

World TeamTennis National Juniors
Hosted by Billie Jean King
2004

General Information

Tournament Hosts: Youth Tennis San Diego and World TeamTennis will present the 2004 WTT Junior Nationals at the George E. Barnes Family Junior Tennis Center, August 19-22. The facility provides 21 hard courts, 4 clay courts, banquet facilities, locker and shower facilities, a jogging path, a player lounge, sport science room, library, academic room, administration building, open space for picnics, basketball, volleyball, backboards, and patio.

Housing: The Town and Country Resort & Convention Center in Mission Valley will be the official hotel for the tournament. The hotel is approximately 15 minutes from the Barnes Tennis Center and 30 minutes from the airport. Adjacent to the hotel is Fashion Valley shopping center and a trolley station for transportation to downtown SD and other points of interest. A new golf course has just been opened to the west of Town and Country. Rooms have been blocked out for \$109 per night. These rates are per night (not including tax and a \$3 parking fee) for check-in on August 18 and check-out on August 22. **This room rate will be held until July 28, 2004.** After that date the rooms will be priced at summer rates, **if available. Please make your reservations early by calling the hotel at (800) 772-8527.** Extended stay arrangements may be made with the hotel. Be sure to mention that you are with the WTT Junior Nationals hosted by Billie Jean King. For further information about the hotel, please see the enclosed brochure.

Arrival/Departure: ALL TEAMS should arrange to arrive before 1pm on August 19. Practice courts at the Barnes Tennis Center will be available from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. on August 19. Transportation to the hotel and to the Barnes Tennis Center is the responsibility of the chaperone/coach. If desired, reservations for air departure can conveniently be made for the afternoon of August 22 after 5:00 p.m. Airport security requires passengers to arrive at least two hours before scheduled flights.

Airline Reservations: Arrangements have been made with David Henderson at Robustelli Travel to assist you in booking flights for your team and any family members traveling with your team. You may reach David at 1-800-344-1634 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Or you may e-mail David at david.henderson@robustelli.com. Be sure to mention that you are with the WTT Junior Nationals when you discuss air travel with David. David will need the following information in order to assist you with your flight arrangements.

- name(s) of persons traveling
- address of each person traveling
- phone number for each person traveling
- a credit card number

Orientation: Orientation will begin with team photos at the George E. Barnes Family Junior Tennis Center at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 20. ALL TEAMS are required to attend the Photo Session and Orientation.

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Matches: Competition will begin at 9am following the Orientation Meeting on August 20. We hope to have 16 teams representing USTA sections. Teams will compete in a non-elimination draw format. Please see the enclosed WTT official rules and guidelines for details regarding tournament play. Two rounds per day will be played on August 20 and 21 and the Finals/ Final playoff round will be played on August 22. We hope to complete tournament play by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, August 22. Awards will be presented on the Stadium Court following the conclusion of matches on Sunday.

Host City and Host USTA Sectional Teams: As the host city, Youth Tennis San Diego will enter one team into the championships. USTA Southern California will also enter one team. Should places be available in the draw, the host section will fill the draw with teams representing local communities throughout Southern California. All tournament eligibility rules will apply. A USTA Section may be represented by more than one team if space is available in the draw. This will be based on the postmark of entries received.

August 19 Special Events:

4:00-4:45 pm- Coaches Meeting: All coaches will be expected to meet with the Tournament Committee on August 19 at 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 pm at the Barnes Tennis Center in the Bisantz Youth Activity Building. (Mandatory for all coaches)

5:00 pm- 6:30 pm Reception: A reception hosted by Billie Jean King for players, parents, coaches, tournament officials and sponsors will be held on August 19 at 5:00 pm at the Barnes Tennis Center. The reception is free for players and coaches only. Parents, friends and family are welcome to attend for a small fee to cover costs. Tickets to the reception may be purchased by reservation prior to the event. Additional tickets will be available at the check-in on August 19 after 1:00 pm. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. The dress for the reception is evening casual. Warm-up suits are acceptable. No cut off jeans, tank tops, flip-flops.

Player Expenses: Player expenses for the tournament dates are:

1. \$80 entry fee which includes-
 - WTT membership (see benefit listing)
 - 4x6 team photo for players and coach/ chaperone
 - awards for first through fourth place teams
 - certificates for fifth through sixteenth place teams
 - tournament reception on Thursday evening
 - discounts for local attraction
 - educational seminars
 - player gift bag
2. Hotel and Transportation
3. Meals

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Coach/ Chaperone Expenses:

1. \$50 entry fee which includes-
 - WTT membership
 - team photo
 - coaches awards
 - reception
 - T-shirt
 - Coaches gift bag
 - Educational seminar
2. Hotel and Transportation
3. Meals

Miscellaneous Rules:

1. Throwing racquets, using profanity on the courts and other unsportsmanship-like conduct will not be tolerated and will result in players defaulting the match. This rule will be enforced.
2. Players and coaches must be at courts and ready to play at least 30 minutes before the match is scheduled.
3. Since team support and cooperation are vital to the WTT format, all players will be asked to remain courtside to support their team until the final game is completed in each round.
4. Curfew is the responsibility of the coach/players/parents. **We expect that all players will adhere to responsible and courteous behavior at the Barnes Center and at the Town and Country Hotel. Unacceptable behavior may result in disqualification from the tournament.**
5. Players must wear tennis attire, white or colored when playing. Attire for players and coaches will be representative of the national championship level of the event.

Clothing: The temperature in San Diego in August is usually 75-80 degrees. Evenings can be cool. We are near the ocean, so bring a jacket. Bring several changes of tennis clothes. Bring a warm-up to change into for the reception on August 19 at the Barnes Tennis Center.

Pictures: There will be a photographer at the courts on August 20 beginning at 8:00 a.m. for team pictures. Teams will be scheduled for pictures between 8:00am and 8:30 am. Meet on the Stadium Court. A scheduled time for your team's picture will be provided at Check-in on August 19. Please wear your tournament shirt or team shirt for the picture.

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Lunches: A vendor will be on site to provide lunches that have been reserved by coaches. Coaches/team representatives should make reservations for lunches for the team, parents and guests. Reservations can be made with the tournament administrator prior to the event. Anticipated cost is \$5 per box lunch on Friday, August 20 and Saturday, August 21. The Barnes Tennis Center “Snack Bar” is open for sandwiches, etc. on Sunday, August 22. Please note that special activities for coaches and players will be scheduled at the Barnes Tennis Center during the lunch break on Friday and Saturday. We encourage you to reserve lunches for your team/parents and participate in these activities.

Racquet Stringing: A Stringer is available on request at the Barnes Tennis Center. Sign up for stringing services at the reception desk in the “Logo Shop”. Our “Logo Shop” sells grips, string, sweatshirts and other equipment items.

Practice Courts: A block of practice courts, **one court per team**, will be available at 7:15 am on August 20, 21, 22 on a first come/first serve basis at the Barnes Tennis Center. On August 19, coaches must sign-up for **one court per team** between 2:00 pm-4:30 pm with the reservation desk in the Logo Shop. Please bring your own practice balls or you may purchase balls in the Barnes Tennis Center Logo Shop.