

OUR TENNIS PROFESSIONALS



Marty Maehr

Conference Champion and All-American,
St. Olaf College 1984



Paul Ripley

State Champion, Pioneer HS
Conference Champion, Ball State University
1992-1995



Dean Boodakian

Colby-Sawyer College Varsity Tennis Team,
2013-2017
North Atlantic Conference
First Team Singles & Doubles, 2017
DIII NCAA Tournament appearances, 2013-2017



Winnie Karoub

Mercy High School #1 Singles Varsity Tennis
University of Michigan Club Tennis

Our instructors are accomplished players, and are committed to bringing out the best in all of our students. They are widely recognized as some of the best teachers in the Midwest. Our Tournament Training Programs are open to non-members as well as members, and provide the perfect opportunity to develop your tennis skills.

BACKGROUND

For the past 48 years, Liberty Athletic Club has been the premier tennis facility in Ann Arbor. Founder, President and former Head Coach of the University of Michigan's Men's tennis program, Brian Eisner has assembled a team of coaches who are unmatched in experience, character and dedication. This team has developed a wide range of players — from young beginners to high school athletes, local tournament participants to Midwest Champions, and college players to professionals. The Liberty coaching staff has contributed largely to many team State Championships at Pioneer High School and Greenhills School. In addition, we have developed players at Saline, Dexter, Chelsea, Ann Arbor Skyline, and Gabriel Richard high schools; as well as schools throughout the Detroit Metro area.

We are proud of the many Liberty players who have gone on to successful tennis careers in college. They include:

Michael Kosta
Greenhills H.S. / Huron H.S., University of Illinois

Emily Marker
Pioneer H.S. / University of Maryland

Kevin Hayward
Pioneer H.S. / Western Michigan University
MAC Player of the Year, 2009

Colin Mark-Griffin
Pioneer H.S. / two-time team National Champion at
University of California Santa Cruz

Scott Swanson
Pioneer H.S. / All American Depauw University

Andy Gauthier
Pioneer H.S. / Cornell University

Jennifer Ho
Saline H.S. / Colgate University

Jason Kerst
Skyline H.S. / Univeristy of Iowa

Ian Yi
Pioneer H.S. / Kalamazoo College



TOURNAMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS 2021



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TOURNAMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS

Liberty's Junior Tournament Training Programs are designed to prepare young players to enjoy competitive tennis and to improve their skills through tournament play. These programs have a 4:1 student-to-instructor ratio which personalizes instruction for maximum individual development. Stroke analysis combined with stroke technique, situational skill development and match play are covered. These programs are open to members and non-members.

WHICH GROUP SHOULD MY CHILD BE IN?

If you have any questions about our Tennis Programs, or which group is the best fit for your child, please contact Paul Ripley at 734-665-3738, ext. 116 or paul.ripley@libertyathletic.net.

PARENTS & PLAYERS

Please visit our website and download the Southeastern Michigan Junior Player Handbook. It will help you prepare for the process of becoming the very best tennis player you can be.

REGISTRATION

If you already know which group is appropriate for your child, please register via the mobile app or online portal (liberty.clubautomation.com).

Costs will be charged at time of enrollment (House Charge or credit card).

TOURNAMENT INTRO AND TECHNIQUE GROUP

Jr. Competitive Red & Maize Group Players



Monday – Thursday

9:30-11:30am (sign-up per day)

Dates: June 14 – August 26 *Excludes 7/5

Cost per day: \$35 Member / \$40 Non-Member

TECHNIQUE GROUP

Goals

- Introduce players to the fun of competitive play
- Develop fundamental stroke technique and strategy, utilizing situational playing and both singles and doubles match play
- Prepare and encourage players to compete in the Ann Arbor City Tournament, or any other introductory tournament

Player Prerequisites

- Must have basic rallying skills with both forehand and backhand, and be conscious of stroke technique
- Must be able to keep score and serve diagonally across the court
- Must be comfortable at the net and have basic knowledge of doubles positions

TOURNAMENT INTRO

Goals

- Develop and maintain stroke integrity and consistency in “live ball” rallying situations
- Develop offensive and defensive skills
- Point construction and strategy to prepare for local USTA tournaments

Player Prerequisites

- Must be able to sustain rally and work on skills in “live ball” rallying situation
- Must be comfortable with hitting and dealing with power and depth, and to work on offensive and defensive skills

Classes will meet at the outdoor tennis courts. Indoor courts will be used when necessary. Sanitizing supplies will be readily available. Please have players bring water. Masks are required should 6 ft. of distance not be maintained.

24 Hour Cancellation Policy

TOURNAMENT PREP & MATCH PLAY

Jr. Competitive Silver & Blue Group Players



Monday & Wednesday

3:30-5:30pm (sign-up per day)

Dates: June 14 – August 25 *Excludes 7/5

Cost per day: \$35 Member / \$40 Non-Member

Goals

- Emphasis on refining and implementing consistent stroke technique and strategy through competitive singles and doubles match play
- Develop a players ability to incorporate offensive and defensive skills
- Prepare players for tournament and/or high school play
- Enter at least two USTA summer tournaments

Player Prerequisites

- Ability to hit groundstrokes with both top spin and under spin. Volley and serve with a continental grip
- Be comfortable competing in singles and doubles, and have a willingness to work hard

TOURNAMENT EXCELLENCE & MATCH PLAY

Jr. Competitive Silver & Blue Group Players



Tuesday & Thursday

3:30-5:30pm (sign-up per day)

Dates: June 15 – August 26

Cost per day: \$35 Member / \$40 Non-Member

Goals

- A competitive, play oriented group designed to develop consistency, strength and stamina within match play situations
- Emphasis on constructing and finishing points, implementing and creating effective playing strategies
- Developing and refining offensive weapons and corresponding defensive skills necessary to hold up under intense mental and physical pressure
- Improve players' tournament results and/or prepare them for success on their high school varsity tennis teams
- Maximize strength, quickness and durability

Player Prerequisites

- Be comfortable hitting with spin on ground strokes, volleys and serves
- Have the ability to control play either with consistency, strategy and mental fortitude, and/or big shot capability
- Enjoy the competitive process and not be intimidated
- Have the dedication and capacity to work hard to improve play