2007 until first day of the month of 11th birthday; all birthdates in 2008 and younger.
- 12s: Birthdates in 2005 until first day of the month of 13th birthday; all birthdates in 2006 and younger.
- 14s: Birthdates in 2003 until first day of the month of 15th birthday; all birthdates in 2004 and younger.
- 16s: Birthdates in 2001 until first day of the month of 17th birthday; all birthdates in 2002 and younger.
- 18s: Birthdates in 1999 until first day of the month of 19th birthday; all birthdates in 2000 and younger.
- Boys are eligible only for Boys' divisions and girls are eligible only for Girls' divisions. (12-18s)
- Challenger players (12s-18s) may compete in any older Challenger age divisions. Points earned in multiple age divisions are not combined.
- Championship players may play up in Championship Major Zones and may choose to re-qualify through Challengers in the older division up to 2 months prior to their birthday month. See "How to re-qualify?"
- Super Champ players may compete in any older Super Champ divisions. Points earned will count down in all younger age divisions that they are still eligible for. Super Champ players may also choose to re-qualify through Championship level in the older age division up to 2 months prior to their birthday month.



- Beginner players qualify from the Challenger level to the Championship level by accumulating points in Challenger tournaments.
- Championship players qualify to the Super Championship level by accumulating points in Championship Major Zone tournaments.
- Please refer to each section for more details.

Who can play in the Challenger level?

- All non-qualified junior players with permanent residency in Texas.
- Challenger players may compete in any older Challenger age divisions. Points earned in multiple age divisions are not combined.
- Super Championship players and out-of-section players (including foreign exchange students) CANNOT compete in Challenger (12-18s)

What events are offered?

- Challenger 2-day events: Boys' and Girls' 12s, 14s, 16s and 18s singles are qualifying events held on Saturday and Sunday with:
 - 2 out of 3 sets, 10-point Match Tiebreak in lieu of third set
 - No-ad scoring
 - Draws of 32. Any event that has more than 32 players will be split in random, into equal draws of 32 players or less.
 - "First Off" Consolation Format
- Challenger 1-day events: Boys' and Girls' 12s, 14s, 16s and 18s singles are qualifying events held on Saturday or Sunday (not both) with:
 - 2 out of 3 shorts sets (start at 0-0 and play to 4 games), tiebreaker at 4-all
 - 10 point tiebreakers in lieu of 3rd set-
 - No-ad scoring

- Draws of 16. Any event that has more than 16 players will be split in random, into equal draws of 16 players or less.
- Doubles are not offered at Challenger level.

How are points awarded?

a) Qualifying points are awarded at Challengers for players to qualify to the Championship level. See Table:

Challenger Level Point Chart for 1 and 2-day events for details.

b) Total Standings points are calculated based on the best four (4) tournaments in a rolling twelve-month period.

c) "Other" sanctioned tournaments do not award Challenger qualifying points.

d) Players must win an actual match against an opponent to receive any points. Defaults, retirements, walkovers and withdrawals qualify as wins for the advancing player only when an actual match was played and won.

e) Retirements count as a win for the advancing player.

f) Players will earn points through matches completed.

g) Players will not earn points in both the Main Draw and Consolation.

h) Challenger points carry over from one calendar year to the next as long as they remain in the window under calculation.

i) Challenger points do not carry over from one age division to another and Challenger points do not carry over to the Championship level.

How to qualify to the Championship level?

a) Players must accumulate a minimum of 65 Challenger qualifying points.

b) Qualifying points are calculated based on the best four (4) tournaments in a rolling twelve-month period.

c) When Challenger players qualify to Championship Level:

i) They will be listed on the Qualifier List (Challengers) for that month

ii) A qualifier certificate from the Texas Section office will be mailed by the end of the month in which they qualify. This certificate is for memorabilia. You do not need the certificate to register for your first CMZ event.

iii) The first Championship Major Zone (CMZ) a player may enter is the one held in the calendar month AFTER qualification. Players are eligible to register for their first CMZ if listed on the Qualifier list online.

iv) If they wish to play "other" tournaments in the month they qualify, they may do so as long as they meet the entry deadline for the tournament. Players will be placed into the correct draw depending on their level at the time of the deadline.

