

**Facilities can get half-off new QuickStart lines**

The United States Tennis Association is offering funding assistance to tennis facilities and organizations looking to paint permanent lines for 36- and 60-foot QuickStart Tennis courts, designed for children 10 and under. The funding assistance – 50% of the cost of the lines – is offered through the USTA's Facility Assistance Services.

The QuickStart Tennis format gets kids into the game by using shorter courts, shorter racquets, lower pressure balls and modified scoring, ensuring children have fun while learning tennis. A standard 78-foot court can accommodate four 36-foot QST courts, or one 60-foot court.

Many tennis facilities have painted permanent QuickStart Tennis lines onto regular-size courts, which aids in setting up for children's tennis programs. The QST lines are usually in a color shade related to the surface of the court, so that they are unobtrusive when the standard 78-foot court is used. *(The Rules of Tennis do allow USTA National/Sectional/District events or tournaments to be played on courts with additional lines, such as those used for the QST format, and recently the Intercollegiate Tennis Association approved a rule change to allow its competition courts to have permanent QST tennis lines.)*

While the national USTA office provides 50% funding assistance, some USTA sections also offer additional funding for painting permanent lines. To apply for national USTA funding, complete the application at <http://CT.USTA.COM/PFA/> prior to the start of the project.

For more about the QuickStart Tennis format, please visit [QUICKSTARTTENNIS.com](http://QUICKSTARTTENNIS.com).




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**QuickStart anyone?**

After a year of planning and anticipation, the brand new QuickStart Tennis courts at **Eldorado K-8** in Superior are nearly ready for prime time. The installation of the four 36-foot courts (right) at Eldorado make it officially the first permanent QuickStart Tennis facility in Colorado. The regulation 78-foot court (left) has been lined for a 60-foot court as well, for the slightly older kids who have mastered the 36-foot format. More than half of the \$20,000 reconstruction cost was funded through USTA and USTA-Intermountain grants, along with \$3,800 from the Boulder Valley School District. The remainder of the money came from private donations.

QuickStart Tennis facilities have been popping up all over the nation, as more and more tennis facilities look to provide age-, size-, and ability-specific tennis programming for their 10 and under clientele.

USTA Colorado Community Development Director Kristy Harris hopes that Eldorado isn't alone in recognizing the value of the QuickStart formula. "Now that the first QuickStart facility has been built in Colorado, we anticipate other communities will see first-hand the positive impact that can be made on kids through tennis when the right size courts and appropriate format are readily available. The collaboration between the community, Boulder Valley School District and USTA provides a perfect model for many more QuickStart facility projects throughout Colorado in the future."



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