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Welcome to Delray Beach, South Florida's charming village by the sea! The city of Delray Beach and the sister company of the <u>Delray Beach Open</u> (world's only combined ATP Tour and Legends event), would like to welcome all players and collegiate coaches to the 57th anniversary of the **USTA BOYS' 18 & 16**NATIONAL CLAY COURT CHAMPIONSHIPS hosted by the City of Delray Beach (July 7 – 14, 2024). This event consists of approximately 400 of the top-ranked Boys 18s & 16s in the United States and will create two highlight television shows, one for each event (B18 & B16).

Delray Beach is a beach lover's destination with one of America's most beautiful seashores and we hope you'll have some time to stroll in the warm surf. We invite you to take a leisurely walk along Atlantic Avenue, enjoy the galleries, boutiques and above all, our gourmet restaurants.

Due to the heat and the potential for weather issues in S. Florida, we are using multiple private and public facilities for match play (over 45 courts at 8am). They have been extremely generous in offering match and practice courts - please be respectful of their facilities. Make sure to view the Event Website for site locations (abbreviations) and check in at the Site Director Desk 15 minutes before your match.

We are excited to welcome you to this USTA L1 National Championships, call or email us if you have any questions and enjoy your stay -- good luck!

As of 5.12.24

#### **Event Website**

#### **EVENT EXECUTIVE STAFF**

Ivan Baron, Tournament Director
Adam Baron, Executive Director
Mark Baron, Tournament Chairman
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Jax Kenney, Director of College Expo & Site Director
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## **INFO INCLUDED**

Event Sponsors
Event Info
Sites – Matches & Practice
Activities Around Town
Hotels & Travel
Favorite Restaurants and Offers \*from trusted Delray Foodies\*







## **EVENT SPONSORS – THANK YOU!**

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Baptist Health is the official healthcare partner for the USTA Boys' 18 & 16 National Clay Court Championships and will be providing medical services for our players. As the largest not-for-profit healthcare organization in South Florida, Baptist Health has 12 hospitals, more than 26,000 employees, 4,000 physicians and 200 outpatient centers, urgent care facilities and physician practices spanning across Miami-Dade, Monroe, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Baptist Health is ready to stand by you, through all of life's moments. Tap into healthcare from anywhere with Baptist Health's PineApp mobile app. OFFICIAL HEALTHCARE SPONSOR

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Palm Beach County Sports Commission is a private, not-for-profit organization contracted by Palm Beach County to promote and market the County as a sports tourism destination. The Commission brings sporting events and activities to the County, enhances economic impact, stimulates bed tax revenues (with a focus on the off-season), and maximizes utilization of County facilities. OFFICIAL SPORTS COMMISSION SPONSOR

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<u>Florida Sports Foundation</u> is a 501(C)3 non-profit corporation. The mission of the Florida Sports Foundation is to assist Florida's communities with securing, hosting and retaining Sporting events and sports related business that generate significant economic impact and Sports Tourism for the state of Florida through the Foundation's grant programs, legislative initiatives and Industry Partner service, recognition and development.



























## **DOUBLES INFO & DEADLINE**

**DOUBLES DEADLINE (Mon., July 1, 2024 @ Noon EDT)**. All singles players may play doubles....Even if you registered with a partner online, you **MUST STILL** re-register by emailing the doubles pairing to <a href="mailto:eyair@YellowTennisBall.com">eyair@YellowTennisBall.com</a>.

If you know your doubles team, please e-mail the team/division to Adam Baron at <a href="eyair@YellowTennisBall.com">eyair@YellowTennisBall.com</a> by the deadline. <a href="mailto:lmportant">lmportant</a>: make sure we reply back to you to confirm receipt of the e-mail. If we do not hear from you before then, we will NOT place you in the doubles draw. If you do not have a partner, and would like to be paired with another player, please email <a href="mailto:eyair@YellowTennisBall.com">eyair@YellowTennisBall.com</a> (make sure you receive an email confirmation) — we will do our best to pair you with another player (with a similar ranking).

- Players may only play doubles in the same division as they are playing singles.
- Boys 18s & 16s Doubles begins on Sunday, July 7, 2024. Doubles begins no earlier than 2pm daily for the early rounds.
- Seeding: Based upon National Individual Doubles Seeding List

### **EVENT INFO. & HOTELS**

<u>Click</u> for the Event Schedule including the College Expo, Player Registration, Match Schedule, etc.

