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# "Little Mo" Internationals

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## *Celebrating over 55 Years of Promoting Junior Tennis Development in the United States and Worldwide!*

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Dear Players and Parents,

We would like to welcome you and your family to the 13th Annual "Little Mo" Internationals tournament in West Orange, New Jersey and the 2nd leg of the 2024 "Little Mo" Slam! This prestigious event will be held at the West Orange Tennis Club (host site) from Saturday, August 17 - Wednesday, August 21, 2024. Approximately **200 players from 24 different countries/territories worldwide** will be featured in this international tournament including Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Croatia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Israel, Japan, Latvia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, Serbia, Sweden, United Kingdom, Ukraine, Venezuela, Zambia, and **16 states across the USA!** With so many talented players from around the world, we hope it will be a fantastic week filled with new friendships, great sportsmanship, and competitive tennis. Thank you so much for your support of the "Little Mo" and a special thank you to our tournament site, volunteers, and proud sponsors: **Jersey Mike's Subs** (JMS - "Title Sponsor"), **Tennis Competitors of Dallas** (TCD), **Wilson Sporting Goods Company** ("Official Racquet, String, and Ball"), **Lucky in Love Kids** ("Official Apparel"), and **Ethos School** ("Official Sponsor").

In 2006, MCB created the "Little Mo" Internationals for USA players to experience different styles of play, learn about various countries and cultures, and meet others from around the world. This flagship event was first held in Texas and it has evolved over the years into three different tournaments held in Colorado, New Jersey, and Florida. Today, the Internationals attract thousands of talented girls and boys (ages 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12) who travel from across the United States and worldwide to compete against others born in the same year. The "Big Mo" divisions have also been added in Colorado and Florida for ages 13, 14, 15, and 16. These unique events are held at some of the most prominent and historic tennis clubs in the United States, which helps to create an unforgettable experience and enjoyable vacation for the entire family. There are also many fun tourist attractions and sights to see near our three international tournaments such as Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, US Open, Times Square, Statue of Liberty, Broadway Shows, Disney World, Epcot, and beautiful beaches.

**This year, our host sites are the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado (June 28 - July 3), the West Orange Tennis Club in West Orange, New Jersey (August 17-21), and the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida (December 6-11).** In Colorado and Florida, yellow (regular) ball divisions will be offered for girls and boys ages 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 in addition to a green dot option for ages 8, 9, and 10. In New Jersey, yellow (regular) ball divisions will be offered for girls and boys ages 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 in addition to a green dot option for ages 8, 9, and 10. The "Big Mo" divisions for ages 13, 14, 15, and 16 will **not** be offered due to limited courts in New Jersey. All players will have an opportunity to participate in Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles in addition to many exciting and memorable activities such as the Player Clinic, Player Parade of Nations, Group Photo, Opening Ceremony, Player Gift Exchange tradition, "Mo" Coins for prizes, Player Party, "Little Mo/Big Mo" Booth, and much more. All yellow ball results from the "Little Mo" Internationals (Colorado, New Jersey, Florida) will count towards your player's Universal Tennis Rating (UTR). All green dot results will also count towards your player's Universal Tennis Color Ball Rating (CBR). Last year, the "Little Mo" Internationals in Florida featured approximately 700 players from over 60 different countries and territories worldwide!

**Have you ever dreamed of winning the tallest trophy in junior tennis?** In 2013, MCB created the ultimate challenge for any player (ages 8-12) to win the "Little Mo" Slam. The Slam was created in honor of Maureen Connolly's Grand Slam win in 1953 - winning all four major championships (Australian, French, Wimbledon, and US Open) in the same calendar year. If a "Little Mo" player can win their **yellow ball division** at all three "Little Mo" Internationals (Colorado, New Jersey, Florida) in the same year, they will receive the tallest trophy in junior tennis (6 feet tall) and the title of "Little Mo" Slam Champion! The Slam continues this year with the 1st leg at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado (June 28 - July 3). The 2nd leg will take place at the West Orange Tennis Club in West Orange, New Jersey (August 17-21). The 3rd and final leg will be held at the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida (December 6-11). There have been 11 players who have accomplished this magnificent feat in the past 11 years. **Who will win the "Little Mo" Slam this year?**

