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In January 2017, USTA Southern decided to adopt a new 10U tournament format called Youth Progression. This format is designed to provide a clear and skill-based pathway for junior players to progress through the USTA tournament system. The format allowed players to accumulate stars and trophies to progress from Orange L2 to Orange 1 and to Green ball before they advanced to the yellow ball.

USTA Louisiana decided it was in the best interest of our 10U tournament players to transition to 1 level of Orange ball play in 2019 and eliminate Orange Level 2 from Louisiana tournaments.

Therefore, all 10U players in Louisiana will begin the Youth Progression Pathway in the Orange L1 division and bypass Orange L2. We believe this change will enhance the tournament experience for all 10U players. USTA Louisiana's goal in making this transition is to provide fuller draws and more matches in our 10U tournaments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Megan Preusch".

Megan Preusch  
LTA Junior Tennis Director