



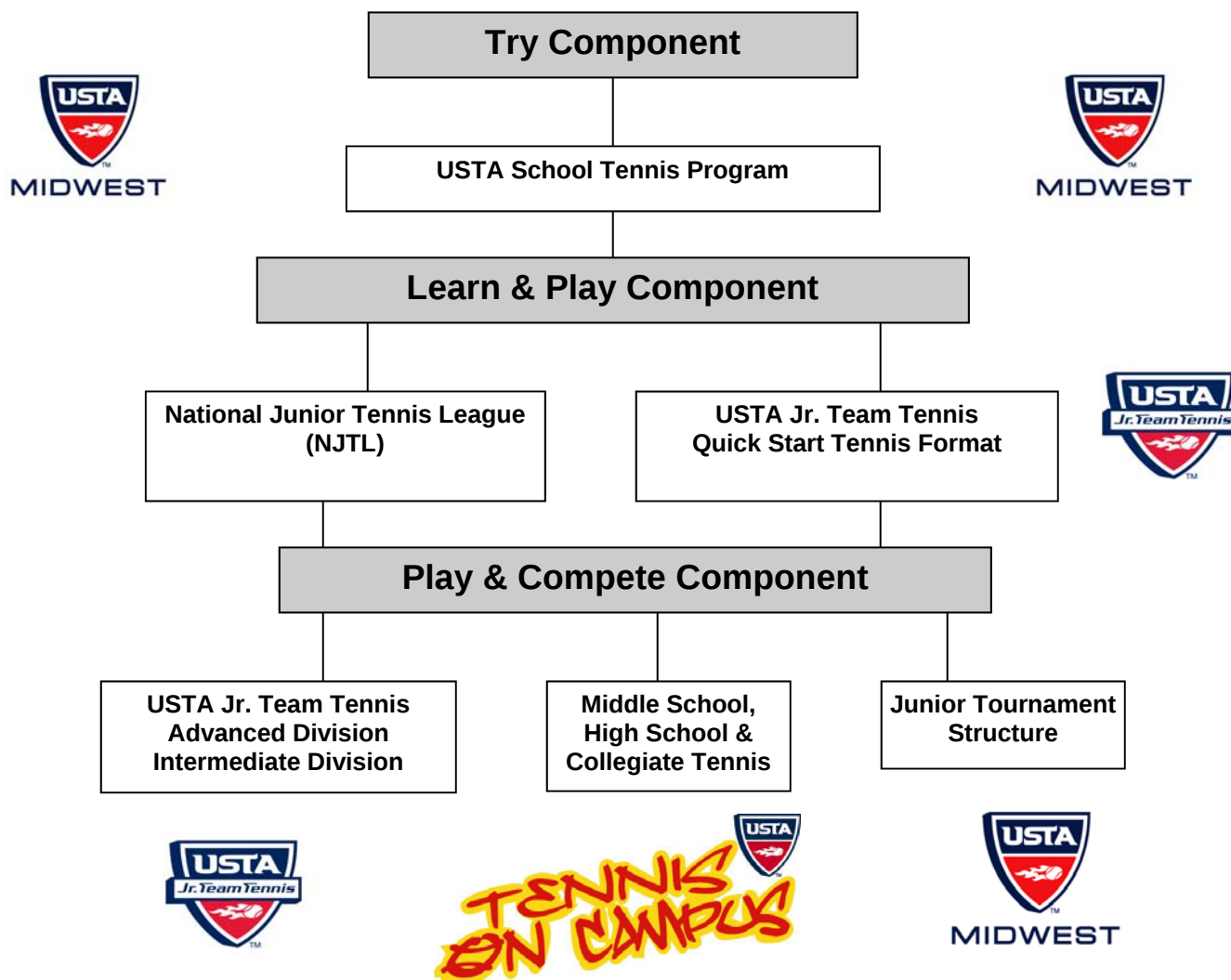
**2008
USTA/Midwest Section
Junior Tennis
Guidebook**



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Junior Tennis Pathway



For more information about Junior Tennis Pathway Programs, please contact the USTA/Midwest Section Office at 317-577-5130

Dear USTA/Midwest Section Parents and Coaches:

This updated USTA/Midwest Section Junior Tennis Guidebook is an effort to provide you with general information as you and your young player enter the world of junior tennis in your District as well as the USTA/Midwest Section and Nationally.

The intent of the Guidebook is not to answer every question you may have, but to highlight the areas of junior recreational and competitive tennis that you need to know. The USTA/Midwest Section Junior Competition Committee and USTA/Midwest Section Coaches Commission will make updates to this Guide from time to time as rules and other pertinent information changes.

This year, we have titled the guidebook ***“The Honor System Taught With Every Line Call.”*** In the last year, the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Competition Committee and Grievance Committee have seen an increase in unsportsmanlike behavior from players, parents and coaches.

The USTA/Midwest Section has always taken pride in our players competitive abilities on the court but expect sportsmanship from our players, parents and coaches. As we move forward in 2008, we need your help in correcting past problems and appreciate your efforts in assisting to change this epidemic in our section.

In addition, we would like to thank Andrea Calvert-Sanders, the USTA/Midwest Section Director of Junior Tennis and her staff (Greg Boyd, Chad Docktor and Shelly Kindig Bugg), as they were instrumental in the content of this manual. Their leadership in compiling the information and content layout presented is truly appreciated.

Your input as a tennis parent and coach is very important to the Section. Please contact Andrea Calvert-Sanders at the USTA/Midwest Section office if you have any questions or comments about any of the information provided.

Sincerely,

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Junior Competition Committee

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Midwest Coaches Commission

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USTA/MIDWEST SECTION PATHWAY PROGRAMS:

USTA School Tennis

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What is the School Tennis Program?

- Tennis in Physical Education
- Extracurricular/Out of School Programs
- No-Cut Tennis Teams

What does the USTA offer to help grow tennis through the schools?

Training

- School Teacher In-service Trainings
- Out of school organized play trainings
- Recreational Coach Workshops

Curriculum

- Developed by the USTA with Dr. Robert Pangrazi to meet NASPE standards
- Versatile and flexible curriculum features an eight-lesson progression that can be taught anywhere
- Curriculum kit contains: a complete teaching manual, instructional DVD, quick-reference pocket guide, and a CD of animated signs for activity stations

Equipment

- Equipment loans and deeply discounted pricing is available
- Equipment is age appropriate, easy to use, and ensures a positive first time experience for all students

Technical Expertise

- Program start-up/play formats
- Site visits
- Court layout specs-lining a school yard for modified courts

School Tennis – Guiding Principles

- USTA School Tennis should not be viewed as a stand alone program that only affects children in physical education. The goal should be to establish and direct recreation, youth organizations, community tennis associations, and facilities.
- Direct resources to where they will generate the greatest return. Create value and leverage your resources to secure a greater commitment from the groups you are working with to grow tennis.
- Focus on opportunities to institutionalize tennis in school systems and not just target individual schools.
- School systems should be nurtured and supported in the same manner as is required for developing a Community Tennis Association (CTA) or National Junior Tennis League (NJTL). The intent should be to involve multiple stakeholders to ensure programming will be sustainable for the long term.
- Avoid a shotgun approach – target one school district at a time and build slowly. Strong, well-rooted programs breed other strong, well-rooted programs.
- Instead of always targeting new districts, revisit previously supported schools that are already equipped.
- Overall, it is not the quantity of programs that we get started, but the quality of the programs that are sustained that shall be the measurement of our success.

Resources available to help get you started:

Schools Materials	Promotional Tools	No-Cut Tennis Teams
Curriculum Kit	Schools/No-Cut Banner Stands	No-Cut Tennis Team Brochure
Out of School Organizer Kit	More Than Just a Game Brochure	Top Ten Games & Drills CD
Organized Play Training Outline	Seasonal Schools Newsletter	Certificate & thank you to coach
In-service Training Outline	Introductory Letter to Decision Maker	Press release & letter to principal/AD
Vendor Discount Sheets	Power Point Presentation	Guide to Tennis on College Campus
Gopher Promotion Flyer	School Tennis DVD	No-cut Tennis Team banner
		No-cut Coach cap

USTA School Tennis

Guidelines, Resources and Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

The USTA School Tennis guidelines relate to the spending of USTA National funds, USTA/Midwest Section funds, and local funds. The USTA/Midwest Section Districts and local funding can choose to use their own money to provide equipment, training, grants, etc., in a manner they see fit. The focus of the school guidelines is to provide avenues for everyone to offer tennis and to invest national equipment dollars strategically in targeted school systems that are willing and able to do more.

Commitment Level	District with PE + Out of school tennis	District with NO commitment beyond PE	Individual Schools
USTA Training	Free – <i>USTA National</i> \$100 – <i>USTA/Midwest Section</i>	Free – <i>USTA National</i> \$100 – <i>USTA/Midwest Section</i>	Free (schools can be combined for training or join other existing area trainings) – <i>USTA National</i> \$100 – if the school joins another training -- <i>USTA/Midwest Section</i>
Curriculum	Free with organizational membership (\$35) when district hosts a training – <i>USTA National</i> Included in \$100 fee - <i>USTA/Midwest Section</i>	Free with organizational membership (\$35) when district hosts a training – <i>USTA National</i> Included in \$100 fee - <i>USTA/Midwest Section</i>	Can download lesson plans for free: www. USTA.com/school tennis or purchase from Gopher www.gophersports.com <i>USTA National, Midwest, and local</i>
Equipment Support	Matching program – <i>USTA/Midwest Section</i> Free equipment – <i>USTA District or local funding</i>	Access to substantial equipment discounts are available with the USTA organizational membership with the districts hosts a training – <i>USTA National, USTA/Midwest Section</i>	No access through the <i>USTA or USTA/Midwest Section</i> . Equipment can be supplemented or loaned locally by CTA's, USTA section/district offices and qualifying tennis facilities.
Technical Expertise	Free – <i>USTA National</i> Included with the \$100 fee – <i>USTA/Midwest Section</i> Free – <i>district or local funding</i>	Free – <i>USTA National</i> Included with the \$100 fee – <i>USTA/Midwest Section</i> Free – <i>district or local funding</i>	Free – <i>USTA National</i> Included with the \$100 fee – <i>USTA/MidwestSection</i> Free – <i>district or local funding</i>

Frequently Asked Questions About USTA Schools Program:

- ***What support is available for out of school programs not run by a school district?***
- Out of school providers targeting school districts will be eligible for equipment support from the USTA equipment allocations provided to the Sections. Smaller, localized providers should be serviced by the districts or local funding.
- Program start-up materials, program formats and practice plans
- Organized Play Workshops and Recreational Coach Workshops (RCWs)
- National and Section grants/support via schools, NJTL/Outreach, Community Funding Program, Tennis in the Parks, and Jr. Team Tennis
- ***What if the school says they cannot afford to purchase the equipment?***
- The cost of a full classroom package (racquets & balls) to equip 24 students is less than \$300.00.
- Ask for matching funding and financial assistance from a CTA, sponsor, community supporter, USTA Districts, etc.
- Set up an equipment loan program through CTA's, USTA Districts, and approved facilities.
- Coordinate with a school district to rotate equipment amongst schools (\$300 divided by 3 schools = \$100).
- *Note: If the USTA is the only stakeholder for providing equipment, the program will not likely be sustained.*
- ***Who is eligible to purchase equipment using the vendor discount sheets?***
- School and out of school programs that have attended a USTA training and are organizational members
- Registered CTA's, NJTL's, and Tennis in the Park programs that are organizational members.
- RCW attendees

What if schools cannot offer out of school programming because of lack of staff or facilities? "We can not get PE teachers to offer programming outside of school..."

- Extracurricular activities can be held before school, at recess, lunchtime, or out of school hours to qualify for equipment discounts. Other school employees, parents, volunteers, or contracted staff approved by the school can and should be recruited to organize and supervise the extracurricular programs. USTA Districts and local partners also choose to use their own funds to equip schools in a manner deemed appropriate.

Do all schools in the district have to offer tennis in order to qualify for training and support?

- Approval is required from a district-wide decision maker (e.g. Superintendent, Curriculum Director, Athletic Director) to implement tennis within the district when using national and sectional allocations. Although, 100% compliance of All the schools in the district are not mandated if a three-year phase period is used. To strategically manage growth it is preferred to phase schools in segments for larger school districts.

What if I can not get school district approval but there are schools in the district that want to offer tennis?

- The decision to support independent schools is up to the USTA Districts and local funders. They must use their own funds and resources to support situations that are not covered under the national and sectional support guidelines. It is HIGHLY recommended that a liaison be established for each collection of schools being serviced to avoid a situation of directly supervising multiple, independent programs. The advantage of working with schools at a district level is that the USTA staff member can focus on working with just one contact that will represent all the schools in a district in regards to training, equipment needs, reporting, and follow up.

