

# Fall 2017 Downingtown Junior Tennis League Players Packet

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## Rosters and Remaining Schedule

All matches and practices will be held at Downingtown West High School, 450 Manor Ave.,  
Downingtown, PA 19335

### 8 and under Red Ball Division

<b>Downingtown 8u Red Ball Rosters</b>			
<b>Aqua Angry Birds</b>	<b>Orange Super Mario's</b>	<b>Brown Donkey Kongs</b>	<b>Purple Sonics</b>
Luke	Alexander	Yohaam	Dylan
Riley B	Mitch	Carter	Daxton
Henry	Arnav	Jayden	Maxwell
Caroline	Riley S	Shreyasi	Ella
Autumn	Nora	Saanvi	Sophia
Rose	Chloe	Skylar	Barry
	Finley	Finn	

<b>Downingtown Red Ball Schedule</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sunday, September 24, 2017	12:00-1:00	Practices
Sunday, October 01, 2017	11:45-1:00	Match Play
Sunday, October 08, 2017	11:45-1:00	Cancelled due to rain
Sunday, October 15, 2017	11:45-1:00	Match Play
Sunday, October 22, 2017	11:15-1:00	Match Play
Sunday, October 29, 2017	1:15-3:00	Championship Matches and Award Ceremony

## 10 and under Orange Ball Division

<b>Downingtown 10u Orange Ball Rosters</b>			
<b>Purple Mario Karts</b>	<b>Orange Super Smash Siblings</b>	<b>Brown Pokemon Go's</b>	<b>Aqua Candy Crushers</b>
Justin	Arudra	Blake	Ethan
Benjamin	Austin	Lucas	Aditya
Leonardo	Noah	Tristan	Khai
Ellie	Ava	Rosalie	Abby
Ella Mae	Olivia	Alexis	Grace

<b>Downingtown Orange Ball Schedule</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sunday, September 24, 2017	1:00-2:00	Practices
Sunday, October 01, 2017	1:00-2:15	Match Play
Sunday, October 08, 2017	1:00-2:15	Cancelled due to rain
Sunday, October 15, 2017	1:00-2:15	Match Play
Sunday, October 22, 2017	1:00-2:15	Match Play
Sunday, October 29, 2017	3:00-4:15	Championship Matches and Award Ceremony

## 11 to 14 Yellow/Green Ball Division

<b>Downingtown 11-14 Yellow/Green Ball Rosters</b>		
<b>Purple</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Aqua</b>
Hannah	SHIVAM	Ruthvik
Grace	Kylie	Jenna
Eric	Kylie	Elliot
Riley	Katie	Lily
Yash	Kyra	Isabella

<b>Downingtown Yellow/Green Ball Schedule</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sunday, September 24, 2017	2:00-3:00	Practices
Sunday, October 01, 2017	2:15-3:30	Match Play
Sunday, October 08, 2017	2:15-3:30	Cancelled due to rain
Sunday, October 15, 2017	2:15-3:30	Match Play
Sunday, October 22, 2017	2:15-3:30	Match Play
Sunday, October 29, 2017	4:15-5:30	Championship Matches and Award Ceremony

## Additional League Details

**Teams-** Teams are divided based on age, experience and teammate preference.

**Practices-** The first 3 sessions are practices which will go over the different aspects of the game. Players will be divided into practice groups based on skill level and age.

**Match Play-** We hope that players will get to experience both singles and doubles matches during the season, but this is not always possible. The goal of the league is to introduce competition to players to actually PLAY the game. Coaches will be pairing up players of equal ability against each other. Players will get at least one match per day. Sometimes they will get two matches.

**Practice Court-** When players are not playing, they will be on a practice court where they will practice skills and games. This court keeps them active when not playing.

**Last Session-** The last session will be championship matches followed by an awards ceremony. We give medals to all players, but we do keep track of scores, so we give medals based on how the teams have performed.

**Uniforms-** Players will receive T-shirts that you can use as uniforms before the 2<sup>nd</sup> match

**Court Set-Up-** The courts will be set up to their specifications before each match. For the 36 foot courts, there will be 2 short-court nets set up for each match.

