

WHERE DO I START MY CHILD IN JUNIOR TENNIS?



FLORIDA

QUICK GUIDE TO JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS IN THE YOUTH COMPETITIVE PATHWAY

LEVEL 9

- The perfect start for the new player in a fun, supportive atmosphere. The ROGY event takes no longer than a half day and players compete multiple times in a non elimination format – no sitting around!
- Age appropriate equipment is used along with Red, Orange, Green or Yellow balls. ● ● ● ●
- Players must know how to serve, rally and score. These events are not used to earn ranking points.

LEVEL 8

- This Entry Level event is a great introduction into the competitive pathway for new players, recreational players, and players who are ranked no higher than 400 on the USTA Florida Standing List.
- Players play in their own age division. They cannot play up in an older division.
- 10s play with orange balls on a 60' court. ● ● ● ●
- Participants in these tournaments do not earn ranking points.

LEVEL 7

- These Intermediate Level events are great for the player starting their junior competitive career and are interested in establishing a ranking. Players should have basic match experience, have completed a number of practice matches, and experienced some success in Level 8 events.
- Events are open to players of all ability levels. 10s play with orange balls on a 60' court. ● ● ● ●
- These tournaments count for a USTA Florida Ranking.

LEVEL 6

- These Advanced Level tournaments are for the more serious junior competitive player who has experienced some success in Level 7 events.
- Events are open to all players that qualify by ranking. 10s play with green dot balls on a 78' full court. ● ● ● ●
- These tournaments count for a USTA Florida Ranking.

LEVEL 5

- These Advanced Level tournaments are where the top players in the state compete. Draws can be 32 or 64 depending on the month. Players are also given the opportunity to play doubles at some Level 5 events. No 10s division at these events.
- Events are open to all players that qualify by ranking and who have appropriate birth certificate and residency paperwork on file with USTA Florida.
- These tournaments may count for a USTA Florida Ranking.

LEVEL 4

- These Advanced Level tournaments are Sectional Level events designed to attract 32 higher ranked players .
- Qualifiers and 10s green dot divisions may be offered.
- These tournaments may count for a USTA Florida Ranking and a USTA National Ranking.

LEVEL 3

- Level 3 Advanced Level tournaments are Sectional Level Championships which include Florida's "Bobby Curtis State Championships (Singles and Doubles)" and a host of Regional and Selection Tournaments held around the United States.
- These tournaments may count for a USTA Florida Ranking and a USTA National Ranking.

LEVEL 2

- Level 2 Advanced Level tournaments consist of "National Selection" and Zonal Team Competition. These tournaments are held around the United States.
- These tournaments may count for a USTA Florida Ranking and a USTA National Ranking.

LEVEL 1

- Level 1 Advanced Level tournaments are the highest level of junior competitive tennis in the US. These tournaments are for players who have earned a high enough ranking in order to gain entry.
- These tournaments may count for a USTA Florida Ranking and a USTA National Ranking.