

Fairbanks Tennis Association 2018 Summer Program Features

FTA Mission:

Through tennis, FTA promotes health, education and well-being of all youth and adult residents of Interior Alaska.

FTA offers spring, summer, fall programming for players of all ages and abilities, with revisions, including:

- Camps
- FREE kid's tennis instruction events
- Drills
- Round Robins
- Group and private lessons
- Family Tennis
- Stroke of the Day Clinic
- Tournaments
- High school tennis
- Middle school tennis

FTA Registration Events:

- **April 14:** FTA Registration 11:00am-1:00pm at the Fairbanks Lutheran Church
- **April 21:** Summer Activity Fair 11:00am-4:00pm at the Big Dipper
- **May 20:** FTA Annual Free Community Block Party and Kids Free Tennis, Noon – 4:00pm: DRCTC (behind Mary Siah Rec Center)

FTA's FREE Annual Community Block Party and KIDS FREE TENNIS: Sunday, May 20 Noon-4:00pm at the DRCTC

Join us for a day of FREE food, FREE fun and entertainment, plus FREE tennis, tennis, and more tennis!

Fun games for all age groups. Rally with coaches. Enjoy a free BBQ. Tennis racquets provided. Wear sports shoes. Registration materials for summer classes will be available.

KIDS FREE TENNIS: 12:00pm-3:00pm

- Grades K-2nd: 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Grades 3rd-5th: 1:00pm-2:00pm
- Grades 6th-8th: 2:00pm-3:00pm
- Grades 9th-12th: 2:00pm-3:00pm

FTA brings visiting tennis pro John McElroy to Fairbanks:

John currently resides and teaches in Las Vegas and has been a tennis teaching pro for over 20 years in various locations, including Fairbanks in the early 2000s.

John's teaching philosophy: *"I believe in the ways of teaching tennis as fun, intense, challenging and always keeping an open mind. Keep pushing and never give up. Winners never quit and quitters never win."*

Dates: July 9-July 22

Private Lessons (all ages): are available with our visiting tennis pro, John McElroy, as well as our local professional coaches. Cost: FTA members \$50/hour; non-FTA members \$75/hour. By appointment arranged with FTA's Operations Manager.

FTA Camp Tennis (Grades K-12th):) May 21-25 Monday-Friday: 10am-12pm Grades K-5, 2pm-4pm Grades 6-12, \$60/wk

FTA Family Tennis (all ages):

Family Tennis is to introduce families (and individuals) to the wonderful benefits of tennis. All ages are welcome.

The format includes simple drills that **parents learn along with** their children. Equipment is provided.

Dates: June 3, June 10: 2:00pm-4:00pm. Cost: \$10/individual and \$25/family of 4 per day

FTA Stroke of the Day (Grades 6-12):

Forehand, backhand, serve, volley, approach shot: Juniors (Grades 6th-12th) work on a different stroke each day.

Dates: June 11-July 16 M-F: Grades 6th-8th: 2:00pm-3:00pm; Grades 9th-12th: 3:00pm-4:00pm. \$10/day, \$45/wk

FTA Adult Drills: Improve your strokes and strategies. Most Tuesdays & Thursdays 6-8pm between May 22 and July 19, \$15/day

Dates: May 22, 24; June 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28; July 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19

FTA Round Robin (Adult): fun, low-stress competitive play various evenings between May 29-July 18 from 6-8pm, \$10/day

Dates: May 29, 30, 31; June 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18.

FTA Juniors Compass Tournament Series (Grades 6 – 12):

Dates: June 4-June 8, 1:00 – 4:00pm each day

Cost: \$15 per player per day

The Compass Tournament is a new addition to FTA's summer programming. For players of all skill levels, this is a fun, low-stress, competitive format. Each player participates in a total of 4 20-minute matches each afternoon. Because no one gets eliminated, each player plays for a total of 80 minutes regardless of whether they win or lose.

The daily tournament can be completed during a 3-hour time frame so that players and their families can make the most of their day without having extended wait times between matches. We will start a fresh compass tournament each day. Each player can choose the days that best fit his/her schedule.

FTA Sam Woodke Quick Start 10&Under, Junior and Adult Tournament (all ages): July 28-29: ALL DAY.

FTA partners with USTA PNW this summer to bring USTA RecTennis program to Fairbanks!*

While FTA has been a USTA Community Tennis Member for several years, FTA is collaborating with USTA RecTennis program for the first time this summer to bring new opportunities to Fairbanks at DRCTC!

USTA RecTennis will offer the following programs this summer for the last 3 weeks of both June and July:

USTA RecTennis Camps -Monday – thru – Fridays

4hr Sports Camp (6-17years old) 8:30-12:30pm - \$99 -for 5 days of camp
1.5hr Tennis Camp (5-17years old) 10:00-11:30am - \$39 -for 5 days of camp

USTA RecTennis Friends & Family Tennis - Mondays

Friends & Family 7pm-8:30pm - \$25 each Monday for a group of 4people!

USTA wk1 - June 11-15

USTA wk2 - June 18-22

USTA wk 3 - June 25-29

USTA wk 4 - July 9-13

USTA wk 5 - July 16-20

USTA wk 6 - July 23-28.

*Although FTA and USTA are partners, **registration for FTA programs and USTA RecTennis programs is separate.**

Learn more about and register for USTA RecTennis programming at rectennis.com.

Learn more about and register for FTA programming at website fairbankstennis.com FTA is on Facebook.

Tennis Coach Training – Fairbanks

- Dan Ramras Community Tennis Courts
- June 6th - 6pm-9pm
- Training provided by USTA and the event is hosted by FTA, partnering to perpetuate community tennis.
- Come join us for free tennis coach training!
- This will include the summer training for the USTA Staff with some extras that any coach can use.

Highlights

- Youth Tennis/Novice instructions
- Group games
- Organizational tips for teaching tennis to groups
- **Register** for free at... [Fairbanks Coach Training](#).

Fall is just around the corner...

High School Tennis is no-cut FNSBSD sanctioned sport for all skill levels for players entering Grades 9-12. Starts July 25. \$220

Middle School Tennis is for all skill levels for players entering Grades 6-8. Runs August 6-September 14, MWF 6:30pm-8pm \$100

FTA 2018 Calendar Highlights:

April 7: 3rd FTA Annual Swing into Spring Kids Free Tennis Event, CSF Boileau Hall 1pm-3:30pm

April 14: FTA Annual Membership Meeting, Fairbanks Lutheran Church, 10-11am; Registration 11am-1pm

May 20: FTA Block Party and Kids Free Tennis, DRCTC, noon-4pm

June 4-June 8: Juniors Compass Tournament (grades 6-12), DRCTC 1pm-4pm each day

June 6: Coach Workshop, DRCTC, 6pm-9pm

July 21: Golden Days Parade FTA float walk, 10am

July 25: 1st day High School Tennis

July 28-29: FTA Sam Woodke Tournament: Quickstart, Junior, Adult

August 6: 1st day Middle School Tennis

September 21-22: High School Regional Tournament

October 5-6: State High School Tennis Championships, Anchorage

FTA program location is Dan Ramras Community Tennis Courts (behind Mary Siah Rec Center) or “DRCTC” primarily.

FTA programming is made possible, in part, in collaboration with FNSB Parks&Rec.

FTA is an official partner with USTA RecTennis.

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Check out our website’s Google calendar of tennis offerings.

Learn about community tennis news by joining the Fairbanks Tennis Google group;

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