

# 64<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ULSTER COUNTY OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT DICK SMITH MEMORIAL, July 11-21, 2013

**Sponsored and run by the *Mid-Hudson Valley Tennis Association (MHVTA)*  
*in cooperation with the City of Kingston Parks and Recreation Department***

**What is NEW about the tournament?** Everyone who enters will be guaranteed to play more than one match even if you lose in the first round. Our plan is to have a men's singles compass draw/consolation tournament, a women's singles compass draw/consolation tournament, and a doubles compass draw/consolation tournament. The finals for those will be Sunday morning on July 21, the same day the finals for the women's and men's finals are. Our desire is to promote tennis for everyone as well as highlight the main tournament draws.

Also, the Century + Doubles will now require the combined ages to be 120 years. We hope this will encourage the seasoned tennis players of Ulster County to participate.

**When are the tournament dates?** Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

**When are entries due by?** June 30<sup>th</sup>. (Absolutely no entries allowed beyond June 30<sup>th</sup> !!!) The draws for all the events will be started Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> and completed no later than July 4<sup>th</sup>. That's why we need your entries by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Where can I find the Official Draws once they are completed?** They will be posted no later than July 5<sup>th</sup> at Forsyth Tennis Courts, emailed to all participants who provide an email address, and at the following websites:

[www.midhudsontennis.blogspot.com](http://www.midhudsontennis.blogspot.com)

[www.kingston-ny.gov/content/120/1112/default.aspx](http://www.kingston-ny.gov/content/120/1112/default.aspx) (click on parks and recreation and find tennis).

**What is the entry fee?** \$30 per singles event; \$50 per doubles team event. Your entry fee is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL** – \$25 for each singles event and \$40 for each doubles event if paid and signed up by June 20<sup>th</sup>. **NOTE** – in doubles events there is the option of only one person from a doubles team who needs to pay for a doubles event and that person will register both players on that team.

**How do I sign up?** Fill out your registration form with a check made payable to MHVTA to *MHVTA, 48 Dewitt Mills Road, Hurley, NY 12443*. **NOTE:** *The entry must include the check or else it is not an entry.*

**Who is the Mid-Hudson Valley Tennis Association?** The Purpose of the Mid-Hudson Valley Tennis Association is to grow and enhance the development of tennis in New York's Mid-Hudson Valley and surrounding areas by providing community tennis programs and services to adults and youths and to support organizations and programs that enhance the lives of people through tennis and education programs that are based on health, fitness, character-building, and self-improvement. It is dedicated to building, improving and maintaining public tennis courts and facilities in order to improve the quality of life of children and adults through tennis. *MHVTA was formed in 2011 as a not-for-profit corporation to raise funds to repair these public courts and to promote tennis programs for players of all ages in the Mid-Hudson Valley.*

**Who benefits from the proceeds?** All proceeds will benefit the NJTL program to develop Jr. Tennis players as well as make improvements for the tennis courts at Forsyth Park.

**What is the maximum # of events per player?** Three; however, keep in mind if you enter 2-3 events, the odds are you could be required to play 1-4 matches in one day especially during the opening weekend. You will be given a minimum ½ hour break between matches.

**What is the time commitment expected from the participants?** You must be able to play Thursday or Friday evenings on July 11-12 from 5 P.M. on and all day and evenings on Saturday and Sunday, July 13-14<sup>th</sup>. We also expect those in the semi-finals and finals be able to play from Thursday and Friday evenings and/or Saturday or Sunday, July 18-21. If you decide to play, **you must be able to play when assigned or risk forfeiting**. If we have significant rain issues the first weekend, Monday-Wednesday, July 15-17 evenings will be utilized, and you must be able to play then or risk forfeiting.

**Tentative schedule:** Thursday and Friday evenings July 11-12 at 5 P.M. – Getting all draws to the round of 16 or better. All day Saturday and Sunday, July 13-14 getting all draws to the semi-finals from 8:30 A.M.-10 P.M. Monday – Wednesday, July 15-17 (evenings after 5 P.M.) will have make-up matches to get to semi-finals in all categories if we didn't get to the semi-finals on the first weekend due to rain. You must be able to play during those evenings. Thursday evening, Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday, July 18-21 will have the Semi-finals and Finals.

**What happens if it rains? How will that change the schedule?** Rescheduling due to rain is at the sole discretion of the tournament director(s). All decisions by the tournament director(s) are final. For example, if it rains on Thursday, July 11, those matches might be transferred to Friday, and Saturday, thus multiple matches might have to be played. Rain on a weekend morning may force all matches to the afternoon.

