



Dear G18 Player:

Congratulations on your acceptance into the 2011 USTA Girls' 18 National Clay Court Championships!

My name is Lauren Thompson and I am the Assistant Tournament Director for the event. There are a few things that I want to inform you about before the event begins so that the tournament runs as smoothly as possible for all of us. For most of the information about the event, please refer to our web site at www.rcofmemphis.com/girls18/. Most of your questions can be answered on this site, so please double-check there before you call. If you do have any questions that are not answered on the site, you may call me at 901-765-4458, but please, PLEASE, check the site first. Nine times out of ten I wind up emailing a link to our site to answer a question. My phone rings off the hook between now and the tournament, so please be patient and I will return your call as soon as I can. The absolute best way to get me is to email me at tennis.office@racquetclubofmemphis.com. I keep my email on constantly and will email you shortly after you email me during my hours, which are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm CST.

1. PLAYER BIO BOOK:

First of all, many of you may know about our Player Bio Book that we have put out at the last eleven National Clays. This is a hugely successful book that around 100 college coaches purchase every year. We ask that you please fill out your player bio online on rcofmemphis.com/girls18/. Just jump on the website and click on the link to "Player Bio Book" and you are able to fill out your form. We take all the profiles and put them together in a book that is available for any of you to purchase. Many college coaches who are in attendance at the event and some who do not attend the tournament, also purchase the book. This is especially valuable to all of you that are upcoming seniors, as so many college coaches have a copy of the book so that they can better recognize all of you in the event. Please jump online and fill out your bio as soon as possible. **I will email you a confirmation as soon as I receive your bio.** Also, please send a picture with your profile that you would like to appear next to your information. You can send one via the link on the web site (jpg, tif, pdf files are all fine) or you can send one in the mail. Please make sure that your name is on the back of your picture if you send it in the mail. We are taking pictures of any of you that do not send a picture in at check-in, so be prepared for that if you do not send a picture in ahead of time. **Let me stress that the best thing for you to do is send in your own picture. These always print better in the Bio Book.** Please do not send a scanned photo or newspaper article in the mail unless you have a GREAT photo printer that is clear and sharp. I have enclosed a sample Player Bio so that you can see how your information appears. Parents and players may purchase the books for a cost of \$25.00 beginning Tuesday afternoon.

PLAYER BIO BOOK HELPFUL HINTS...

- #1 PLEASE NOTE—on the Bio Form it asks for your **MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT TO DATE** in tennis. Pick one. The Coaches can easily look online at your record and see that you finished fourth at the Girls' 12 Nationals, won a Girls' 14 event, etc, etc. We want YOU to pick the ONE that means the most to you, whether it is winning a High School State Champs, winning a National Open, placing at your Sectionals, etc. If you list 14 major accomplishments, I will just email you back and ask you to pick ONE.
- #2 Please also note on the form it asks you to list awards you have received in High School. This can include Sportsmanship AWARDS, not RESULTS. Once again, Coaches can look up your record online. We want you to tell them about the things they can't look up on USTA.com.
- #3 THESE ARE HELPFUL HINTS FOR YOU based on what coaches have told us in the past about the forms. **THEY WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE STUFF THEY CAN'T FIND ONLINE.** They like knowing what kind of music you listen to and what movies you like. This gives them something to chat with you about.
- #4 The Picture - Send in one that **SHOWS YOUR FACE.** The Coaches flip to these pics so they know who is who. Tennis action shots look great from a distance, but they don't help the coaches to place a face with a name.

2. HOTELS:

Please contact the following hotels to receive special rates, set aside only for the Girls' 18 Clay Courts! **These rates will be ending soon, so please don't hesitate and call now to secure your room!** The Doubletree is within walking distance of the Racquet Club on 5069 Sanderlin Ave. Memphis, TN 38117. The phone number is 901-767-6666; The Doubletree offers a special rate of \$99/night. The Hampton Inn is on 5320 Poplar Ave Memphis, TN 38119 with a rate of \$89/night. You can reach the Hampton at 901-683-8500, and mention "USTA Clay Courts" to receive the rate. Check out <http://www.rcofmemphis.com/girls18/hotelinfo.htm> to see all hotels close to The Club.

3. COLLEGE BIO BOOK:

This year for the ninth time we are putting together a "College Bio Book" for you to purchase for \$15.00. About 95% of the schools that have registered to attend the College Coaches Recruiting Day on Saturday, July 16, have sent in general information about their programs that we are going to put in a book for all of you. This is much easier to carry around and sort through than 50 media guides from all the schools, and includes the address of the school, team line-up, headshots of the coaches, and other pertinent information. I have enclosed a sample College Bio page for you to see what the book is like.