Challenger 2-Day (12s-18s) Level	Player Result		Main Draw Qualifying Pts	Cons Draw Qualifying Pts	Round Robin
	Champion	1	65	16	1 st : 65
	Finalist	2	32	12	2 nd : 32
	Semi-finals	3-4	16	8	3 rd : 16
	Quarter-finals	5-8	8	4	4 th : 8
	R16	9-16	4	N/A	

Challenger 1-Day (12s-18s) Level	Player Result		Main Draw Qualifying Pts	Cons Draw Qualifying Pts	Round Robin
	Champion	1	16	2 points per round won	1 st : 16
	Finalist	2	12		2 nd : 8
	Semi-finals	3-4	8		3 rd : 4
	Quarter-finals	5-8	4		4 th : 2
	R16	9-16	N/A	N/A	

Champs:

Who can play in the Championship level?

- a) Texas Section resident junior players who have qualified through the Challenger level.
- b) New resident players who have been approved by the Texas Section office.
- c) Champ qualified players may play in any age eligible age division in Champ Major Zones. Players will only earn points in the age division played. Champ points earned in older age divisions do not count in natural (younger) age division. Champ players must still meet age up requirements in either natural or older age division.
- d) In a sanctioned “other” tournament, Championship players may compete in older age divisions in singles and/or doubles. Players may also compete in different age divisions for singles and doubles in the same tournament. Championship players MUST compete in the Championship or Qualified division if offered. If the Championship or Qualified level is not offered, Championship players may play in “Open” or “Regular” events. Championship players will earn ranking points if playing in their age division.
- e) Super Champ players who are re-qualifying. See “How to re-qualify?”
- f) Out-of-section players (including foreign exchange students) CANNOT compete in CMZs.

How are points awarded?

- a) CMZs award CMZ Qualifying points for players to qualify to the Super Championship level. See Table: “Championship Level Point Chart”, column CMZs Qualifying Points.
- b) CMZs also award preliminary ranking points for Aging Up. See Table: “Championship Level Point Chart”, column CMZs.
- c) Sanctioned Junior “Other” or “Open” tournaments award preliminary ranking points for Aging Up. See Table: “Championship Level Point Chart”, column Jr “Other”.
- d) Players must win an actual match against an opponent to receive any points.
- d) Players will not earn points in both the main and consolation draw.
- e) Points do not carry over from one age division to another and CMZ qualifying points do not carry over to any other level.
- f) Players will earn points through matches completed.

g) The Doubles-Only CMZ will award CMZ Qualifying points for players to qualify to the Super Championship level and will award preliminary ranking points for Aging Up.

6. How to qualify to the Super Championship level?

a) Boys' and Girls' 12s - **Players must accumulate a minimum of 65 CMZ qualifying points.**

b) Boys' and Girls' 12s - Qualifying points are calculated based on the best four (4) tournaments in a rolling twelve-month period.

c) Boys' and Girls' 14-18s - **Players must accumulate a minimum of 80 CMZ qualifying points.**

d) Boys' and Girls' 14-18s - Qualifying points are calculated based on the best three (3) tournaments in a rolling twelve-month period.

e) When Championship players qualify to Super Championship Level:

i) The results will be published on the Qualifier List.

ii) A qualifier packet and certificate from the Texas Section office will be mailed by the end of the month in which they qualify.

iii) The first Super Championship Major Zone that they may enter is the one held in the month AFTER qualification. If they wish to compete in "other" tournaments in the month they qualify, they may do so as long as they meet the entry deadline for the tournament. Players will be placed into the correct draw depending on their level at the time of the deadline.