- Event Info
- Daily Schedule
- College Expo

- Sites & Courts
- <u>Hotels</u>
- Sponsors



- <u>Media</u>



Click here for Discount Hotel Rates

#### **SITES & FACILITIES**

A special thank you goes out to the <u>City of Delray Beach</u>, the <u>Delray Beach Tennis Center</u>, and the Delray Swim & Tennis Club for being the host-site. Additionally, we're very appreciative to all of the match and practice site partners: <u>BallenIsles Country Club</u>, <u>One Tennis Academy</u>, <u>Boca Raton Racquet Center</u>, <u>Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center</u> and <u>PGA National Sports & Racquet Club</u> for their involvement with the future of American Tennis!

- Click here for Match & Practice Site Locations.
- Click here for hotels and distance to match sites (10-20 minutes for B18s)... (10 minutes for B16s)... B18 to B16 sites (approx.. 45 min)

#### SITE SCHEDULE ~ WEATHER PENDING

- Sunday, Day 1 Thursday, Day 5: Boys 18s (Multiple Sites) & Boys 16s (Multiple Sites)
- Friday, Day 6 Sunday, Day 8: Delray Beach Tennis Center (B18s & 16s)
- PLEASE CHECK ONLINE THAT YOU'RE AT THE CORRECT MATCH SITE LOCATION (various sites being utilized)
- PLEASE CHECK POSTED TIMES AT EACH SITE LOCATION FOR SCHEDULE UPDATES

#### MISC.

<u>ATHLETIC TRAINERS</u>: A big thank you to <u>Baptist Health South Florida</u> for providing all of the athletic training services throughout the week. Please check the trainers' schedule that will be available at each tournament site (<u>click here</u>). If you desire athletic training services, please go to a site where a trainer stationed. You are still responsible to be ready to play at your scheduled match time.

### STRINGER:

- Pro Circuit Stringing will be based at the Delray Beach Tennis Center, c: 678-428-3649 (\$20+ per racket)
- Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center & PGA National will also have a Stringer on-site (\$20 \$25 per racket)

<u>UMPIRE & COURT MONITORS</u>: Both umpires and court monitors will be roaming the tournament grounds. If any issues arise before, during, or after the match, feel free to ask them any questions as they are there to assist you.

<u>HEAT:</u> Please remember to drink plenty of liquids before, during and after practice and match play. It is normally very humid in Florida - many players cool down by bringing coolers with ice and a towel to soak their heads. If you think you've had enough water, keep drinking!

**HITTING LESSONS:** Please contact any of the match sites for availability.

#### **ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN**

- <u>Atlantic Avenue Downtown</u>: Stretching for blocks between the beach and the Delray Beach Tennis Stadium, this arts and entertainment area offers restaurants & retail shopping galore. Directions: I-95 to Atlantic Ave., head east.
- Boca Cryo: 1200 Yamato Road, Suite B-3, Boca Raton, 561-990-5916
- Boca Dunes Country Club (Golf): For SPECIAL RATES and/or lessons/clinics call Jess Frank (Director of Golf) 1400 Country Club Dr. Boca Raton, FL 33432; Phone: 561-213-8579
- <u>Boca Raton Town Center Mall</u>: Saks Fifth Avenue, Neiman Marcus, Bloomingdale's, Nordstrom, Macy's, Sears, Crate & Barrel & more. 6000 Glades Rd. Boca Raton, FL 33431. Phone: 561-368-6001
- Boomer's Boca Raton: Go-Carts, Video Games, Bumper Cars, Laser Tag, Mini Golf. 3100 Airport Rd. Boca Raton, FL 33431. Phone: 561-347-1888
- Delray Beach Golf Club (Golf): 2200 Highland Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33445
- <u>Paragon Theaters and Penny Lanes + IMAX</u>: Longtime movie theater chain screening current films & offering standard concessions and bowling. 14775 Lyons Rd., Delray Beach 33446. 561-865-9487
- <u>Gumbo Limbo Nature Center</u>: Nature Walks, sea turtles, bird watching. And much more! 1801 North Ocean Boulevard. Boca Raton, FL 33432. Phone: 561-338-1473
- <u>iPic Theaters at Mizner Park</u>: Upscale cinema chain with plush seating, gourmet light bites and cocktails, plus in-theater service. 301 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, 33432
- <u>iPic Theaters Delray Beach:</u> Upscale cinema chain with plush seating, gourmet light bites and cocktails, plus in-theater service 25 SE 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Delray Beach, FL 33483
- <u>Lion Country Safari</u>: Enjoy America's first drive through, cage-less zoo, giraffe & stingray feeding. 2003 Lion Country Safari Rd., Loxahatchee, FL 33470. 561-793-1084
- Mizner Park: A lifestyle center in downtown Boca Raton with shops, great eateries, museums, art galleries and more. 327 Plaza Real, Boca Raton 33432
- Putt N Around: Beautiful mini golf location. 350 NE 5th Ave (Federal Hwy) Delray Beach, FL Open 10am-11pm. Phone: 561-450-6162.
- <u>PurLife Fitness Center</u>: The premier Delray Beach Gym and newest Boca Raton Gym. PurLife has top of the line equipment and best group fitness classes. 561-852-9200
- PurStrands: Delray Beach Hair Salon Haircuts Keratin Coloring Highlights Styling Make-Up. 561.220.0749
- Rapids Water Park: South Florida's largest water park. 2489 Port W Blvd, Riviera Beach, FL 33407. Phone: 561-848-6272
- Richwagen's Bike and Sea Sport Rentals: in Delray Beach. 298 NE 6th Ave. Beach, Florida. Phone: 561-243-2453
- Sawgrass Outlet Mall: Largest outlet mall in the world. 12801 West Sunrise Blvd. Sunrise, FL 33323. Phone: 954-846-2350
- <u>Silverball Pinball Museum</u>: Featuring classic pinball machines and arcade games from as far back as the 1930s. Play non-stop games, no quarters or token needed! 19 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33483

