

CARDINAL HILL JUNIOR TENNIS FAQ

1. My child is just a beginner and not ready to compete, so they cannot join the team right? This area is one of the biggest questions. The vast majority of kids on the teams especially the kids younger than 10, are not able to compete yet in tennis. Our junior team is not about that. For the most part it's in introduction into the sport. It's a fun social hour that we play fun games and get the kids running around. MOST the kids on the junior team do not know the rules, scoring etc yet. So in other words, if your child has no experience then he/she will feel very comfortable.

2. My child is only available for 2 weeks of the season as he is going away for overnight camp so it's not worth signing up right? Answer: The club subsidizes the majority of the expenses of Jr. Team. For the most part it comes out of your membership dues. It is arguably the best deal in the club. For \$75, (\$65 after the 1st child) the child gets roughly 20 hours of instruction, a custom t shirt worth \$20, a pizza party, ice cream party, and a full out all you can eat dinner/banquet at the end of the season. And for the ones who play in the matches, there are 3 matches a week they can play in. So even if you the child can only attend 2 weeks of the 7 weeks, it is still a great value, just for the team practices! If they go 2 weeks only its still less than \$10 for those practices!! The true cost for each child if it were not subsidized would be hundreds of dollars per child. So even if your child is only partially available, it will still be worth signing up.

We have made some changes to our practice schedule. The main change will be our 13-18 year olds will practice from 4:30-5:30pm. (last year the 15-18 year olds practiced 5:30-6:30pm) **This year our 5:30-6:30pm hour will be our SELECT group. This is for our more advanced Juniors from ages 10-18 who have played competitive tennis and are near the top of the ladder.** With this, we are able to take the top players out of the other group, making it less crowded. If you are interested in joining this hour, email Mike as everyone needs to be approved to come. This will only start when school is out the week of June 27.

AGE CHANGE: We have also changed the date one can enter the Junior team. **If your child turns 8 years old THIS calendar year, then they can join the team. If they are 8 by 1/1/2017 then they are eligible to be on the team!**