

DEVELOPMENT TENNIS CAMPS (6-16 years)

For Intermediate and Advanced Intermediate players - Ages - 8U, 10u, 12U, 14U, 16U

JUNIOR SLAM - Ages 8U, 10U, 12U

SENIOR SLAM - Ages 12U & 16U

PLAYER PROGRESSIONS

DEVELOP!

The Super Slam level is played on a 60-by-21-foot court, with an orange ball and a 25- to 26-inch racquet.

“It fits better so kids hit better!” Players in this level are developing more advanced stroke technique, greater court coverage and improved recognition skills. Orange players need to develop greater racquet-head speed to control the ball with improved pace, spin, height and depth. Tactically, orange players are developing high percentage patterns with the forehand as a weapon from the baseline and improving net transition skills on a larger court. Orange players are progressing in their ability to hold serve with greater spin, power and control and are learning to read the serve and adjust the size of their backswing on the return accordingly. Players work on advanced skills development including incorporating topspin, slice, defense/neutral/offense tactics, court positioning, and technique and strategy for competition. Continued work on stroke development, scoring, serving, team matches, and tournament play. Off-court activities to keep kids fresh and engaged during camp include playing sprinkler kickball, sand volleyball, super kids’ day events, the Circle of Life for group time with counselors, and more!

Camp: Monday to Friday, 8:30/9-4 (full day), 11-4 (half day), 8:30/9-12 (mornings), 1-4 (afternoons)

IMPROVE!

The Grand Slam level is played on a full-size 78-foot court, with a green-dot ball and a 26 to 27-inch racquet. Players in this format should display refined stroke technique, movement skills and recognition to properly cover the full-sized court. Green-dot players have the correct grips, preparation and swing paths for all strokes and a higher level of spin, pace and control than orange players. From the backcourt, green-dot players have developed the forehand as weapon, a reliable backhand and sound decision making. Tactically, green-dot players have improved their ability to defend and also to attack the net with proper positioning and dependable execution of volleys and overheads. On the serve, green-dot players are continuing to develop the serve as a weapon with refined spin, placement and consistency. When returning, green-dot players have the ability to

use the block return on more powerful first serves and have developed an aggressive second-serve return. Coach Daniel Nabedrick says that the green-dot ball is “the best thing that has happened to U.S. tennis.” Continued work on stroke development, scoring, serving, team matches, and tournament play. Additional opportunities for in-house afternoon match play within TCTC or with other tennis programs. Off-court activities to keep kids fresh and engaged include playing sprinkler kickball, sand volleyball, super kids’ day events, the Circle of Life for group time with counselors, and more!

REFINE!

The Extreme Slam level is played on a 78’ court, with a green-dot ball and a 26 to 27-inch racquet. Players in this level are developing more advanced stroke technique, greater court coverage and improved recognition skills. Green-dot players need to develop greater racquet-head speed to control the ball with improved pace, spin, height and depth. Tactically, green-dot players are developing high percentage patterns with the forehand as a weapon from the baseline and improving net transition skills on a larger court. Green-dot players are further progressing in their ability to hold serve with greater spin, power and control and are learning to read the serve and adjust the size of their backswing on the return accordingly. Players continue to work on advanced skills development including incorporating topspin, slice, defense/neutral/offense tactics, court positioning, and technique and strategy for competition. Continued work on stroke development, scoring, serving, team matches, and tournament play. Off-court activities to keep kids fresh and engaged include playing sprinkler kickball, sand volleyball, super kids’ day events, the Circle of Life for group time with counselors, and more!

Junior Grand Slam (Orange Ball)

Age: 8U, 10U

Ball: Orange felt ball - moves faster, bounces higher and travels farther than the red foam and red felt balls

Court: 60' x 21' singles; 60' x 27' doubles

Racquet: 23–25" dependent on the size of the player

Scoring Options:

- Tiebreak to 7 or 10
- Best of 3 tiebreaks to 7 or 10
- 4 game set using no-ad scoring

Stage Description: Players move to a larger court, still relevant to their size. The ball is slightly faster than red ball, but lower bounce is appropriate for child's size and provides the ability to implement advanced techniques and tactics. Matches are longer than at red, and children play both individual and team events.

Junior Extreme Slam - Green Ball

Age: 8U & 10U

Ball: Green felt ball - slightly slower moving and reduced bounce from yellow felt ball giving more time to get to and return shots. Green dots for advanced players and orange felt balls for intermediate.

Court: 78' x 27' singles; 78' x 36' doubles

Racquet: 25–27" dependent on the size of the player

Scoring Options

- Tiebreak to 7 or 10
- 4 game set using no-ad scoring
- Best of 3 short sets to 4 games (3rd set as a match tiebreak)

Stage Description: Court size is increased. The ball is faster than at orange, but slower and lower bouncing than the yellow ball, helping players to continue to develop good technique, movement and advanced tactics. Matches are slightly longer than at orange, and both individual and team events are played.

Senior Slam - Green Ball

Age: 12U, 14U, 16U

Ball: Green felt ball - slightly slower moving and reduced bounce from yellow felt ball giving more time to get to and return shots. Regular yellow balls for advanced players.

Court: 78' x 27' singles; 78' x 36' doubles

Racquet: 25–27" dependent on the size of the player

Scoring Options

- Tiebreak to 7 or 10
- 4 game set using no-ad scoring

- Best of 3 short sets to 4 games (3rd set as a match tiebreak)

Stage Description: Court size is increased. The ball is faster than at orange, but slower and lower bouncing than the yellow ball, helping players to continue to develop good technique, movement and advanced tactics. Matches are slightly longer than at orange, and both individual and team events are played.

Age: 14U, 16U

Ball: Green felt ball - slightly slower moving and reduced bounce from yellow felt ball giving more time to get to and return shots. Regular yellow balls for advanced players.

Court: 78' x 27' singles; 78' x 36' doubles

Racquet: 25–27" dependent on the size of the player

Scoring Options

- Tiebreak to 7 or 10
- 4 game set using no-ad scoring
- Best of 3 short sets to 4 games (3rd set as a match tiebreak)

Stage Description: Court size is increased. The ball is faster than at orange, but slower and lower bouncing than the yellow ball, helping players to continue to develop good technique, movement and advanced tactics. Matches are slightly longer than at orange, and both individual and team events are played.