



## “Little Mo” Internationals

**Date:** Friday, December 7 - Wednesday, December 12, 2012

*(additional early round site)*

**Sites:** PGA National Resort & Spa  
600 Avenue of the Champions  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418  
www.pgaresort.com

BallenIsles Country Club  
105 BallenIsles Circle  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418  
www.ballenisles.org

**Tournament Director:** Rick Workman **Email:** rick1workman@gmail.com

**Entry Fee:** \$205 per player (fee includes singles, doubles, mixed doubles, and online registration fee of \$5. Entry fee is non-refundable after November 23. Registration is online: [www.mcbtennis.org](http://www.mcbtennis.org). Click on Tournaments and scroll to the "Little Mo" Internationals - Palm Beach Gardens, Florida sun button. The entry fee covers the cost of the courts, balls, umpires, t-shirts, trophies, player party, etc. (A portion of the fee also comes back to the foundation to further junior tennis development.)

**Deadline for singles entries:** Friday, November 23, at 12:00 pm noon (Eastern Time)  
First 32 players per division will be accepted. Additional players will be listed as alternates in order of entry receipt.

### **Eligibility**

**12 & under:** Players born in 2000 - full court, yellow ball

**11 & under:** Players born in 2001 - full court, yellow ball

#### **Special note to players who are 10 & under and training with yellow ball.**

In keeping with the "Little Mo" tradition of playing others "your own age", we are offering a "flighted" 11 & under division with yellow ball. Each flight will have a separate draw of 32 players with trophies awarded.

**Flight A: Players born in 2001 (age 11) - full court, yellow ball**

**Flight B: Players born in 2002 (age 10) - full court, yellow ball**

**Flight C: Players born in 2003 (age 9) - full court, yellow ball**

**Flight D: Players born in 2004 (age 8) - full court, yellow ball**

**10 & under:** Players born in 2002 - full court, green dot ball

**9 & under:** Players born in 2003 - full court, green dot ball

**8 & under:** Players born in 2004 - full court, green dot ball

**Events:** Boys and Girls 12 & under, 11 & under, 10 & under, 9 & under, and 8 & under. Singles, doubles and mixed doubles matches for all divisions. *For age 8, 9, 10, there is a choice for players to play with green dot ball or yellow ball.* To play with yellow ball, players need to enter the 11 & under division and designate either Flight A, B, C or D according to birth year. Players may play only one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles. Players may "play up" but we encourage you to play in your own birth year.

### **Format /Draw Size**

**Main Draw Singles (32 draw) in each division: Boys & Girls 8, 9, 10, 11 (Flight ABCD) & 12** with First Match Loser Consolation. All entries will be based on *first come, first served* through online registration. The first 32 players to register in each division will be accepted. (An alternate list will begin after the first 32 places have been filled.) All matches will be played on a full 78' Har-Tru clay court. Players are guaranteed at least 2 matches in singles. The 11's division will be divided into Flight A, B, C and D based on birth year: A (11's), B (10's), C (9's) and D (8's). Each A, B, C and D flight will have its own 32 draw and trophies will be awarded in each of the flights: 1st - 4th place and consolation winner and runner-up. Players will play their own age division like at all other "Little Mo" events - only the wording has changed. The "fighting" offers players who are 10 & under the opportunity to play others their own age with the yellow ball. Entries will be based on first come, first served with a first match loser consolation.

Scoring for all age divisions: Best two out of three tie-break sets with a 10 point match tie-break in lieu of a third set for main draw singles and first match loser consolation. Regular scoring. 5 min. warm-up.

**Doubles (16 teams) and Mixed Doubles (16 teams) in each division: Boys and Girls 8, 9, 10, 11 (Flight ABCD) & 12** - Single Elimination. All matches will be played on full 78' Har-Tru clay courts. Doubles sign-in on Saturday, December 8 from 10am-3pm at the Tournament Desk. Both players must be present to sign in together to play as a team and must be entered in the same age division as singles. Only players who are entered in singles can sign up for doubles. Scoring: 8 game pro set for doubles and mixed doubles. Regular scoring. 5 min. warm-up. Doubles draws will be posted on Saturday, December 8 after 7:00 pm online. Doubles will begin on Sunday, December 9 following the singles matches.

**Practice Courts:** To reserve at PGA, call (561) 273-2909. To reserve at BallenIsles, call (561) 625-5707. Courts available from 12:00 -3:30 pm on Friday, December 7. Players may need to share courts.

**Surface:** Har-Tru clay

**Ball:** Penn Championship regular duty (yellow ball) and Penn Control + (green low compression ball)

**Stringing:** \$15 with own string at PGA and BallenIsles

**Match time:** Draws and match times will be posted on Friday evening, December 7 after player sign-in (not before 8:00pm) at PGA and also on: [www.mcbtennis.org](http://www.mcbtennis.org). Click on Tournaments and scroll to "Little Mo" Internationals - Florida sun button.

