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*"To introduce, promote & develop the game of tennis within Southeastern Michigan"*

**I never look back, I look forward.  
-Steffi Graf**



# USTA MIDWEST DIVERSITY COMMITTEE AND SEMTA SECOND ANNUAL ADULT WINTER SLAM SINGLE DAY SHOWDOWN AT WIMBLEDON RACQUET CLUB.

Congratulations to all the Winter Slam winners. The next Adult Single Day Showdown is scheduled for Sunday, July 21, 2019 at Farwell Recreation Center. Register on Tennislink at [www.tennislink.usta.com](http://www.tennislink.usta.com)



# COMBO LEAGUE DISTRICT PLAYOFFS



7.5 Men/Beverly Hills Club/Chris Porter



7.5 Women/Liberty Athletic Club/Jennifer Sauld



6.5 Women/Sports Club of Novi/Jeannette Poploskie



5.5 Women/Troy Racquet Club/Helen Li



8.5 Men/Beverly Hills Club/Miles Uhlar



8.5 Women/Monroe Y/Jen Sanderson



6.5 Men/SCWB/Rama Kapilavai



6.5 Men/SCWB/Rama Kapilavai  
Sectional Champions

## SE Michigan District Results

5.5 Women	Troy Racquet Club	Captain Helen Li	Advances to Midwest
6.5 Women	Sports Club of Novi	Captain Jeannette Poploskie	Advances to Midwest
7.5 Women	Liberty Athletic Club	Captain Jennifer Sauld	Advances to States
8.5 Women	Monroe Y	Captain Jen Sanderson	Advances to States
6.5 Men	Sports Club West Bloomfield	Captain Rama Kapilavai	Advances to Midwest
7.5 Men	Beverly Hills Club	Captain Chris Porter	Advances to Midwest
8.5 Men	Beverly Hills Club	Captain Miles Uhlar	Advances to Midwest



# USTA/Midwest Foundation Grants

Established in 1992, the USTA/Midwest Tennis & Education Foundation Inc. (USTA/MTEF) is currently dedicated to supporting youth tennis programs, activities, and individuals throughout the USTA/Midwest Section. As the charitable and philanthropic entity of the USTA/Midwest Section, USTA/MTEF has expanded its mission to support programs for adult populations including Adaptive Tennis, Wheelchair Tennis and Veterans with disabilities.

USTA/MTEF accepts applications for grants that fall within the scope of its mission. Applications are evaluated by the USTA/MTEF Grant and Scholarship Review Committee and final decisions on funding are made by this committee. Individuals funded by USTA/MTEF must be current USTA members and reside within the USTA/Midwest Section that includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin, as well as designated counties in Kentucky and West Virginia. **To be considered for a grant, players may not have any suspension points or other penalties imposed by the Tournament Committee or other administrative body.**



## USTA/Midwest Tennis & Education Foundation Individual Grant

Grants are offered to junior tennis players of all tennis abilities, and these factors are considered when evaluating applications: age, standings, annual improvement, number events played, academic performance, income/financial need, other resources available, and good sportsmanship.

The deadline to apply for a USTA/MTEF individual grant is January 2, April 1, July 1 and October 1 each year (please select only one deadline to apply). Applications must be postmarked by these specified deadline dates. Since January 1 is a legal holiday the application may be postmarked on the first business day which is January 2. The application may also be emailed or faxed, and would need to be submitted no later than January 2, April 1, July 1 or October 1.



## USTA/Midwest Tennis & Education Foundation Program Grant

Grants are provided to community based youth tennis programs, schools needing equipment to teach students tennis in their physical education classes, and more. A current USTA Organization membership is a requirement to apply for a USTA/MTEF program grant. Grants are also provided to community based adult tennis programs that service Wheelchair Tennis, Adaptive Tennis, and Veterans with disabilities.

The deadline to apply for a USTA/MTEF program grant is January 2, April 1, July 1 and October 1 each year (please select only one deadline to apply). Applications must be postmarked by these specified deadline dates. Since January 1 is a legal holiday the application may be postmarked on the first business day which is January 2. The application may also be emailed or faxed, and would need to be submitted no later than January 2, April 1, July 1 or October 1.



## Dorothy Kohl Future Star Achievement Award

This award will be provided to female players who are competing in Girls' 14, 16 and/or 18 age divisions at the national level, ITF level, and/or professional level. Funding will be provided to pay for tournament and player development expenses which include airfare, lodging, entry fees, meals, and coaching.