The festivities will begin on Saturday, August 17 with a complimentary tennis clinic featuring fun drills, games, and prizes for all players at the West Orange Tennis Club from 1:00-3:00pm. A special Group Photo will be taken at 3:15pm and the spectacular Opening Ceremony will begin at 4:00pm with the players parading onto the center court carrying their country flags. The national anthem will be sung. Cindy Brinker Simmons, MCB President and daughter of Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly Brinker, will be the Guest Speaker and she will give an inspirational message to the players and parents about her mother's legacy and sign her new book, *Restored: Reconnecting Life's Broken Pieces*. Matches will begin for all divisions on Sunday, August 18 and continue through Wednesday, August 21. The winner of each division will be crowned a "Little Mo" Internationals champion! For all draws and results, please visit the tournament's **USTA** homepage: [www.littlemonewjersey.com](http://www.littlemonewjersey.com).

On Sunday evening, a fun player party will be held for all of our families at the Dave & Buster's near the West Orange Tennis Club from 6:00-8:00pm. There will be many exciting activities for the players including virtual reality, videogames, arcade, billiards, dodgeball, and other games. We hope you will join us for this special occasion as it will be a great opportunity to meet other players from around the world.

The "Little Mo" tournaments are hosted by MCB in memory of its tennis champion namesake, Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly Brinker. Born in San Diego, Maureen became the first woman to achieve the Grand Slam of tennis in 1953 by winning all four major championships (Australian, French, Wimbledon, and US Open) in the same year. She was well known for her powerful groundstrokes from the baseline, which earned her the famous nickname "Little Mo" - a comparison to the explosive firepower of the battleship USS *Missouri*, also known as "Big Mo". Only five players in the history of tennis have won the calendar Grand Slam, and Maureen is still the only American woman and the youngest at age 18 to have accomplished this magnificent feat. She won an amazing nine consecutive championship titles (three US, three Wimbledon, two French, one Australian - **undefeated in 50 matches**).

Unfortunately, Maureen's spectacular career would be short-lived due to a horseback riding accident in 1954. While she could no longer compete at an elite level, her legacy as a legendary tennis star would continue through the Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation (MCB). Founded in 1968 with her dear friend Nancy Jeffett, MCB's mission would be the promotion and support of junior tennis development worldwide. That same year, Maureen was inducted into the prestigious International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, Rhode Island. Sadly, she lost her valiant battle with cancer the following year and passed away at the young age of 34. Although her tennis career only spanned three years, many premier sportswriters consider Maureen Connolly to be the finest of all female players for her achievements on and off the court. In 2019, she was honored by the United States Postal Service with her very own "Little Mo" Commemorative Forever Stamp.

Today, MCB continues to support the growth of junior tennis by organizing numerous "Little Mo" tournaments throughout the United States for talented girls and boys (ages 8-16). These events are designed to provide outstanding competition at the regional, national, and international level while also encouraging players to develop new friendships, learn good sportsmanship, and most of all, have fun. The "Little Mo" tournaments are also unique in that young players have the opportunity to gauge their ability against others born in the same year from around the world (i.e., 8's play 8's, 9's play 9's). MCB strives to empower young athletes by giving travel grants, "Mo" Coins for prizes, and also

Sportsmanship and Kindness awards to deserving individuals in honor of Maureen's legacy. Additionally, the Foundation contributes financially to many notable programs including the National Junior Tennis League for inner-city youth and Invest In A Child for deaf and wheelchair tennis.

