



GPTA Junior Team Tennis Program

If you live in Pottstown, Pottsgrove, OJR, Boyertown or Springford and you want to play tennis, you can't miss this program!!!!

Play Format: Jr. Team Tennis is a co-ed team format. Each match played consists of one set of: boys singles, girls singles, boys doubles, girls doubles, and two sets of mixed doubles. Match winners are determined based on the cumulative number of games won. Half of our games will be away and half will be "home." Each match typically takes about 1-1.5 hours to complete.

WHO CAN PLAY?: This is a U14 Intermediate Team. This means that players cannot turn 15 any time prior to 8/31/10. Players who are RANKED by MiddleStates Section of the USTA are ineligible to play on an intermediate team. These competitive tournament players must find an ADVANCED team to join. Our goal is to introduce beginners to match play in a fun team format.

WHEN: We are going to have both a Wednesday Night Team and a Saturday Afternoon Team. Wednesday night matches will begin at 6pm. Saturday afternoon matches will begin at 1pm.

Season Schedule

Sun Practices	4/18 through 6/20	Practice from 3:30 to 5:00....VERY IMPORTANT TO ATTEND on 4/18 and 4/25
Matches	5/8	First Saturday Match...Start time is generally 1:00
	5/12	First Wednesday Match...Start time is generally 6:00
	Late June	League Play Ends

PRACTICES: Team practice will be held at **The HILL School** on Sunday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00, starting on April 18th. Teams will be formed after coaches have a chance to see the kids play. We will work to make the teams as "even" as possible so that everyone has a chance to play on a skill-balanced team. Attendance at practices is very important so that we can place kids on the right teams. Of the 3 or 4 teams that we will be forming, we will be selecting the strongest subset of players to be on the GPTA LEAD team so that this group of advanced kids can enjoy a stronger level of competition.

WHERE: Court locations are being identified for our home matches, but will likely be any of the following: OJR, The Hill School, Limerick Township or Pottsgrove. Parents will have the chance to say if they'd like to play matches on Wed or Sat.

Cost: The league fee is \$20.00, which includes the team uniform. Each player must also be a member of the USTA to play on a team. The USTA membership fee is \$18.00. So, the total cost to participate in this program is just \$38.00 which includes a uniform shirt. The GPTA will sponsor a team party for the entire group of kids in late June.....FUN! Parents will get instruction on how to sign up when registering at the April practice sessions.

Next Steps: Anyone who wants to join one of our teams must attend at least one of the practices on 4/18 or 4/25. We will collect player information from parents on these days, so it is important for a parent to register with one of the coaches so that we have your information. Once the teams are formed, each player will be given instructions to register for our team via the USTA website. You can purchase the USTA Jr. Membership at the same time when you register for the team. Specific instructions and our team registration number will be provided once we know who will be participating. We do not yet know if we'll have enough kids for 3 or 4 teams. Once we have player information, we'll be able to confirm the location for home matches.

If you have questions please contact us: Maryellen@gptatennis.com