

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age ☐ M ☐ F ☐

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____

How long have you been playing? _____ School team? No ☐ Yes ☐ Where? _____

Recent tournament played _____

Have you ever been enrolled in an instructional tennis program? No ☐ Yes ☐ Where? _____

(Over) _____

The Tryouts

Selection for the scholarship is based upon ratings in three categories:

- Playing ability
- Personal interview
- Family income



The first round of the tryouts consists of an on-court evaluation of athletic ability and tennis skills by a staff of tennis professionals. Players will be asked to demonstrate the serve, forehand, backhand, volley and overhead and will be judged on their ability relative to their age.

Players who pass the first round of the tryouts on Saturday will be invited to the second and final on-court tryout on Sunday afternoon, May 17th where candidates will be evaluated in match-play situations. Those who pass the on-court phase of the tryouts will be informed by mail and scheduled for an interview with program staff.

At the interview, final candidates will be requested to supply documentation of their residency and annual family income. Since a primary goal of the program is to make tournament training available to youngsters who can least afford it, consideration will be given to final candidates with limited economic resources. Players who have not previously participated in the Academy and have the lowest income relative to the remaining candidates will receive the highest consideration for the scholarship.

Opportunities

The Academy provides unique benefits for dedicated youngsters to develop their tennis skills:

- *FREE tournament-training sessions at Flushing Meadows Park and the USTA BJK National Tennis Center*
- *FREE tournament entry fee sponsorship for selected USTA sanctioned events*
- *FREE travel expenses to selected national junior tournaments for ranked players*
- *Specialized clinics with world-class professionals*
- *Counseling and placement assistance for collegiate tennis scholarships*

Eligibility

The first round of the tryouts will be held rain or shine from 3:00 - 6:00 PM on Saturday, May 16th, 2015 at the USTA/ Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows Park, Queens.

The tryouts are open to all New York City residents, ages eight to seventeen (must be a US citizen). Players should possess intermediate to advanced tennis skills, although players of all ability levels can test their skills at the tryouts.

Fifty players are selected each year to participate in the summer training program (July-August). In the fall, a select group of players will merit continued sponsorship from October to April based on sportsmanship, attendance, financial need and on-court performance.

History

The Lacoste Junior Tennis Academy is a free, annual scholarship training program for dedicated New York City juniors. A program of City Parks Foundation, the Academy has evolved into a unique youth development effort that strives to build character and self-confidence through the discipline of advanced tournament-training.



Tennis legend Virginia Wade visits an Academy session at the USTA BJK National Tennis Center

Now in its 30th year, the Academy has helped to develop youngsters into tournament-caliber players who have earned college scholarships and USTA rankings. By providing free expert coaching, practice time and tournament sponsorship, the Academy helps to defray the high cost of tournament- tennis training so that more urban youngsters have an opportunity to realize their potential. Since the program's inception, over one hundred participants have earned either a USTA ranking or college tennis scholarship, as well as several standout players who have competed in the US Open.

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Junior
Tennis Academy



TRYOUTS

Saturday May 16, 2015

USTA / Billie Jean King
National Tennis Center
Flushing Meadows / Corona Park
Queens, NY



TO APPLY

Complete and mail the attached
application to:

City Parks Foundation
Olmsted Center - Sports Programs
Flushing Meadows / Corona Park
Corona, NY 11368
Attn: Academy Tryouts

On Saturday, May 16th, check-in will take place
between 2:00 - 3:00 PM. The tryouts will start
promptly at 3:00 PM and conclude by approxi-
mately 6:00 PM.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are called back on Sunday,
May 17th, the tryouts will take place from 3:00 -
6:00 PM at the Flushing Meadows Park courts

For information, call:
(718) 760-6999 or visit
www.CityParksFoundation.org

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Explain reason for applying to the Academy:

IN AN EMERGENCY PLEASE NOTIFY:

Name _____ Relationship to Applicant _____
Phone (_____) _____

PARENTS AGREEMENT

I am the parent and/or legal guardian of the above applicant. I hereby acknowledge that the above information is correct and verify that my child or ward is in good health and has permission to participate in the Academy. I waive and release any and all rights and claims against City Parks Foundation, Lacoste and/or their employees for any injury or loss suffered while taking part in this program. I grant permission to all foregoing to use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose (including commercial use by the sponsor) without compensation.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____