



# MNTC NEWSLETTER

SUMMER

2025

*Our mission is to inspire excellence, create opportunities, connect the community and foster a positive lifelong impact through tennis.*

## JUNIOR MATCH PLAY

From Red Ball to Yellow Ball, our players brought the energy, effort, and enthusiasm every Saturday from May 17–June 14!

Coach Brandon Royal shared:

“Junior Match Play was a great learning experience for our junior players to keep score and learn how to play the game.”

Coach Erik Wright added:

“Junior Match Play was a perfect opportunity to exercise sportsmanship and practice proper attitude like no outbursts and racquet throws.”

A special shoutout to our True Grit Award winners—you showed heart, hustle, and full effort every week. We're proud of all our junior athletes for stepping up and embracing competition with character.



Coach Erik grew up playing tennis in his hometown Williamsburg, VA. His love of tennis was inspired by his grandfather who started teaching him to play at the age of two. As a teenager, he developed a passion for the sport and received professional tennis instruction at a local racquet club.

After a career in business and raising a family, Erik returned to playing and coaching tennis. He earned VHSL and NFHS certificates and coached competitive High School tennis teams for ten seasons. Erik has served in various capacities at several tennis clubs in the Tidewater region, from volunteer to board of directors, where he expanded his experience training young tennis athletes.

Erik is a tennis organizer, a USTA team captain who actively participates in many local recreational tennis events, leagues and tournaments. He is a committed supporter, proud advocate and life long enthusiast for the sport and for the local tennis community.



### Coach Erik

“I am very proud to have earned my RSPA Tennis Professional Certification with the support of the MNTC Staff.”



# USTA Tournament Recap



On June 28<sup>th</sup> at MNTC, we had our first Adult NTRP 3.0–4.0 Tournament! We had an amazing turnout and so much interest that we couldn't even fit everyone in!

Big congratulations to our very own MNTC members who crushed it on the courts:

William – 4.0 Men's Champion  
Noah – 3.0 Men's Champion  
Brian – 3.5 Men's Finalist  
Jennifer – 3.0 Women's Finalist

We also want to take a moment to address a common question we've heard:

"Why was 'someone' allowed to compete at that level?"

Here's how it works:

- All players must have a valid USTA NTRP rating to register for NTRP tournaments.
- If a player enters the 3.5 division, they officially have a 3.5 rating in the USTA system.
- We cannot—and are not allowed to—move a player based on community feedback or match performance.

NTRP ratings are updated annually by the USTA using verified match data. While we may feel someone plays "like a 4.0," NTRP ratings include a range (e.g., a 3.5 rating includes players from 3.01 to 3.50). That means two players with the same rating can perform very differently. A 3.49 might dominate a 3.01—and still, both are valid 3.5 players.

## Upcoming USTA Tournaments at MNTC



- **August 23** - L7 BG 12 & 16 Singles Tribe Summer Classic
- **Sep 7** - Junior Circuit Jr. Tribe Classic: Co-Ed 10U/12U Orange Ball & 10U/12U Green Ball Singles
- **Oct 26** - Junior Circuit Halloween Coed 12U Green Ball Smash

## JR TRIBE CAMP

DAILY RATES:	WEEKLY RATES:
(MEMBER)	(MEMBER)
\$50	\$200
(NON-MEMBER)	(NON-MEMBER)
\$55	\$220

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**JUNE 16 - AUGUST 22,  
MONDAY - FRIDAY,  
12:00 - 2:00 PM**



## SUMMER CAMP

DAILY RATES:	WEEKLY RATES:
(MEMBER)	(MEMBER)
\$75	\$300
(NON-MEMBER)	(NON-MEMBER)
\$80	\$320

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2:00 - 5:00 PM**



### FALL 2025 SCHEDULE UPDATE

We're excited to announce that our Fall 2025 program schedule is now live! Below, you'll find links to our junior classes, each packed with detailed information. While our junior schedule includes some new offerings and different class times, our adult programming will remain the same. Spots are expected to fill up quickly, so we encourage you to sign up soon. To reserve your spot, you can call the center at 757-221-7378 or visit the front desk.

**Junior:** <https://williamsburgtenniscenter.com/junior-programs/>

**Junior Tribe (Advanced):** <https://williamsburgtenniscenter.com/junior-tribe/>

We look forward to seeing you on the courts this fall! - MNTC Staff