



National Junior Tennis League

USTA, 70 West Red Oak Lane, White Plains, New York 10604

Application 2005 Tennis Leadership Camp – A Life Changing Experience

Forward:

Since its establishment by Arthur Ashe, Charlie Pasarell, and Sheridan Snyder in 1969, USA Tennis NJTL (*National Junior Tennis League*) has made a significant impact on the lives of many of our nation's youngsters by not only providing tennis-skill development, but social development as well. It is the mission of this program to develop the character of young people through tennis emphasizing the ideals and life of Arthur Ashe in the following ways:

- Reaching out to young people who might not otherwise have the opportunity to learn and play tennis;
- Instilling the values of humanitarianism, leadership, and academic excellence;
- Introducing the opportunity to fully develop their tennis skills potential for a lifetime of enjoyment.

The Tennis Leadership Camp was created in 1984 to provide an educational as well as motivational tennis experience for USA Tennis NJTL participants who could not afford such an opportunity. The camp's objective is to provide an opportunity for NJTL participants to be part of a life lasting tennis and social experience. The weeklong session emphasizes character and leadership development, good sportsmanship, physical fitness, proper nutrition, and other healthy attitudes. Tennis is the focus of the week; however, other activities are planned such as, sightseeing, cultural, sporting, and social activities.

Adult counselors will meet the campers at the airport and will be with them for the entire week. Forty fortunate players from USA Tennis NJTL Programs and Chapters will be invited to attend the camp.

Program/Chapter Eligibility:

USA Tennis NJTL Chapters and Programs that are registered and "Active," have conducted on-court programs for one year or more, and have proven their commitment to providing USTA programming in their community have conducted on-court programs are eligible to recommend one boy or girl for the all-expenses-paid camp.

Participant Eligibility:

Any immediate family of USTA district, sectional, or national staff is ineligible. A youngster must meet the following criteria to be eligible to attend the ITLC:

- **Player must be a current participant in USA Tennis NJTL and not have previously attended this camp;**
- **Player must be 12-14 years of age as of July 17, 2005;**
- **Player must be within the JNTRP skill rating level of 2.5 to 3.5;**
- **Player's family should demonstrate financial need;**
- **Parent or guardian must sign application, and medical and liability waivers.**

In addition, a player should have consistent success in match play. He/she must exhibit a positive attitude towards themselves and their peers, as well as, leadership qualities on the tennis court.

Selection Process:

All materials for participant selection are attached. Directions should be strictly adhered to in order to expedite a fair selection process. Please use the following guidelines to recommend one boy and/or girl from your chapter:

- Review all selection criteria and choose a small selective group of players who you think might meet all of the criteria.
- Be sure to complete and sign rating certification. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Select one boy or girl for recommendation by your NJTL based on all the above criteria. Make sure that the player is available to attend camp if invited.
- Complete the attached player profile and rating forms and return to USTA/USA Tennis NJTL by **June 7, 2005.**

USTA/USA Tennis NJTL will send the applications to USTA Sections by June 14th. Sections will select campers based on recommendations submitted by NJTL Program/Chapter Leaders. Section selections, based on number of active programs/chapters, should be turned into the National Office by June 21, 2005. National will confirm selections by June 28, 2005.

USA Tennis NJTL INVITATIONAL TENNIS LEADERSHIP CAMP

PLAYER PROFILE

The candidates recommended by a Program or Chapter must be available to attend the Tennis Leadership Camp from **July 18 - 24, 2005 in Orlando, FL.** Please make sure that this is the case before recommending a player.

(Please Type or Print)

Name of USA Tennis NJTL Candidate: _____ Boy _____ Girl _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Telephone: (____)____ USTA # _____

Name of USA Tennis NJTL Program or Chapter: _____
ID# _____]

Airport: 1st choice: _____ 2nd choice: _____

List USA Tennis NJTL Participation (*when, where, what level*).

Recommender's Evaluation

Comment on player's attitudes, character, motivation, and sportsmanship.

Describe player's academic interests and other activities.

List of local tennis program(s) player will be participating in during this year.

List Current Ranking, if any (*specify age group in district or section*).

List Tournament Experience, if any (*USTA or ATA, District, Section, National or High School State Event*).