Over the years, many well-known collegiate players and famous tennis professionals have participated in the "Little Mo" tournaments including Andy Roddick, Coco Gauff, Taylor Fritz, Tommy Paul, Belinda Bencic, Madison Keys, Leylah Fernandez, Dominic Thiem, Emma Raducanu, Sebastian Korda, Christopher Eubanks, Jenson Brooksby, Brandon Nakashima, Vasek Pospisil, Borna Coric, Mackie McDonald, Denis Kudla, Ryan Harrison, Taylor Townsend, Donald Young, Steve Johnson, Sofia Kenin, CiCi Bellis, and Ana Konjuh among many others. Roddick won the "Little Mo" in 1992 (age 10) and he said, "the 'Little Mo' was my first big win!" Gauff won the "Little Mo" in 2012 (age 8) and she said, "the 'Little Mo' is where the belief began." This is all wonderful news for junior tennis and we are so proud that the "Little Mo" continues to be one of the most popular tournaments for young players around the world.

Maureen Connolly was known for her many outstanding victories, but more importantly for her exemplary sportsmanship and kindness on and off the court. To honor her legacy, the "Little Mo" tournaments offer special "Mo" Coins to players who display good sportsmanship and who are respectful and kind to others. The referee, officials, and tournament staff will have the colorful "Mo" Coins in their pockets to give to players during the event. All players will be able to trade in their coins for prizes at the "Little Mo" Booth during the tournament (each coin is worth \$1). The "Little Mo" Booth will be located at the host site. Sportsmanship and Kindness Awards will also be given to four deserving players selected by the officials during the tournament.

The "Little Mo" began in 1976 as a local tournament for Dallas youngsters and later grew to include players from all over Texas. In 1998, it expanded nationwide and became known as the "Road to the Little Mo Nationals", one of the premier series of junior tournaments for girls and boys ages 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. The Road is now in its 27th year as a yearlong circuit of regional and national tournaments for players who reside in the USA and its territories. It is the only circuit of its kind for talented, high-performance girls and boys in the United States who compete against others born in the same year.

The Road begins in the spring and summer with the four "Little Mo" Regionals (North, South, East, West) held in different cities across the United States. Yellow (regular) ball divisions will be offered for girls and boys ages 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 in addition to a green dot option for ages 8, 9, and 10. The top four yellow ball players (semifinalists) in each age division from each regional tournament will advance to the prestigious "Little Mo" Nationals in Austin, Texas from September 27-30, 2024. These players will form a 16-size draw in each age division at the Nationals. The top 160 players who reach the Nationals are the youngest and brightest future stars in American tennis! All yellow ball results from the "Road to the Little Mo Nationals" (Regionals, Nationals) will count towards your player's Universal Tennis Rating (UTR). All green dot results will also count towards your player's Universal Tennis Color Ball Rating (CBR).

**For more information, please visit our MCB website ([www.mcbtennis.org](http://www.mcbtennis.org)) and click on the "Tournaments" tab.** Registration for all regional tournaments will be on a first-come, first-served basis up to the entry limit - we will be accepting the first 32 players in each division. If a division reaches the entry limit before the registration deadline, a WAITING LIST will be established at that time. Be sure to register early as the draws typically fill before the registration deadline (some draws are already full)! **\*Please note that once you have received a confirmation email from UTR/Stripe, your player's entry has been accepted into the tournament and you can make your travel arrangements.** We would also recommend signing up for our monthly newsletter to ensure that you receive the most up-to-date information throughout the year. **If you are not already subscribed, you can sign up on our MCB website ([www.mcbtennis.org](http://www.mcbtennis.org)) at the bottom of the page or click on the green "Click Here to Join" button at the bottom of this page.**

We are actively looking for sponsors for the 2024 "Little Mo" tournaments. If you are interested or you know someone who works for a company that would be interested in being a sponsor of the "Road to the Little Mo Nationals" circuit and/or the three "Little Mo" Internationals (Colorado, New Jersey, Florida), please send an email to: [carol@mcbtennis.org](mailto:carol@mcbtennis.org). We will be happy to send a customized PowerPoint sponsorship proposal, which would include branding opportunities such as placing banners at various locations across the country, advertising in the official Player Program and Player Booklet, having a logo on the tournament t-shirts, and promoting product(s) to our players, parents, and their families. We are also always trying to improve the "Little Mo" tournaments, and create a fun and memorable experience for our players and their families. If you have a creative idea or suggestion for the "Little Mo" tournaments, please send an email to: [carol@mcbtennis.org](mailto:carol@mcbtennis.org).

