



Tennis



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SGA Event

Entry Fee: Doubles Event - \$18 Singles Event - \$23

T-Shirt Entry Deadline : Monday, July 7 (No T-Shirt After July 7)

Late Entry Deadline : Friday, July 11- Must be in Big Sky State Games Office

Junior Tournament approved by the USTA and will have sanctioned events available for Juniors Only.

USTA membership required for sanctioned juniors events.

Sites: Match sites will be determined by individual draw sizes. Pioneer Park (3rd St. W. & Ave. D); Central Park (8th St. W. & Central Ave, Park in the alley); West High School (St. Johns & 24th St. W.); Rose Park (21st St. W. & Grand), Rain delay alternate sites: MSU-B Indoor Courts (1500 N. 27th St.)

Start Times: Competition starts Friday, July 18th at 8:00 a.m. This is a 3 day tournament, please plan on playing on Friday. All Juniors will report to Pioneer Park. All Adults will report to West High School.

Match Times: Wednesday, July 16, 2008, the draws for adult and juniors will be posted at www.usta.com. (Click on Tennis Link) under tournament ID 257632008 for Juniors and under tournament ID 257601008 for Adults. Players must check with their tournament desk to find out if the tournament is ahead of schedule or being delayed. Players must be ready to play 30 minutes before their first match, and at least 15 minutes prior to all others. This 3 day tournament is volunteer driven, your cooperation in helping throughout the weekend will be greatly appreciated.

Tennis Commissioner: Leonard Harkless, 245-1560 Email: hdawards@msn.com

Junior coordinators Jo, Andrew & Lyndsey Harkless

Tennis Website: www.usta.com

Tournament Information: Limit two (2) events in Tennis. Minimum of 3 entries in each event. In cases of 1 entry, the athlete is uncontested in that event and receives a free entry one level up. In cases of 2 entries, athletes play 1 match and receive a free entry one level up. Please note on entry form if you wish not to play one level up. Draws will be a full feed in with the consolation determining 3rd and 4th place on brackets 16 and under. Players will utilize regular deuce-ad scoring. Matches will be the best 2 of 3 sets with the 3rd set as a MATCH tie-breaker. A set tie-breaker is played at 6-6. Winner must win 7 points or win by 2 point margin. A match tie-breaker is played when all players have won one set each. Winner must accumulate 10 points or win by 2 point margin. All Final Matches and 3rd Place Matches will play a regular 3rd set, take a 10 minute break and receive new balls for the final set. Inclement weather may force alternate scoring and/or schedule changes. Please check with your tournament desk if weather is a factor. NO REFUNDS. **Partners must fill out separate entry forms.** USTA rules and regulations will govern play. **Adult Tournament:** Players must be 19 or over to play NTRP events. Juniors may play in OPEN Events OR in the Junior Tournament but **not both.** Your age as of July 31, 2008 determines your age division.

You may submit any information you have which would help in the **seeding of players.** USTA membership required for all sanctioned events. Membership forms available at the junior tournament desk at check-in.

****Scholarships** available for those unable to purchase USTA membership, for details contact the Leonard Harkless, 245-1560, Email, hdawards@msn.com **Volunteers Needed:** The entire tournament is operated with volunteers. Volunteer site directors and tournament desk workers are needed. Please volunteer your time. E-mail your availability- volunteer time will be scheduled around your playing time. Email: hdawards@msn.com

BRING YOUR OWN WATER

EVENT CODES: M - Men's W - Women's		SPORT CODE: TN	
B - Boy's G - Girl's OTHER CODES:		S - SINGLES	
Mx - Mixed PC- Parent /Child		D - DOUBLES	
<i>** See Rating Categories/General Characteristics of Playing Levels**</i>			
**USTA Sanctioned Junior Tournament		**Adult	
Division Codes: (USTA Membership Required)		Singles Division Codes:	
		Doubles Division Codes:	
18	Age 18 & Under	65	Age 65 & Over
16	Age 16 & Under	60	Age 60 & Over
14	Age 14 & Under	55	Age 55 & Over
12	Age 12 & Under	50	Age 50 & Over
10	Age 10 & Under	OP	Open Event*
08	Age 8 & Under		
Novice Junior Tournament		*(Junior, 5.0 or higher NTRP Rating)	
Division Codes		*(Junior, 10.0 or higher NTRP Rating)	
N18	Age 18 & Under	4.5	4.5 NTRP Rating
N14	Age 14 & Under	4.0	4.0 NTRP Rating
N12	Age 12 & Under	3.5	3.5 NTRP Rating
N10	Age 10 & Under	3.0	3.0 NTRP Rating
		2.5	2.5 NTRP Rating
**Double teams play at NTRP Combined Rating.			

JUNIOR PLAYERS LEVEL OF PLAY

Competition for Juniors is based on age, NOT on experience. They compete against players of the same age group. Levels of competition will vary because of player's experiences. A younger player will be allowed to play in an older age category in order to increase their level of competition.

NTRP RATING CATEGORIES/GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF PLAYING LEVELS

2.5 This player is just starting to play tennis. Player has limited experience and is still working primarily on getting the ball into play and can sustain a rally of slow pace with other players of the same ability. This player has obvious stroke weakness but is familiar with basic positions for singles and doubles play. This player is learning to judge where the ball is going although court coverage is weak.

3.0 This player is consistent when hitting medium paced shots, but is not comfortable with all strokes and lacks control when trying of directional intent, depth, or power. This player has better judgement on where the ball is going and is able to cover the court to keep the ball in play.

3.5 This player has achieved improved stroke dependability and direction on moderate shots, but still lacks depth and variety. This player is starting to exhibit more aggressive net play, has improved court coverage, and is developing teamwork in doubles.

4.0 This player has dependable strokes, including directional intent and depth on both forehand and backhand sides on moderate paced shots, plus the ability to use lobs, overhead, approach shots and volleys with some success.

4.5 This player has begun to master the use of power and spins and is beginning to vary tactics according to opponents. This player can hit first serves with power and accuracy and place the second serve and is able to rush the net successfully.

5.0 or higher NTRP This player has good shot anticipation and frequently has an outstanding shot or exceptional consistency around which a game can be structured. This player can regularly hit winners or force errors off of short balls and can put away volleys, can successfully execute lobs, drop shots, half volleys and overhead smashes and has good depth and spin on most second serves. This player has developed power and/or consistency as a major weapon. This player can vary strategies and styles of play in a competitive situation and has dependable shots in a stress situation.