



Project 36/60 America's Plan for 10 and Under Tennis

Project 36/60 is tennis scaled to the size and abilities of young players. It is based on six variables: age, court size, net height, ball speed and weight, length of racquet, and scoring. 36/60 reflects the length in feet of the courts for children under 8 and under 10. This is a collaborative effort between the USTA, TIA, USPTA, PTR, and Tennis Equipment manufacturers.

The goals of this project are to:

- Increase the number of beginning players ages 5 to 10
- Increase the retention of players 5 to 10 and beyond
- Improve the technical, tactical and physical development of players ages 5 to 10

The chart below reflects specifications that are part of Project 36/60. They relate to the age and ability of the players. It is essential that all of them are used when introducing young players to tennis.

Quality practice plans for parents, teachers and coaches to use as well as competitive structure that is age appropriate are being developed in 2007. The USTA will publicize full details of this project in August of 2007, with a launch across the country scheduled for 2008.

Court Size	Age	Racquet	Ball	Net Height	Scoring
36' x 18'	8 years and under	Up to 23"	Red Foam	2' 9"	Best of 3 games, 1 st to 7 points in each game
60' x 21' singles 60' x 27' doubles	10 years and under	Up to 25"	Orange low compression	3'	Best of 2 sets of 1 st to 4 games, with 3 rd set (1 st to 7 points)