

IHSTCA Newsletter

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March

2019

Dear Members:

For those of you who are gearing up for another boy's season, I want to pass along my good wishes for a successful season with minimum interruptions from Mother Nature.

It is my hope that everyone is enjoying the monthly newsletters. My theory is to include information to those more seasoned coaches and for those coaches who are just starting out. While including information that is important to ALL coaches throughout the state. This newsletter does not write itself. I am always looking for anyone who would like to contribute articles. If you are interested, please contact me.

Good luck for a great 2019 boys' season!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Boys' First Contest	March 11, 2019
Rules Video due <i>Go into the IHSA School Center to access and get credit for viewing. If you coach both girls and boys, you will not be required to view the video again.</i>	March 19, 2019
Boys' List of Participants due	May 14, 2019
Sectional Seeding Meeting	May 15, 2019
Sectionals	May 18, 2019
State Final Seeding Meeting	May 21, 2019
State Finals	May 23-25, 2019
Boys' Season Ends	May 25, 2019

*The IHSA Dead Period for this summer is **August 5-11, 2019**. The IHSA calendar has it identified incorrectly ~ per Craig Anderson, IHSA Executive Director*

NOTICE-MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you had a one year membership for 2018 and you were unable to attend the workshop; you need to renew that membership for 2019. A membership for has been attached.

OPENINGS

Lincoln Park High School is looking for a Boys Head Coach. Anyone interested should contact athletic director; Vince Defrancesco at: vadefrancesco@cps.edu

Glenbard East High School has a boys JV tennis opening this spring. Interested candidates please contact Steve Hoogerheide at steven_hoogerheide@glenbard.org.

Latin School Chicago has a Boys JV Tennis position open for this coming spring. Season starts February 25th and runs to May 10th. This is a paid position. Candidates should send a resume and references to Liz Tortorello-Nelson, Assistant Athletic Director, enelson@latinschool.org. Latin will pay for NFHS certification.

Larkin High School has an opening for a head JV boy's tennis coach. Applicants must apply online and have a valid teaching or substitute license or be ASAP/NFHS certified. Contact athletic director, Ethan Karolczak with questions. Phone: 847-888-5200, Ext 4515. Email: ethankarolczak@u-46.org.

Apply:

https://www.applitrack.com/u46/onlineapp/_application.aspx?posJobCodes=15958&posFirstChoice=Athletic%20Coach&posSpecialty

OPEN DATES

Rock Bridge HS in Columbia, MO has two openings in an 8-team tournament girl's tournament on Saturday, Sept 28. Please contact Coach Ben Loeb; bloeb@cpsk12.org or call 573.268.8750 for more information.

New Trier: Pre-season HS indoor singles tournament, Saturday, March 16, 2019. 4-11 pm in Winnetka IL. Need 16-top singles players for three rounds of indoor play. Last year we had a lot of great matches against people kids didn't play rest of the year. Have: Pierce (BAT), Sirinit (WWS), Li (WN), Nevenhoven (RA), Bengtsson (NT), etc. If you have a player over/around a UTR rating of 10 who is interested please contact: Tad Eckert, New Trier Boys Tennis tad@harigmfg.com or 847-530-4646.

Guilford High School has one opening in a quad on 5/4. Others teams are Dekalb/Hampshire. Please contact David Woosley via email david.woosley@rps205.com

New Trier Boys Tennis has varsity openings this spring:

April 9-Away – we are out of school early that day

12-Away or night

16-Away or night

17-Away or night

23-Away or night

25-Home or night

30-Away or night

May 2-Away or night

If interested contact: Tad Eckert at tad@harigmfg.com or 847-530-4646.

Jacobs High School:

Boys Spring 2019

-Saturday, April 6: Home or Away for our Varsity “B” Team

-Thursday, April 11: At Jacobs following a conference dual

-Tuesday, April 30: At Jacobs following conference dual

Girls Fall 2019

-Saturday, August 31: Looking to add two teams to our 16-Team Invite (2s/2d format)

-Tuesday, September 17: At Jacobs following conference dual

-Friday, October 4: Home or Away for our Varsity “B” Team

Please contact Jon Betts at jonathan.betts@d300.org

O’Fallon HS: Has two dates available this spring for varsity boys. We would be willing to travel or host (depending on the date). Preferred dates for us include: 3/15, 3/22, 4/5, 4/12, 4/18, 4/19. Contact Doug Mennerick mennerickd@oths.us with questions or openings.