Why can we not just give away equipment the way we used to and not make it so difficult for schools to get our stuff for free?

- A great deal of money has been invested in the equipment for PE classes that often gets limited use and is stored away for much of the year. After 20 years of the program, we cannot get an accounting for the hundreds of thousands of racquets distributed to schools. Also, the infrastructure of follow up programs needed to service the schools is lacking. Overall, we have planted a lot of seeds but have not watered the trees. The national and sectional policies are intended to maximize

equipment use, and encourage schools to adopt tennis into their extracurricular hours. More and more recreational programming is being mandated for school districts in response to the health and obesity crisis. Many programmed activities exist on school grounds and tennis, through modified equipment and shorter courts, can fill that growing niche. Free equipment that was available to PE only programs in the past is now being made available to out of school providers that can provide increased exposure to our sport.

(Note: PE only programs can still receive support from local entities at their discretion.)

Final Thoughts....

To be future ready and serve the masses, we need to focus our energies on building sustainable and self-supporting programs, and utilize free equipment for leveraging greater commitments from school districts and communities. It will be critical to the growth of the program for the USTA/Midwest Section, USTA/Midwest Section Districts and school districts to be resourceful and help fill the gaps with local funds and support. We will also need to reach out to additional stakeholders to help fund and deliver our programs at the district and individual school level. Twenty years from now, if we have addressed tennis opportunities for all populations, from elementary school and into high school, both in-school and out of school, we will have been successful.

The USTA has created an extensive package of resources to make starting a tennis program easy and manageable. For more information please contact the USTA/Midwest Section office at 317-577-5130 ext. 241.



Learn & Play Component

USTA/MIDWEST SECTION PATHWAY PROGRAMS:

National Junior Tennis League (NJTL)

For more information contact: Shelly Kindig Bugg: Shelly@midwest.usta.com

Since its establishment by Arthur Ashe, Charlie Pasarell and Sheridan Snyder in 1969, **USTA Tennis NJTL** has had a significant impact on the lives of many of our nation's youth. USTA Tennis NJTL seeks to develop the character of young people through tennis, emphasizing the ideals and life of Arthur Ashe by:

- **Reaching out** to those who may not otherwise have the opportunity to learn and play tennis.
- Instilling in youngsters the **values** of humanitarianism, leadership and academic excellence.
- Giving youngsters the opportunity to fully **develop** their tennis skills so they can derive a lifetime of enjoyment from the sport.

USTA Tennis NJTL is a community-driven program that keeps youngsters off the streets and out of trouble by providing them with a safe haven, adult role models and an opportunity to develop positive social skills and learning disciplines. Many USTA Tennis NJTL participants have gone on to become doctors, lawyers, teachers, engineers, accountants, tennis teaching professionals, coaches, and business executives. A few have even become professional tennis players.

To learn more about USTA Tennis NJTL, contact Shelly Kindig Bugg at 317-577-5130 or shelly@midwest.usta.com.

USTA Jr. Team Tennis 10 & Under Program...

A great way to launch USTA Jr. Team Tennis in your area!

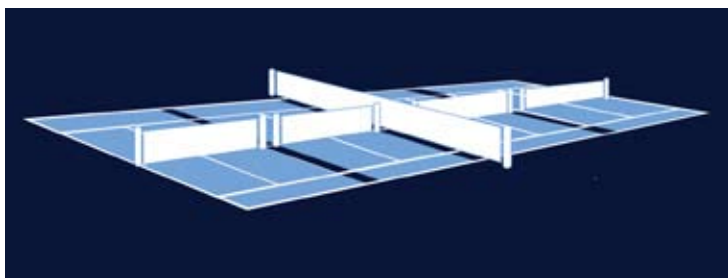
It's a team sport! This program targets youth ages 6-10 putting them on teams based on their age and skill level

Each participant will receive a uniform, racquet, a ball, Jr. Team Tennis workbook, and a USTA membership

The new QuickStart format which includes modified, age-appropriate 36' and 60' courts and tennis balls will be used for match play allowing even the youngest of your team to establish control and rally during their games

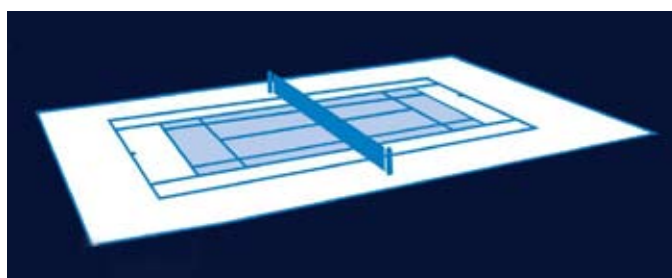
36' Court

Standard size court holds up to 6 - 36' courts



60' Court

Shown below in blue on standard size court



Teams will have one practice and one match per week

Minimum cost is \$50/player. If your association charges more than \$50/player the remaining balance can be used in growing your Jr. Team Tennis Association and program!

A Jr. Team Tennis Association or Community Tennis Association (CTA) is required to run this program.

- If you do not have an existing CTA our staff will assist you in the formation process.
- Already have a CTA? Our staff will assist you in creating a Jr. Team Tennis Committee within the association dedicated to this program.

Having an association provides you with great benefits:

- Opportunity to purchase liability insurance at a minimal cost
- Access to program support, promotional material, and financial incentives
- Web site development

This program can continue to grow as your participants grow by adding teams for 12 & Under, 14 & Under and 18 & Under.



In 2007, over 1,100 kids were introduced to the game of tennis in their community through the new 10 & Under USTA Jr. Team Tennis Program!

USTA/MIDWEST SECTION PATHWAY PROGRAMS: USTA Jr. Team Tennis

For more information contact: Chad Docktor: Chad@midwest.usta.com

Official Name: USTA Jr. Team Tennis

Description:

USTA Jr. Team Tennis is the largest junior recreational tennis league in the USA with over 100,000 participants nation-wide. USTA Jr. Team Tennis is often compared to Little League Baseball, as the program offers children the opportunity to develop their individual and team tennis skills in a fun, yet competitive atmosphere.

Program Benefits:

1. Program grant and coordinator bonus opportunities
2. Equipment and uniform discount offers.
3. Free marketing support to help with program launch
4. Nationally branded program and marketing means increases the visibility of your league
5. Free access to TennisLink registration and tracking system
6. Progression to District, Section and National Championships
7. Players participating in Section Championships have the opportunity to receive Midwest Level 5 Ranking Points for Advanced Divisions and Level 6 Ranking Points for Intermediate Divisions.

Program Incentives:

- Coordinator Bonus- Area League Coordinators may receive up to \$2,000 based on the number of participants in their league. A bonus application, league stats and standings, and a W-9 form must be filled out and sent in to the USTA/Midwest Section office by October 1st.
- Grants- Program grants are available for the start up of new leagues.

Minimum Requirements:

- Name league USTA Jr. Team Tennis
- Two teams in a division, three boys and three girls minimum per team
- 6-8 week league season, one practice and one match per week
- All participants in the Championship Track must be USTA Members. \$18.00
- Player registration (\$3.00 TennisLink fee per player), match schedules, and results must be recorded in TennisLink for all leagues.

Formats:

Local leagues may use any format that fits the characteristics of the league. Below are the recommended formats. The World TeamTennis format is used at playoffs.

Quickstart- Used for beginner leagues in the ten, eight and under divisions. It is a modified team tennis format that gets players playing the tennis on a scaled down court.

World TeamTennis-One boys' singles, one girls' singles, one boys' doubles, one girls' doubles and two mixed doubles matches. All games count towards overall team score.

Levels of Play:

USTA Jr. Team Tennis offers the following levels based on age and NTRP rating:

Beginner 8,10, 12, 14, 18 and Under:	2.5 JNTRP and Below
Intermediate 8, 10, 12, 14, 18 and Under:	3.0 JNTRP and Below
Advanced 8, 10, 12, 14, 18 and Under:	3.5 JNTRP and Above

- All participants must be age eligible for each age division through August 31, 2008.

JNTRP Guidelines

Use the following guidelines to help place participants in proper skill levels. These guidelines may be used by a coach, parent or a player. Skill levels will be monitored at District and Sectional Championships.

1.0	Player is just starting to play tennis and is learning the basic skills of serving, forehands, backhands and volleys.
1.5	Player needs to coordinate moving when hitting the ball. 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 often. Player understands scoring as well as correct serving and return of serve positions. Player has limited success with volleys but has knowledge of court positioning in singles and doubles.
2.5	Player is able to judge where 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 baseline and has understanding of 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 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 rushes the net after the first or second serve. Volleys and overheads are typically winning shots. Player is match-wise and uses shots that have a high percentage of success in both singles and doubles.

USTA/Midwest Section Additions to National Rules

- Coaches and parents must use NTRP Ratings as a guideline to enter a division. Players may not have more than 200 year end Midwest Ranking Points to participate in Midwest and National Championships.
- For a team to play in an advanced league, at least four players must be above 3.0 using the NTRP rating system. A waiver may be obtained from the Midwest Jr. Teams Committee.
- All participants in the USTA Jr. Team Tennis Championships (14 and 18 and Under Divisions) must have participated in three local league matches recorded in TennisLink on the same team in the same championship season.

Steps to a Successful Program:

1. Locate and train a coordinator (Area League Coordinator)
 - Program manuals, videos, and free training is available for coaches and coordinators
2. Define characteristics of league
 - Sites, target audience (age and ability), dates/times, format, fees
3. Fill out USTA Jr. Team Tennis league application on TennisLink
4. Set up registration process/sign-ups
5. Design flier and promote to target audience
 - Schools, Park Districts, Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCA/YWCA
6. Complete Roster Registration, make schedule of play and enter results in TennisLink

7. Coordinate local playoff and send teams to District and USTA/Midwest Section Championships

USTA/Midwest Section Championships:

USTA/Midwest Section Jr. Team Tennis All-Star Championships-May 3-4, 2008

- All-star teams from leagues participating in Fall, Winter, or Spring Leagues.
- Each local league creates teams based upon their own criteria.

USTA/Midwest Section Jr. Team Tennis Sectional Championships-August 8-10, 2008

- Local league teams must qualify through District Playoffs.

Dates to Remember:

May 3-4- USTA Jr. Team Tennis All-Stars in Ft. Wayne, IN

July 15- Deadline for registration of players for summer leagues

August 1- Deadline for Section Championship Team Registration on TennisLink

August 8-10- USTA/Midwest Jr. Team Tennis Sectional Championships in Indianapolis, IN

District League Coordinators (DLC): Contact your DLC if you want more information or want to become a Local League Coordinator.

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Play & Compete Component

GETTING STARTED Basic of Tournament Tennis

In order to play competitive tennis, a player must first become a member of the United States Tennis Association. The following are options on how to apply for a junior membership:

- Log onto www.midwest.usta.com and select the Membership Link (This will give you an immediate USTA membership and member number.)
- Call 1-800-990-USTA or sign up at the tournament site itself. (This method will also give you an immediate USTA membership and member number.)

Once a member of the USTA, the player will receive a membership number and card. This membership will also make the player a member of the USTA/Midwest Section and District in which you reside. The USTA/Midwest Section includes the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin, as well as parts of Kentucky and West Virginia. The headquarters of the USTA/Midwest Section is located at:

1310 East 96th St. Suite 100
Indianapolis, Indiana 46240
Telephone: (317) 577-5130
Fax: (317) 577-5131 - Office or
(317) 577-5123 - Junior Tennis Division

What are some benefits and discounts associated with being a USTA/Midwest Section Member? Current USTA/Midwest Section benefits and discounts include: Six issues to SMASH Magazine for juniors, Net Rewards Program, Direct TV, Liberty Mutual, Discounts at Choice Hotels, Costco Wholesale, Carey Limousine Service, Avis Rent A Car, Brooks Brothers, Lara Kent, FTD.Com Floral & Gift Discount, USTA/Midwest Section Year in Review & Tournament Schedule, Midwest Tennis News, Member Appreciation Days. For directions on how to access your USTA/Midwest Section Member Benefits, please visit www.midwest.usta.com; Select Membership link and then the USTA/Midwest Section Member Only area.

Why should we become affiliated with the District? The USTA, the USTA/Midwest Section and the Districts are different organizations. By becoming affiliated with your District, your child/family will receive additional information about matters in the section and in your district that your child/family would not otherwise receive, such as newsletters, tournament updates, etc. The District also serves as a valuable resource for questions you have regarding competitive tennis.

