



UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION



2021 GPT Tournament Coaching Initiative!

Parents,

As many of you may be aware, the United States Tennis Association (USTA) changed its entire tournament structure starting with the 2021 season. You can read more about it [HERE](#).

With the new tournament structure, we wanted to create the ability for GPT coaches to observe and coach your child at selected tournaments throughout the 2021 season. As is common practice at most academies, this is done by assessing every academy family \$20 per month creating a tournament coaching budget.

The goal is to offer coaching at a minimum of 4 pre-selected USTA tournaments for 2021 at the following levels:

- Intermediate Level (USTA Level 6 & 7)
- Advanced Level (USTA Level 3-5)

You can find the most updated list of the GPT selected tournaments on our website (<https://gpttennis.net/junior-documents>). Please know that the selection is subject to change, but we will be sure to communicate any changes.

Coaching will include the following:

- Guaranteed 2-days of coaching at the selected tournament
- Early morning pre-match group warm-up at a predetermined site/time
- Scouting of upcoming opponents when possible
- Game plan development
- Coaching when players split sets
- Match analysis/summary following the match

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. How many coaches will be going to my tournament? The number of coaches will be determined by the number of players entered and the number of locations. We are committed to providing quality coaching service.
2. Who are the coaches that will be going to my child's tournaments? The goal is to have the same GPT coaches that instruct your child's group during the week also observe them at the tournament.
3. What if my child does not get into the designated tournament? Coach Jason will be offering a 2-hour Sunday make-up practice session per quarter for students who were not able to get into a designated tournament
4. What if the tournament gets canceled? We will select a different tournament at that level for the coaches to attend, but only if the no matches were played at the tournament.

5. What if the USTA suspends tournament play due to COVID? If USTA tournament play is suspended for 4 weeks or longer, the tournament coaching fee will not be billed during that time.
6. Can I opt-out of the monthly tournament assessment? No, we believe it is critical for coaches to be able to observe your child competition. This format will ensure the best opportunity and the most cost-effective for all our families.
7. Will the pre-selected tournaments include out of state tournaments? No, the pre-selected tournaments will be local ones that do not require an overnight stay. However, parents seeking coaching during out of state tournaments can contact me directly for coaching options and cost.

We are excited for 2021 and look forward to a successful GPT Academy tournament year. As always, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any additional questions regarding our coaching initiative.



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