

Currituck USTA Junior Team Tennis

14-and-Under Division

What?

In concert with the United States Tennis Association, Currituck Tennis is sponsoring a Junior Team Tennis League this spring.

The teams are co-ed: boys and girls will play on the same teams. Students do not have to have any prior tennis experience in order to participate.

Players are eligible if they do not turn 15 years of age by August 31, 2017.

When?

Students at Currituck Co. Middle School will practice on Mondays, immediately after school, on the high school courts, starting on March 20th. Students at Moyock Middle School will practice on Thursdays, immediately after school, on the courts at Moyock Middle, starting on March 23rd.

The season begins on April 27th, and continues through the first week of June. Matches will take place at the high school, on Thursday evenings, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Format

Once registration is complete, players will be divided into teams of 5-6 players, with a coach assigned to each team.

A team match consists of two singles matches and two doubles matches. The team match will be determined by the total number of games played.

Coaches

The program at Moyock Middle will be supervised by Christy Hodges. The program at Currituck Middle will be supervised by Lindsey Daniels. Members of the CCHS girls team, and parents, will assist and serve as team coaches.

Transportation

Parents, not coaches, are responsible for arranging transportation to all practices and matches. We can help set up car-pooling and ride-sharing arrangements, but, because this program is not an official school sport, we do not have access to activity buses.

How to Register

Junior Team Tennis is a USTA-sanctioned program. As such, USTA membership is required of all participants.

The junior rate for USTA membership is \$20.00 per year. USTA membership includes a magazine subscription and other privileges, including the opportunity to participate in other USTA-sanctioned leagues and tournaments.

In addition to the USTA membership fee, there is a league fee of \$5.00, most of which consists of the cost of using the TennisLink system.

Both the USTA membership and the league fee must be paid prior to attending the first practice, and the fees are not refundable. Both fees are paid online, and you will find detailed instructions on the reverse side of this flyer.

Return the form below to the school office, which will give your child permission to remain after school for practice.
Please do not send any money to the school.

Student's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender: M or F

Parents' Names _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Location: Moyock Middle Currituck Middle

I give my permission for my child to participate in the Junior Team Tennis program described above, and to remain after school for scheduled practices and matches.

Parent's Signature

On the reverse side, please describe your child's previous tennis experiences, if any, and please describe any medical conditions which would affect his/her participation.

Instructions for joining USTA and Enrolling in the Junior Team Tennis League

Joining the USTA

- Go to www.usta.com
- In the top banner, click on the link in the light blue box that reads "Join Today".
- Click on "View Benefits and Join" ...
 - under "Junior Memberships", if you want to purchase a membership for your child only
 - under "Family Memberships", if you want to purchase a membership for your entire family
- On the next screen, select the type of membership (junior or family) you wish to purchase, and then select the length of membership.
- On the next screen, enter the information requested, and click "Continue", working your way through the online payment process.
- At the end of the process, your child will be assigned a USTA membership number. You will need this number to enroll in the league. You will also be able to print a membership card.

To Create a USTA Account

- Go to www.usta.com
- Click on the blue "TennisLink" link in the top banner on the right side of the page.
- In the red banner, click on the link that reads "Don't Have a USTA Account? Learn more and create one today"
- Click on the "Create Account" button under "Do You Have a USTA Membership but not a USTA account?"
- Enter the information and obtain a USTA account number, and create a password for your child's account.

To Enroll in the USTA Jr. Team Tennis League

- Go to www.usta.com.
- Click on the blue "TennisLink" link in the top banner on the right side of the page.
- Click on the red "LOGIN" button, and enter your child's USTA account number and password.
- Hover over the "Junior Team Tennis" tab. Then, click on "Have a Team ID?" Under "Start Playing".
- Enter your team number based on the school your child attends.
 - Currituck Middle – 7039321996
 - Moyock Middle – 7039321995
- Enter your child's USTA account and click "Submit".
- Follow the remaining prompts and complete the online payment process.

To Enter Your Child's "Self-Rating"

As part of the registration process, you'll be asked to rate your child's tennis ability. This "self-rating" serves as a starting point for helping us create teams of equal strength.

When you are asked to rate your child, please use one of the following ratings.

- 1.0 Player is just starting to play tennis.
- 1.5 Player has limited experience and is working primarily on getting the ball in play. Player needs to coordinate moving when hitting the ball and is still concentrating on getting the ball over the net from a stationary position. Player is learning to serve and keep score.
- 2.0 This player has little experience playing tennis, needs stroke development, is still working on getting the ball into play and is learning basic scoring and rules.
- 2.5 Can sustain a short rally at a slow pace with other players of similar ability. Strokes are developing, but player is often blocking or pushing the ball. Player knows the basic rules of tennis, and can play a singles or doubles match.