**Racquets-** Players should provide their own racquets but it's not required. 8 and under players should use 23 or 25 inch racquets. 10 and under players should use 25 inch racquets. 12 and under should use 26 or 27 inch racquets and 14 and under player should use 27 inch full size racquets. Racquets will be available for use if a player does not have a racquet.

**Balls-** The balls will be provided on court. The 8 and under division will use low-compression red balls. The 10 and under division will use a regular sized low-compression orange ball. 12 and under and 14 and under uses full size balls or green dot balls.

**Team Standings-** Team standings are based on how many sets a player wins for his team in the 8 and under division and how many games in the 10 and under and 11 to 14 divisions.

**Parental Involvement-** We welcome parents to watch and even help pick up balls. Parents should NOT be involved with players when playing their individual match.

**Inclement Weather-** If it's raining or the courts are too wet, we'll be forced to cancel or postpone the matches and/or practices. These matches/practices may be made up. If it is cancelled, we'll be sending you an e-mail about 2 hours beforehand. You can also check the website at [www.phillyteamentennis.org](http://www.phillyteamentennis.org) or call the hotline at (610) 450-4816.

## 8 and under Rules and Scoring

### 1. Court Dimensions

- a. The 8 and under division is played on a 36 foot court.
- b. Singles and Doubles matches will be played on the same sized court.
- c. The backline is known as the baseline. The middle line is known as the service line.
- d. The service boxes are where you must hit serves into. If you miss, you get a second chance to hit a serve. If you miss that, a coach will toss a 3<sup>rd</sup> ball that you can hit anywhere in other court.

### 2. Serving

- a. For the first match, serving will be optional, but encourage. If a player wishes to not serve, they get the opportunity to hit 2 balls that are tossed.
- b. After this, serving will be required. Players will have to hit the serve in the service box.
- c. In each 7-game set, the serve will rotate between teams. One person will serve 2, then the next team's person will serve 2, and then the first team's next person will serve 2 and so on.
- d. Players will get 2 chances to serve it in. If they miss, they will get a 3<sup>rd</sup> ball option which will be a tossed ball in.
- e. A serve can either be an overhead hit serve or a bounce-hit serve (ball bounces and then you hit it)

### 3. Scoring

- a. Scoring for this division is best 2 out of 3 7-game sets per match.
- b. Each match will consist of 4 matches: 2 Singles and 2 Doubles.
- c. The goal of tennis is to hit the ball back to the other side of the net in-bounds.
- d. You start out playing "points"
- e. You can win a point four ways.
  - i. If the ball bounces twice inside your opponents side of the court.
  - ii. If the ball bounces once inside your opponents court and once outside your opponents court.
  - iii. If your opponent hits the ball and it lands out of bounds.
  - iv. If your opponent hits into or "under" the net.
- f. In the 8 and under division, the first player or doubles team to win 7 points, wins a set. Then the first player or team to win 2 sets wins the match.
- g. A team match is won or lost based on how many 7-game sets a team wins.
- h. If a match is tied at the end, the match ends as a tie.

# 10 and under Rules and Scoring

## 1. Court Dimensions

- a. The 10 and under division is played on a 60 foot court. To do this, we will be taking a full sized court and putting down lines to shorten it.
- b. Singles matches will be played within the singles lines. Doubles matches will be played within the doubles lines.
- c. The backline is known as the baseline. The middle line is known as the service line.

## 4. Serving

- a. All players are required to serve.
- b. A player serves an entire game in a set.
- c. The service boxes are where you must hit serves into. If you miss, you get a second chance. If you miss that, you will get an option of a tossed ball in that you must hit in the opposite service box.
- d. Players are encouraged to shift from side to side when serving.

