



## 2012 First Niagara Family Classic Tournament LOCAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Dear Prospective Family Classic Host,

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to invite your club/tennis facility to host a **2012 First Niagara Family Classic Event**. These tournaments provide an exciting occasion for parent/child teams and husband/wife teams throughout New England and New York to engage in friendly competition, to win prizes, and to have a chance to advance to the Regional Tournament and Family Classic Finals played on site at New Haven Open this summer. Again this year, the local tournaments will be open to tennis organizations throughout New England and the tri-state area who wish to participate in Family Classic.

Here are some highlights of the 2011 Family Classic:

- **Over 5,000 people all over New England and New York competed in the Family Classic**
- **The winners (140 teams) competed in the regional championships in late July.**
- **Fun and Prizes!** Last year, not only did all participants receive a Family Classic T-shirt but we're entered for a chance to win raffle prizes including **New Haven Open Tickets & US Open Tickets!**
- The **Family Classic Finals** were played during the New Haven Open. Family Classic winners and finalists were **honored on Stadium Court** with trophy presentations from 2011 Women's Champion Caroline Wozniacki.
- **Easy to Run Local Events:** Clubs and Recreation Departments collect any/all fees charged to participants. Clubs also determine the format and scoring that best suits their own event.
- **Last year's winners in the 8 Family Classic Divisions:**
  - Mother Child 12 Under- Mary Ann & Noah Hilt New Canaan, CT – Oak Hills Tennis Club
  - Mother Child 14 Under-Ruthanne & Jack Rothman Old Saybrook, CT–Old Saybrook Racquet Club
  - Mother Child 18 Under- Pamela Parker & Morgan White Old Lyme, CT – Old Saybrook RC
  - Father Child 12 Under- Peter & William Appleton Farmington, CT – Wesleyan University
  - Father Child 14 Under- Keith & Bailey Lopez Rockville Centre, NY –Point Set Indoor Tennis Club
  - Father Child 18 Under- Bob & Nick Majewski South Yarmouth, MA – Brewster Park & Rec
  - Husband-Wife Division- Greg & Courtney Sansonetti Stratford, CT – Stratford Tennis Association
  - Parent Child Open Division- Todd & Thaddeus Custer Manchester, CT - Glastonbury Tennis Club

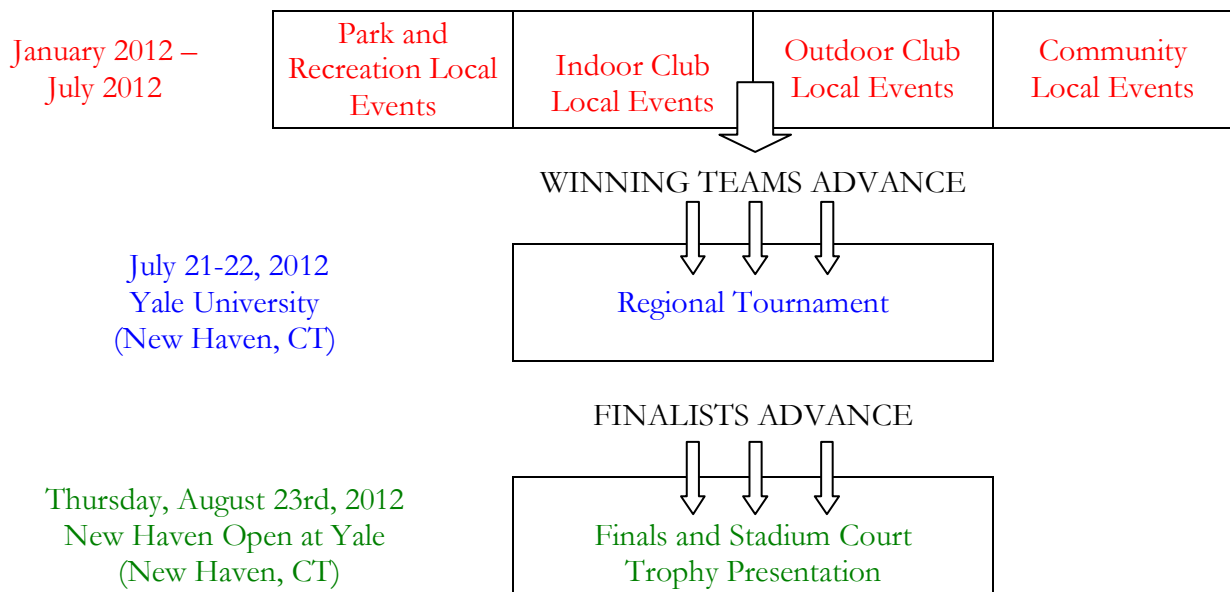
Enclosed is a more detailed outline describing the procedures to run a local Family Classic Event.

