

Flower Valley 2010 Junior Tennis Team Summer Information Packet

Welcome to another exciting year of Flower Valley team tennis competition! Our club has an outstanding record for the past 6 years and are looking to continue that success! I, Kris Barnes, am returning, not only as the Head Pro for the club, but also as the Head Coach for our tennis teams! I am looking for motivated individuals interested in joining our team and being apart of our amazing program! Below is information concerning our team and what to expect. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email me at HPTennisLLC@Yahoo.com or call me at 301-452-7439! Take care and I will be looking forward to meeting new faces as well as seeing familiars ones!!

Everyone:

- Registrations have begun and will continue until Memorial Day, Monday May 31st, 2010. I will continue to accept registrations until Friday, June 4th, 2010 at the latest, in case people forget about this deadline or are out of town, however please be advised, **practices will start May 31st** AND for planning purposes I am creating that deadline so that I can create a roster, hold practices as soon as possible, find parents to drive team members to matches, provide food for home matches and have enough time to plan who will be playing each match. Any registrations after the June 4th deadline are highly discouraged. I will be setting up a booth at the pool the Saturday, May 29th, during Memorial Day weekend and will accept registrations for both the teams and summer clinics in person if you wish to do so.
- To participate, it is a \$45 dollar registration fee plus an extra \$10 for a team tennis shirt. All **checks** should be made out to **Flower Valley Bath and Racket Club**. Registration Forms can be found on the Flower Valley website at: www.fvbrc.com. Be sure to send all registrations and checks to me via my address:

Attention: Head Coach Kris Barnes
Flower Valley Jr. Tennis Team
19009 Queens Cross Lane
Germantown, MD 20876

To participate on the team:

1) you must be a current Flower Valley Member between the ages of 10 and 16. According to the rules of our league, the oldest we can accept age wise is 16 yrs of age. If you are not a member, you are allowed to participate, however it is an extra \$10 added to the registration fee and you must understand that Flower Valley Members have **priority** when it comes to playing times.

2) Players **must** be able to consecutively hit 5 balls in a row back and forth with another player using both the forehand and backhand sides. They must have the ability to serve the ball and get it in at least 50% of the time, know how to hit a volley, know the lines of the court, and know how to keep score. If you are a beginner, it is **HIGHLY recommended** that you take private lessons with me as well as join the tennis clinics I have available before considering joining the tennis team. This is a competition team event, and it is my responsibility to ensure that anyone who is a beginner, not only learns how to play correctly, but also enjoys it. Understand, I am not discouraging you to join if you do not have playing experience, only giving you my professional opinion. A beginner's confidence could easily be shot when put into a situation before they are ready. Please call or email me if you have more questions.

– Practices begin the week of May 31st , 2010 and will run until Tuesday, July 27th , 2010. Practices are separated into two sessions: A & B Sessions. The “A” practice session is held while public and private schools are still in session. Therefore “A” practices will be held in the afternoons. “B” practice sessions are held when school lets out for the summer and therefore times will change and be held in mid-mornings to mid-

afternoons. All practice times are 2 hours long. Please check the "Table JTT" for practice days and times. If you have not registered by May 31st, 2010, you will be allowed to bring your registration to the first day of practice.

- All players must have TENNIS SHOES and wear APPROPRIATE ATHLETIC CLOTHING to participate in practices and matches. If you do not have the right clothing or footwear you will not be permitted to participate in that days activities.
- All players must wear their team shirts to ALL matches.
- The schedule for the dates and times for our summer's league matches have not yet been set, however, when I receive word, they will be posted on our website at www.fvbrc.com, in the gazebo at the courts, and on the front bulletin board in the parking lot.
- The annual year end party will be held on Saturday, July 31st, 2010. The time is TBA, however when it is set, I will post a reminder on the website, in the gazebo at the courts, as well as in the front bulletin board in the parking lot.
- Team Pictures will be TBA and times will be posted on the website. Cost for copies will also be determined at a later date.
- I believe being apart of a team is like being apart of a family. With that said, it is expected, although not required, that EVERY member of our Jr. Tennis Team is to show up to EVERY match whether they are playing or not, to support, encourage, and uplift our team members during the matches. This kind of support helps to promote unity, confidence, as well as develop and strengthen bonds. So please, when considering your schedules, make an effort to be at EVERY match regardless if you are playing or not!!!