The deadlines to apply for the Dorothy Kohl award are April 1 and July 1 each year (please select one deadline to apply) unless all funding is awarded for the April 1 deadline. Applications must be postmarked by these specified deadline dates. The application may also be emailed or faxed, and would need to be submitted no later than April 1 or July 1.



# WSU HOSTS H.S. DIVERSITY CAMP

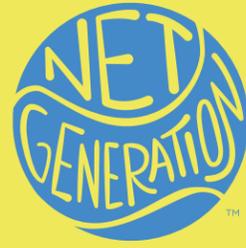


On January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Wayne State's tennis program hosted their fourth annual diversity tennis camp. The day included tennis and footwork drills led by members of both the men's and women's varsity teams. Senior Warrior player, Taylor Vane, organized the camp as he and fellow teammates led local high school players through the day. Maxine Kennebrew, SEMTA Board Member, also served as an on-court coach during the camp. The camp is a favorite among Wayne State players who not only look forward to being able to give to their community, but being able to demonstrate to the high school players what college tennis is all about. High schools that participated this year: Detroit Cass Tech, Detroit Renaissance, and Birmingham Groves.

## PLAYERS ENJOY COME PLAY DETROIT INDOOR SOCIAL LEAGUE AT WIMBLEDON RACQUET CLUB.



# ARE YOU READY TO HOST A TEAM CHALLENGE?



## WHAT

**Team Challenge** is an introduction to tennis competition offering a low-pressure team environment for children of all ages to develop their skills through level-based play, without an emphasis on instruction or results.

It is designed to be delivered as a single event or a series of up to six events, with the objective of providing a fun and social environment that highlights character and skill development. Team Challenge can be played with **red, orange or green tennis balls**.

## WHEN

**Team Challenge** will be officially launching on Net Generation in early 2019. In the meantime, please follow the sign-up requirements listed below.

## REQUIREMENTS

1. [Submit a Team Challenge application](#)
2. Register as a provider on [NetGeneration.com](#)
3. Attend a Team Challenge webinar training
4. [Submit post-pilot survey](#)

For questions, please contact [TeamChallenge@USTA.com](mailto:TeamChallenge@USTA.com)

## RESOURCES:



**Team Challenge Provider Manual**  
(draft version)



**Team Challenge Welcome Kit**  
(red ball pictured)

- (1) Clipboard
- (1) Set of Clothespins (to keep track of scoring)
- (1) Roll of Net Generation Barrier Tape
- (1) Box of Net Generation Chalk
- (25) Player Name Tags
- (1) Facility Banner
- (1) Provider's Whistle
- (1) Net Generation Hat—Our Gift to You!



**Net Generation Player Giveaways**

- (25) Net Generation slap wristbands
- (25) Net Generation temporary tattoos
- (25) Net Generation bag tags



**Net Generation 3-By-5-Foot Banner**



**Net Generation Customizable Flyer**

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# ARE YOU READY TO HOST A TEAM TOURNAMENT PILOT?



## WHAT

**Team Tournament** is an innovative way for children to enjoy tennis competition in a low-pressure team environment. This experience will encourage players of all ages to gain match experience, develop their skills through level-based play, and demonstrate good sportsmanship.

It is designed to be delivered as a single event or a series of up to six events, with the objective of providing a fun and social environment that highlights character and skill development. Team Tournament can be played with **orange, green, or yellow tennis balls**.

## WHEN

**Team Tournament** will be officially launching on Net Generation in 2019. Pilots will be critical to testing the product in market and we look forward to receiving your feedback.

## PILOT REQUIREMENTS

1. [Submit a Team Tournament application](#)
2. Register as a provider on [NetGeneration.com](#)
3. Attend a Team Tournament webinar training
4. Submit post-pilot survey

For questions, please contact [TeamTournament@USTA.com](mailto:TeamTournament@USTA.com)

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## PILOT RESOURCES:



**Team Tournament Provider Manual**  
(draft version)



**Team Tournament Pilot Equipment Package**

- A case of orange, green, or yellow balls.



**Net Generation Player Giveaways**

- Net Generation drawstring bags and water bottles



**Provider Gifts**

- Net Generation tumbler (after pilot registration) and adidas pullover (after pilot completion)



**Net Generation 3' x 5' Banner**



**Net Generation Customizable Flyer**

## MICHIGAN H.S. TENNIS COACHES ANNUAL TENNIS WORKSHOP AT THE HOPE COLLEGE TENNIS CENTER

SEMTA along with the Western Michigan Tennis Association hosted a booth during the coaches annual tennis workshop. Each district provided coaches with information regarding Net Generation and resources available through the USTA for schools.



