

2011 Mac Advantage

10 and Under Tennis

Basic Information

(There will be a Mac Advantage Booklet outlining the entire program available after May 1 by contacting Janie Bremyer @ 241-0828. Copies can also be picked up during camp at the courts.)

What? Ten and Under Tennis is the USTA terminology for the program to teach younger players. The format is called Quick Start Tennis which means courts and equipment are sized to match the age of the player. The Mac Advantage was part of the pilot project for the USTA five years ago. For that reason, we are ahead of most communities in offering this methodology.

Where? The Ten and Under Program lessons, team tennis, and tournaments will be held at Wall Park. Camp will be held there in the afternoon, but you should report to the MHS Tennis Complex for the morning sessions of camp.

Who? As the title suggests, it is for players 10 and under. For 2011, a player will be in this program until he or she turns 11 or it is determined that he or she should be playing with a green ball on a full size court because there will still be many tournaments throughout Kansas played with green balls this summer. Players 6 to 8 are in the Red Ball group, 9 and 10 year olds are in the orange ball group. Parents should decide whether to put their soon to be first grader in PeeWee or Red ball depending on maturity. If you have questions about the placement of your 10 year old if he or she is an advanced player, please ask.

Why? It is only logical that kids play with equipment and on a court sized for them. Tennis was slow to follow the lead of other sports but is now transitioning into this format internationally. All championships for youth 10 and under, regardless of ability level, will be played with an orange ball, 25" racquet or smaller, on a 60' court, beginning in 2012. This year is a transition year as programs get courts painted for younger players. The reason is to improve both technical and tactical skills. It has been proven to work throughout the world. Now it is in the rules.

When? Programming days and times for 10 and under:

Pee Wee, ages 4-6

June:

Rock n Rally: May 30, MHS Courts 6:30 to 8:00

Camp: May 31 to June 4,
8:00 to 9:00 @ MHS Courts

Group Lessons, June 6-July 1

8:15 to 9:00 MWF from June 6 to July 1, Wall Park
(PeeWee program is June only)

Red Ball, ages 6-8

June:

Rock n Rally: May 30, MHS Courts 6:30 to 8:00

Camp: May 31 to June 4

AM Sessions: 8:00 to 10:00 @ MHS Courts

PM Sessions: 1:00 to 3:00 @ Wall Park

Group Lessons, June 6-July 1

9:00 to 10:00 M & F

Team Tennis

W- 9:00 to 10:00 practice, 6:45 to 8:00PM matches @ Wall Park

July:

10 & Under Tournament Group, July 5- 30

8:00 to 9:00 Red Ball practice T-TH

8:00 AM Saturday, tournaments @ Wall Park

8:00 AM June 26, **bonus tournament** during USTA Novice Tournament, Wall Park

Orange Ball, ages 9 & 10

June:

Rock n Rally: May 30, MHS Courts 6:30 to 8:00

Camp: May 31 to June 4

AM Sessions: 8:00 to 10:00 @ MHS Courts

PM Sessions: 1:00 to 3:00 @ Wall Park

Group Lessons, June 6-July 1

10:00 – 11:00 M & F

Team Tennis

W- 9:00 to 10:00 practice, 6:45 to 8:00PM matches @ Wall Park

July:

10 & Under Tournament Group, July 5-30

9:00 – 10:00 Orange Ball practice T-TH

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Program Explanations

Rock n Rally: May 30, MHS Courts 6:30 to 8:00

This is a friends and family FREE event with games and prizes galore! You do not need to be a tennis player (parents, we mean you!) to participate. Ask your friends! We will have racquets on hand.

Group Lessons:

We will work on both technical and tactical skills in a fun and encouraging environment. Shana Leck will be the head instructor. She will be assisted by other Mac Advantage instructors and high school players.

Team Tennis:

The Red and Orange ball players will be put on teams together and will practice on Wednesday morning and play Wednesday evening. They will have a Mac Advantage assistant instructor plus members of the Jr Exec Board as coaches. Players will be told which team they are on and receive their team shirt during the camp barbecue on Saturday at noon at the MHS courts. Players will learn about teamwork, score keeping, and sportsmanship. Parents will be given information about tennis each week at the meet as well. Kristen Reith and Margaret Davidson are the organizers for this group.

10 and Under Tournament Group:

Don't be concerned about putting your child in this group because you don't think they are good enough. Chances are if they are enjoying tennis they will enjoy this even more. Kids improve very quickly when they really put their skills to use in matchplay. At least two matches will be played and a participation prize will be awarded to all. All matches are here in town but we hope to have players coming from other communities to play. You need to have a USTA membership in order to play these five tournaments in July. You may purchase this online or on the phone. Go to www.USTA.com and choose membership. The fee is \$19 and includes a new racquet and a ball through March 31 as supplies last. If you don't need a racquet, you may be able to sign up and receive a sling backpack that is available in the 11-18 age category. There is **no entry fee** for our players. Non Mac Advantage members will pay \$5 for orange ball level and \$3 for red ball level to play in these USTA sanctioned tournaments. Margaret Davidson and Kristen Reith are the coaches for this group. Depending on the number enrolled, they will be assisted by other staff members to keep a low student to teacher ratio.

Private Lessons:

You may choose an instructor and sign up for private lessons on the registration form. If you can afford to do this, it truly does make a difference in the learning of tennis skills and strategy.

Coaches and contact information:

Shana Leck, 620-834-2350

Shana played college tennis at Fort Hays and has been the head coach at Central Christian College. She also instructs for the MRC camp youth lessons and teaches adult group lessons. She is an accomplished player who loves tennis and working to share her skills with young and old!

Margaret Davidson, 755-2066

Margaret played varsity tennis and competed at the state tournament while in high school. She is actively involved with club tennis at Kansa State where she is a sophomore. This is her second year of working as an assistant coach for the Mac Advantage. But she volunteered her time and talents for years as a Mac Advantage Jr Exec Board member.

Kristen Reith, 755-3859

Kristen was a four year letter winner and competed at the state tennis tournament, finishing 4th in doubles her senior year. She currently attends Central Christian College and plays #1 for the tennis team. Kristen is a long time Mac Advantage member who is in her second year teaching for the club.



Please check our online calendar.

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It will be continually updated throughout the summer. Hover over the event and any details will pop up, or click to open it. If you have a yahoo account, you can transfer the desired event to your own calendar. There you can set it to remind you in email form of the event. You can also print this calendar. Come often to check for changes.



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