– Mrs. Barbara Brower will be helping me coordinate any information about the tennis team’s upcoming events as well as issue reminders to everyone about match times, who is playing, and any other various issues that might arise such as confirming who is providing food for home matches, or confirming drivers for away matches. If you have questions or concerns, please contact her first!! You can reach her at:

barbarajbrower@comcast.net

– When the match schedule is posted, PLEASE email Mrs. Brower the dates you CAN NOT ATTEND!! This is so that we can make sure everyone can play AND make sure that we have enough people for every match. We do not want to “scramble” for players like last year, so please help us by letting us know ahead of time when you will be out of town or can not make a match due to other circumstances!

PARENTS:

– I am in need of support in the form of what I like to call the “Parent Support Team” (PST for short). This will be headed up by Mrs. Barbara Brower, and if you’d like to join, please inquire. The responsibilities for being apart of PST include signing up for a day (preferably more) to either bring food to home matches, drive team members to away matches, help set up and clean up the gazebo and courts for home matches, arranging/ setting up tables for the year end party and help in assisting either me or Mrs. Brower with any various issues that might arise. If you would like to be apart of this, please send Mrs. Brower an email. When we receive notice on when the match dates are, we will send an email out asking who can do what. Then we will post everything on the website for everyone to see as well as in the gazebo and the parking lot’s bulletin board. For all matches, each responsibilities can be divided into several categories, for ex:

Home Matches:

- 1) Sandwiches: (PST Member 1)
- 2) Fruit: (PST Member 2)
- 3) Drinks: (PST Member 3)
- 4) Snacks for both Teams: (PST Member 4)
- 5) Putting up score cards: (PST Member 5)

6) Sweeping courts prior to the 12:30 match start time: (PST Member 6 and 7)

Away Matches:

- 1) Drivers to and from Matches: (8–10 PST Members possibly)
- 2) Small Snacks/Drinks for our team only: (2–3 PST Members)
- 3) Cheer Squad!!!!!!: (all PST Members that are at the matches haha)

Your assistance will be a huge help in making things run smoothly this 2010 summer season and will be greatly appreciated!!! Deadline to sign up for that will be Friday, June 4th, 2010. Thanks so much FV Parents!!!

TEAM MEMBERS:

– Format for the tennis team matches are as follows:

#1 Singles, #2 Singles, #1 Doubles, and #2 Doubles. This means that there will be two singles matches and two doubles matches for a grand total of 6 players for every match. It is my goal to make sure that every team member plays **at least one match**.

– While the emphasis is on having as much fun as possible during the competition season, it is also my responsibility to grow the program and help each individual improve and understand the nature of competition. As in the previous 2 years I have been here, the singles matches are reserved in every match for the top two players in each age group. The way I select who will play each singles match is based upon a “ladder” in which we rank our teammates. This promotes a healthy competition within our program. Those who want to play singles will have to “challenge” into that spot. It takes hard work, dedication, and effort by putting in the hours on and off the court to get better on a consistent basis. You won’t improve just playing once a week! So it is highly recommended that each team member spends time outside of the “regular team practices” to improve their game either through private and/or clinic instruction time with me, or by themselves. The more **quality** practice time you put in, the better you get. The doubles spots will be used so that everyone gets a chance to play. The ladder is open to ALL team members. The Ladder will now be posted

on the website and in the Gazebo for everyone to see.

Ladder Rules:

1. Top two spots in every age group get to play the top two singles spots at the matches assuming you are available, up to 4 matches. (allows me to rearrange schedule if I find that not everyone can get to play)
2. You are allowed to challenge up to two spots ahead of you.
3. Only two challenge matches are allowed prior to each Team match. If the lower ranked player challenges someone in the singles spot and loses, he/she will not be permitted to challenge again. This is to prevent excessive challenges. If he/she wins, he can then challenge the person ahead of them one more time, in accordance to the two challenge limit.
4. Challenge matches must be held the week before a Team Match is held. So if a team match is held on a Tuesday of one week, a challenge match must be played the week before.
5. Challenge matches are held on team members own times and must be reported to me.
6. Challenge matches consist of one 6-game set, regular scoring (with "adds"), win by two.

- Schedule of who is playing each match will be posted on the website and in the gazebo.
- Team Captains will be determined prior to the first match.
- Below is the Table JTT for the planned Practice Schedule:

Junior Tennis Team Practice Schedule

Table JTT

Junior Team Practice Schedule	Dates	Days and Times
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Session A	May 31 st , 2010 – June 15 th , 2010 (3 weeks)	Monday & Tuesday 4–6 pm
Session B	June 21 st , 2010 – July 27 th , 2010 (6 weeks)	Monday & Tuesday 11:30 am – 1:30 pm