4. **SIGNED RELEASE FORM:**

Every player participating in the USTA National Clay Court Championships must provide a signed release form **PRIOR** to play. Minors **MUST** have this form signed by a parent or legal guardian. I have enclosed a copy of this form. Please fill it out and either mail to The Racquet Club of Memphis, Attn. Lauren Thompson, 5111 Sanderlin Ave, Memphis TN 38117; fax to 901-682-4229; email it; or bring it with you to the tournament. **YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO PLAY UNLESS THIS FORM IS SIGNED AND RETURNED TO THE TOURNAMENT.**

5. **MANDATORY MEETING:**

There is a mandatory meeting for all of you on Saturday, July 16 at 6:00 pm. This meeting only lasts 30 minutes to an hour and we are taking the group picture for 2011 at this time. This meeting is very important to you, as Tournament Director Peter Lebedevs will be explaining all of the procedures for the week, information about the sites where you are playing, transportation to and from the sites, etc. **I cannot stress how important it is that you come to this meeting and listen to Peter.** Every year we have girls who miss shuttles, are upset because they are not in the group picture, miss the Player Dinner, don't get signed up for doubles, etc. because they do not come to the meeting or do come and do not listen. One year a parent had her cell phone taken away at a site because her daughter did not come to the meeting and did not read the information packet, and so she did not know cell phones are not allowed on site at one of the clubs. We don't want this to happen to you or your parent. I know that you will have been traveling, will probably have had a hit, and will only want to eat dinner and rest for Sunday. Nevertheless, you need to take the time that we ask of you to come to the meeting. We will not post the draw times until after the Players' Meeting that evening and it is your responsibility to check the Main Draw board yourself after the meeting. **Do not skip the meeting and then call us from your hotel room to get your time.**

6. **DRESS CODE:**

There is not a rigid dress code at the Racquet Club, the University Club or Memphis Country Club. However, we must insist that when you are practicing and/or playing, you are NOT wearing only your sports bra as a top. Appropriate tennis attire is required.

7. **PRACTICE COURTS:**

Practice courts are available at the Racquet Club of Memphis on Saturday, July 16, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **You must call The Shop at The Racquet Club at 901-765-4444 to reserve a court. Please be aware that because there are over 200 of you coming in to practice on Saturday, there will be four players booked on each court – NO COACHES, PARENTS, SIBLINGS, etc.** We have to book practice courts for all levels of events at our Club, from the professional event in February to the Nationals to a Southern event, etc, etc. We know all the tricks with practice courts. Please respect the other players in the event and know that you can only get one hour at the main site with three other players. You can only book one spot in advance for one hour. **WE DO HAVE ALTERNATE CLAY SITES AVAILABLE.** There are contact numbers and directions available for you online. There is no charge for the Practice Courts at the Racquet Club. Practice courts for Sunday are available and may be reserved **during the check-in process on Saturday, July 16 from 3:00 - 6:00 pm.** If you are coming into town earlier than Saturday, just give me a call in the office at 901-765-4458, and I will see what I can do. **ALSO, ONLY PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED TO BOOK PRACTICE COURTS - NOT PARENTS OR COACHES.**

8. **HITTING PARTNER:**

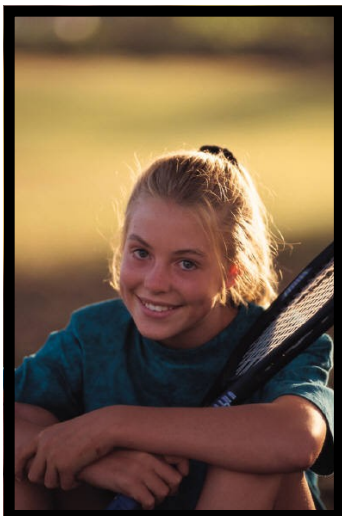
If you are in need of a hitting partner, you may contact any of the following college players to hit. Please note, you cannot hit with a hitting partner **ON CLAY** at the main site (The Racquet Club of Memphis). Once you contact a hitting partner, he will call an alternate site and set up a clay practice court for you. University of Memphis player, Jordan Smith (901.482.0807), is a hitting partner at \$30/hour. University of Memphis graduate, former player on the pro tour, and Racquet Club professional, Ben Stapp (901-550-1148) is available to hit at \$40.00/hour. Cleveland State graduate and Racquet Club professional Dan Singer (901.573.5027) is also available to hit with players. The cost to hit with Dan is \$40.00/hour.

