

Junior Racquets Program Fall 2024

Bentwater is excited to offer classes for children aged 13 and under, covering both tennis and pickleball. Your children will have the opportunity to grasp the fundamentals of these two immensely popular racquet sports. The sessions will be divided between tennis and pickleball activities. The tennis segment will follow the proven red, orange, and green ball teaching approach. Meanwhile, pickleball's unique characteristics, like its smaller court size, lighter ball, and shorter paddle, make it accessible and engaging for young players across various ages and skill levels. The Bentwater Junior Racquets Program is designed to provide a holistic learning experience. We prioritize values such as camaraderie, self-esteem, physical fitness, and sportsmanship. Our comprehensive learning pathway guides children from skill development to recreational play, and ultimately, to competitive match experiences.

STAGE	RED	ORANGE	GREEN			
AGE	8 and under	9 - 10	11 and up			
BALL	Red felt or foam Moves slower and bounces lower than orange ball	Orange Moves slower and bounces lower than green ball	Green Slightly reduced bounce from yellow ball			
COURT SIZE						
	36' x 18'	60' x 21' singles 60' x 27' doubles	78' x 27' singles 78' x 36' doubles			
NET HEIGHT	2'9"	3' center, 3'6" at net posts	3' center, 3'6" at net posts			
RACQUET	Up to 23"	23"- 25"	25"- 27"			

Class Options

RED BALL (Ages 5-7)

19"-23" Racquets

Tue & Thu 4:30-5:30 pm

This class uses a 36' court and is designed to develop racquet skills in tennis related games. Kids will be slowly introduced to different strokes and areas of the tennis court, teamwork and fun competition are emphasized. Students may register for 1 or 2 days a week.

ORANGE BALL (Ages 8 & 10)

23"-25" racquet

Tue & Thu 5:30-6:30 pm

This class uses a 60' court and low compression orange balls. This class emphasizes stroke fundamentals and footwork to give kids a strong technical foundation. Rallying will be introduced at this level, and we will slowly incorporate live ball situations. Students may register for 1 or 2 days a week.

GREEN BALL (Ages 11 & up)

25"-27" racquet

Tue & Thu Contact us for times

This class uses a full-size 78' court and slightly low compression green balls. This class introduces match play and serving, while continuing to emphasize stroke fundamentals and all-court movement. At this level kids liveball rallying and point play are emphasized. Students may register for 1 or 2 days a week.

Schedule												
		Session Fee	Tue	Thu	Tue	Thu	Tue	Thu	Tue	Thu		
Session 1	September 3- 26	1 x Week \$88 or 2 x Week \$160	3	5	10	12	17	19	24	26		
Session 2	October 1-24	1 x Week \$88 or 2 x Week \$160	1	3	8	10	15	17	22	24		
Session 3	October 29 - November 21	1 x Week \$88 or 2 x Week \$160	29	31	5	7	12	14	19	21		
Session 4*	December 3-19	1 x Week \$66 or 2 x Week \$120	3	5	10	12	17	19				

^{*} Only 6 meetings before Christmas

DROP-IN RATE: \$30/class

Registration Policy and Procedures

- All registrants should contact Head Pro Joseph Mahaffey to confirm correct class placement.
- There are 4 sessions offered throughout the Fall season. Participants may attend 1 or 2 days a week, specifying the day(s) of attendance upon registration.
- Participants joining a session after it has started will be charged a pro-rated fee based on meetings remaining in session.
- A NO REFUND POLICY IS IN EFFECT.
- Participants unable to commit to a specific schedule may opt to drop-in and pay the daily drop-in fee, which will be charged on each day of attendance
- IMPORTANT: To ensure your child's participation in a session, please register them at least one week in advance. Please be aware that we have a minimum requirement of 4 registrants to conduct a session.
- If a session does not meet this minimum requirement, you may schedule private or small group lessons instead. Thank you for your cooperation.