Player Result		CMZs Main Draw Qualifying Points	CMZs Cons Draw Qualifying Points	Preliminary Ranking Points				
				CMZs Main Draw	CMZs Cons Draw	Jr "Other" Main Draw	Jr "Other" Cons Draw	Jr "Other" Round Robin
Champ (14-18s)	1	80	16	80	16	32	4 points per round earned for each round won	1 st : 32
Champ (12s)	1	65	16	65	16	32		1 st : 32
Finalist	2	32	12	32	12	24		2 nd : 24
Semi-finals	3-4	16	8	16	8	16		3 rd : 16
Quarter-finals	5-8	8	4	8	4	8		4 th : 0
R16	9-16	4	N/A	4	N/A	4		N/A
R32	17-32	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2		N/A

Super champs:

Who can play in the Super Championship level?

- a) Texas Section players who have qualified through the Championship Level.
- b) Out-of-section players must be approved by the Texas Section office to play singles and/or doubles.
- c) In a sanctioned “other” tournament, Super Championship players MUST compete in the Super Championship division when offered. If the Super Championship or Qualified level is not offered, Super Championship players may play in “Open” or “Regular” events.
- d) In Super Championship doubles events, only one doubles partner needs to be of the correct qualification.
- e) All Super Champ players must have a copy of their birth certificate on file at the Texas Section office to participate in Super Champ Designated Tournaments. Champ players who have qualified for Supers will have 2 months to send in required documents. They may play in the Super Champ Designated Tournaments during the 2 months but will not be allowed after that time.

How are the events split and seeded?

- a) The most current Super Champ Standing List available is used for all Super Champ Designated Tournaments (SCMZ) splitting and seeding except for the Tier 4 SCMZs in April, July, Aug, and Dec. Those 4 SCMZ tournaments are split and seeded off of UTR.
- b) Singles in all Super Champ Designated Tournaments except for SCMZs (April, July, Aug and Dec), Excellence and Texas Slam:
 - i) The A draw will be based upon rank. The B draws will wave seeds and split the remaining unseeded players among the draws. The B draw must have a minimum of 16 players.
- c) For Texas Tier 4 SCMZs in April, July, August and December – all seeding and selection will be based on Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) for the 2018 April, July, August and December Texas Tier 4 Super Champ Major Zones (SCMZ). Doubles seeding and selection will be generated based on the pairings combined UTR.

Ties are broken with the highest rated individual’s team will be placed higher. See each tournament’s homepage for additional details.

d) Singles in Excellence:

i) All Super Champ players are eligible. In each age group there will be an A draw, B draw and multiple C draws as needed. There will also be a D draw. The A draw will be the top 16 players, and the B draw will be the next 16 players. The C draw will consist of all other players, equally split into draws of 16

(Maximum). The D draw will consist of the overflow players from the C draws and will have a minimum of 4 players.

e) Doubles in all Super Champ Designated Tournaments except for Excellence and Texas Slam:

i) The A draw will be based upon rank. The B draws will be waved (even) draws of 16. The last draw should have a minimum of 8 teams.

ii) Teams will be placed in draws based on the combined Super Champ Standings of each team. For example, if a player has a Texas standing of 11 and the partner has a standing of 17, the team's combined standing is 28. If there is a tie, the highest ranked individual's team will be placed higher. If a player does not have a standing in that division, the system will assign them a value of 500.

f) Doubles in Excellence:

i) In each age group there will be an A draw and multiple B draws as needed. There will also be a C draw. The A draw will be the top 16 teams. The B draws will consist of all other teams, equally split into draws of 16 (maximum). The C draw will consist of the overflow teams from the B draws and will have a minimum of 4 teams.

ii) Teams will be placed in draws based on the combined Super Champ Standings of each team. For example, if a player has a Texas standing of 11 and the partner has a standing of 17, the team's combined standing is 28. If there is a tie, the highest ranked individual's team will be placed higher. If a player does not have a standing in that division, the system will assign them a value of 500.

