



Downpatrick Tennis Club Junior Newsletter 2010

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Another new season is about to begin and we are all looking forward to seeing you all again this year.

2009 Season was a great success with 109 junior/juvenile members. We had great coaching sessions and with our two coaches Dave and Michael who will be returning again this year with the same format as last season.

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Club Coaches	Dave Coffey Michael McLaren

Down High Tennis Courts, Down High Playing Fields, Downpatrick.



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1 Fees.

Membership type		Fee
Juveniles (13 – 18 years)		£20
Persons in full time education		£20
Juniors		£10
Coaching (Juniors & Juveniles)	First Child	£45
	Each subsequent child	£35

2 Membership

For insurance reasons all fees and forms must be returned by the first night of coaching. All new members will be accepted on a first come basis.

3 Coaching for juniors and juveniles

Dave Coffey and Michael McLaren will be employed as the Clubs Tennis Coaches for 2010. Coaching will run same times as last year Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6.00pm to 9.00pm.

Coaching will begin on Tuesday 27th April 2010 for the Primary School members and on Thursday 29th for Post Primary School members. Membership is based on first come first served basis and therefore it is important to get your membership forms and fees paid promptly. You can contact me on my phone number supplied a week before coaching starts to gain your exact times to be on court.

Juniors who are 13 years and over are permitted to play in all the American tournaments, club championships, handicap tournaments and club play (Monday and Wednesday evenings) only if agreed with the coaches. Check the Notice Board and website for all these dates and times.

A junior coaching week will start on Monday 9th August 2010. Details of the coaching week/ tournament will be circulated nearer the time. Check out the website and notice board for any updates.



4 Child Protection, Volunteers and Parental Responsibility

The named child protection officers for the club are;

- Mrs Bonnie Milligan
- Mrs Anna Mc Cartan

The junior coaching is separated into 5 groups.

Two coaches will be present at each session and at least one other committee member/volunteer.

The club may call on volunteers to help on a given evening. The time commitment will be no longer than 1 hour on a Tuesday and 1 ½ hours on a Thursday. A rota of volunteers will be established at the beginning of the season. If you are interested in volunteering please let the Junior Secretary know.

It is the responsibility of the junior member's parent/guardian to drop off and collect the junior member on time. (See attached sheet on role of volunteer and responsibility of parent – this form must be signed and returned.

5 Clubmark Award

Downpatrick Tennis Club holds the Junior Clubmark Award Accreditation. This award from the Sports Council of Northern Ireland recognises that our club provides quality coaching and a safe environment for junior members. There is an Awards ceremony held each year by Down District Council and this year the club has nominated Rea Coffey as the Junior Sportsperson of the year 2009.

Some extra forms have been included with your membership form. These are necessary to comply with the Clubmark standards. Please read the forms, sign them and return them with your membership application.

6 Return of Forms

All forms enclosed with your application form must be returned and signed before the Club can register your name(s) as members of Downpatrick Tennis Club. Applications will be based on a first come first served basis. Applications together with all the attached forms should be signed and returned to Treasurer before 14th April 2010.



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7 Junior Club Calendar

Date		Event
Tuesday	27 April	First Junior coaching session of the season
Thursday	29 April	First Junior coaching session of the Season
Tuesday	13 July	No coaching – Holiday
Thursday	15 July	No coaching - Holiday
Tuesday	20 July	No coaching – Holiday
Thursday	22 July	No coaching - Holiday
Tuesday	27 July	Coaching resumes
Thursday	5 August	Last Coaching session
COACHING WEEK BEGINNING 9th AUGUST 2010 followed by Junior Tournament and Prize Giving on Saturday 14 th August 2010		

8 Club website and email communication

All of the information in this newsletter is now available online at our new website. Please visit... www.downpatricktennisclub.co.uk

You will find information on all the Club's policies, activities, coaching, tournaments and more. If you have any ideas to improve the site or for new sections or pages then please use the e-Mail link on the "Contact Us" page and we will respond.

Sometimes it is necessary to contact you urgently or unexpectedly about changes to Club play. This may be because the courts are unplayable due to rain, or because Club play is being rescheduled due to league matches (we do our best to make sure that there is as little disruption as possible). To facilitate the best possible lines of communication we would like to create a database of email addresses and will set up a group email which does not display members emails explicitly. Please ensure that your email address is included on the application form and, if possible, try to check your email regularly.