

USTA Junior Circuits & Level 7 USTA Tournaments

HELPING GUIDE PLAYERS AND PARENTS

For players looking to get started with individual match play, the USTA recommends starting in USTA Junior Circuits. These are non-ranking events that allow players to gain match experience in a tournament setting while still focusing on having fun.

Once players achieve success at a USTA Junior Circuit, the USTA recommends Level 7 USTA Junior Tournaments in order to start earning national ranking points.

Here are some additional key things to know about these programs to help junior players succeed at the competitive level:

	USTA Junior Circuit	Level 7 Tournaments
Earning Points	No USTA Ranking points PlayTracker points are earned for players ages 10 and under	Earn USTA Ranking Points per match win
ITF World Tennis Number Rating	Green and yellow ball results included in player's calculation	All results are included in player's calculation
Recommended Skill Level	Able to serve, maintain a rally and know how to keep score	Intermediate-level players with some competitive match play experience
Event Duration	2 to 4 hours	Up to one day
Ages and Ball Colors	Ages 5-18: Orange, Green or Yellow	Ages 12 and Under: Green or Yellow 14U-18U: Yellow
Draw and Scoring Format	Non-elimination, round-robin draw	Variety of non-elimination formats and shortened scoring including short sets and timed matches

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