## USTA MIDWEST SECTION AND SEMTA H.S. DIVERSITY TENNIS TRAINING CENTER INTRODUCES TENNIS TO NEW COMMUNITIES



Players from Cass Technical High School, Renaissance High School, ML King, Jr. High School, and Grove High School participated in the six-week training hosted by the USTA Midwest Section and SEMTA. Community tennis instructor, Jerry Wysinger, led the group through drills and organized play.

The district also hosted a Red Ball Team Challenge for beginner players and a Yellow Ball Team Tournament for more advanced players.

# Meet Our Newest Addition

## Susan Courtright - Tennis Service Rep



Susan spent her formative years in Dearborn, MI where she grew up in a tennis family, one who started and spurred her lifelong love for the sport. Susan attended Dearborn High School where she was a (3) time #1 Singles state-champion, while spending over 12 years on the USTA junior tennis circuit. Her amateur efforts culminated in a G18 USTA/Midwest Section Championship and a G18 USTA/National singles ranking of #16. Susan played collegiately at Duke University, where she was a (2) time singles All-American. Following college, she played professional tennis before accepting a position as the University of Michigan Assistant Tennis Coach from 1993-1997.

In addition to playing collegiate tennis and coaching, Susan also coached at private clubs in Michigan and New York before accepting a position at

the USTA/Midwest Section as the USA Tennis Community Tennis Coordinator and Adult/Senior Competition Coordinator in 2000. A devoted mother, Susan took a break from the tennis world to raise four daughters, Caroline, Lauren, Jessica and Corinne with her husband, John, in Ann Arbor, MI. She spent many years on the junior USTA circuit with her daughter, Caroline, keeping her in touch with many familiar faces, clubs, and programs throughout the USTA/Midwest Section.

# Detroit Public Schools Community District Teacher In-Service

SEMTA is now a community partner with the Detroit Public School Community District. SE Michigan Community Trainers facilitated a "Train-the-Trainer" Workshop for 18 DPSCD PE Instructors in February. District staff helped the instructors register their schools on the USTA Net Generation site. As a result, they will receive a free equipment bag which includes 30 youth racquets, the Net Generation School Curriculum and several dozen red and orange balls. PE Instructors were then led through the Net Generation drills. Additional workshops will be held in the Fall.



**JOIN NET GENERATION FOR FREE**

to receive an exclusive T-shirt designed by Venus Williams\*

\*limited quantities available



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# 2019 JTT District Championship