## 2. Scoring

- a. Scoring for this division is a 4 game set.
- b. A player serves for the entire game, which is first to 4 points. Then the player or a player from the other side serves the next game.
- c. Each match will consist of 4 matches: 2 Singles and 2 Doubles.
- d. The goal of tennis is to hit the ball back to the other side of the net in-bounds.
- e. You start out playing “points”
- f. You can win a point four ways.
  - i. If the ball bounces twice inside your opponents side of the court.
  - ii. If the ball bounces once inside your opponents court and once outside your opponents court.
  - iii. If your opponent hits the ball and it lands out of bounds.
  - iv. If your opponent hits into or “under” the net.
- g. In the 10 and under division, the first player or team to win 4 games wins the “set” and the match. You win a game by winning 4 points. One player gets to serve an entire game until one player or team wins 4 points. If the set gets to 3-3, they play a first to 5 point tiebreaker rotating servers.
- h. A team match is won or lost based on how many games a team wins.
- i. If a match is tied at the end, the match ends as a tie.

# 11 to 14 Rules and Scoring

## 3. Court Dimensions

- e. The 12 and under and 14 and under division is played on a full sized foot court. To do this, we will be taking a full sized court and putting down lines to shorten it.
- f. Singles matches will be played within the singles lines. Doubles matches will be played within the doubles lines.
- g. The backline is known as the baseline. The middle line is known as the service line.

## 5. Serving

- a. All players are required to serve.
- b. A player serves an entire game in a set.
- c. The service boxes are where you must hit serves into. If you miss, you get a second chance.
- d. Players are encouraged to shift from side to side when serving.

## 4. Scoring

- a. Scoring for this division is a 4 game set.
- b. A player serves for the entire game, which is first to 4 points. Then the player or a player from the other side serves the next game.
- c. Each match will consist of 4 matches: 2 Singles and 2 Doubles.
- d. The goal of tennis is to hit the ball back to the other side of the net in-bounds.
- e. You start out playing “points”
- f. You can win a point four ways.
  - i. If the ball bounces twice inside your opponents side of the court.
  - ii. If the ball bounces once inside your opponents court and once outside your opponents court.
  - iii. If your opponent hits the ball and it lands out of bounds.
  - iv. If your opponent hits into or “under” the net.
- g. In the 10 and under division, the first player or team to win 4 games wins the “set” and the match. You win a game by winning 4 points. One player gets to serve an entire game until one player or team wins 4 points. If the set gets to 3-3, they play a first to 5 point tiebreaker rotating servers.
- h. A team match is won or lost based on how many games a team wins.
- i. If a match is tied at the end, the match ends as a tie.



## **Ettiquette for All Divisions (to be taught to players)**

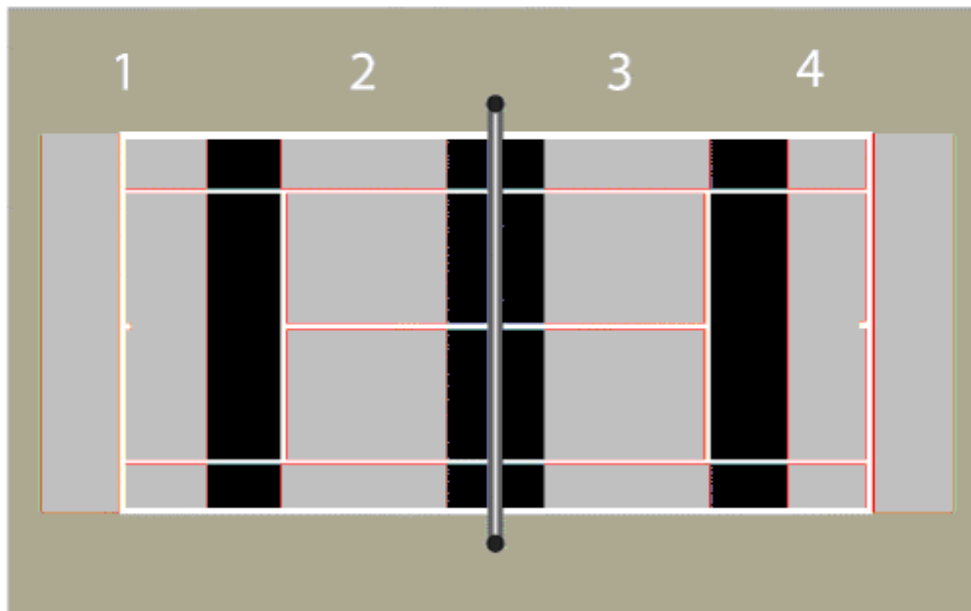
1. If a ball lands on the line, it counts as in-bounds. When in doubt, call it in. Only the player on the side of the court where the ball lands may call the shot. Any ball that lands “out” of the court area must be called right away.
2. Players should always keep their racquets in their hands. Throwing or tossing of racquets will not be tolerated.
3. Cursing and/or bad language will not be tolerated.
4. Players should shake hands with their opponent once the match has been completed.
5. Friendly cheering for your teammate is allowed. Taunting is not.
6. Servers should announce the score before each game and point.
7. When retrieving a ball, make sure not to disturb a point that is currently in play.

