

2018 YOUTH PROGRESSION OVERVIEW

USTA COLORADO

CRITERIA FOR ADVANCING THROUGH THE YOUTH PROGRESSION SYSTEM:

Beginning January 1, 2018, a player may elect to move to the next ball color by accumulating a combination of 20 virtual stars and/or trophies by meeting the following criteria

A. AGE ELIGIBILITY

A player is not eligible to earn stars and/or trophies until the player reaches the first day of the month of the player's seventh (7th) birthday. A player remains eligible to earn stars and/or trophies until the player reaches the first day of the month of the player's eleventh (11th) birthday. ***The age restriction for earning stars and/or trophies applies not only to tournaments but also to Junior Team Tennis.***

B. STARS earned for participation in section/district-sanctioned **10s Tagged progression tournaments.**

- Tournaments must be sanctioned and Youth Progression 10s tagged events in the 2018 schedule
- Sanctioned events will follow all criteria listed in rules and regulations in order for players to receive proper credit.
- Players will earn two (2) stars for each tournament they enter (100 points).
- Stars may be earned by completing a **10U Junior Team Tennis Season** (Summer and/or Fall).
- Players receive three (3) stars for competing in a JTT season, with up to two (2) JTT seasons per year (maximum total of six (6) stars or 300 points).

C. TROPHIES earned for results in section/district sanctioned 10s tagged progression tournaments.

- Trophies, in addition to stars, may be earned by winning a sanctioned Youth Progression 10s tagged event in the 2018 schedule.
- Sanctioned events will follow all criteria listed in rules and regulations in or for players to receive proper credit.
- Players will also receive a trophy for being a finalist in a sanctioned Youth Progression 10s tagged event in the 2018 schedule.

D. PLAYERS MAY EARN STARS & TROPHIES ONLY FOR THE BALL COLOR IN WHICH THEY COMPETED

- A player will continue to accumulate stars and trophies until he/she is no longer age eligible.
- To get more practice, players can always participate in their previous ball color and level. However, stars and trophies will only be awarded for the new ball color and level.
- When a player earns 20 virtual stars and/or trophies, players will not progress to the next ball color until the USTA updates the youth progression system. Timing of updates is determined by USTA National. (System is updated every Tuesday)
- Players may view the accumulation of stars and/or trophies on their My Tennis Page. Players shall promptly notify USTA Colorado of corrections to their player record on My Tennis Page.
- When a player earns 20 virtual stars and/or trophies and progresses to the next ball color, that player will start at zero (0) credits in the new ball color
- For USTA Junior Team Tennis, players may earn stars for the ball color and level they are currently in, whether playing orange or green ball 10U JTT.

E. OUT-OF-SECTION YOUTH PROGRESSION TOURNAMENTS

- Players participating outside of the USTA Intermountain section may be awarded participation stars only if the other USTA Section is utilizing the USTA Youth Progression tracking system and the event is a youth progression tournament for that Section. No trophies will be awarded.