

2018 HIGHLAND SPRING JUNIOR OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

At POMANDER GATE TENNIS CLUB- MAY 3 – MAY 5

Tournament Desk (Pomander Gate Office): pgtc@northrock.bm or 236-5400

RULES & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. This Tournament is a Bermuda Lawn Tennis Association (“BLTA”) event and will be played under the rules of tennis, as approved by the USTA Rules.
2. All matches will take place at Pomander Gate Tennis Club unless otherwise indicated. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to schedule matches at other venues.
3. **PLAYERS MAY ENTER A MAXIMUM OF THREE EVENTS. Please indicate in order of preference on the Entry Form. Players entering more than one event must be prepared to play one match each day in each event entered, if the schedule requires.**
4. Age groupings are determined by age at THE END OF THIS YEAR.
5. **The entry deadline is 6.00pm on Sunday, April 28th.** Each competitor must submit an individual entry form along with full payment to Pomander Gate Tennis Club. Please note entry fees are NON refundable.
6. **Players are welcome to attend the draw on Monday, April 29th at Pomander Gate Tennis Club at 12 noon.**
7. Participants **must** be current members of the BLTA to play in this Tournament. Players who are not already members for this year should include the \$40 fee herein and obtain and complete a BLTA membership form (available from the BLTA office or website www.blta.bm).
8. **Matches may be scheduled for play between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day. However, the tournament will try to accommodate players 14 and over who are working, hence some matches may be scheduled up to 7:30 p.m. All players must make themselves available during the tournament hours.** Players may make a note of any MINOR time problems on the entry form and the Tournament Committee will try to accommodate them. Players who do not expect to be available up to and including finals day should not enter the tournament.
9. **It is the responsibility of each player to find out their own time of play.** The daily schedule will be sent out to all players by email (if an address is given on the entry form) each evening before the next day of play. It will also be posted at Pomander Gate Tennis Club by 6:00 p.m. the night before.
10. **Competitors are expected to be ready to play at their scheduled time.** A competitor may be defaulted, at the discretion of the Tournament Committee or Referee, if not ready to play at the time the match is called.
11. **The format of the draws will ensure players have at least 2 matches in each event entered, either by way of round robins or the “A & B” draw format.** Players who win their first round match will continue in the “A” draw, players who lose will continue in the “B” draw. The Referee retains the right to determine the number of seeds in any event.
12. **SCORING** All matches, including final matches (except 8&U, 10&U and Singles matches) will be the best of TWO sets, with no advantage played at deuce. A match tie break in lieu of the 3rd set will be played. For **8&U and 10&U singles, the TWO sets (with no advantage at deuce) will be 4 games instead of 6, and a set tie break in lieu of the 3rd set.** However, an event may be cancelled or the format may be changed at the Committee’s discretion in the circumstances.
13. **Red dot balls will be in use for all 8&U and Red dot balls AND Green dot balls for 10&U singles matches. Scoring may be changed at the discretion of the Referee.**
14. Players must report to the Tournament Desk on arrival. When courts are not available, competitors are expected to remain at the Tournament venue until courts become available or until the Referee halts play for the day. The winner of each match must return the balls and report the score to the official at the Tournament Desk. Appropriate tennis attire is required on court at all times.
15. **Players are expected to display good sportsmanship at all times. The BLTA Code of Conduct and the Point Penalty System will be in effect throughout the Tournament. Lateness penalties will be in effect as posted at the tournament desk.**
16. If a player experiences difficulties, he/she has the right to request assistance from the Tournament Referee.
17. The Tournament Referee is empowered to take whatever measures are deemed necessary in the interest of the Tournament, without the Referee or the Committee being liable in any way.
18. **The PRIZEGIVING will take place after the last match on the final day of play Pomander Gate Tennis Club. Details will be published with the final day schedule of play.**

Our sincere thanks for your entry and we trust you will have an enjoyable tournament (Please Keep This Page)