MCB has promoted the development of junior tennis for over 55 years and continues to benefit countless numbers of young players worldwide. It is our mission to provide a special and meaningful experience at all of our events while also inspiring outstanding attributes at a young age such as fair play, good character, integrity, sportsmanship, kindness, giving back, and an "attitude of gratitude". Thank you so much for your support of the "Little Mo" tournaments and the legacy of Maureen Connolly Brinker. Thousands of players compete in the "Little Mo" tournaments annually and we hope to see even more youngsters play this wonderful "sport for a lifetime" this year. We would also very much appreciate your help in spreading the word about the "Little Mo" so we can continue to impact future generations of young players. The MCB Tennis Foundation is led by its directors: Cindy Brinker Simmons (President), Brenda Brinker Bottum (Vice President), and Elizabeth Jeffett (Vice President). Carol Weyman (Executive Vice President), Matthew Cody (Tournament Operations Manager), and Tiffany Hollebeck (Tournament Operations Coordinator) organize the "Little Mo" tournaments. For more information about the "Little Mo", please visit our MCB website at: [www.mcbtennis.org](http://www.mcbtennis.org) and click on "Tournaments".

On behalf of MCB, we would like to thank our proud sponsors, West Orange Tennis Club (WOTC - Host Site), their staff for hosting our event, **Peter Cancro** (JMS Founder and CEO), **Mike Smookler** (WOTC Club Manager & Tennis Director), **Rick Workman** (Tournament Director), **Jake Bryan** (Host Site Director), **Fred Lipscomb** (Referee) and the officials, **Mari Workman, Karen Olson, Caiden Riebold, Mary Cosh, Debby Herrin** and all of the volunteers who have donated their time and energy for our event. We appreciate their hard work and dedication to junior tennis!

The "Little Mo" is truly a "one of a kind" tournament for young tennis players held in honor of tennis legend Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly Brinker, and we look forward to sharing all of the fun and festivities with you and your family. By playing in the "Little Mo" tournaments, you are also a role model for other players (especially those younger than you) so we hope you will follow in Maureen's footsteps and be a positive example for those around you this week. We wish you all good luck in your matches, but most of all, we hope you enjoy the tournament, have fun, and meet some new friends. *Play "Mo" Tennis!*

Warmest regards,

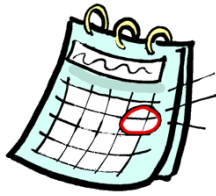


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For **Draws, Match Times, Results, and Important Updates**, please go to the tournament's **USTA** homepage:

**[www.littlemonewjersey.com](http://www.littlemonewjersey.com)**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE POSTED ON THE USTA HOMEPAGE (WE WILL NOT BE POSTING ANY MORE INFORMATION ON THE UTR HOMEPAGE WHERE YOU ORIGINALLY REGISTERED FOR THE TOURNAMENT). ALSO, YOU WILL NEED TO "REFRESH" THE USTA HOMEPAGE FROM TIME TO TIME IN ORDER TO SEE THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.**



**Official Player List is Available - Click on the Link Below!**

The official Player List is available as a document online. To view the Player List document, please click on the following link: <https://mcbtennis.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/NJ24.pdf> Please note that the Player List is NOT posted on the tournament's USTA or UTR homepage (you must click on the link to view the Player List).