9. **WEATHER:**

We have unpredictable weather and often have afternoon scattered thundershowers. We will have a rain line that will have instructions for rain delays, as well as rain delay updates on the G18 tournament page on the USTA website. I would prepare for weather in the high 90s and 100% humidity. Prepare to be hot and muggy and to drink lots of water. Be prepared for the heat, and it is less likely to get to you.

Please double check the web site if you have any other questions or concerns and then get back to me if the site does not help you efficiently. I look forward to meeting you in July!

Lauren Thompson
Assistant Tournament Director
USTA Girls' 18 National Clay Court Championships



Jane Smith

April 13, 1984

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Jane is the daughter of John & Judy Smith. She began playing tennis at the age of seven. In her years of playing tennis Jane considers winning a national title in G18 to be her major accomplishment to date in tennis. Jane, who is a left-handed player, feels that her backhand return and her serve are the strongest parts of her game. She would like to improve her net game, and has set this as a goal for herself. Her other goals in tennis include playing tennis at a Division I university and playing well at the summer tournaments. The motivating factors in her game are her love for competition and earning a college scholarship. Jane's brother Jack, 13, also plays tennis and will playing in the Super National 14s this summer.

Outside of tennis Jane enjoys running, reading, hanging out with her friends, and volunteering at the local children's hospital. Jane also enjoys bungee jumping and considers the fact that she has jumped over 15 times to be one of the most interesting things about herself. In high school Jane served on the Student Council, was on the Honor Roll, was elected to the National Honor Society, and received the MVP award for her track team. Jane's long-term and short-term goals outside of tennis include earning a degree in business, having a successful senior year, and traveling over the summer with her church.

Some Interesting facts about Jane...

Favorite Book To Kill a Mockingbird

Favorite Movie Bridget Jones' Diary

Favorite Vacation Spot Honolulu, HI

Favorite Tennis Player Pete Sampras, because he has been such a champion and example for so many years

Favorite Band

Dave Matthews Band

Favorite Food

Pizza

This is a sample Player Bio. This is what the information you give us looks like in the Player Bio Book. Nearly every College Coach at the tournament purchases a copy of the Bio Book and we have also begun to receive orders from schools that are not even going to be at the event. Please fill out your sheet online at www.rcofmemphis.com/girls18 as soon as possible! I will send you an email confirmation when I receive your Bio. You can either attach a picture of yourself online, email one to the address below, or mail one to the address below.

Mailing Address:

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Winter National Championships, Spring National Championships, Clay Court National Championships, Hard Court National Championships, ITF Events, Regional Events, and National Opens

USTA Release and Medical Release

Please complete USTA Release and Medical Release, sign it, have your parent or guardian sign it, and take the signed form with you to the ITF Junior Tournament you are entering. This form, signed by your parent or guardian and you, must be presented at on-site registration in order to participate in the event. Please use black ink and print clearly.

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| NAME OF EVENT: | |
| ADDRESS: <i>(street)</i> | <i>(city) (state) (zip)</i> |
| PHONE (home): () | PHONE (parent office): () |
| SECTION: | USTA MEMBERSHIP NO.: <i>exp. date</i> |

USTA RELEASE: The USTA requires a signed release covering all entrants in national USTA events. The release must be signed by the entrant and parent or guardian of any entrant who is a minor.

Acceptance of my entry in these events is without assumption or responsibility of any kind by the USTA, its sectional associates, committee or the management of any event in which I may be entered or may participate. In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I do hereby for and on behalf of myself, and my heirs and my legal representatives release and forever discharge the USTA, its officers, committees, and representatives and their successors and assigns, of and from any and all claims and damages, losses or injuries which may be suffered or sustained by me in connection with my activities during the period for which such permission is granted and any period traveling to and from the events described, and all claims are hereby waived and released, and I covenant not to sue therefor.

Signature of Entrant

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Street

City

State

Zip

MEDICAL RELEASE: I hereby consent to the rendering of emergency first aid and other medical procedures which at the time of injury or illness seems reasonably advisable. I further understand that I will be responsible for payment of any such medical procedures. In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I hereby agree to abide by all applicable rules and regulations and codes of the USTA and/or the same as may be adopted by the USTA for this ITF Junior Tournament, and hereby consent to be tested for drugs pursuant to the provisions thereof.

Signature of Entrant

Signature of Parent or Guardian

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