

NJTP

Welcome to

The Neighborhood Junior Tennis Program

Parents' Meeting!

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INTRODUCTION

- NJTP is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- NJTP was formed in 1993
- We are a USTA partner in two programs:
 - We are a Community Tennis Association (CTA)
 - We are a National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL) program
- Our motto is: “from the courts to college.”



HISTORY OF NJTP

- Several of NJTP's founders received free tennis lessons as teenagers
- They then went on to play tennis in high school and college and became professional coaches
- Later on, these friends got together and decided to give back to the community



HISTORY OF NJTP

- The founders started by giving free tennis lessons to a few kids in the neighborhood
- In 1993, NJTP was formed to continue the mission of providing low-cost lessons to local families
- Today, NJTP offers 29 classes per week all year round, serving over 150 students each year
- We offer leagues, tournaments and other events for juniors and adults



10-AND-UNDER TENNIS

The 10-and-Under tennis format solves several problems:

- Standard tennis balls are too heavy, travel too fast and bounce too high for young kids to control
- Standard racquets are too large and heavy for young kids to handle
- Standard courts are too big for small kids to cover
- Standard tennis scoring is confusing for very young kids

These problems make tennis difficult and frustrating for young beginning players.



10-AND-UNDER TENNIS

10-and-under tennis solves these problems by using these elements:

1. Low-compression / slower tennis balls
2. Smaller / lighter racquets
3. Smaller tennis courts
4. Tiebreak or “no-ad” simplified scoring

See: <http://www.10andundertennis.com>



10-AND-UNDER TENNIS BALLS

10-and-under tennis balls are lighter than standard balls, travel more slowly through the air and don't bounce as high, making them easier to hit and control.



Red ball—slowest speed, slightly larger than standard tennis balls, lowest bounce



Orange ball—medium speed, same size as standard tennis balls, somewhat reduced bounce



Green ball—faster speed, same size as standard tennis balls, slightly reduced bounce



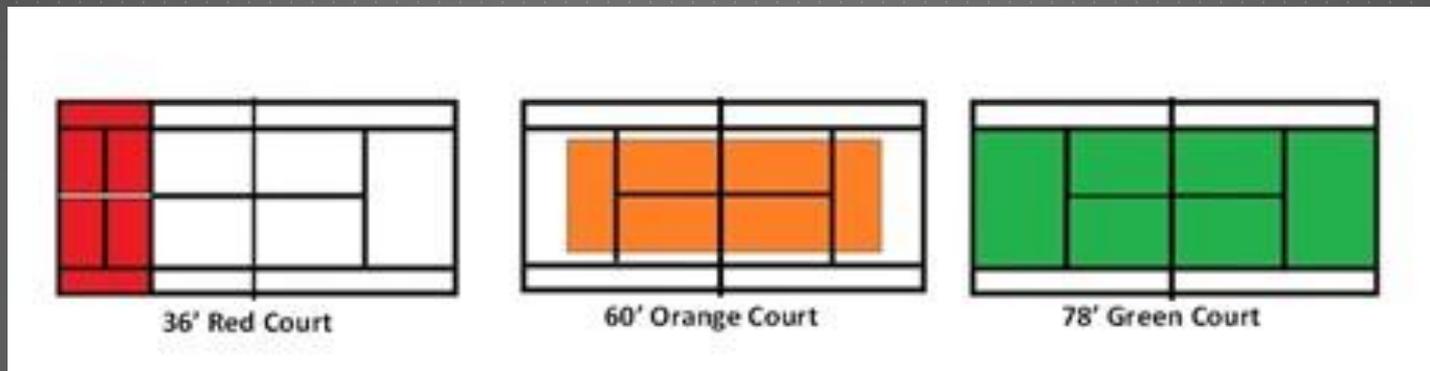
10-AND-UNDER RACQUETS

- Smaller and lighter racquets are easier for younger students to handle
- Students develop proper stroke technique using racquets they can swing and control



10-AND-UNDER COURTS

- Smaller courts are easier for kids to cover
- Students can play real tennis games and learn the fundamentals of strategy



10-AND-UNDER SCORING

- Youngest students use 7-point tiebreak scoring—score is counted as 1, 2, 3... up to 7
- Older students use “no-ad” scoring, counted as 15, 30, 40, game—with no deuce or advantage points
- Finally, students learn standard scoring with deuce and advantage (ad-in / ad-out) points



ADVANTAGES OF 10-AND-UNDER TENNIS

- Instead of struggling with oversized equipment, kids start playing and enjoying tennis right away
- Players can rally much longer, making tennis a lot more interesting and fun
- Students learn proper strokes with less effort
- Students learn to use racquet speed and spin much sooner



DRAWBACKS TO 10-AND-UNDER TENNIS?