**Draws / Match Times:** The draws and first-day match times for all divisions will be posted on the tournament's **USTA** homepage (link included above) by **Friday evening, August 16 - not before 7:00pm Eastern Time**. We will be sending out an email to all registered players when the draws/match times are posted online. When available, please click on the "Draws" tab, select your player's division in the list, and look for your player's name in the draw. Please note that the USTA platform will show all players and their individual age divisions under the general headings of: "8 & under", "10 & under", and "12 & under". This simply means that the 8's players and their draws will be found under the "8 & under" headings, the 9's and 10's players and their draws will be found under the "10 & under" headings, and the 11's and 12's players and their draws will be found under the "12 & under" headings. Unfortunately, the USTA platform is unable to have specific headers for each individual age division at this time. We would also like to let you know that while the USTA name and logo are featured at the top of the drawsheets, MCB Tennis Foundation is not affiliated with the USTA. We do follow most of the USTA guidelines, employ USTA officials, and use their software to run our "Little Mo" tournaments, but we are a separate non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

**Match Location / Tournament Desk:** All matches for this tournament will be played at the West Orange Tennis Club (abbreviated as "**WOTC**" on the draws online). There will be a Tournament Desk at the host site. Please remember to check your draw carefully each day for the correct match time. Also, please check in at least 30 minutes prior to each match at the Tournament Desk while allowing some extra time for traffic and parking.

**Results / Next Day Match Times:** The draws online will be updated during the tournament with results as matches are completed throughout the day. The Sunday match times will be posted by **Friday evening, August 16 - not before 7:00pm Eastern Time**. The Monday match times will be posted at the conclusion of play on Sunday (**not before 7:00pm**), the Tuesday match times will be posted at the conclusion of play on Monday (**not before 7:00pm**), and the Wednesday match times will be posted at the conclusion of play on Tuesday (**not before 7:00pm**) tournament's **USTA** homepage will have the most up-to-date information about the event so please save and bookmark the link above. *Be sure to check the USTA homepage on a regular basis for important updates during the tournament (weather, draw changes, et cetera).*



# 2024 “Little Mo” Internationals (Colorado, New Jersey, Florida) Rules and Regulations

Welcome to the 2024 “Little Mo” Internationals (Colorado, New Jersey, Florida)! These tournaments are designed to provide outstanding competition at the international level while also encouraging players to develop new friendships, learn good sportsmanship, and most of all, have fun. The Internationals are the only tournaments of their kind for talented, high-performance girls and boys worldwide who compete against others born in the same year. [Please read through the following rules and regulations carefully:](#)

