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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### JUNIOR TOUR, EXCELLENCE, DEVELOPMENT AND CHALLENGERS

These classes are our most competitive junior programs. They are designed for players who have some match experience and want to continue to improve and play at the tournament level. These programs are nine weeks long and meet two to three times a week, for one and a half hours at a time. While we work on all strokes, the emphasis is on repetitive drilling, reflex and coordination improvement, and strategy for doubles and singles play. We expect the players to take our suggestions for improving their strokes and work on them in their own time. Our class time is best spent pointing out what our players need to improve on and showing them the correct way to practice, so they can use their practice time effectively and efficiently.

All of these classes are competitive, and in this spirit we have designed a challenge system to move up or down between classes. Everyone is tested, and if they qualify, will be placed in one of the four levels. Once assigned to a class, players may be challenged by others within the program. **If a player in the higher group loses a challenge match he/she must switch groups with the winner. This means their days and times may switch also. Everyone must be prepared to accept challenges and the consequences of them.** For players who are unable to be flexible in the event of a challenge we recommend either a private group or private lessons.

The testing system is not perfect but it is the same for everyone and it is totally objective. A player gets points for placement and power. Players will hit forehand and backhand ground strokes and volleys, and will serve to four different target areas on the court. A perfect score is 400. Players who do not qualify for the competitive groups after testing are encouraged to sign up for our five week junior clinics, which concentrate more on stroke production and the basics of tennis.

**We encourage all parents to emphasize to their children that not making a class or not making the class of their choice is not a big deal. The fact that they wish to try is what is exciting. If they don't make it this time they have plenty of chances later on. There are very few children under the age of nine who make these classes, so please take this into consideration when planning your child's program. If you have any questions or concerns about our competitive program feel free to contact us at 987-6868.**