What is a sanctioned tournament? A sanctioned tournament is one that is approved by the USTA. The club, organization, or person running the tournament has paid a sanction fee to the USTA and agrees to run the tournament following USTA Tournament rules and regulations.

How do we find out where and when junior tournaments are held? Each year, the USTA/Midwest Section publishes an Year in Review, which includes all sectional championship tournaments. This publication is available to USTA/Midwest Section members on a request basis. Many of the 14 Districts produce a yearbook and/or other publication, which contains a list of their tournaments. Complete tournament schedules are available on the USTA/Midwest Section website (www.midwest.usta.com). Upon request, the USTA/Midwest Section will provide a paper copy of the tournament schedule for juniors and adults. Sanctioned national tournaments are listed in the USTA National Junior Tournament Schedule or on the USTA website (www.usta.com).

How do I determine what age division my son or daughter may participate in? A junior may compete in an age division up to the first day of the month in which the junior would “age out” of the division. For example, if a junior player will turn 13 on December 10th, the junior may play in 12 & under tournaments until December 1. Juniors may play “up” in any older age divisions; however, they may not play in a younger age division once they have “aged out”.

How do I enter my child in a tournament? One way is to obtain an entry form from the club hosting the tournament and send it in before the entry date deadline, along with the entry fee and your child's player record

(if he or she has one). Another way is to sign-up via the TennisLink Registration System (www.midwest.usta.com) if the tournament is listed as using the TennisLink Registration System. Be sure to have the tournament name (sectional championship tournaments appear in the USTA/Midwest Section Year in Review, other tournaments appear on the Internet), USTA Membership number and your credit card ready when you register.

How much does it cost to enter my child into a tournament and what does the entry fee cover? It depends on the tournament, but entry fees range from approximately \$20 for local tournaments to \$95 for national tournaments. The entry fee covers: (1) the cost of court time for all of your child's matches (the fee may not include matches that may be moved indoors due to inclement weather); (2) new balls for each match and for the third set of a match if the players split sets; (3) umpires, referees, and tournament administration; and (4) sometimes t-shirts or other tournament mementos given to players.

LEVELS OF COMPETITIVE TENNIS AND TOURNAMENTS

What are the major levels of competitive tennis?

- **District level** - This level is for local competition and players, but events are normally open to players from other districts.
- **State level** - Encompasses each individual state in the USTA/Midwest Section. These events include players from each district within each state and, in some cases, players from outside the state.
- **Sectional level** - This level includes the following states in the USTA/Midwest Section: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin, as well as parts of Kentucky and West Virginia. These events include players from each District within the Section and may be open to players from outside the section.
- **National level** - Encompasses the United States. These events include players from each section within the United States. USTA National Championships have restrictions on the participation of players who are not U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens.

- **International level** - Encompasses the world. These events include players from all around the world.

Are there different levels of tournaments in the USTA/Midwest Section? Yes, in addition to the major levels listed above, the USTA/Midwest Section adopted a Points Per Round Ranking Program that offers six levels of competition.

If my child does not want to play tournaments, is there another affordable way my child can get started in competitive tennis? Yes. There is a National Junior Tennis League (USTA Tennis NJTL), and there is USTA Jr. Team Tennis. These are affordable programs for players at various locations. Please contact your district for more information. (See last page of this publication for contact information)

TOURNAMENT BASICS

I understand there are some USTA/Midwest Section tournaments that are “open” and some that are “closed.” What is meant by “open” and “closed” tournaments? An “open” tournament is one that is open for any USTA member that meets the age and gender requirements for that tournament. Entries to “closed” tournaments are restricted, normally by a requirement of residency within a specified geographic area. Some tournaments also require that a player be endorsed for participation by the player’s District or Section.

How many matches will my child play in a tournament? It depends in part on how many players are entered in the tournament, how well your child plays, and type of consolation draw. The following are a few examples of consolation draw types:

- **Feed-In Consolation (FIC):** Term refers to a special form of consolation draw in which the losers from the main draw are fed back into another draw against players who lost in earlier rounds of the tournament.
- **First Match Consolation (FMC):** This is a consolation draw in which only the losers in the first round or match are entered into the consolation draw.
- **Compass Draw:** Term refers to a tournament format in which players are guaranteed to play four or more matches even if they lose all their matches.

If the match format is two out of three sets, players may play a maximum of two singles matches per day in the same division. If a tie-break is used in lieu of the third set, players may play a maximum of three singles matches per day. There is a minimum one-hour rest period between matches.

Please note, the number of matches for doubles events have similar guidelines. For more information, please see the USTA Friend at Court Scheduling Guidelines for Junior Divisions. You may access a copy of the USTA Friend at Court at www.midwest.usta.com

How do I find out the start-time of my child’s first match? Players usually call the host club on the date and time designated by the host club or use the TennisLink Internet Registration System if the tournament posts its draws and/or starting times to the Internet.

Should my child bring anything special to a tennis tournament? In addition to tennis rackets, your child should bring his or her USTA card, a water bottle, sunscreen, a towel, and extra t-shirts/tops. If you think your child will be playing more than one match in a day, you might want to bring some fruit, food, and a sports drink. (Note: Some tournaments require players to adhere to a certain dress code. Please check with the tournament director for any requirements)

Is it true that my child will be responsible for calling the lines during matches? Yes. Tennis is one of the few sports in which the amateur participants umpire themselves. Your child will need to call whether balls on his or her side of the court are in or out. Unless a ball is clearly and totally out, it is “good.” A player does not make calls on balls on the opponent’s side of the court.

Suppose my child thinks that his or her opponent is not calling the lines accurately? Your child may want to warn the opponent that he or she will ask for a line judge or, if the situation truly warrants it, request a line judge. In most cases, however, opponents are fair with one another, and a line judge is unnecessary. A parent **may not** become involved in line call disputes or request a line judge for his or her child.

May I coach my child during a match? Before a match starts, a parent or a coach may coach a player. Once the match starts, a player **may not** be coached by anyone except during the ten-minute break that occurs before the start of the third set in matches that are two out of three sets. If there is a tie-break in lieu of the third set, no coaching or a break is allowed. For the 18 & under division, there is no break if players split sets, so coaching cannot occur once the match has started.

Do all tournaments have seeds? While there is no requirement that every tournament have seeding, most tournaments of the elimination type (as distinguished from round robin competitions) do use seeding as a means of ensuring that the strongest players do not play against one another in the early rounds.

Who determines who is seeded in a tournament? The Tournament Committee, in conjunction with the referee, shall determine the seeds for the tournament.

How does the selection process for seeds work in a tournament? The Tournament Committee may seed players at a maximum ratio of one seed for every four players. Seeds for the tournament are listed on the draw sheet. Seeds merely represent the Committee's subjective ratings of the various players' chances of winning the tournament, using all available data, including ranking lists, standing lists, and player records. Seeding may not be based on whim, caprice, or "hunches," but instead must be justified by a reasonable amount of factual evidence. The Committee should consider all available evidence, including, but not limited to, rankings, current records, types of surfaces, etc.

What is block seeding? Block seeding is a form of seeding that is authorized in Sectional championships and below. With block seeding, outstanding entrants are selected to "stand out" in the quarterfinals or the round of 16 of a tournament, while the rest of the entrants play to enter the quarterfinal round or the round of 16. Some advantages of block seeding are that more players are eligible for a tournament, and weaker players do not have to meet strong players in the early rounds of a tournament.

What is a standing list? A standing list is a tentative strength listing of players within a particular age group and gender. The standing list includes match results from the previous 12 months that have been entered into the ranking database at the time of publishing. Standing lists are not ranking lists. The requirements for being included on standing lists are substantially less rigorous than for an actual ranking.

Are standing lists posted anywhere? Yes. The USTA/Midwest Section calculates and publishes both Section and District standing lists on its website at www.midwest.usta.com.

THE USTA/MIDWEST SECTION CLOSED & DISTRICT QUALIFIER CHAMPIONSHIPS

How can one gain entry to the USTA/Midwest Section Closed Junior Outdoor Championships? To gain entry to the USTA/Midwest Section Closed Junior Outdoor Championships, players must meet the following requirements:

- Players must be domiciled within the boundaries of the USTA/Midwest Section.
- Players must be endorsed by their District's Endorser. This normally requires participating in the tournament designated by the district as the one used for endorsement purposes (commonly referred to as the District Qualifier).
- The USTA/Midwest Section Closed Junior Championships, the District Qualifiers, the USTA/Midwest Section Designated Tournaments and USTA/Midwest Section Junior District Team Cup and Marian Wood Baird Cup events are open to citizens of the U.S., permanent resident aliens in possession of a valid alien registration card, individuals who are applicants for adjustment to lawful permanent resident status and who can present a USCIS receipt for a pending unadjudicated form I-485, aliens who have resided continuously in the US for more than one year and who are members of families of persons in the diplomatic or consular corps and aliens who have been granted Refugee Status, Asylee Status or Temporary Protected Status.
- The USTA/Midwest Section has established district boundaries as defined in the Section's Bylaws. Players may seek endorsement only from the district in which they are domiciled. A player may be endorsed by the USTA/Midwest Section only if the player has not applied for endorsement in another section.
- Players may be endorsed to the USTA National Championships only in the same age division as they played in the USTA/Midwest Section Closed Junior Outdoor Championships.
- To be admitted into the USTA/Midwest Section Closed Junior Outdoor Championships, players must be endorsed as part of their district's quota of entries. This quota is determined by the USTA/Midwest Section based on the percentage of USTA/Midwest Section Junior memberships in the USTA who reside in the district. Endorsed players will receive their official player information form directly from the District Endorser. The endorsed players must then register on the Internet via TennisLink. After registering via TennisLink,

players are to complete the official player information form and return it to the District Endorser for inspection and endorsing signature. The District Endorser will then send the forms along to the USTA/Midwest Section office by the application deadline. District Endorsers will also submit an ordered list of alternates to the USTA/Midwest Section office. This endorsed list of alternates will be used for the purposes of filling available spots if district players withdraw from the quota prior to the making of the draw. Specific details on the districts' quota procedures should be directed to the appropriate District Endorser and/or District President.

- All endorsed district alternates will be considered for entry into the USTA/Midwest Section Closed Junior Outdoor Championships. The remaining positions in the draw will be filled from the alternate lists in order of record strength as determined using the USTA/Midwest Section Standing and Selection list.
- The records of district alternates will be compared so that the strongest players will be accepted into the USTA/Midwest Section Closed Junior Outdoor Championships regardless of their district affiliation or district order. After the available positions are filled, the remaining alternates will be placed on a stand-by list in order of strength.

How can one gain entry into the District Qualifier? Any district player may participate in his or her respective District Qualifier. Please contact your District office for specific requirements.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT USTA/MIDWEST SECTION POINTS PER ROUND RANKING PROGRAM (As of January 14, 2008)

It is imperative that you become familiar with the USTA/Midwest Section requirements for standings, rankings and endorsement procedures under this new system. The following are some Commonly Asked Questions about USTA/Midwest Points Per Round Ranking Program.

1. How do you earn points? A player must win a round to receive any points. Byes do not qualify as wins. Defaults, retirements, walkovers and withdrawals qualify as wins for the advancing player.

2. What does Play and Complete mean? All scheduled matches (including any consolation or playoff matches) in a tournament are started, and none end in a default. Defaults include: not showing up for a match, unsportsmanlike conduct and warnings, which culminate in the match being defaulted. A retirement due to injury or illness, ONCE THE MATCH HAS STARTED, is not considered a default. If a player defaults a scheduled match in a tournament FOR ANY REASON (including scheduled consolations or playoffs), that tournament will NOT count toward meeting the minimum tournament requirements for ranking consideration.

3. How will standings be determined? A player must earn 50 points in an age division in order to be included in the USTA/Midwest Section Standings. **Points earned in a player's best six tournaments will be used. If points earned at other events are not one of the "best" six for the player, those points will not be included in the calculation.** Matches played in your natural age division, as well as the higher age divisions will be included in the calculation of the standing list. The USTA/Midwest Section Standings will use 12-months of data.

4. How will rankings be determined? A player must have earned a minimum of 200 points in an age division in order to be included in the USTA/Midwest Section Final Rankings. A player's final ranking will be based **only on the best six tournaments.** **If points earned at other events are not one of the "best" six for the player, those points will not be included in the calculation.** The USTA/Midwest Section Rankings will include match results from January 1st to December 31st of each year.

5. Can a player be ranked or have a standing position in more than one age division? Yes, as long as they have earned the required number of points in each age division. Match results in higher age divisions will count down in the younger age divisions.

6. Are team events used? Yes, all team events can be used and all players will receive the same amount of points for each position.

7. Are tournaments weighted? The point levels per round are the "weighting" of the tournament. Please see the charts below for more information.