### **TOURNAMENT STAFFERS' FAVORITE RESTAURANTS:**

**Ziree Thai** (Thai, Sushi), 561-276-6549, 401 W Atlantic Ave., #R7 Delray Beach, FL. 33444 **WE ENJOY**: Lunch special "Box #2"

Sazio (Full – Service Casual Italian), 561-272-5540, 131 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, FL 33444

WE ENJOY: The Linguine with Meatballs and the Lemon Chicken Scallopini (pictured)

Prezzo Italian Restaurant & Bar, \$20 off \$60 or more, mention 'National Clay Court Champs' 5560 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton, 561.314.6840

**DaDa** (Eclectic), 561-330-3232, 52 N Swinton Ave., Delray Beach, FL 33444 **WE ENJOY**: the crab cakes and the mojitos (for parents!)

**Brule Bistro** (Eclectic), 561-274-2046; 200 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Delray Beach, FL 33444 **WE ENJOY**: The lunch Club Sandwich is amazing! (A John Butler favorite)

Rocco's Tacos (Delray Beach and Boca Raton) (Mexican)
Delray Beach (561) 808-1100; 110 E. Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33444 AND
Boca Raton (561) 416-2131; 5250 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton, FL 33486

WE ENJOY: Get the Table Side Guacamole. Try and eat just one chip, good luck!

**Akira Back** (Modern Japanese cuisine with authentic Korean Flavors), 561-739-1708 The Ray Hotel, 233 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Delray Beach, FL

WE ENJOY: The Tuna Pizza is the bomb!

Kapow Noodle Bar (Pan-Asian eatery for buns, noodles & small plates), 561-347-7322

402 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, FL 33432

WE ENJOY: The Vietnamese Chicken Wings & Ahi Tune Poke

Fratelli's Italian Restaurant (Pizza & pasta), (561) 381-9970

1684 S Federal Hwy, Delray Beach, FL 33483

WE ENJOY: The meatballs, Grilled chicken & avocado salad

Caffe Luna Rosa (Bustling bistro by the beach), (561) 274-9404

34 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach, FL 33483

**WE ENJOY**: The breakfast pizza (An Adam Baron favorite)











Rose's Daughter, (561) 271-9423, 169 NE. 2nd Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33444 WE ENJOY: The Margarita Pizza, Mom's Manicotti, Bolognese Pappardelle

Raw Juice - Glades (Juices, Smoothies, Acai Bowls), 561-424-5823

2200 Glades Rd., Boca Raton, FL 33431

WE ENJOY: The Green Protein ('Juce'), and The Power Bowl

Shake Shack (Hamburgers, milkshakes), (561) 923-0847, 1400 Glades Rd., Boca Raton, FL 33431

WE ENJOY: The Shackburger and 'Black & White' Milkshake with crinkle cut fries!

PurLife Cafe (in PurLife Fitness Center) (Live/Raw Food, Juice Bars & Smoothies), (561) 852-9200

45 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33444

WE ENJOY: The Green Goodness Acai Bowl

Elisabetta's Ristorante – Delray Beach (Italian), (561) 560-6699, 32 E Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, FL 33444

WE ENJOY: The Meatballs, Brooklyn Caesar and the Margherita Pizza

Chipotle Mexican Grill – Delray Beach (Mexican Chain), (561) 276-2093

520 Linton Blvd. #101, Delray Beach, FL 33444

WE ENJOY: The Double Meat Grilled Chicken Burrito with Black Beans, Cilantro-Lime Brown Rice

Tomatillo Salsa, Guacamole, Cheese and Side of Sour Cream

Bolay - Boca Raton (Bowls for lunch/dinner packed with nutrients and protein) (561) 609-1781

5030 Champion Blvd. G1D, Boca Raton, FL 33496

WE ENJOY: Forbidden Black Rice, Lemon Chicken, Avocado