How are points awarded?

a) Supers Championship Standings will be calculated based on a combined singles and doubles ranking.

b) Total points are determined by the best five singles results and best five doubles results (in any combination of SCMZs or sanctioned "other" tournaments) in a rolling twelve-month period plus applicable singles bonus points.

c) Doubles points are awarded based on the point charts in this document.

d) There are five tiers of tournaments. Please refer to each point chart for details.

i) Tier 1: Texas Slam and Doubles Excellence

ii) Tier 2: Singles Excellence and Level 3

iii) Tier 3: Level 4

iv) Tier 4: SCMZs (UTR Tournaments)

v) Tier 5: Other Junior Tournaments

e) Level 1 and Level 2 National Tournaments (not including team events) now earn Texas Standing points.

This will include the 2018 National Spring Championships and be effective on the April 2nd, 2018 Texas Standings List. Level 1 National Tournaments will use the Texas Slam – Tier 1 point chart and Level 2

National Tournaments will use the Tier 2 – Super Champ Feed In point chart. (Same chart as January Super Champ A draws)

f) Points earned in an older age division will be included in all younger age division(s) for which the player is eligible.

g) Points earned in a division will be included in 1 (one) older age division at a rate of 20% counts up.

h) Players must complete at least one SC Designated tournament and win a round in any junior sanctioned tournament in their natural age division to be listed as eligible on the Super Champ Standing List.

i) Players must win a round to receive any points. Byes do not qualify as wins. Defaults and withdrawals qualify as wins for the advancing player, but do not earn Bonus Points. Retirements and walkovers do qualify as wins for the advancing player and will earn Bonus Points.

j) A player who is defaulted from a tournament for code violations under the Point Penalty System or misconduct forfeits any points accumulated during the tournament, including both points per round and Bonus Points. Players defaulted in singles only lose points accumulated for play in the singles draws, and vice versa for doubles.

k) Players are required to inform the tournament desk or tournament director no later than 6pm Sunday (or

Monday for events that go through Tuesday) evening or within 15 minutes of completing their final match of the day (whichever is later) of their intent to withdraw from their Monday match. The tournament director will inform the opponent immediately of any withdrawals. Players who pull out after Sunday at 6pm will have their match coded as a withdrawal and will receive no points for their wins in that tournament. If a player gets injured or ill after that 6pm deadline and they think it's important to "keep their points" they (the player) need only show up on Monday morning and pull out in person in order to have that match coded a walkover and retain their points.

How to earn Bonus Points?

a) Bonus points are awarded for wins in singles events, over players who are listed on the Bonus Points List published the month PRIOR to the start of the tournament.

b) A Bonus Points List is published at the end of each month and it includes the top 300 players from the Standing List in each age division.

c) Byes, defaults and withdrawals do not earn Bonus Points for the advancing player.

For any additional information regarding Challengers, Champs, and Super champs please contact Jean Andersen at Jandersen@tbarmtennis.com or visit Youthtennistexas.com.

National tournaments:

National tournaments are sanctioned by the USTA each year. Players that participate in these events include the top junior players in the country, as well as other successful section players who are interested in traveling outside of their sections for competitive opportunities. National tournaments are available for both boys and girls, and the age divisions include 12-and-under, 14-and-under, 16-and-under, and 18-and-under.

More information about National tournaments, Entry into National Level 1, 2 & 3 tournaments and more can be found on the USTA Resources and Tools page under "Junior Competition."

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ITF Tournaments:

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) is the world governing body of tennis. This organization is responsible for overseeing the administration and regulation, organization of international competition, and the structure, development, and promotion of the game. The ITF, alongside its six Regional Affiliates, regulates the game of tennis through its some 200 affiliated National Associates.

In 1977, the ITF created the Junior World Ranking Circuit, which linked nine of the major junior events. Today, the ITF has more than 400 tournament is 121 countries, including the four major junior Grand Slams: Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon, and US Open.

Tournaments are grouped by 'grade', which range from Grade A to Grade 5. Grade A is considered the highest category and consists of the four junior Grand Slam tournaments. Following Grade A are Grades 1-5, and Grade 5 is considered the lowest category of ITF junior tournaments.

In order to participate in ITF events, junior players are required to have a International Player Identification Number (IPIN).

For any additional information regarding ITF tournaments please visit www.itftennis.com/juniors/home.

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