8. Will there still be endorsement requirements to the four USTA National Championships? Yes. Please see the chart on subsequent pages of this publication for USTA/Midwest Section Endorsement Procedures.

For additional questions please contact the following:

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2008 USTA/Midwest Section Points Per Round Ranking Levels:
(As of 1/14/08)

The USTA/Midwest Section Junior Competition Committee shall evaluate and recommend annually the appropriate levels of the events considered for USTA/Midwest Section Junior Standings and Rankings. The event levels for 2008 are as follows:

Level 1:

USTA/Midwest Section Junior Closed Outdoor Championships-(June) BG 12,14,16,18

Level 2

USTA/Midwest Section Winter Championships-(January) BG 12,14,16,18

USTA/Midwest Section Junior Designated January Series-(January) BG 12,14,16,18

USTA/Midwest Section Junior Closed Indoor Championships-(February) BG 10,12,14,16,18

USTA/Midwest Section Junior Designated March Series-(March) BG 12,14,16,18

USTA/Midwest Section District Team Cup-(Formerly Junior Davis & Wightman Cup Events) (June) BG 18,14,12

USTA/Midwest Section Marian Wood Baird Cup (Formerly Junior Wightman Cup)-June G18

USTA/Midwest Section Ten & Under Invitational- (July) BG 10

USTA Zone Team Championships (BG12, 14,16)-(July)

USTA/Midwest Section Junior Open Championships-(July/August) BG 12,14,16,18

USTA BG18 National Team Championships, BG16 Intersectionals (July/August)

USTA/Midwest Section Junior Fall Closed Championships-(October/November) BG 10,12,14,16,18

USTA/Midwest Section Junior Indoor Open Championships-(October/November) BG 12,14,16,18

USTA National Championships (Spring, Clay Court, Hard Court, Winter)-(Various Dates) BG 12,14,16,18

Level 3:

USTA National Open Championships-(February, May, July and November) BG 12,14,16,18

K-Swiss-(February) G14,16,18

Columbus Indoor-(Various Dates) BG12,14,16,18

The Cincinnati Open -(October) BG14

Level 4:

Western Michigan Indoor-(February) BG 12,14,16,18

Wisconsin Jr. Indoor-(February) BG 12,14,16,18

Competition Training Center Sectional Championships-(April) BG 14

Competition Training Center Regional Championships-(May) BG 14

Court One Memorial-(May) BG 12,14,16,18

Lincolnshire Spring Open-(May) BG 12

District Qualifiers-(Various Dates) BG 10,12,14,16,18
 Ann Arbor Junior Open- (August) BG 10,12,14,16,18
 Aurora Invitational-(October) B 14,16,18
 Contardi Girls Open-(December) G 14,16,18,

Level 5:

Tommy Fontova Memorial Tournament-(February) BG 10,12,14,16,18
 Glenview Spring into Summer-(May) BG14

Pie Seifert Memorial Open -(May) BG 10,12,14,16,18
 Dr. Joe Morris Memorial Classic-(June) BG 10,12,14,16,18
 Indiana State Open Benefiting Riley Hospital for Children-(July)
 Laurel Hill Junior Open-(July) BG 10,12,14,16,18
 Western & Southern Financial Group Master Jr. Championships-(July) BG 10,12,14,16,18
 Wisconsin District Junior Open-(July) BG 12,14,16,18
 USTA Jr. Team Tennis Sectional Championships-Advanced Divisions-(August) BG 10,12,14,18
 Junior Dog Days-(August) BG12,14,16,18
 Towpath 23rd Annual Thanksgiving Jr. Singles-(November) BG10,12,14,16,18
 John F. Hennessey Open-(December) BG 12,14,16,18
 All other USTA National Scheduled Events BG 12,14,16,18

Level 6:

USTA Jr. Team Tennis Sectional Championships-Intermediate Divisions-(August) BG 10,12,14,18
 All other sanctioned tournaments in the USTA/Midwest Section

2008 USTA/Midwest Section Points Per Round Ranking Point Tables:

(As of 1/14/08)

Main Draw with a Feed-in Championship through Quarterfinals Points Per Round:

Player Results ¹	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
Champion	660	300	220	165	88	44
2nd Place	540	250	180	135	72	36
3rd Place	480	220	160	120	64	32
4th Place/SF ²	420	190	140	105	56	28
FIC Champion	390	175	130	98	52	26
FIC Finalist	360	160	120	90	48	24
FIC SF	330	140	110	83	44	22
FIC QF	300	125	100	75	40	20
FIC QF Qualifying (Consolation)	270	115	90	68	36	18
FIC R16	240	95	80	60	32	16
FIC R16 Qualifying (Consolation)	210	80	70	53	28	14
FIC R32	180	65	60	45	24	12
FIC R32 Qualifying (Consolation)	150	58	50	38	20	10
FIC R64	120	45	40	30	16	8
FIC R64 Qualifying (Consolation)	0	35	30	23	12	6
FIC 128	n/a	25	20	15	8	4
FIC 128 Qualifying (Consolation)	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0

¹ Players who lose their first Main Draw match are fed into the following round of a Feed-In Championship:
 16 Draw Size: FIC QF Qualifying; 32 Draw Size: FIC R16 Qualifying; 64 Draw Size: FIC R32 Qualifying;

128 Draw Size: FIC R64 Qualifying; 256 Draw Size: FIC R128 Qualifying

²If there is no playoff for 3rd and 4th place, the semifinalists will receive points in this row.

Main Draw with a Feed-in Championship through Semifinals Points Per Round:

Player Results ¹	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
Champion	660	300	220	165	88	44
2nd Place	540	250	180	135	72	36
3rd Place	480	220	160	120	64	32
4th Place/SF ²	420	190	140	105	56	28
FIC Champion	390	175	130	98	52	26
FIC Finalist	360	160	120	90	48	24
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FIC QF	300	125	100	75	40	20
FIC QF Qualifying (Consolation)	270	115	90	68	36	18
FIC R16	240	95	80	60	32	16
FIC R16 Qualifying (Consolation)	210	80	70	53	28	14
FIC R32	180	65	60	45	24	12
FIC R32 Qualifying (Consolation)	150	58	50	38	20	10
FIC R64	120	45	40	30	16	8
FIC R64 Qualifying (Consolation)	0	35	30	23	12	6
FIC 128	n/a	25	20	15	8	4
FIC 128 Qualifying (Consolation)	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0

¹ Players who lose their first Main Draw match are fed into the following round of a Feed-In Championship:

16 Draw Size: FIC QF Qualifying; 32 Draw Size: FIC R16 Qualifying; 64 Draw Size: FIC R32 Qualifying;

128 Draw Size: FIC R64 Qualifying; 256 Draw Size: FIC R128 Qualifying.

²If there is no playoff for 3rd and 4th place, the semifinalists will receive points in this row.

Main Draw with Modified Consolation Tournament Points Per Round, Including First Match Losers Consolation, First Round Losers Consolation, Modified FIC and Compass Draw¹:

Player Results ¹	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
Champion	660	330	220	165	88	44
2nd Place	540	270	180	135	72	36
3rd Place	480	240	160	120	64	32
4th Place/SF ²	420	210	140	105	56	28
Quarterfinalist	300	150	100	75	40	20
Reached R16	240	120	80	60	32	16
Reached R32	180	90	60	45	24	12
Reached R64	120	60	40	30	16	8
Reached R128	60	30	20	15	8	4
Reached R256	0	0	0	0	0	0
Points Earned for Each Consolation Round Won ¹	30	25	20	15	8	4

¹In Compass Draw events, the East Draw earns main draw Points Per Round; all other directions and Gold Draw earn consolation Points Per Round.

²If there is no playoff for 3rd and 4th place, the semifinalists will receive points in this row.

Team Tournaments:

Player Position on Team	<u>Level 2:</u> Maximum 270 Points	<u>Level 3:</u> Maximum 180 Points	<u>Level 4:</u> Maximum 120 Points	<u>Level 5:</u> Maximum 90 Points	<u>Level 6:</u> Maximum 60 Points
Position #1 Points earned per win	45	30	20	15	10
Position #2 Points earned per win	45	30	20	15	10
Position #3 Points earned per win	45	30	20	15	10
Position #4 Points earned per win	45	30	20	15	10
Position #5 Points earned per win	45	30	20	15	10
Position #6 Points earned per win	45	30	20	15	10

Round Robin Tournaments: (3 player event)

Points Earned for each match won	15
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2008 Endorsement Procedure Grids

Key Endorsement Terms:

- **Endorsement:** A player must fulfill certain requirements in order to be given "permission" to participate at the National Level from the USTA/Midwest Section.
- **TennisLink:** USTA computer software that is used to register players to tournaments, USTA Jr. Team Tennis, etc. For more information about products, please go to www.usta.com.

Age Divisions	USTA Event	Selection Process	Entry Process:
BG12,14,16,18	USTA National Spring Championships (BG18- March 9-15,2008) (BG12-April 6-12, 2008) (BG14,16-April 6-12, 2008)	All players that appear on USTA/Midwest Section Standing list as of February 15, 2008, will be endorsed to the event.	TennisLink www.usta.com
BG12,14,16	USTA Zone Team Championships (BG14-July 6-10, 2008) (BG12,16-July 23-27, 2008)	To be considered for endorsement, each player must apply through the TennisLink Registration system on the USTA/Midwest Section website. Selection will be based on the most current USTA/Midwest Section Standing List as of the USTA/Midwest Section entry deadlines in the age division being endorsed. The USTA/Midwest Section entry deadlines to be considered for endorsement are the following: Boys' & Girls' 14 and under: May 15, 2008; Boys' & Girls' 12 and under: June 15, 2008; Boys' & Girls' 16 and under: June 15, 2008.	TennisLink www.midwest.usta.com
BG12,14,16,18	USTA National Clay Court Championships (July 13-20, 2008)	All players that appear on the USTA/Midwest Section Standing List as of June 1, 2008, will be endorsed to the event. The winners of each of the three Designated tournaments taking place in the preceding January, February and March shall be automatically included in the sectional quota.	TennisLink www.usta.com
BG12,14,16,18	USTA National Championships (B16,18- August 1-10, 2008) (BG12- August 2-8, 2008) (B14- August 3-10, 2008) (G14-August 2-9, 2008) (G16,18- August 3-10, 2008)	All players that appear on the USTA/Midwest Section Standing list which will be generated after the completion of the USTA/Midwest Section Closed Junior Outdoor Championships will be endorsed to the event. The winners of each of the three Designated tournaments taking place in the preceding January, February and March shall be automatically included in the Sectional quota. In addition, the top six finishers at the USTA/Midwest Section Closed Junior Outdoor Championships (main draw semifinalists and FIC finalists) shall automatically be included in the Sectional quota. Any remaining spots in the Sectional quota and all alternate spots shall be filled in the order of the endorsement list, which will be generated after the completion of the USTA/Midwest Section Closed Junior Outdoor Championships.	TennisLink www.usta.com
BG16	USTA Intersectional Team Championships Date: July 6-10, 2008	The USTA/Midwest Section Team will be selected on May 15, 2008. The following criteria will be used: The highest eligible Midwest boy and girl listed on the most current USTA/Midwest Section	USTA/Midwest Section Coach will contact players.

	Site: Shreveport, LA	Standing List shall be invited to participate on the team. The remaining players shall be invited to participate on the team based on their USTA National Standing list position. If those players decline to play, the coach will continue down the USTA National Standing list until a team is filled.	
B18	USTA B18 National Team Championships Date: July 26-29, 2008 Sites: Urbana, IL	The USTA/Midwest Section Team will be selected after the conclusion of the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Outdoor Championships. The following criteria will be used: The highest eligible Midwest boy listed on the most current USTA/Midwest Section Standing List shall be invited to participate on the team. The winner of the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Outdoor Championships shall be invited to participate. The remaining players shall be invited to participate on the team based on their USTA National Standing list position. If those players decline to play, the coach will continue down the USTA National Standing list until a team is filled.	USTA/Midwest Section Coach will contact players.
G18	USTA G18 National Team Championships Date: July 29- August 1, 2008 Sites: Danville, CA	The USTA/Midwest Section Team will be selected after the conclusion of the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Outdoor Championships. The following criteria will be used: The highest eligible Midwest girl listed on the most current USTA/Midwest Section Standing List shall be invited to participate on the team. The winner of the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Outdoor Championships shall be invited to participate. The remaining players shall be invited to participate on the team based on their USTA National Standing list position. If those players decline to play, the coach will continue down the USTA National Standing list until a team is filled.	USTA/Midwest Section Coach will contact players.
BG12,14,16,18	USTA National Winter Championships (December 25-30, 2008)	All players that appear on the USTA/Midwest Section Standing List as of November 15, 2008, will be endorsed to the event. The winners of the Midwest Junior Indoor Open Championships (if from the USTA/Midwest Section) and the Midwest Fall Closed Championships shall be automatically included in the sectional quota.	TennisLink www.usta.com

2008 USTA/Midwest Section Sectional Endorsers

Age Division	Name	Address	City	St	Zip	Phone #	Fax #	Email
BG 12,14	Joyce Engle	3301 Kappel Dr.	Springfield	OH	45503	937-399-5064	937-399-5065	Ovta@woh.rr.com
BG 16,18	Ron Gander	723 Ardella Rd.	Cuyahoga Falls	OH	44223	330-923-2519	330-923-6951	carong55@adelphia.net

THE USTA ZONE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS/ZONALS

The USTA Zone Team Championships, known as Zonals, are non-elimination team events providing intersectional competition for players selected to the Zonal teams. The USTA/Midwest Section endorses players in the 12s, 14s, and 16s divisions. Players may be endorsed to ANY or ALL USTA Zone Team Championships. The emphasis of the team events is on a combination of competition and development. Limited coaching by designated coaches during play will be permitted. Team matches include singles, doubles, and mixed doubles. Instructional, informational and social activities are an important part of the USTA Zone Team Championships.