FAMILY INFORMATION

Name of Father or Male Guardian: _____

Name of Mother or Female Guardian: _____

Applicant lives with (*check all that apply*):

Father _____ Mother _____ Stepfather _____ Stepmother _____ Other _____

Answer YES or NO:

1. Is father deceased? _____ Is mother deceased? _____
2. Are parents separated? _____ Are parents divorced? _____
3. Is either parent disabled? _____ Specify disability: _____
4. Is mother employed? _____ Occupation: _____
5. Is father employed? _____ Occupation: _____
6. Can parent(s) afford the expense of a regular camp? _____
7. How many others are dependent on candidate's parent(s) or guardian for support? _____
8. Is the family's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) below \$30,000? _____
9. What is the player's grade point average? _____

ADDITIONAL REMARKS regarding applicant's family situation or financial need:

PLEASE ATTACH Rating Certification (*Form B*)

USA Tennis NJTL Program or Chapter Leader: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Signature of chapter leader confirming candidate is currently a participant in the USA Tennis NJTL Program or Chapter

Signature of guardian confirming candidate is currently a participant in the USA Tennis NJTL Program or Chapter

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 7, 2005

Return to:

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Rating Level Certification

Please use the Junior National Tennis Rating Program (JNTRP) to rate your player. The player should be between 2.5 and 3.5 to be considered for the Tennis Leadership Camp.

THE JUNIOR NATIONAL TENNIS RATING PROGRAM

General Characteristics of Various Playing Levels

- 1.0 Player is just starting to play tennis and is learning the basic skills of serving, forehands, backhands, and volleys.
- 1.5 Player is only slightly more advanced than a 1.0 player. Player needs to coordinate moving when hitting the ball. In fact, player is still concentrating on getting the ball over the net from a stationary position. Player is learning to serve and keep score.
- 2.0 Player is now beginning to coordinate footwork when contacting the ball but is not consistent in hitting the ball over the net. Player can serve to some degree but double faults frequently. Player understands scoring as well as correct positions for serving and receiving. Player has limited success with volley but has knowledge of court positioning in both singles and doubles.
- 2.5 Player is able to judge where the ball is going. Player can sustain a slow paced rally of several shots with someone of the same ability using both forehand and backhand sides and can volley with moderate success. Player can keep score unassisted, can call own lines, can serve overhand from the baseline and has an understanding of the basic rules
- 3.0 Player is getting better at moving to the ball and is improving court coverage, can sustain a rally with consistency on slow to moderate-paced shots. Player serves with fair consistency with few double faults. On groundstrokes, player needs to improve control of height, depth, direction and speed. Player attempts to move opponent from side to side and hit to the opponent's weakness.
- 3.5 Player can sustain a rally and is beginning to develop directional control and depth of groundstrokes. Player is starting to recognize opportunities to attack short balls by coming to the net. Player is developing more spin and power on the serve and seldom double faults. Player is becoming more aggressive and applying basic strategy in singles and using teamwork in doubles.
- 4.0 Player has dependable strokes, including directional control and depth on higher-paced shots and has good court coverage. Player has added variety in shot selection by using lobs, overheads, volleys and approach shots with some success. Player is developing a game plan, is serving with good consistency and is now forcing some errors with power and/or spin. Player demonstrates good teamwork in doubles.
- 4.5 Player has a very dependable game and executes most shots consistently on higher-paced shots. Player's court coverage and footwork are sound and has begun to master the use of power and spins. Player can vary depth of shots and game plan according to opponents. Player's first serve may produce some winners and second serves are hit with good spin and placement. Player can be aggressive in both singles and doubles and covers weaknesses well. Player is developing an offensive weapon.
- 5.0 Player has good shot anticipation and frequently has an outstanding shot or weapon around which a game may be structured. Player can regularly hit winners or force errors on short balls and is capable of all shots. Player's first serve is an offensive weapon and often allows rushing the net after the first or second serve. Volleys and overhead smashes are typically winning shots. Player is matchwise and uses shots that have a high percentage of success in both singles and doubles.

Player's Name _____ **Rating Level:** _____

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____

Your player will not be accepted if she/he does not meet the playing criteria, and you have not certified it with a signature.

**Attach This Form B (Rating Certification) to Form A (Player Profile – 2pp) and
Send to USTA/USA Tennis NJTL before 6/7/05.**