- There are none!
- As students progress in their game, they advance to faster tennis balls, larger racquets and larger courts
- Students easily transition from 10-and-under to standard tennis
- 10-and-under tennis gives students a better foundation for tennis strokes, footwork and game strategy



TESTING

- Students wishing to advance to the next class level must pass a skills test
- Testing helps ensure a consistent level of players in each class
- Passing each test is an important milestone for students as they develop their skills



PRICE INCREASES

- As a nonprofit organization, NJTP only raises prices when absolutely necessary
- We have not had a price increase in 15 years!
- We are adding new student benefits to help offset the rate increases
- NJTP's rates are still much lower than comparable tennis programs in this area



NEW PROGRAM BENEFITS

We are adding the following new benefits, available to all NJTP students:

- NJTP will cover students' annual USTA membership fees
- For each class level we will have a monthly drawing for a free private lesson
- Free tournament entries (earned by playing a required number of tournaments)



NEW CLASS PRICE SCHEDULE

Lobbers		Smashers		Future Aces			
\$56		\$70		\$70			
Mon 5:00pm-6:00pm Sat 10:00am-11:00am		Mon 6:00pm-7:30pm Wed 6:30pm-7:30pm		Tue 5:00pm-6:00pm Wed 5:00pm-6:30pm			
Rising Stars (A)		Rising Stars (B)		Super Stars			
\$112		\$112		\$126			
Wed 6:00pm-7:00pm Fri 5:00pm-6:30pm Sat 11:00am-12:30pm		Wed 5:00pm-6:00pm Fri 6:30pm-8:00pm Sat 11:00am-12:30pm		Mon 6:00pm-8:00pm Thu 5:00pm-6:00pm Fri 5:00pm-6:30pm			
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ON-LINE PAYMENTS WITH PAYSIMPLE

- We are switching to an on-line automated billing system to help keep our costs low
- The new system is called PaySimple (www.paysimple.com)
- Accepts bank checks, credit cards, debit cards
- NJTP covers the costs of this system, so there is no extra charge for using it
- \$10 one-time discount if you sign up before January 30, 2015



PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

- In our 20 years at NJTP, we have learned what works and what doesn't work in developing junior tennis players
- We are here to guide you and your child through this junior tennis development process
- When properly followed, this process enables students to realize their full potential, in tennis and in life!

We call this the Pathway to Success.



PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

The first step toward success is to identify what goals you and your child have in tennis; for example:

- Play recreationally, just to have fun
- Play on a high school team
- Play on a college team
- Play professionally

The goals you choose determines the level of time and effort that you and your child need to invest in tennis!



PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

5 factors contribute to kids' success on the tennis courts:

1. Group Lessons
2. Private Lessons
3. Tournaments
4. Match Play
5. Time on the Courts



PATHWAY TO SUCCESS – GROUP LESSONS

- Group lessons are an inexpensive way for your child to learn tennis
- It's FUN – kids build social relationships in their group classes
- Group lessons offer many fun multi-player drills and game variations



PATHWAY TO SUCCESS – PRIVATE LESSONS

- We have seen it proven over and over – kids who take private lessons improve faster and more efficiently
- For students who want to play competitively in high school, college or at the open level, private lessons are a MUST
- We recommend 1-2 private or semi-private lessons per week



PATHWAY TO SUCCESS - TOURNAMENTS

- It is a proven fact that kids who play tournaments will be better players
- Tournaments give kids a reason to commit and practice hard
- Playing lots of tournaments teaches kids to handle the challenges and ups and downs of competition



PATHWAY TO SUCCESS – MATCH PLAY

- When students are not taking group or private lessons, they should be playing lots of matches!
- Regular match play helps students solidify the skills they develop during lessons
- Helps kids prepare for tournaments in a more relaxed environment
- Helps develop strategies to win
- Students get used to playing against a variety of opponents



PATHWAY TO SUCCESS – TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!

- Conventional wisdom holds that it takes 10,000 hours of practice to master a skill or trade
- For example, at 3 hours per day, 6 days per week, you will reach 10,000 hours in about 10 years
- Each day not spent practicing is lost time that you can't get back
- Competitive tennis is a young person's game – if your goal is to play in college, then by age 10 your career is half over!

Time is of the essence – use it wisely and practice, practice, practice!



NJTP ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

- NJTP is joining with Meals on Wheels for their annual walk/run/bike fundraiser
- The fundraiser date will be Sunday, April 26, 2015
- New fundraising discount brackets:
 - \$300 = 30% discount
 - \$400 = 40% discount
 - \$500 = 50% discount



NJTP STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Sarah Nuño – Daily News Player of the Year 2014, was awarded a full scholarship to Cal State Fullerton
- Joey Tscherne – first NJTP 18s Open tournament winner
- NJTP consistently produces tennis players who play on high school teams
- Currently, about 90% of NJTP students go on to attend college
- Some NJTP alumni even play for their college teams!



CONCLUSION

Thank you for your support and feedback!

Please be sure to visit our web site at:

njtptennis.net