The USTA/Midwest Section will send players to the USTA 12,14,16 Zone Team Championships. Teams will compete at the following sites:

USTA BOYS' AND GIRLS' 12 ZONE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS: JULY 23-27, 2008

Northeast Zone, Lancaster, PA

USTA BOYS' AND GIRLS' 14 ZONE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS: JULY 6-10, 2008

TBD

USTA BOYS' AND GIRLS' 16 ZONE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS: JULY 23-27, 2008

Northeast Zone, St. Louis, MO

Signing up for USTA/Midwest Section Zonals:

To Enter: BG12 Zone Team Championships

(July 23-27, 2008-Lancaster, PA)

Go to www.midwest.usta.com; Junior Tennis; Tournaments/Rankings; Find/Register for Tournament via TennisLink; Tournament ID# 855302108, Click on "Find It", Click on Event, then Register Now.

Entry deadline is June 15, 2008

To Enter: BG14 Zone Team Championships

(July 6-10, 2008-TBD)

Go to www.midwest.usta.com; Junior Tennis; Tournaments/Rankings; Find/Register for Tournament via TennisLink; Tournament ID# 855302008, Click on "Find It", Click on Event, then Register Now.

Entry deadline is May 15, 2008

To Enter: BG16 Zone Team Championships:

(July 23-27, 2008-St. Louis, MO)

Go to www.midwest.usta.com; Junior Tennis; Tournaments/Rankings; Find/Register for Tournament via TennisLink; Tournament ID# 855302208, Click on "Find It", Click on Event, then Register Now.

Entry deadline is June 15, 2008

- **Selection of Players/Entry Deadline:** To be considered for endorsement by the USTA/Midwest Section, each player must apply through the TennisLink Registration System on the USTA/Midwest Section website (www.midwest.usta.com). The USTA/Midwest Section will endorse the following:
Boys' & Girls' 14s: A total of 30 boys and 30 girls for this event.
Boys' & Girls' 12s: A total of 30 boys and 30 girls for this event.
Boys' & Girls' 16s: A total of 30 boys and 30 girls for this event.

USTA NATIONAL RANKING & TOURNAMENT LEVELS

National Ranking Tournaments and Tournament Levels: Starting in 2008, the USTA will be moving to a combined ranking system for junior players. This will be applied to all tournaments on the National Junior Tournament Schedule. The purpose of a combined ranking system is to promote doubles. Rankings will be based on 100 percent of a player's singles ranking plus 15 percent of a player's double ranking. In addition, tournaments will be allowed to start the doubles competition before the singles.

After the first year of combined rankings, the USTA will evaluate its overall success as well as the ratio of singles vs. doubles points. For more information, go to www.usta.com. **The USTA/Midwest Section will continue to use the USTA/Midwest Section Points per Round Ranking Program for singles and doubles.** For more information on the USTA/Midwest Section Standing and Ranking List, go to www.midwest.usta.com.

The following USTA/Midwest Section tournaments count for USTA National Rankings:

2008 Midwest Tournaments Used for USTA National Rankings-Singles

As of October 18, 2007

LEVEL 3		Date
BG18,16,14,12	Midwest Closed (Outdoor, June)	June 21-26
BG18,16,14,12	Midwest Open	July 20-24; July 28-Aug 1;
	Midwest tournaments on the USTA National Schedule	TBA
LEVEL 4		
BG18,16,14,12	Midwest Indoor Closed (Feb)	February 3-5
BG18,16,14,12	Midwest Indoor Open	Boys: October 27-29 & Girls: November 10-12
BG18,16,14,12	Midwest Fall Closed	Boys: November 10-12 & Girls: October 27-29
LEVEL 5		
BG18,16,14,12	Midwest Designated-January	Jan.5-7; Jan. 12-14; Jan 26-28
BG18,16,14,12	Wisconsin Indoor	Feb. 17-19
BG18,16,14,12	Western Michigan Indoor	Feb. 22-24
BG18,16,14,12	Midwest Designated-March	Mar. 1-3; Mar 8-10; Mar. 15-17; Mar. 29-31
BG12	Lincolnshire Spring Open	May 2-5
BG18,16,14,12	Court One Memorial	May 24-26
BG18,16,14,12	Midwest Davis/Wightman Cup	June 13-15
BG18,16,14,12	Ann Arbor Junior Open	TBA
B18,16,14	Aurora Boys Challenge	Oct 11-13
G18,16,14	Contardi Girls Open	December 19-21

Please Note: All Level 5 Events are "Closed" to USTA/Midwest Section Players Only

2008 Midwest Tournaments Used for USTA National Rankings-Doubles

As of October 18, 2007

LEVEL 3		Date
BG18,16,14,12	Midwest Closed Outdoor Championships	June 21-26
BG18,16,14,12	Midwest Open Championships	July 20-24; July 28-Aug 1;
BG18,16,14,12	Midwest Open	July 22-26; July 30-Aug 3;
	Midwest tournaments on the USTA National Schedule	TBA
LEVEL 4		
BG18,16,14,12	TBA	TBA
BG18,16,14,12	TBA	TBA
BG18,16,14,12	Doubles Tennis Festival	December 8-10
LEVEL 5		
BG18,16,14,12	Wisconsin Indoor	Feb. 15-17

BG18,16,14,12	Western Michigan Indoor	Feb. 22-24
BG18,16,14,12	Court One Memorial	May 24-26
BG18,16,14,12	Midwest Davis/Wightman Cup	June 13-15
BG18,16,14,12	Laurel Hill Junior Open	July 7-10
BG18,16,14,12	Wisconsin District Junior Open	Girls-June 29-July 3, Boys -June 30-July 6
BG18,16,14,12	Ann Arbor Junior Open	August 4-9
BG18,16,14,12	John F. Hennessey Open	December 27-30

Please Note: All Level 5 Events are "Closed" to USTA/Midwest Section Players Only

USTA National Championships Procedures:

DEFINITION The USTA National Championships are the highest level of USTA national junior competition. Four USTA National Championships are held each year: the USTA National Spring Championships, the USTA National Clay Court Championships, the USTA National Championships and the USTA National Winter Championships.

Eligibility: Players who meet the U.S. citizenship or residency requirements, age eligibility requirements, and membership requirements (current USTA membership) may enter. In addition, professional players may enter. The USTA National Championships are the only type of USTA junior national championship that professional players may enter.

Entry Procedures: Players must enter using TennisLink Registration System.

Singles Selection Procedure: Each Tournament Committee shall accept players into the draws of USTA National Championships in the following order:

- **Players on National Championship Selection List (NCSL):** The following junior players on the NCSL who have submitted timely entries shall be accepted into the draw:

Players listed in positions 1 through 24 for a draw of 192

Players listed in positions 1 through 16 for a draw of 128

Players Who Qualified from USTA National Opens: USTA National Open Championships are held four times per year: February, May, July and November. At each of these times, four simultaneous 64-draw events will be conducted in each age division and gender. These simultaneous events are located in different regions of the country. The top three finishers and the doubles finalists qualify for the subsequent USTA National Championship, however they must submit timely entries to be accepted. For more information, please go to www.usta.com.

USTA National Open	Qualifies for the following USTA National Championship:
February National Opens	USTA National Spring Championships
May National Opens	USTA National Clay Court Championships
July National Opens	The USTA National Championships
November National Opens	USTA National Winter Championships

Players Within Sectional Associations' Quotas: Junior players not previously selected who are on the Sectional endorsement lists, within the established Sectional quota, and who have submitted timely entries shall be accepted in the order determined by the Sectional endorser.

Wild Cards: The Tournament Committee shall accept those junior players granted wild cards by the USTA Wild Card Committee and who have submitted timely entries. Wild card recipients do not need Sectional endorsement, however the Sectional office must complete a portion of a player's wild card application. Overall wild card limits are: Four (4) wild cards for the 14s, 16s and 18s USTA National Spring Championships and USTA Winter Championships and for all 12s USTA National Championships. Eight (8) wild cards for the 14s, 16s and 18s USTA National Clay Court Championships and The USTA National Championships.

Endorsed players on National Standings List: The Tournament Committee shall fill remaining spots in the draw with endorsed players who have submitted timely entries who remain on the most recently published singles National Standings List.

ITF Junior Circuit:

The ITF Junior Circuit is a series of 18 and under events. ITF Junior Circuit tournaments only accept entries through National Associations (USTA). Tournaments are graded according to the strength of entry, with the most ranking points being awarded for the eight major championships (Group A), which include the four Grand Slam events. Tournaments are divided into the following grades:

- Group A (Super Series, including four Grand Slams)
- Group B (Regional Championships)
- Group C (International Team Championships)
- Group 1-5 Level 1 (events are the strongest and level 5 are the weakest events in this group)

For more information about ITF Junior Circuit and ITF Junior Rankings, go to www.itftennis.com.

USTA/MIDWEST SECTION DISTRICT TEAM CUP-BG12,14,18 AND USTA/MIDWEST SECTION MARIAN WOOD BAIRD CUP-G18

(Formerly Junior Davis Cup And Junior Wightman Cup)

What are USTA/Midwest Section District Team Cup and the USTA/Midwest Section Marian Wood Baird Cup? These are round robin team competitions in which top juniors from each District compete against each other in the boys' & girls' 12,14, 18 under age divisions. Each team is selected by its District. The competitions are usually held the third week in June.

USTA PLAYER DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION TRAINING CENTERS

What are Competition Training Centers? The Competition Training Centers ("CTC") are a USTA program that began in 1987 as part of a plan to nurture young talent. This intensive tournament training consists of 50 hours of on and off court instruction generally from October through April. In the USTA/Midwest Section, there are 16 different CTC sites, with at least 16 boys and girls per site. Participation is by invitation only and includes 14-and-under players chosen by tournament record, potential, and attitude. The cost for the 50 hours of CTC is approximately \$250.

There is a CTC Midwest Sectional Championships available for CTC players. For more information on Competition Training Centers, please contact Junior Ranking Coordinator Greg Boyd. He can be reached at 317-577-5130 ext. 236 or Greg@midwest.usta.com



You may feel you are not able to play college varsity tennis at the college of your choice or simply do not want to play college tennis, but want to focus on academics. Currently, there are over 300,000 high school varsity tennis players in the United States. There are only 20,000 varsity tennis players in colleges throughout the nation. Where do you go to play if you don't play varsity tennis? Check your college's Intramural/Recreational Sports Department, chances are they are running the USTA Tennis on College Campus Program! The United States Tennis Association (USTA), Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA), and the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) have developed a partnership to provide college students the opportunity to learn and/or continue playing the sport of tennis on the campus. Here is what is offered:

- Sport Clubs: where the level of play can be high and players actually travel to play other schools. (There is also funding available for *new* Tennis Sport Clubs!)
- USTA Tennis on Campus leagues and programs. (There is funding available for *new* programs!)
- Tournaments.
- Instructional programs (even for PE credit!).

With a USTA/Midwest Section Championship as well as a National Championship (played during Spring Break, of course!) in addition to a large number of colleges offering these programs, you can take a break from your studies to get out and hit, right? **USTA Tennis on Campus: "The Best Action on Campus!"**



Looking to play college varsity tennis? There are many questions parents and players have when looking to play college varsity tennis: Do I try for Division I, II, or III? What are the differences? What do I look for in a coach, a team, and most importantly, a college? Your first step is to go through the NCAA Clearinghouse and make sure you are eligible. Go to www.ncaa.org and click on "student-athletes and parents". You will then see a lot of topics you may be interested in, and of course, the link to the "Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse" form. Click on "prospective student athletes" and click on the correct form on the left panel. If you have questions about the form call the NCAA at 877-262-1492. You may also attend the College Night in Indianapolis (in late June during the Midwest Closed Championships) or a college night in your area for more information.