## The 10 and under Tennis Format

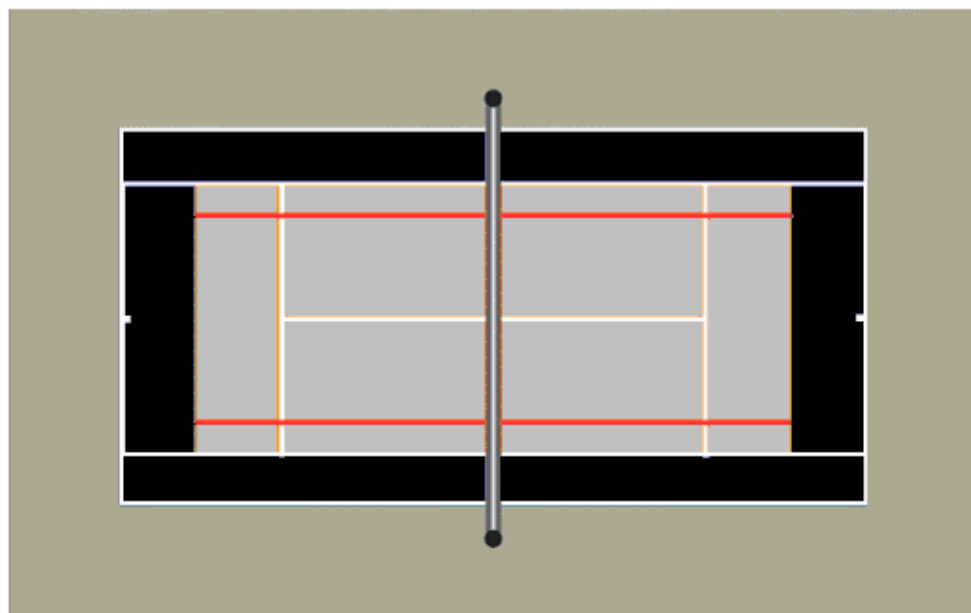
Quickstart Tennis is a format that helps kids ten and under learn and play the game. To make it easier, we've changed a few things: the court sizes, the racquet sizes, the balls, the scoring system, and the net height. Why make a 6-10 year old child play on an adult size court? If 7 year old baseball players don't play on the same field as the Major Leaguer's why should 7 year old tennis players play on the same field as Adults and Professionals?

**The Court Size.** One noticeable difference you see will be the court size.

### 36' Court



### 60' Court



The 8 and under players will play on the 36 foot court, while the 10 and under players will play on the 60 foot court.

**The racquet sizes.** Kids that are under 8 should use a 23 inch racquet as it's lighter and will allow them to adjust their swing more. Kids that are under 10 should use a 25 inch racquet. 11 and 12 year old players have the option of playing with a 25 or 27 inch racquet.

**The tennis balls.** The 8 and under division plays with a red-felt ball that's a little slower and bigger. In the 10 and under division, they'll graduate to low-compression orange regular size balls. These balls don't move as fast and don't bounce as high, giving them a natural feel.

**The Scoring System.** The 8 and under division will play best of three seven point games. This allows players to have a match no longer than 20 minutes and speeds up the game which is perfect for kids that age. The 10 and under division also plays with a shortened format, which is a 4 game set.