- **Eligibility:** The three “Little Mo” Internationals will be held in Colorado, New Jersey, and Florida. The international tournaments are open to any player worldwide (ages 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12). The “Big Mo” divisions have also been added in Colorado and Florida for ages 13, 14, 15, and 16. There are no special qualifications or ranking needed to register for the international tournaments - any player who registers will be accepted into the draw until the entry limit is reached. *\*Please note that players do not need to compete in the “Little Mo” Regionals or the “Little Mo” Nationals in order to participate in the “Little Mo” Internationals.*
- **Entry Limits / Confirmation Email:** Registration for the “Little Mo” Internationals will be on a first-come, first-served basis up to the entry limit - we will be using several different entry limits based on the tournament (see below). If a division reaches the entry limit before the registration deadline, a WAITING LIST will be established at that time. Be sure to register early as the draws typically fill before the registration deadline! *\*Please note that once you have received a confirmation email from UTR/Stripe, your player's entry has been accepted into the tournament and you can make your travel arrangements.*
  - **Colorado:** Registration will be limited to the first 30 players in each division with 2 wildcards to be determined by MCB. All divisions will initially be limited to a 32-size draw (maximum), but it may be possible for some divisions to expand into a 64-size draw based on court capacity.
  - **New Jersey:** Registration will be limited to the first 14 players in each division with 2 wildcards to be determined by MCB. All divisions will initially be limited to a 16-size draw (maximum due to limited courts in New Jersey), but it may be possible for some divisions to expand into a 32-size draw based on court capacity.
  - **Florida:** Registration will be limited to the first 30 players in each division with 2 wildcards to be determined by MCB. All divisions will initially be limited to a 32-size draw (maximum), but it may be possible for some divisions to expand into a 64-size draw based on court capacity.
- **Multiple Tournaments:** Players may compete in any “Little Mo” Internationals regardless of where they are currently living in the United States or worldwide. Players may also compete in as many international tournaments as desired.
- **Events / Guaranteed Matches:** The “Little Mo” Internationals will offer Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles events for all divisions. All players will be guaranteed at least two Singles matches during the international tournaments in addition to one Doubles match and one Mixed Doubles match (only if they are able to find a partner for each event).
- **Age Eligibility / Registration by Birth Year:** Players must register in the proper age division according to their birth year. This ensures that our players are competing against others who are born in the same calendar year (i.e., a player born in 2014 must play in the 10's division since they will be turning 10 this year).
  - Girls and Boys 16's (“Big Mo”) - born in 2008
  - Girls and Boys 15's (“Big Mo”) - born in 2009
  - Girls and Boys 14's (“Big Mo”) - born in 2010
  - Girls and Boys 13's (“Big Mo”) - born in 2011
  - Girls and Boys 12's - born in 2012
  - Girls and Boys 11's - born in 2013
  - Girls and Boys 10's - born in 2014
  - Girls and Boys 9's - born in 2015
  - Girls and Boys 8's - born in 2016 (Only players who are born in 2016 will be allowed to play in the 8's divisions. Players born in 2017 or 2018 will not be eligible.)
- **Divisions:** The “Little Mo” Internationals will be offering several different divisions based on the tournament:
  - **Colorado and Florida:** Yellow (regular) ball divisions will be offered for girls and boys ages 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 in addition to a green dot option for ages 8, 9, and 10. Players must register for only one division. This means that players competing in the 8's, 9's, and 10's divisions must choose to play with either the yellow (regular) ball or the green dot ball for their age group. Players in the 11's and 12's divisions must play with the yellow (regular) ball. All divisions will be played on a full 78' tennis court with either the yellow (regular) ball or the green dot ball.
  - **New Jersey:** Yellow (regular) ball divisions will be offered for girls and boys ages 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 in addition to a green dot option for ages 8, 9, and 10. The “Big Mo” divisions for ages 13, 14, 15, and 16 will not be offered due to limited courts in New Jersey. Players must register for only one division. This means that players competing in the 8's, 9's, and 10's divisions must choose

to play with either the yellow (regular) ball **or** the green dot ball for their age group. Players in the 11's and 12's divisions must play with the yellow (regular) ball. All divisions will be played on a full 78' tennis court with either the yellow (regular) ball or the green dot ball.