For more information, go to www.midwest.usta.com and under Players, click Adult/Senior Tennis; Tennis on Campus. You may also contact USTA/Midwest Section Collegiate Coordinator Steve Wise at Steve@midwest.usta.com or 262-334-3601.



Resource Section:

Grant Opportunities

Coaching and Parent Resources

USTA/Midwest Section Junior Sportsmanship Agreement

Recreational Coach Workshop Information

USTA/Midwest Section Kids Club

Important Dates to Remember

USTA/Midwest Section & District Contact Information



GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AVAILABLE

Established in 1992, the Midwest Youth Tennis & Education Foundation Inc. (MYTEF) is dedicated to supporting youth tennis programs and activities throughout the USTA/Midwest Section. As the charitable and philanthropic entity of the USTA/Midwest Section, its mission is:

“To develop life skills of youth through tennis and education”

Tim & Tom Gullikson Scholarship

The Tim & Tom Gullikson USTA/Midwest Section Scholarship was established by the Midwest Youth Tennis & Education Foundation in January 1998 to recognize Tim & Tom Gullikson, and to reward young players with funding to advance their education and tennis interests. Each year a \$2,500 Tim & Tom Gullikson USTA/Midwest Section Scholarship will be presented to one female and one male junior tennis player from the USTA/Midwest Section.

The Tim & Tom Gullikson USTA/Midwest Section Scholarship is designed to provide assistance to those who have demonstrated financial need and have shown ability, aptitude and promise both as students and as tennis players.

Each Tim & Tom Gullikson Scholarship USTA/Midwest Section Scholarship applicant must:

- Be a resident of the USTA/Midwest Section;
- Be a current USTA member;
- Be a high school senior;
- Plan to attend an accredited college or university; and
- Submit a completed application packet.

The deadline to apply for a Tim & Tom Gullikson USTA/Midwest Section Scholarship is March 1, 2008.

To obtain a grant application, visit www.midwest.usta.com/mytef and select the Midwest Youth Tennis & Education Foundation link or call 317-577-5127.

Individual and Program Grants

The Midwest Youth Tennis & Education Foundation:

- Provides grants to community-based youth tennis programs.
- Assists schools in the USTA/Midwest Section in meeting equipment needs to provide students the opportunity to experience tennis as part of their physical education classes.
- Subsidizes activities of the USTA/Midwest Section Diversity & Inclusion Committee.
- Supports the USTA/Midwest Section junior teams that represent the Section in national competitions.
- Provides tennis camp scholarships or other financial assistance to young athletes in need.
- Assists young players who have demonstrated talent through national or sectional rankings and are in need of financial support to compete at higher levels. Achievement should be more definitive as the applicant gets older. Evidence of year-round personal, parental and organizational commitment to improvement and development is relevant to approval of grant requests.

The Midwest Youth Tennis & Education Foundation accepts applications for grants that fall within the scope of these objectives. Applications are evaluated by the MYTEF Grant and Scholarship Review Committee. Programs or individuals funded by MYTEF must take place or reside within the USTA/Midwest Section that includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin, as well as several counties in Kentucky and West Virginia.

Deadlines to apply for Midwest Youth Tennis & Education Foundation Program and Individual Grants are as follows: 2008 - January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1. An applicant (individual or program) may only receive funding one time per year unless there are exceptional circumstances to consider. To obtain a grant application, visit www.midwest.usta.com/mytef or call 317-577-5127.



The USTA Tennis & Education Foundation (USTA T&EF), is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to improving the quality of life among our nation's youth. The mission of the USTA T&EF states that it encourages children to pursue their goals and highest dreams by succeeding in school and becoming responsible citizens. Applicants must demonstrate financial need for college matriculation.

Each year the USTA Tennis & Education Foundation awards scholarships to deserving youngsters who have participated in USTA and other organized youth tennis programs. The following scholarships are offered:

USTA Tennis & Education Foundation College Education Scholarship

The USTA T&EF awards college education scholarships annually to high school seniors who have excelled academically and participated extensively in an organized tennis program, such as USTA School Tennis, USTA Tennis National Junior Tennis League (NJTL), USTA Jr. Team Tennis, or USTA Tennis High Performance (or other such qualified programs as determined by the Scholarship Committee). Each recipient is eligible to receive \$1,500 each year for no more than four years.

Marian Wood Baird Scholarship Award

This scholarship is named in honor of Marian Wood Baird, available to high school seniors who have excelled academically, demonstrated achievements in leadership, and participated extensively in an organized community tennis program. Applicants must demonstrate sportsmanship on and off the court. A \$15,000 will be awarded over four years.

Dwight F. Davis Memorial Scholarship

A one-time \$10,000 scholarship named for Mr. Davis will be awarded to a chosen male or female entering a four-year college or university program to support the individual pursuit of excellence in academics and tennis.

Dwight Mosley Scholarship Award

The Dwight Mosley Scholarship is available to high school seniors of ethnically diverse heritage who have excelled academically and participated extensively in an organized community tennis program. A \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded over four years to one male and one female of diverse ethnic background.

Eve Kraft Education & College Scholarship

This \$2,500 scholarship offers one year of financial assistance to two high school seniors - one male and one female – who have excelled both academically and in the sport of tennis, who have demonstrated an extraordinary community service commitment, and who reside in an economically disadvantaged community.

USTA Tennis & Education Foundation College Textbook Scholarship

The USTA Tennis & Education Foundation has established a college textbook scholarship which provides a one-time scholarship of \$500 for one year, paid directly to the college or university bookstore in which the student is enrolled at the beginning of the academic year.

USTA Tennis & Education Foundation Incentive Awards

The Foundation provides Player Incentive Awards on an annual basis. This award is a one time, nonrenewable grant of \$500. These awards encourage the development of USTA youth tennis program participants with great potential and a commitment to academic excellence. All applicants must demonstrate financial need.

Applications and supporting materials must be mailed to the USTA/Midwest Section office and postmarked by February 9, 2008. To obtain a grant application, visit www.midwest.usta.com/mytef or call 317-577-5127. Applicants may apply for all of the indicated scholarships; however, individuals will not be awarded more than one scholarship. Upon completion of the application review process, recipients will be notified of acceptance or rejection by mail and will be required to return an official Acceptance Letter, the form of which will be provided by the USTA T&EF. Subsequent years require that each USTA T&EF scholarship recipient complete a verification form attesting that they are enrolled in good standing, as well as a copy of their college transcript.



USTA / Midwest Section 2008 Tennis Program Grants

PROGRAM GRANTS	PURPOSE/ELIGIBILITY	GRANT AMOUNT	CONTACT	APPLICATION DEADLINES
Collegiate Pilot Program Grant	Awarded for starting up new or innovative collegiate tennis programs.	\$750	Steve Wise steve@midwest.usta.com 262/334-3601	On-going
College Tennis Club Grant	For colleges looking to start a new Tennis Sport Club on campus or help existing clubs.	\$750	Steve Wise steve@midwest.usta.com 262/334-3601	On-going
College in the Community Grant	Available to varsity tennis teams looking to reach out to their community and/or Community Tennis Association through programs or fundraising	\$750	Steve Wise steve@midwest.usta.com 262/334-3601	On-going
Adult Beginner Grant	Awarded to facilities for starting any new adult beginner program	\$300	Donna Owens donna@midwest.usta.com 513/336-0997	On-going
Senior Tennis Program Grant	Awarded to facilities for starting up any new senior program	\$300	Donna Owens donna@midwest.usta.com 513/336-0997	On-going
Corporate Tennis Program Grant	Awarded to facilities for starting up any new corporate tennis league or program	\$300	Donna Owens donna@midwest.usta.com 513/336-0997	On-going
Tennis in the Park Program Grant*	Available for Parks and Recreation Departments to start new or expand existing USTA Jr. Team Tennis or USTA Adult League programs.	\$300 - \$1000*	Jeff Giles jeff@midwest.usta.com 317/577-5130 ext. 232	On-going
CTA Program Grant*	Available for Community Tennis Associations to start new or expand existing USTA Jr. Team Tennis or USTA Adult League programs.	\$500*	Jeff Giles jeff@midwest.usta.com 317/577-5130 ext. 232	On-going
Tennis Diversity Program Grant*	Awarded to help organizations initiate/expand USTA Jr. Team Tennis or USTA Adult League programs that will increase participation within underserved communities.	\$1000*	Kirk Ito kirk@midwest.usta.com 317/577-5130 ext.225	February 29

****Participants must be registered on Tennislink. Half (50%) of the grant dollars will be awarded up front and the remaining half (50%) will be awarded after verification of Tennislink requirement.***

Be sure to check into additional grants from the USTA national office and your local USTA district office!

GRANT PURPOSE



The USTA/Midwest Section is committed to promoting tennis at the local level. To that end, we offer program grants to assist organizations in initiating or expanding their tennis programming activities. Grants may be used to develop instructional programs and/or organized league play for players of all ages, abilities and populations. Our long-term goal is to help programs become self-sufficient. Grants are not awarded for more than one (1) year, unless there are exceptional circumstances to consider.

GRANT ELIGIBILITY

Financial support will be awarded only to organizations; applications by individuals will not be accepted. *Applying organizations must be open to all people, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, citizenship status, or veteran status.* Priority will be given to those programs that promote and develop the growth of tennis, USTA League, USTA Jr. Team Tennis, target new players, link their program(s) to continuing play opportunities, including group lessons and organized play programs, and assist in the development of a local Community Tennis Association.

GRANT GUIDELINES

- To be considered for a grant, the sponsoring organization or program must be or become a USTA Organization Member prior to receiving full funding (please see page 6 for an Organization Member application, should you need one). Priority will generally be given to groups offering continuing play or follow-up opportunities and that are open to the public. Note: program may be visited by a grant evaluator.
- The sponsoring organization or program must show how it plans to become self-sufficient by generating its own funding to continue to offer the program. If the program is conducted under the direction of a park & recreation department or other agency, every effort should be made to allocate the necessary funds into the tennis budget in future years.
- Any program registration fee should be reasonable to encourage participation, be affordable for families in the community, and provisions made for interested participants who lack funds.
- In general, program grants are not meant to support one-day programs or special events – the intent is to support multi-session programs that provide on-going play opportunities.
- Application deadlines vary per grant. Please reference page 1 for details of grant purpose, eligibility, amount available, staff contacts, and application deadlines.
- All grant applicants must submit a complete grant application form that includes a description of the program, program objectives, evaluation methods, and program budget (pages 3-5).
- All grant recipients must return a program evaluation (pages 7-8) within two weeks of the conclusion of the program; if the program is on-going, no later than November 15 of the year in which the grant was awarded. Failure to submit this evaluation may result in the revocation of grant funds awarded.
- A separate application must be submitted for each grant you apply for, and a separate evaluation must be returned for each grant you receive.

