



Actual Badge (Red, White and Blue) 3" x 2"

## United States Tennis Association & Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

### National Tennis Patch Criteria

To receive the **USTA/GSUSA National Tennis Patch** you must complete the criteria listed below according to your current Girl Scout level. Girls may wear this patch on the back of their sash or vest.

#### Daisy Girl Scouts

1. Enroll in a USA Tennis Pathway Program for beginning level play – we suggest USA Team Tennis Red Division, Ralleyball Format.
2. Complete the USA Tennis Skills Tests based on your ability – we suggest levels: Beginner or Advanced Beginner.
3. Make a collage of pictures representing tennis. Include equipment, players, fitness, nutrition, etc.

#### Brownie Girl Scouts

1. Enroll in a USA Tennis Pathway Program for beginning level play – we suggest USA Team Tennis.
2. Complete the USA Tennis Skill Tests based on your ability.
3. Understand the basic rules, tennis etiquette and scoring.
4. Understand and describe these tennis terms:
  - Forehand
  - Backhand
  - Rally
  - Serve
  - Volley
  - Singles
  - Doubles
  - Game, set, and match
5. Spend five hours practicing tennis with a family member, friend or another Girl Scout.
6. Attend one professional tennis match or watch one on TV.



### **Junior Girl Scouts**

1. Research a touring professional player. Where were they born? Where do they live? What are their outside interests? What is their world ranking in singles and doubles? What conditioning/nutrition program helps them in competition? Other information?
2. Write a one-page essay on your favorite professional player.
3. Play USA Team Tennis with your friends or troop/group.
4. Find out what opportunities or resources are available through tennis in your community (i.e., scholarships, grants, lessons, and volunteer opportunities).

### **Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts**

1. Play USA Team Tennis with your friends or troop/group.
2. Interview a tennis teaching professional or instructor or other tennis industry person. Find out how they got into their position, what their job responsibilities are and what they like best about their job.
3. Locate your local community tennis association, park and recreation department or school and volunteer to assist with tennis programs, tournaments, events or other administrative tasks.

**TO ENROLL IN THE NEAREST USTA/GSUSA TENNIS PATCH PROGRAM,  
CONTACT VICKI SCHMIDGALL AT 309-267-1348 OR E-MAIL: [vickimil@omnilec.com](mailto:vickimil@omnilec.com)**