**Can you change a scheduled match in the early rounds?** Yes but **ONLY** if you can play your match before the scheduled time and as long as all participants agree when and where to play. **You** are responsible to set up the match time with your opponent(s) and complete it before the scheduled date and time by the tournament director. It's up to you and your opponent to do that and inform the tournament director of this. However, for all semi-final and final matches in all tournaments, no changes in the schedule and place of matches can be made without prior permission of the tournament directors.

**What are players responsible for?** One can of championship USTA approved tennis balls per event (winner gets the new can); each player is responsible to bring enough water for proper hydration in the summer months. Finding out their starting times; players will be defaulted for arriving more than 15 minutes late of an assigned match. Only the tournament director(s) can default a player. The winning player or team must immediately report the score to the scorer's table to find out the next scheduled match. This is important in order to keep the tournament running smoothly.

**What is the scoring?** For all open events, two out of three sets with a 12 point tiebreak at 6 all. For all senior events (and Century + doubles) best of three sets with a super tiebreaker (first one to 10 points) in lieu of a third set. Scoring may be changed or modified at the sole discretion of the tournament director(s) for all rounds.

**What courts will we use?** MJM courts behind Kingston High School, Forsyth Park, and UCCC.

**What is a Consolation or Compass Draw?** It is a simple way to increase participation in playing tennis at a tournament. Typically, only those who win several matches play a lot. Those who lose in the first round are done. A consolation/compass draw tournament provides more opportunities to play matches for those who lose in the first couple rounds. Sample compass draws with explanation can be found at:  
[www.compassdraw.com/CompassDrawOverview.html](http://www.compassdraw.com/CompassDrawOverview.html)

**When and where will the Consolation/Compass/ draws will be played?** On Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. You must come to Forsyth Park at 8:30 A.M. All compass draw/consolation matches will be assigned then. Anyone who loses one's first match in the tournament can participate. We plan on having a men's singles, women's singles, and a doubles compass draw/consolation tournament. You will only be able to be in ONE of these compass draw/consolation tournaments, however. The finals for these tournaments will be on Sunday morning, July 21<sup>st</sup>. This ensures everyone can play lots of tennis and meet new tennis players at one's level. Prizes will be given for everyone who wins their part of the compass draw/consolation. It will be organized sharply at 8:30 A.M. so don't be late.

**NOTE: ALL decisions regarding the Tournament are the sole discretion of the Tournament Director(s).**

**Who can I call or email for more information?** Scott Taylor at 845-750-8542 or [taylorstennis1@gmail.com](mailto:taylorstennis1@gmail.com) or Tom Turco at 845-389-1488 or [ttur73@yahoo.com](mailto:ttur73@yahoo.com) (Co-directors) or email [mhvtennisassociation@gmail.com](mailto:mhvtennisassociation@gmail.com).

**WILL YOU HELP US OUT?** Please email or print out and pass on this application to any tennis player you think might be interested in playing in the tournament. Word of mouth is the best and most effective kind advertising.

**64<sup>th</sup> Ulster County Open Tennis Tournament/Dick Smith Memorial 2013 Application Form**

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Please Print VERY clearly and return by **June 30<sup>th</sup>** to MHVTA, 48 Dewitt Mills Road, Hurley, NY 12443:

Entry Fees: \$30 for each singles event; \$50 for each doubles event. **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL** if paid by June 20<sup>th</sup> – \$25 for each singles event; \$40 for each doubles event.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**Women's Events**

Open Women's Singles Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Open Women's Doubles Name and Partner \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
Sr. Women's Singles (40 and over) Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Sr. Women's Doubles Name and partner \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**Men's Events**

Men's Open Singles Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Men's Open Doubles Name and partner \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
Men's Sr. Singles (40 and over) Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Men's Sr. Doubles (both 40 and over) name and partner \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**Mixed Double events**

Open Mixed Doubles Name and partner \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
Sr. Mixed Doubles (40 and over) Name and partner \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Events**

Century + Doubles (combined ages 120 or more) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Liability release: In consideration of my participation in the Ulster County Open Tennis Tournament and its related events and activities, I the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1. By condition of this release, I acknowledge the inherent risk of playing in an athletic event, (including but limited to heat exhaustion, heat stroke, or heart attack) and declare that I am in good physical health and have had a physical check-up by a certified physician within the last calendar year.
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation.
3. I willingly agree to comply with terms and conditions for participation. If I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately.
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS The Mid-Hudson Valley Tennis Association, its members, officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event (RELEASEES), The City of Kingston, Kingston City School District, Ulster County Community College from any and all claims, demands, losses, and liability arising out of or related to any INJURY, DISABILITY OR DEATH I may suffer, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law. I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature if participant is under 18 \_\_\_\_\_