Email completed applications & evaluations to the Staff “Contact” listed on page 1 or Mail/Fax to:

USTA/Midwest Section
Attn: (Insert Staff “Contact” from page 1 here)
1310 East 96th Street, Suite 100
Indianapolis, IN 46240
Fax: 317/577.5131
Phone: 317/577.5130

Coaching Resources:

Books

General Coaching and Sport Science

ITF Advanced Coaches Manual

(Crespo and Miley—ITF, ISBN: 0-9514175-1-7)

ITF Developing Young Tennis Players

(Crespo, Granitto and Miley—ITF, ISBN: 1-903013-05-4)

Competitive Tennis for Young Players

(Grosser/Schonborn—ITF, ISBN: 1-841226-075-4)

Coaching Tennis Successfully, 2nd Edition

(USTA—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 0736048294)

Applied Sport Science for High Performance Tennis

(Crespo, Reid, Miley—ITF, ISBN: 1-903013-27-5)

Total Tennis: The Ultimate Tennis Encyclopedia

(Collins—SportClassic Books, ISBN: 0973144343)

Coaching Youth Tennis(ASEP—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 0873229665)

Learn to Rally and Play(USTA—USTA Publishing, 888-832-8291)

Maximum Tennis: 10 Keys to Releasing Your

On-Court Potential(Saviano—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 0736042008)

Sport Psychology

In Pursuit of Excellence, 3rd Edition

(Orlick—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 0736031863)

Mental Toughness Training for Sports

(Loehr—Stephen Green Press, ISBN: 0-8289-0574-6)

Psyching for Sport: Mental Training for Athletes

(Orlick—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 0880112735)

Winning Ugly: Mental Warfare in Tennis

(Gilbert and Jamison—Fireside, ISBN: 067188400X)

Visual Tennis

(Yandell—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 0880118032)

Foundations of Sport and Exercise Psychology, 3rd Edition(Weinberg and Gould—Human Kinetics ISBN:

0736044191)

Enhancing Recovery: Preventing Underperformance in Athletes(Kellerman—Human Kinetics, ISBN:

0736034005)

Emotions in Sport(Hanin—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 0880118792)

Strength and Conditioning

Designing Resistance Training Programs

(Fleck and Kraemer—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 0736042571)

Power Tennis Training

(Chu—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 087322616X)

Core Performance(Veretegen—Rodale Books, ISBN: 157954908X)

Strength Training Anatomy

(Delavier—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 0-7360-4185-0)

Strength Training for Young Athletes, 2nd Edition

(Kraemer—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 0736051031)

Speed Training for Tennis

(Grosser/Kraft/Schonborn—ITF, ISBN: 1-84126-030-4)

The Scientific and Clinical Application of Elastic Resistance (Ellenbecker—Human Kinetics, ISBN:

0736036881)

Physiology/Growth and Development/ Nutrition

Physiology of Sport and Exercise, 3rd Edition

(Willmore and Costill, Human Kinetics, ISBN: 0736044892)

Exertional Heat Illnesses

(Armstrong—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 0736037713)

Physiological Tests for Elite Athletes

(Australian Sports Commission—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 0736003266)

Growth, Maturation and Physical Activity

(Malina—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 0880118822)

Biomechanics/Sports Medicine/Motor Control

Advanced Techniques for Competitive Tennis

(Schonborn—Meyer & Meyer Sport, ISBN: 3-89124-534-3)

Biodynamic Tennis System

(Segal—Tennis Club Argentino, ISBN: 987-43-5191-8)

Clinics in Sports Medicine
(Harcourt Brace & Co, ISBN: 0278-5919)
Motor Learning and Performance, 3rd Edition
(Schmidt and Wrisberg—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 073604566X)
American Red Cross for First Aid and CPR Training
(www.redcross.org/services/hss/)

Nutrition

Nutrition for Serious Athletes
(Bernadot—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 0880118334)
The Complete Guide to Food for Sport Performance: A Guide to Peak Performance for Your Sport
(Burke—Independent Publishing Group, ISBN: 1863739165)
Clinical Sports Nutrition, 2nd Edition
(Burke and Deakin—McGraw-Hill, ISBN: 0-074-70828-7)

Technology in Tennis

The Physics and Technology of Tennis
(Brody, Cross and Lindsey—USRSA, ISBN: 0972275908)
Tennis Science for Tennis Players
(Brody—University of Pennsylvania Press, ISBN: 081221238X)

Newsletters and Journals

USTA Tennis High Performance Coaching E-newsletter

Every month USTA Tennis High Performance publishes an e-newsletter that presents short, easily-digestible articles ranging from research summaries to new coaching resources to announcements of opportunities that arise in USTA Tennis. Past editions, which are available on the website, have featured articles on such topics as overcoming jet lag, nutritional supplements information, fluid replacement guidelines for tennis players and exercise descriptions for optimizing performance and preventing injury. To be added to the mailing list for the *USTA Tennis High Performance Coaching* e-newsletter, e-mail sportscience@usta.com or sign-up in the e-newsletter section of the High Performance website.

Olympic Coach Magazine

The US Olympic Committee produces a quarterly publication for elite level coaches entitled *Olympic Coach*. This magazine applies science to sport in a form that coaches can use. While the information contained in *Olympic Coach* is typically not tailored specifically to tennis, many of the articles cross over sport “boundaries” to provide information that is relevant to all sports. Each edition of *Olympic Coach* highlights several feature articles that usually relate to a theme, like periodization or athlete recovery. The publication also provides regular columns such as “60-Second Summaries,” which highlights findings from recent research, and “Mind Games,” which looks at ways to develop the mental side of the game. *Olympic Coach* is available as a downloadable file. To receive an electronic subscription to *Olympic Coach*, please visit www.usolympicteam.com/12688.htm and sign up for your FREE subscription.

Other Newsletters and Online Journals

There are many other online journals and newsletters you can subscribe to in order to receive great information related to coaching and the sport sciences. While it would be impossible to list them all, here are several others you can consider: **Medicine and Science in Tennis (www.stms.nl/)** This online journal is published by the Society for Tennis Medicine and Science and contains various scientific and medical articles that relate to tennis.

NSCA Performance Training Journal

(www.nsca-lift.org/Perform/) This online journal contains applied strength and conditioning information that can help tennis coaches develop off court training programs.

ITF Monthly E-newsletter and Coach Publication

This monthly newsletter contains a number of pieces of information about the world of international tennis. You can subscribe by signing up on the ITF Coaching page, www.itftennis.com/coaching. **Sports Coach**, is an Australian coaching publication that provides both general and sport-specific information to coaches on topics ranging from nutrition to sport psychology or working with disabled athletes. *Sports Coach* can be ordered from www.ausport.gov.au/coach/spcoach.asp.

Sport Science and Coaching Education Books Publishers

While we would like to provide you with a comprehensive list, there are just too many books on tennis, training and sport performance to list here. So we will do the next best thing—provide you with the names of some of the biggest publishers of books on tennis and athletics. The largest publisher of books on sport and fitness is Human Kinetics (www.humankinetics.com). The International Tennis Federation (www.itftennis.com) also offers a large number of books on tennis. Log onto these sites and you will find many books in addition to the ones profiled here.

Biomechanics of Advanced Tennis

Edited by Dr. Bruce Elliott, and published by the ITF, *Biomechanics of Advanced Tennis* is perhaps the best biomechanics resource available to coaches. This book covers topics that range from the fundamentals of biomechanics to understanding momentum in tennis to understanding how equipment affects performance. What makes this book unique is that it bridges the gap between science and application. Each chapter not only presents scientific explanations and theories of biomechanics, but also discusses the application when it comes time for a coach to integrate this information into his or her program. This book can be purchased through the ITF (ISBN# 1-903013-23-2).

Strength and Conditioning for Tennis

Strength and conditioning is an area of tennis that is receiving more and more attention, especially as the game becomes faster and more powerful. Published by the ITF, *Strength and Conditioning for Tennis* is one of the most comprehensive resources currently available on the topic of training players to be able to meet the demands of today's tennis game. The book begins with arguably the two most important chapters on "Screening and Testing" and "Athlete Development." The remainder of the book focuses on the different components of a player's game, such as coordination, power and agility, and addresses how they can be developed. Finally, the book concludes with several chapters that deal with considerations to take into account when dealing with female, elderly or professional players. This book presents views from a wide range of experts and can serve as a comprehensive resource to assist any coach in developing a strength and conditioning program for the players they work with. This book can be purchased through the ITF (ISBN# 1-903013-19-4).

Resources for the USTA Sport Science Exams

The USTA recommends certain texts to use when preparing for the Level I and Level II Sport Science exams. These are provided below.

Level I: Foundations of Coaching

- *Successful Coaching, Third Edition*
ISBN # 0-7360-4012-9

Level IIA: Motor Learning & Sport Psychology

- *Coaches Guide to Teaching Sport Skills*
ISBN # 0-87322-020-X
- *Coaches Guide to Sport Psychology*
ISBN # 0-87322-022-6

Level IIB: Sport Physiology & Nutrition

- *Complete Conditioning for Tennis*
ISBN # 0-88011-734-6
- *Nancy Clark's Sports Nutrition Guidebook*
ISBN # 0-87322-730-1
- *IOC Handbook of Sports Medicine and Science: Tennis*
ISBN # 0-632-05034-9

Level IIC: Sports Medicine & Biomechanics

- *Sport First Aid, 3rd Edition*
ISBN # 0-7360-3786-1
- *World Class Tennis Technique*
ISBN # 0-7360-3747-0

All of these books can be purchased through Human Kinetics with the exception of the *IOC Handbook of Sports Medicine and Science: Tennis*, which can be purchased from Blackwell Publishing at 1-781-388-8250.

Sport Science and Coaching Education DVDs and Videos

Dynamic Tennis Warm-Ups DVD

Dynamic Tennis Warm-Ups is a new DVD produced by the USTA that focuses on dynamic warm-up and flexibility training. More and more research is showing that dynamic warm-up is important to sport performance and it is quickly replacing static stretching as the preferred method of warming-up. *Dynamic Tennis Warm-Ups* presents three 10-minute dynamic warm-up routines that have been designed specifically for tennis. Each of these routines can be used “right out of the box” or it shows you how you can use these exercises to develop your own routines that target the individual needs of your players. Warming up properly with a dynamic movement routine, like those presented in this DVD, will help your players prepare to play their best whenever they step on the court. *Dynamic Tennis Warm-Ups* DVD from Human Kinetics can be purchased at www.humankinetics.com.

Other DVDs and Videos

USTA's High Performance Tennis: The Serve (USTA—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 0736032967)

Games Approach to Coaching Tennis (USTA—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 0736044027)

USTA's Teaching Group Tennis (USTA—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 073600050X)

USTA's Backboard Tennis

(USTA—Human Kinetics, ISBN: 0736000410)

Important Websites: www.midwest.usta.com; www.usta.com; www.tenniswelcomecenter.com; www.uspta.org; www.ptrtennis.org; www.atptennis.com; www.wtatour; www.usopen.org; www.itftennis.com; oncourtoffcourt.com; www.itatennis.com; www.thetennischannel.com; PE4Life: www.4life.org; Human Kinetics: www.humankinetics.com **High School Associations:** Illinois: www.ihsa.org; Indiana: www.ihsaa.org; Michigan: www.mhsaa.com; Ohio: www.ohsaa.org; Wisconsin: www.wiaawi.org;

Form 1: USA Tennis “Parenting My Champion: Developing Talent” **Recommended Guidelines for Successful Junior Tennis Parenting**

INTRODUCTION/FOUNDATION Phase One <i>Age of Player: 4.5-9.6</i> <i>Years in Phase: 5.1</i>	REFINEMENT/TRANSITIONAL Phase Two <i>Age of Player: 10.6-14.6</i> <i>Years in Phase: 4.0</i>	WORLD CLASS PERFORMANCE Phase Three <i>Age of Player: 15.4+</i> <i>Years in Phase: NA</i>
• Allow your child to dream big • Ensure lessons focus on fun and fundamentals • Recognize child’s interest and provide the opportunities and support to help him/her be successful • Help make the tennis experience fun • Focus little attention on winning/rankings • Expose and encourage participation in multiple sports and activities • Focus on the positive (cheer for your child) • Focus on ways to develop a good person (emphasize positive attitude and life skills) • Stay calm during matches and games—try not to show nervousness or negative emotions (remember that tennis is just a sport) • Let the coach do his or her job • Emphasize good behavior and sportsmanship • Don’t constantly talk about tennis at home • Emphasize activities outside of tennis • Put limits on amounts of practice and play (avoid burning out child) • Stand by your child, provide unconditional love and support • Believe in your child • Provide transportation • Provide the opportunity to play tennis	• Provide transportation, logistical & financial support • Do things to ensure tennis remains fun as pressure to perform increases • Focus on ways to develop a good person (emphasize positive attitude and life skills) • Stay calm during matches and games; try not to show nervousness or negative emotions (develop your coping skills – as a parent take a “cleansing” deep breath when emotions are high) • Identify a knowledgeable coach who understands what it takes to develop an elite player while working with a teen • Let the coach do his or her job • Emphasize good behavior and sportsmanship • Encourage your child to win, but more importantly encourage him or her to give it their best effort • Infrequently talk about tennis at home • Do not try to coach—simply provide general encouragement • Ensure the coach is doing a good job of coaching your child & assist in their development • As your child experiences more success keep success in perspective by emphasizing normal childhood chores and responsibilities • Do non-tennis family activities (especially at tournaments) • Involve child in decision making	• Be careful to care about your child as a person and not just as a tennis player • Lessen optimal parent push as player learns to push self • Be ready to lessen your involvement as your child becomes more independent (travel without you more often, defer to the coach for tennis decisions) • Provide emotional support and encouragement • Facilitate independence in your child by making him or her more responsible for equipment, practice partners, and scheduling. • Believe in child and his or her ability • Stay out of coaching/technical analysis of game • Stay calm during matches and games—try not to show nervousness or negative emotions (continue to develop coping skills) • Let the coach do his or her job • Emphasize good behavior and sportsmanship • Encourage your child to win, but don’t push them to win • Help player recognize tennis as a games of highs and lows—work to stay emotionally even • Reassure/relax your child • Provide honest feedback to your child • Don’t pressure player to win/be careful not to become too outcome focused • Help child do some other non-tennis activities to maintain normalcy • Provide unconditional love and support • Do non-tennis family activities