**Trophies:** Trophies will be awarded to main draw singles winners, runners-up and 3rd/4th place in each division and consolation winners and runners-up. For the 11 & under division, trophies will be awarded to the winners, runners-up and 3rd/4th place in Flights A, B, C, and D. In doubles and mixed doubles, trophies to winners and runners-up. Sportsmanship awards will also be given.

**Tennis Attire:** Please wear nice tennis clothes and shoes for your matches - colored clothing and shoes are accepted. Shirts with round necks and dri-fit are ok. No cotton t-shirts allowed on courts for practice or matches. For the opening ceremony on Friday, please wear all white (some color and small logos OK).

**Hotels:** PGA National Resort & Spa, 400 Avenue of the Champions, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33418 (561) 227-2516. Special "Little Mo" rate: \$125. Also, the Hilton Garden Inn special rate: \$119. Please click on this [link](#) to reserve your room at the PGA or the Hilton.

**Player Pizza Party:** A fun "pizza party" for players and parents will be held at the PGA on Saturday, December 8 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm outside at the Lakeside Lawn area at the PGA. There will be a DJ playing music and games. The pizza party is "complimentary" for the "Little Mo" players. (*Parents, siblings, guests: \$10 per person.*)

**Player Gift Exchange:** It is a tradition with the "Little Mo" that players exchange a small gift with their first round opponent in singles. The gift should be \$10 or less (wrapped or in a gift bag) and represent your city or country. The gifts are exchanged before the players walk on court before their first match. Players always remember their gift from someone from another city or country.

**T-shirt/Player backpack:** All players will receive a "Little Mo" t-shirt and backpack with complimentary items from Babolat.

**Tournament Director:** Rick Workman

**Referee:** Karol Wise - ITF white badge

**Tournament Chairman:** Carol Weyman - MCB office (214) 754-7065 or email: [Cartennis@aol.com](mailto:Cartennis@aol.com)

## Schedule of Events

The PGA National Resort & Spa and BallenIsles Country Club have graciously allowed the "Little Mo" players to play at their beautiful clubs. We ask all of our guests to be respectful to the club members and the grounds. Please be sure to not leave any trash on the grounds and we request that you clean the clay from your shoes. We appreciate your cooperation.

### Friday, December 7

12:00 - 3:30 pm - Player check-in - **mandatory at PGA** in Ryder Cup room and tournament packet pick up. All players need to sign in and present a copy of their birth certificate or passport to be included in the tournament.

Practice courts available

Anne Smith, 10 time grand slam champion, will be giving a "complimentary" clinic to all "Little Mo" players on court at the PGA National Resort & Spa.

12:30 - 1:30pm - Ages 8, 9, and 10

1:45 - 2:45pm - Ages 11 & 12

3:45 pm - Players line up for player parade on for opening ceremony near the Honda Pavillion at PGA. Opening ceremony is **mandatory**. Please wear "all white" tennis clothes for the ceremony (small logos OK). Please leave racquet bag with parent.

4:00 pm - Players parade at the Honda Pavillion with their country flag. (Please bring a small country flag to carry during the parade.)

4:15 - 5:00 pm - Opening Ceremony. (*Don't forget your camera.*)  
Important tournament information will be given to players and parents.

5:00 pm - 5:30 pm - Anne Smith will be giving a "complimentary" talk on mental toughness to all "Little Mo" players at the Honda Pavillion following the opening ceremony.

Anne will be present during entire tournament and will be available for complimentary 30-minute parent/player consultations. Anne developed the Mach4System which teaches players how to have a powerful partnership between body and mind. Mach4System Awards will be given out at the end of the tournament to players who stay mentally strong in their matches, never give up, display strong body language, and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner.

Saturday, December 8

8:00 am - Matches begin and continue all day (*gift exchange before first round match*).  
(Please check-in 15 minutes prior to your match.) Matches will be played at PGA  
and BallenIsles Country Club.

10:00 - 3:00 pm - Doubles sign-in (Draws & starting times will be posted online and at the  
PGA after 7:00 pm.) Play will begin Sunday after singles.

6:00 – 8:00 pm – **Player Pizza Party** for players the PGA. Pizza and party are  
complimentary for “Little Mo” players. (*Parents, siblings, and guests:  
\$10 per person.*) *There will be a DJ playing music and games.*

Sunday, December 9

8:00 am – Matches begin and continue all day.

10:00-3:00 pm - Mixed doubles sign-in (Draws & starting times will be posted online and  
at the PGA after 7:00 pm.) Play will begin Monday after singles.

Monday, December 10

8:00 am – Matches begin and continue all day.

Tuesday, December 11

8:00 am – Singles finals and doubles/mixed doubles finals and 3rd/4th play-off for singles

Wednesday, December 12 - rain date, if needed to complete the tournament

Things to do: Lion Country Safari (30 minutes) and the beautiful Florida beaches are nearby.  
Disney World, Epcot and Sea World are in Orlando (3 hours).

This tournament is named after Maureen “Little Mo” Connolly, who was the first woman to win the Grand Slam when she was only 18 years old in 1953. She is still the youngest and only American woman to have accomplished this magnificent feat. We hope you enjoy this unique, one of a kind tournament and we look forward to seeing you.