Knox College is seeking players for the 2019-2020 school year:

Potential Women's Tennis players UTR 3-5 (4 spots):

https://prairiefire.knox.edu/sb_output.aspx?frform=23&path=wten

Potential Men's Tennis players UTR 4-7 (2 spots):

https://prairiefire.knox.edu/sb_output.aspx?frform=23&path=mten

**Application Fee waiver available.*

**Academic Scholarship money still available.*

Contact Coach Witherell

Cell (309)371-8050

mlwitherell@knox.edu



A CHECKLIST FOR RUNNING A TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Larry Faulkner is the former boys coach at Glenbard South HS and IHSTCA board member. In 2016, Larry was named the NFHS National Coach of the Year. In 2009 and 1996 he was the recipient of the IHSTCA Boys’ Coach of the Year Award and was inducted in to the IHSTCA Hall of Fame in 2005.



1. A year or more before the season you want to run the tournament:

- Identify the tournament format such as: is the tournament using flights, team vs. team or no flights all players in one draw of doubles or singles
- Determine the number of teams you will host
- Determine the tennis court sights and secure permission to use the courts.

- Find teams to invite. Try to find teams that are comparable or better than your current team. This is important if you want your team to get better.
- Have athletic director send contracts

2. Before the start of the season:

- Make sure that if your using multiple sites such as a park district that the courts are reserved for the day of the tournament. Obtain any written authorization if needed
- Order all awards

3. One month before tournament:

- Create a letter to send to coaches
- Information in the letter:
 - teams participating
 - seeding meeting time and place (if necessary)
 - bring information for seeding players
 - tournament format and number of players participating
 - arrival time/warm-up time
 - entry fee
 - awards that will be given
 - number of cans of tennis balls that need to be brought to the tournament
 - where the tennis balls should be dropped off
 - general court assignments if played at multiple sites
 - what the plans are in case of rain
 - how lunch will be handled
 - state the time between matches
 - state if there will be substitution or no substitution
 - include map and directions to all sites
- Create electronic draw sheets and team score sheet
- Create signs for directing coaches to seeding meeting
- Contact the school's trainer to make sure that they are available for the date of the tournament
- Check that the awards have arrived and are correct
- Create a line-up card: for information such as school, coaches' name, phone number and email address, first and last names of players, and year in school.
- Identify the person who will be the remote site tournament director

4. Day before:

- Check net height and adjust on all nets to be used in the tournament
- Secure Walkie-talkies and or cell phones/numbers for remote sites and trainer
- Create large poster of the draw for spectators.
- Place awards in a secure location that can be accessed on tournament day
- Secure table and chair to facilitate reporting of scores for each tournament site
- Obtain extra center straps for each site

5. Day of the meet:

- Buy coffee and bagels (if a seeding meeting is held)
- Unlock doors to seeding meeting and restrooms
- Post signs directing coaches to seeding meeting
- Place water cooler and ice chest for athletes by courts
- Place scorecards on courts
- Practice balls for player warm-up
- Place scorer's table and chair near courts for players to report match results
- Extra hopper for tennis balls used during the matches

6. Seeding meeting:

- Meeting room should have a:
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Box for drawing unseeded players
- Cards for the box with teams name on them.
- Draw sheets.
- Extra Pencils
- Line-up cards

7. Before the tournament starts:

- Announce to players special tournament rules and regulations such as scoring & tiebreakers
- Both players should report scores for accuracy
- Review point penalty for code of conduct violations
- Tell players to please use the scorecards

8. After the tournament:

- Create an electronic copy of the results.
- Email results to local media and participating schools.