Kind regards,

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### Sequence of Family Classic Events:



### How to Run Your Local Event:

1. **CHOOSE A DATE** before July 15, 2012. I will post your club, phone number and the date of your tournament announcing your event on the official New Haven Open Website. To gain revenue, you might want to open your event to the public. We will also send out press releases to local newspapers, announcing your event (if it is open to the public).
2. **Complimentary MARKETING MATERIALS** will be sent to you to help promote your event. (Banner, Posters, Sign-up Sheets, T-shirts, Raffle forms (to win box-seat tickets to New Haven Open))
3. **RUN YOUR EVENT USING A FORMAT OF YOUR CHOICE.** The format you use is entirely up to you (standard draw, round robin, pro-sets, regular-sets, etc.) depending on the participants, number of courts, and time allotted for the event.
4. **DON'T FORGET THE RAFFLE!** Enter all your participants in a raffle drawing for two box seats and pull it at the tournament! Have the winning team choose the session of their choice and send the certificate to me so that I can send them their complimentary tickets.
5. **Pass out the regional information packets** to the winners of each division. This is their entry form into the regional tournament being held in late July! The regional draws will be posted July 25th.
6. **REPORT YOUR RESULTS TO Matt Fraenza** via fax to 203-772-4647 or call 203-781-5811 Just fill out the local winner form provided to you and send it in by July 15th. We'll post your club's results on our website and send out a press release to your local papers.

1. **Divisions**

- a. Parent-Child Open (10 & Under)
- b. Father-Child (12 & Under)
- c. Father-Child (14 & Under)
- d. Father-Child (18 & Under)
- e. Mother-Child (12 & Under)
- f. Mother-Child (14 & Under)
- g. Mother-Child (18 & Under)
- h. Husband–Wife
- i. Parent-Child Open (19 & Over)

2. **ELIGIBILITY/RULES**

a. **Parent-Child Teams**

- i. **CHILDREN** must play with their **PARENT, GRANDPARENT, or LEGAL GUARDIAN**
- ii. **CHILD’S AGE** is based on their **AGE ON THE DATE OF THE LOCAL EVENT PLAYED**
- iii. Anyone with a **TOP-30** USTA New England **JUNIOR STANDING MUST play up 1 age division or in the Parent/Child Open Division.**
  - 1. **This rule does not apply for the 10s divisions.**
- iv. Teams may compete in **only one** New Haven Open Family Classic event. If a team wins more than one local event in any division, the **RUNNER-UP TEAM WILL ADVANCE** to the Regional Tournament.
- v. The **AGE-ELIGIBILITY** of the child is based upon their age on JULY 1st (Note: This is different than past years) Ex. if your child was 14 on the day you won your local New Haven Open Family Classic event, but turns 15 before July 1<sup>st</sup>, they must compete in the 18/Under division)

b. **Husband-Wife Teams**

- i. Participants must currently be married to each other on the date of the local event played.

c. **Parent Child Open Teams**

- i. Our newest division; we are looking for parent child teams over the age of 18 to participate in this field or outstanding juniors who are not eligible in their age division due to their current USTA ranking.

\*You may **run as few as one (1) of these divisions or as many as all nine (9) of these divisions** depending on the number of participants and format that works best for your event.

\*You may **combine parent-child divisions** if you have a limited number of participants.

**Ex)** Run a draw with Mother-Child 12&U, and Father-Child 12&U. Even if an FC12 team wins the draw, the MC12 team who advanced the furthest in the draw would also be eligible to advance to the Regional Tournament.

