



Grove Junior Newsletter

“Tennis for All Program”

April 2018

Welcome to the Grove 2018 Season. We are looking forward to having a fun filled tennis season for all our Juniors. Our motto this year is “Tennis for All” and we want to encourage kids of all ages and abilities to get great use of the Grove.

We are making a few changes this year and we want to make sure parents are aware of all the supervised activities open to our Juniors during the season. One of the main changes is we are opening up supervised tennis to all ages (from 6 up to and including teens) all summer (mornings and afternoons – Monday to Thursday and half day Friday) – this program is known as “Tennis for All”. With this change we are removing separate summer camps as we feel our “tennis for all” is in fact equivalent to summer camps every day of the summer – with prize giving on Fridays for each week. Younger and older children will be separated into different groups. Of course, juniors are welcome to play at the club outside these events under the responsibility of their parents – we encourage teenagers to come and play tennis with their friends when they finish up in June.

As is normal we will be looking for help from our parent community during the season. We will leverage WhatsApp groups and email to notify members of events and to request help. **Please note that when juniors under 6 are participating in events – the parents must also stay at the club – this is open to ages 5+.**

Opening the Season

We are going to kick-off the Junior Season this year with a Junior Fun Tournament for all ages (from 5 years to teenagers) on Sunday 29th of April from 3 to 5 pm (weather permitting). Parents are welcome to stay for coffee & tea or leave (except if child is under 6)! The new members’ introductory session will be after the Junior event ends.

Wednesday and Saturday Junior Events

We will run a weekly tournament on Wednesdays (starting May 9th) from 3 to 4 pm (Juniors need to be there by 2.45 pm so tennis can be organized). This is open to all school going juniors and we will organize them based on their age group. There will be a 2 Euro entry free.

Starting on 12th of May - On Saturdays from 5 to 7 pm when there are no adult events scheduled (captain’s day, etc..) we will organize various junior events (teenage doubles pizza tournaments, u12

pizza tournament). We will have different events for different age groups on different weeks and will notify parents ahead of time. If we are ordering food we will charge 5 Euro per child. We will need a roster of parents to help with supervision at these events due to child protection – if everyone did one or two would make it easy for all. We will have leaders to run the tennis activities.

Summer Daily Program - Tennis for All! July and August

This year the Grove will be open all summer for all children from age 5 up to and including teenagers. We will separate age groups and arrange fun tennis activities depending on ages. The leaders will supervise from 10 to 4.30 pm with an-hour-and-a-half break for lunch from 12.30 to 2 pm where there will be no supervision.

The leaders will be arranging hits, tennis games, and tournaments for the kids. At the end of each week on Friday prizes will be given for those who attended for the week.

There will be a small charge of 2 euro per session/14 euro per week.

We will leverage tools such as whatsapp to help with communications within different age groups.

To help us plan we would ask member to fill out this online form to indicate weeks your children will be likely attending: <https://goo.gl/forms/Wp1zAivflscbSUoi2>

Coaching

We will run a coaching term for Juniors. We will send out details for coaching separate to this.

Single Round Robins

This year we plan to run a singles round robin during the season (u8 to u18) and we would encourage all juniors to enter. We will put juniors in boxes with their appropriate age group/tennis level. There will be long time periods to play games to account for holidays. This will give juniors a chance to meet each other juniors and play tennis. It will be up to the parents/juniors to organize their round robins, however during the summer daily program leaders will encourage juniors to play. At the end of season junior event we will give trophies and prizes for the round robins.

Please enter the round robin using the round robin sheet. There is a 5-euro entry per junior to enter the round robin.

Summer Champs

The Junior summer championships will run in a similar format to the adult's summer championships. Please enter using the Junior championship form. Again, we would encourage all juniors to enter this competition.

Parent and Child Tournament

We will have one parent and child tournament in June. This is great fun event where a parent plays with their junior. Details to follow.

End of Season

The season will end on Saturday September 8th with a big end of season Junior BBQ/Tennis event and prizes for the Junior Season.

Sincerely,
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