• Avoid pressuring your child • Hit with your child • Provide basic instruction (if have the ability to do so)	• Believe in your child while having appropriate tennis expectations • Stress basic values: work hard, if do it do it well, take responsibility for self and actions, need to make sacrifices if want to be good) • Give your child time to recover after a match before talking to them about it • Avoid extensive post match critiques • Try to have non-emotional reactions to mistakes/losses • As your child becomes more successful and gains notoriety be careful not to begin to judge your ability as a parent by your child's success • Discipline child for poor sportsmanship or disrespectful actions • Discuss serious issues with coach in private—not in front of player • Admit mistakes if you are wrong • Never interrupt lessons • If you are a parent-coach, be careful not to confuse the dual roles (when you're off-court you are no longer providing tennis instruction or critiquing your child) • Provide optimal push: make sure your "child" really wants to play tennis and, if so then hold him or her accountable to living up to practice and training commitments • Focus on long-term development not winning • Don't pressure your child to win • Don't tie your approval as a parent to your child's play • Make your child more responsible for their tennis preparation (i.e., equipment, partners)	• Serve as resource in decision process/voice opinions but let your child make the final decision (i.e., college, agents, sponsors) • Try not to constantly talk about tennis at home • Stress basic values: work hard, if do it do it well, take responsibility for self and actions, need to make sacrifices if want to be good • Don't provide extensive post match critiques • Try to have non-emotional reactions to mistakes/losses • Remind player that while stakes are high, it is still important to have fun • Identify a knowledgeable coach who understands what it takes to develop an elite player • Do not change when the stakes become higher • Provide off-the-court support such as dealing with finances or talking to agents/sponsors
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USA Tennis

“Parenting My Champion: Getting Started”

PARENT BEHAVIOR CHECKLIST

Rate on a 1 to 5 scale the questions below relative to your parenting of your child in tennis. Think about how your child or your child’s coach would rate you. When finished total the ratings to assess how effective you are in being a junior tennis parent.

1	2	3	4	5
Not like me				Characteristic of me

- ___ 1. Do I emphasize the development of my child and having fun more than winning?
- ___ 2. Do I have expectations that are realistic for my child as a tennis player?
- ___ 3. Do I rarely criticize my child for his/her tennis?
- ___ 4. Do I allow my child to be responsible for their tennis preparation (meaning I do not do everything for my child including carrying bags, getting water, calling others to practice, preparing equipment)?
- ___ 5. Do I avoid trying to coach my child when he or she has a coach?
- ___ 6. Do I provide love and support regardless of the on-court outcome?
- ___ 7. Do I emphasize the importance of hard work with my child?
- ___ 8. Do I expose my child to different sports?
- ___ 9. Do I keep success in perspective?
- ___ 10. Do I display a positive and optimistic parenting style?
- ___ 11. Do I avoid allowing tennis to dominate my child’s entire life?
- ___ 12. Do I hold my child accountable for poor or unsportsmanlike behaviors on court?
- ___ 13. Do I appropriately push my child when he or she is lazy and does not work hard?
- ___ 14. Do I encourage my child to seek out new challenges and opportunities?
- ___ 15. Do I avoid exerting pressure to win?
- ___ 16. Do I model an active lifestyle?
- ___ 17. Do I emphasize core values like ‘if you are going to do it, do it right?’
- ___ 18. Do I provide transportation, financial, and logistical support?

- ___ 19. Do I provide considerable encouragement by recognizing what my child does right?
- ___ 20. Do I try to make tennis fun?
- ___ 21. Do I avoid focusing the majority of our conversations at home on tennis?
- ___ 22. Do I act calm and confident in my child as he or she plays the match?
- ___ 23. Do I avoid considering my child's tennis as an investment and that I should receive something in return?
- ___ 24. Do I treat my child the same following wins and losses?
- ___ 25. Do I provide my child ample opportunity and resources to be successful in tennis?
- ___ 26. Do I allow my child some "say" in tennis-related decisions?
- ___ 27. Do I attempt to keep my own interests in tennis secondary to my child's?
- ___ 28. Do I avoid getting caught up in tennis and making it over-important?
- ___ 29. Do I consider my child my son or daughter first, and an athlete second?
- ___ 30. Do I avoid critiquing my child immediately following the match or during the car ride home?

TOTAL SCORE _____

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| 135-150 | Great job mom/dad! You are parenting your child in junior tennis very effectively. Keep doing what you're doing! |
| 120-134 | You are very effective in parenting your child in tennis. Find any items that you scored 3 or below and set a goal to improve. |
| 105-119 | At times you are effective parenting your child in tennis, but there are some behaviors that may be negatively influencing your child's experience in tennis. Review your ratings and then set a goal to improve scores below a 3. |
| 90-104 | There is a good chance that you are negatively influencing your child's tennis experience. Review your ratings and then read the USTA's parenting book. This will help you develop ideas for improving your child's tennis experience. |
| 89 and below | You are negatively influencing your child's tennis experience. It is important that you think about your child's goals and why he or she plays tennis. Reflect on your perspective of junior tennis and how it differs from a healthy perspective of developing the child and having fun in tennis. Please review the USTA's parenting book, and set a goal every week to improve as a tennis parent. |



2008 USTA/Midwest Section Junior Sportsmanship Agreement:

The USTA/Midwest Section asks your cooperation in abiding by the rules and regulations as stated in the USTA Friend at Court. The rules and regulations are for players, coaches, and spectators. The following Point Penalties shall be imposed against a player for unsportsmanlike conduct during a tournament such as but not limited too:

- Unreasonable delays after the warm-up period, between points and when changing ends, and otherwise unreasonably delaying a match due to unsportsmanlike behavior;
- Audible obscenity;
- Visible obscenity;
- Violently, or with anger, hitting, kicking, or throwing a tennis ball or other equipment;
- Verbal or physical abuse of any official, opponent, spectator or other person;
- Coaching by a captain or any other accompanying person;
- Any unsportsmanlike conduct including disrespecting your opponent

As a parent or player, I agree to the following:

- **I WILL BE POSITIVE**-I will express support and encouragement for my child/player and his/her opponent.
- **I WILL RESPECT MY OPPONENT**- I respect my opponent for their skills and effort.
- **I WILL RESPECT THE TOURNAMENT STAFF** -I will give professional respect before, during and after the match to the tournament staff.
- **I WILL RESPECT OFFICIALS**- I understand that tennis has rules and regulations and the officials will enforce them to the best of their ability.
- **I WILL BE A GOOD SPORT**-By my example, I will teach my child/player good sportsmanship toward the opposing opponent and parents.
- **I WILL ACCEPT THE CONSEQUENCES IF I OR MY CHILD/PLAYER BEHAVES IMPROPERLY :**
These consequences may include being told by the officials or tournament staff to leave the facility and/or my child may receive suspension points that could lead to my child being suspended from participating in junior tennis.

Name of Tournament: _____ Age Division: _____

City: _____ ST: _____

Print Player Name: _____

Sign Player Names: _____

Print Parent/Coach/Chaperone Name: _____

Sign Parent/Coach/Chaperone Name: _____

Date: _____



RECREATIONAL COACH WORKSHOPS

For more information contact: Shelly Kindig Bugg: Shelly@midwest.usta.com

Training for coaches and instructors

A Recreational Coach Workshop is an interactive, on-court training program designed for tennis teachers and coaches working with players at the recreational level.

Taught by a specially trained, certified teaching professional, this active 6-hour session covers:

- Teaching large groups
- The games-based approach to coaching
- Running effective team practices
- Games and drills every coach should know

Who attends a Recreational Coach Workshop?

These workshops are an excellent primer for new coaches as well as a valuable refresher course for those with teaching experience but who seek more current methods and effective tools. Past attendees include:

- Parents seeking the basics in coaching and organizing team tennis
- Park and Recreation instructors, high school, and seasonal coaches
- Coaches teaching kids and adults who are new to the game
- Current players seeking part-time teaching jobs

Upon completion of the six-hour workshop, attendees will:

- Be eligible for the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) Developmental Coach certification
- Be able to effectively run entry level groups and teams
- Receive access to the latest in transition ball technology and additional coaching resources

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Our faculty are all certified by the Professional Tennis Registry (PTR) and/or USPTA and have received special training from the USTA.

The USTA assigns trainers based on reasonable time and travel requirements. Once a trainer is assigned to a workshop, he or she will work with the host site director to ensure all appropriate arrangements are made for a successful workshop. Workshops must have a minimum of 20 participants.

Why host a workshop?

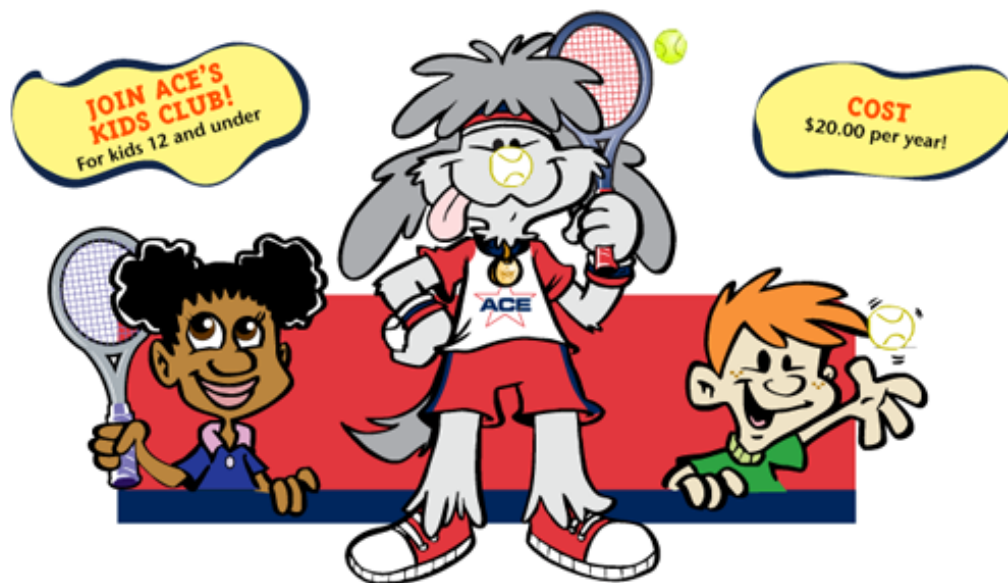
Providing high quality instructors and coaches will make your program more attractive to local consumers. Plus, as a Host site you will receive even more benefits from the USTA:

- Financial reimbursement based upon completed evaluations
- Certified trainer at no cost to the workshop host
- Customizable marketing materials to promote the workshop
- Youth and adult curriculum materials
- USTA Teaching Group Tennis and Games Approach to Coaching videos

It's easy to get started today.

If your Park & Recreation Agency, Club, NJTL, Community Tennis Association, or other organization is interested in hosting one of these workshops, please contact Shelly Kindig Bugg at 317-577-5130 or shelly@midwest.usta.com.

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2008 IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER IN THE USTA/MIDWEST SECTION

- **February 15-** The USTA/Midwest Section will endorse to the USTA National Spring Championships.
- **April 18-20-** Competition Training Center Sectional Championships, Indianapolis, IN
- **May 3-4-** USTA/Midwest Section Junior Team Tennis All-Star Championships, Ft. Wayne, IN
- **May 15-** The USTA/Midwest Section will endorse to the Boys & Girls' 14 Zone Team Championships.
- **June 1-** The USTA/Midwest Section will endorse to the USTA National Clay Court Championships.
- **June 15-** The USTA/Midwest Section will endorse to the Boys' & Girls' 12 and 16 Zone Team Championships and the National Championships.
- **August 8-10-** Junior Team Tennis Sectional Championships, Indianapolis, IN
- **November 15-** The USTA/Midwest Section will endorse to the USTA National Winter Championships.

Request a Copy of the 2008 USTA/Midwest Section Junior Tournament Schedule:

Although the junior tournament schedule is accessible on our website, (www.midwest.usta.com) the USTA/Midwest Section will be happy to mail you a paper copy of the schedule upon request. Please call 317-577-5130 or send an email to marypat@midwest.usta.com.

Reserve Your USTA/Midwest Section Year in Review:

USTA members residing in the USTA/Midwest Section are provided a free copy of the USTA/Midwest Section Year in Review. Members MUST reserve a copy which will then be mailed free of charge. If you are a member and would like to receive a free copy of the publication, please call 317-577-5130 or send an email to marypat@midwest.usta.com by February 15, 2008.



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