## CONGRATULATIONS

### 10U Green Ball

1st - SCWB Soup\_ah\_stars

2nd - Huron Valley Thunderchickens

### 12U Intermediate

1st - Chippewa Piranhas

2nd - SCWB Unmatchables

### 14U Intermediate

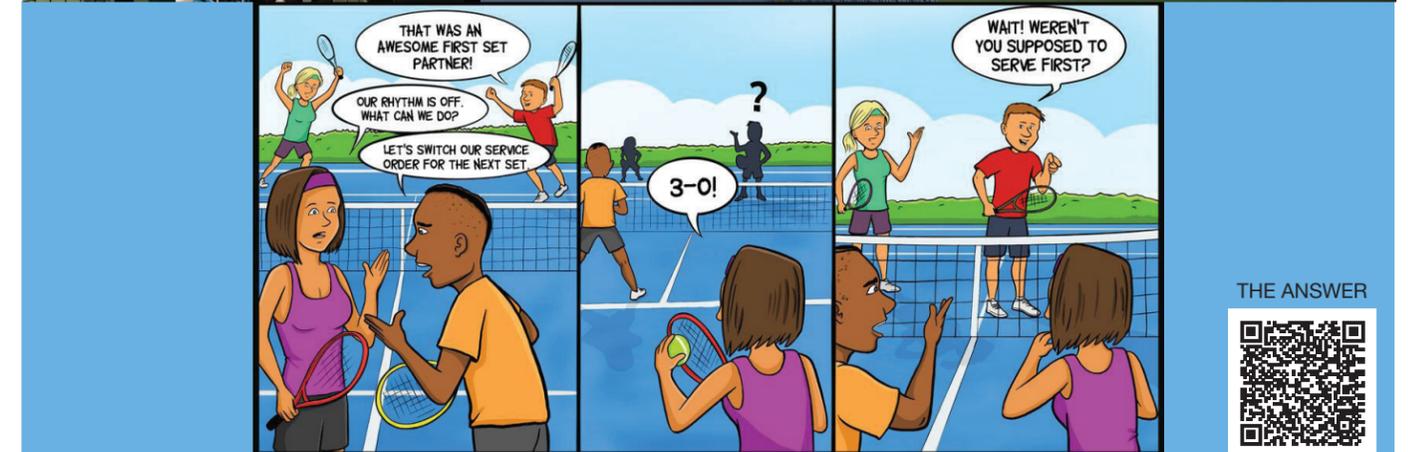
1st - SCWB Big Shots

2nd - Pine Lake Piranhas

### 18U Intermediate

1st - SCWB E\_Lemon\_ators

2nd - Dearborn Destroyers

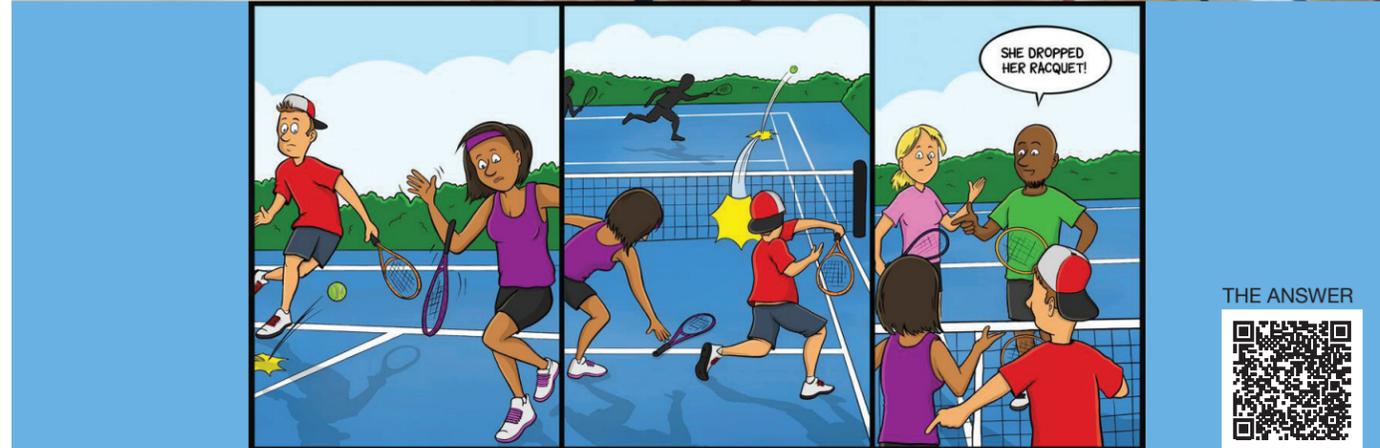


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# TABERNACLE CHURCH YOUTH TENNIS PROGRAM HOSTS WINTER RED BALL TEAM CHALLENGE

Burrell Shields and Ken Coleman, members of the Motor City Tennis Club, helped the TMBC Youth Tennis program coordinator, Donna Kitchen, host a six-week Red Ball Team Challenge at the Boys and Girls Club in Highland Park, Michigan. Coaches Shields and Coleman led players through fun skill development drills and organized plan.



# USTA Red Ball Team Challenges at Pontiac Dream Center

Coach Don Egler and Cory Jorgensen introduced tennis to 24 youth who participate in after-school programs at the Dream Center in Pontiac, MI



The six-week Red Ball Team Challenge provided first time exposure to tennis for many of the 7-10 year old youth participants.

# USTA Southeastern Michigan Initiative GET TENNIS BACK IN OUR SCHOOLS

# Over 120 Students Participated in USTA Red Ball Team Challenges at F.L.I.C.S., Nolan & Robeson Schools

The 4-week Team Challenges were facilitated by Palmer Park Tennis Academy Director, Leonora King, and Motor City Tennis Club members, Burrell Shields, Dave Warren and Ken Wilson.



# USTA Adult NTRP Championships



## ROAD TO THE NATIONALS

Congratulations to SE Michigan players who brought home the Gold at Nationals...and everyone who participated.



### 2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Men's Singles 5.0	Steve Pillon
Women's Doubles 4.0	Alison Kirschenbaum/Heather Vogt
Senior Women's Singles 3.5	Elizabeth Shadigian
Senior Men's Singles 3.5	Tino Dibattista
Men's Doubles 4.5 Finalists	Carter Freeman/Mark Giancarlo



# USTA Adult NTRP Sectional Championships

Men's 3.5 Singles	Surya Prakash Mannepalli	Winner
Men's 4.0 Singles	Suket Dhir	Winner
Men's 4.5 Singles	Dylan Reffe	Winner
Women's 3.5 Singles	Courtney Holsworth	Finalist
Women's 4.0 Singles	Sarah Fahrback	Winner
Men's 4.5 Doubles	Freeman/Giancarlo	RR Winners
Women's 3.0 Doubles	Hauschild/Reic	Winners
Women's 3.5 Doubles	Briceno/Slade	Finalists
Women's 4.0 Doubles	Kirschenbaum/Vogt	Winners

