

A better tournament experience is as easy as....

1 day tournament

Playing in a single, all-day event against a variety of opponents provides a much more social atmosphere than a lose-one-and-you're-done experience. In addition, ACE benefits parents by alleviating the challenge of having to reschedule their lives around dropping off their young players for tennis tournaments at various hours of the day for an entire week.



Providing a better tournament tennis experience for youth players is vital to helping kids embrace competition.

2 Player-Friendly Formats (round-robin & compass)

Compass draw and round-robin formats are ideal for junior players looking to practice the skills they are learning from their coaches, who can help players recognize mistakes and correct them over the course of a day of matches. This repeated feedback can greatly benefit young players who are experiencing competitive tennis for the first time.

*In an effort to make changes that will benefit both players and parents, USTA Colorado adopted the multiple match **A**(bbreviated) **C**(ompetitive) **E**(xperience) format, or **ACE**, in 2014.*

3 Guaranteed Matches

The ACE format requires all sanctioned entry-level (Level 8/ Futures) and intermediate (Level 7/Challenger) events to guarantee entrants three abbreviated matches, which keeps the competition fresh and player-friendly.

In 2015, all entry-level (Level 8/ Futures) and intermediate (Level 7/ Challengers) events have adopted the ACE format.

ACE puts Colorado at the forefront of a growing movement across the country that challenges the age-old standard of forcing inexperienced competitors into week-long single-elimination events: the traditional lose-one-and-you're-done scenario.

How ACE works...

LEVEL 8 (FUTURES)

LEVEL 7/7+ (INTERMEDIATE)

LEVEL 6 (CHAMPIONSHIP)

1 Day

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Some Level 6 tournament directors will be offering a modified ACE format: a 1-2 day event plus a multiple match guarantee.*

The following abbreviated match formats will be used in all Level 8 and Level 7 competition (depending on age level).*

8s	10s	12s	14s	16s	18s
1 tiebreak game to 7; or Best of 3 tiebreak games to 7; or Timed match	1 short set, no-ad (7-pt tiebreak at 4-4); or Timed match	Best of 3 no-ad sets (7-pt tiebreak at 4-4, tiebreak in lieu of 3rd set)	Best of 3 no-ad sets (7-pt tiebreak at 4-4, tiebreak in lieu of 3rd set)	1 standard set, no-ad	1 standard set, no-ad

*Check the notes section on the tournament home page for specific details on the scoring format.