This checklist and other helpful information can be found on the IHSTCA website at: <http://www.ihstca.org/resources.html>

USTA SCHOLARSHIP



Richard Bradley Memorial Scholarship March 22 Deadline

The Richard Bradley Memorial USTA/Midwest Section Scholarship was established by the USTA/Midwest Tennis & Education Foundation in partnership with former tennis professional Katrina Adams in 2014. Each year, a \$2,500 Richard Bradley Memorial USTA/Midwest Section Scholarship will be presented to one junior tennis player from the USTA/Midwest Section.

Richard was a tennis supporter whose volunteer service began at the grassroots level in his community, and extended through different levels at the USTA with an emphasis on promoting and growing junior tennis. Bradley's work in Chicago played a pivotal role as a volunteer with the Chicago Prairie Tennis Club (oldest African American organization in the country). In addition to his passion for tennis, education was very important to Richard as he was a school administrator with the Chicago Public Schools system.

Requirements - Each applicant must:

- Be a resident of the USTA/Midwest Section;
- Be a current USTA member;
- Be an African American high school senior;
- Be an A or B academic student;
- Plan to attend an accredited college or university;

- Play tennis at one of the following levels (USTA, Midwest, District or locally on high school team) and/or participate in program such as JTT or NJTL;
- Volunteer for tennis in the local community;
- Submit a completed application packet.

USTA Junior Team Tennis for your High School Teams Income Opportunity for You! (Chicago Area)

Want to keep your teams playing this summer? And make a little extra cash too? USTA Junior Team Tennis (JTT) leagues are the way to go. Many coaches run park district programs during the summer with their high school players. If you form these practice groups into teams and run a USTA JTT program, the USTA will incent you to do so. Here are some specifics:

- League must consist of a minimum of 2 teams (can be co-ed or same gender)
- Each team must have 4 or more players on the roster
- The league must consist of 4 or more matches
- The Coach receives \$100 for every team he/she has in the league (min 6 players per team)
- The League Coordinator receives between \$250-\$1000, depending upon the number of teams in the league (2-5 teams: \$250; 6-10 teams: \$500; 11+ teams: \$1000)
- All players must be registered on the USTA TennisLink system

The league structure is very flexible. It can be singles, doubles, mixed doubles or any combination. The matches can be timed, pro sets, or regular sets. You design the league to meet your player, time and court needs. A representative from the USTA/Chicago District Tennis Association (CDTA) can help you with all the logistics.

As further incentive for creating a JTT team, any coach who responds to this announcement and runs a league, will also receive a free case of balls.

If you have questions, please contact:



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JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS *(Midwest Section)*

There are some great new programs in 2019 for junior tennis.

Team Challenge

Team Challenge is an introduction to tennis competition offering a low-pressure team environment for children of all ages to develop their skills through level-based play, without an emphasis on instruction or results. It is designed to be delivered as a single event or a series of up to six events, with the objective of providing a fun and social environment that highlights character and skill development. Team Challenge can be played with red, orange or green tennis balls.

This program comes with a manual, welcome kit, player giveaways, a banner, customizable flyer and great incentives!

- Team Challenge information:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Jk5amfdzpWH-ke_15Y_79jKhcfSaEm30/view
- Team Challenge application:
<https://form.jotform.com/80863966996178>
- Team Challenge incentive information:
<https://www.usta.com/midwest/netgenincentives>

Team Tournament

Team Tournament is an innovative way for children to enjoy tennis competition in a low-pressure team environment. This experience will encourage players of all ages to gain match experience, develop their skills through level-based play, and demonstrate good sportsmanship. It is designed to be delivered as a single event or a series of up to six events, with the objective of providing a fun and social environment that highlights character and skill development. Team Tournament can be played with orange, green, or yellow tennis balls.

Join us during the pilot period of this program to get a provider manual, a case of balls, player giveaways, provider gifts, a banner and customizable flyer!

- Team Tournament information:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TAqLYwbFYJ77iC93AP6u_m6ZZgTEVzg4/view
- Team Tournament application:
<https://form.jotform.com/82104571196152>

Please contact me with questions about these programs.

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