Senior 50 Men's 3.5 Singles	Tino Dibattista	RR Winner
Senior 50 Men's 4.0 Singles	Jeff Oparka	RR Winner
Senior 50 Men's 4.0 Singles	Jeffrey Collins	RR Runner-Up
Senior 50 Men's 4.5 Singles	Bjoern Goeke	RR Winner
Senior 50 Women's 3.5 Singles	Elizabeth Shadigian	RR Runner-Up
Senior 50 Women's 4.0 Singles	Cindy Mathys	RR Runner-Up
Senior 50 Men's 4.0 Doubles	Bieniek/Friesen	RR Winners
Senior 50 Women's 4.0 Doubles	Pappas/Mathys	RR Winners



### Adult NTRP District Championship Correction

**CORRECTION**  
The 2018 Men's  
18 & Over  
3.5 Finalist  
**Cade McLogan**



## FREE 1 YEAR JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP FOR KIDS 10 AND UNDER

**UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2019,**  
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- Visit [www.tryusta.com/juniorfree](http://www.tryusta.com/juniorfree)
- Call 1-800-990-8782
- Or complete this form and mail to address below

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Offer Expires: **December 31, 2019**

### New Member

(Please Print)

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

PARENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

PARENT'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S TELEPHONE ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL OF PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S EMAIL (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

MALE  FEMALE  DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_  
(required) MM / DD / YYYY

PARENT'S DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_  
(required) MM / DD / YYYY

Please check here if you are a wheelchair player.

Ethnicity (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian (required) Date

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY AND TERM:

Junior 1-Year, INTRO OFFER (a \$20 value)

### To place your order by mail, send completed form to:

United States Tennis Association Incorporated  
Department 643719  
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Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3767

**OFFER EXPIRES:**  
**December 31, 2019**



## LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUTH TENNIS AT [NETGENERATION.COM](http://NETGENERATION.COM)

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**SEMTA NEEDS YOUR HELP TO GROW TENNIS  
THROUGHOUT OUR DISTRICT  
- PLEASE VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

**Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

**Metro Detroit Youth Day  
Belle Isle July 10**

**Courageous Games  
Team Tennis Tournament  
WSU July 13-14**

**Scouts of America Rendezvous  
Sept 27-29**

**East Side Youth Sports Foundation "Try Sports"  
Mack Athletic Complex Fall 2019**

**Open Streets Detroit  
SW Detroit Fall 2019**



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**CHECK OUR THE NEW DISTRICT CALENDAR  
TO LEARN ABOUT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS HAPPENING IN  
SE MICHIGAN!**

[http://www.semich.usta.com/About\\_Us/ustasoutheastern\\_michigan\\_calendar/](http://www.semich.usta.com/About_Us/ustasoutheastern_michigan_calendar/)



**2019  
MEMBER RECOGNITION  
USTA SE MICHIGAN**



**Nominate a Captain, Teammate or Opponent who deserves recognition for excellent leadership and sportsmanship.**



**SE MICH Captain-of-the-Year - The district will use the following criteria and consideration to select the winner**

1. Number of USTA teams captained in 2018-19
2. Number of teams participated in 2018-19 (not captain)
3. Average of number of players on team(s) managed by captain
4. Number of courts defaulted and/or number of team match forfeits
5. Amount of playing time per player on team(s)
6. How many players from team managed by captain last year played on same team this year
7. Playoff success of team(s) - flight, state, sectionals, nationals

**SE MICH Player-of-the-Year - The district will use the following criteria and consideration to select the winner**

1. Number of teams participated in 2018-19 (not captain)
2. Overall sportsmanship on and off the court
3. USTA and non-USTA volunteer positions
4. Positive remarks from teammates or captain

<https://form.jotform.com/91155589557168>



# KASPERS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED UNTIL JUNE 30, 2019



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## THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF USTA LEAGUE!



### USTA/Southeastern Michigan TEAM APPRECIATION MONTHLY DRAWING

SEMICH District Staff will provide complimentary refreshments for one home match to the team that receives the most votes within a given month.



Any USTA League Participant may vote for only one team per month. Teams are eligible to win only once per season.

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In honor of National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, we want to recognize and thank all of our USTA League Players. Because of you, USTA League is the largest adult tennis league in the country!

Take a photo and share why you love USTA League and how it keeps you healthy! Post it on social media using #ustaleague and receive a pair of USTA sunglasses.