- **Draw Formats:** All divisions will use the same draw formats regardless of age or ball type, but we will be using several different draw formats based on the event type and draw size:
  - **Singles:**
    - **64-size draw, 32-size draw, 16-size draw or 8-size draw:** A **First Match Losers Consolation format with a 3rd/4th Place playoff** will be used. This means that any player who loses in the First Round (Main Draw) will move into the Consolation bracket. Any player who has a bye in the First Round (Main Draw) and loses in the Second Round (Main Draw) will also move into the Consolation bracket. The losers of the Semifinal Round (Main Draw) will move into a 3rd/4th Place playoff.
    - **5 or less players:** A **Round Robin format** will be used.
  - **Doubles and Mixed Doubles:** A **Single Elimination format** will be used for all draw sizes. This means that any team who loses in any round will **not** advance in the draw. A Consolation bracket is not possible as there is only a Main Draw in this format.
- **Scoring Formats:** All divisions will use the same scoring formats regardless of age, ball type or draw format, but we will be using several different scoring formats based on the event type:
  - **Singles:** All Singles matches (Main Draw and Consolation) will consist of two tiebreak sets (first to 6 games). At 6 games all, a 7-point set tiebreak (first to 7, win by 2) will be played. If players split sets, a 10-point match tiebreak (first to 10, win by 2) will be played in lieu of a third set. Regular scoring (**with ad**) will be used for all Main Draw matches and a 5-minute warm-up will be given before each match. No-ad scoring will be used for all Consolation matches in addition to the 3rd/4th Place playoff. A 2-minute rest period will be given between the first and second sets, and a 3-minute rest period will be given between the second set and match tiebreak. **No coaching is allowed at any time. \*Shortened scoring may be used in the case of rain.**
  - **Doubles and Mixed Doubles:** All Doubles and Mixed Doubles matches will consist of an 8-game pro set (first to 8 games). At 8 games all, a 7-point match tiebreak (first to 7, win by 2) will be played. Regular scoring (**with ad**) will be used for all matches and a 5-minute warm-up will be given before each match. **No coaching is allowed at any time. \*Shortened scoring may be used in the case of rain.**
- **Bathroom Break Courtesy Point:** If a player needs to go to the bathroom, they need to get permission from an official. ***To minimize loss of momentum during the set caused by a bathroom break, the player(s) taking the break will give a courtesy point to their opponent(s). This is not a penalty point. A courtesy point will not be given for a bathroom break taken at the end of a set. This rule is unique to the "Little Mo" tournaments.***
- **Doubles / Mixed Doubles Information:** The "Little Mo" Internationals entry fee includes Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles so there are no additional fees to participate in these events. All registrations for Doubles and Mixed Doubles will be taken on-site during the tournament (**no registrations will be taken in advance or by email**). If a player already has a partner selected for Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles, there will be a desk on-site at the host site on the first day where they will be able to sign up together with their partner(s). If a player would like to try and find a partner before the tournament, we will be posting the official Player List in the weeks leading up to the tournament (**not before the registration deadline**) and players will be able to contact each other through the UTR system at that time. If a player **does not** have a partner selected before the tournament and they would still like to play in Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles, there will be a "Looking for Partner" sign-up sheet posted at the host site on the first day. Players will be able to place their name and cell phone on this sheet in order to connect with possible partners. Eligibility for Doubles and Mixed Doubles is as follows:
  - **Doubles:** Players must compete in the same exact age division and ball type as they are registered in for Singles. For example, a player registered in the Boys 10 (yellow ball) division for Singles must play in the Boys 10 (yellow ball) division for Doubles.
  - **Mixed Doubles:** Players may compete with someone younger or older in a different age division, but they must play in the division of the older player. Players may also compete in a different ball type, but a yellow ball player cannot "play down" into a green dot division. For example, a Boys 9 (green dot) player who decides to play Mixed Doubles with a Girls 10 (yellow ball) player must play in the Mixed 10 (yellow ball) division since that is the older division between the two players.
  - **Please note that there is no guarantee a player will be able to compete in Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles unless they have a partner for each event - players are ultimately responsible for finding their own partners.**
- **Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) / Color Ball Rating (CBR):** All yellow ball results from the "Little Mo" Internationals (Colorado, New Jersey, Florida) will count towards your player's Universal Tennis Rating (UTR). All green dot results will also count towards your player's Universal Tennis Color Ball Rating (CBR).

Good luck to all players!





# **Code of Conduct for** **“Little Mo” Tournaments**

The “Little Mo” tournaments are organized by the Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation (MCB). These events are named in memory of Maureen “Little Mo” Connolly Brinker, who was known for her outstanding sportsmanship on and off the court. Your participation in the “Little Mo” tournament should reflect this gold standard of behavior. In registering for any “Little Mo” tournament, we expect all players, parents, coaches, spectators, and other participants to adhere to its Code of Conduct. That includes exhibiting the following behavior:

- 1. You must be considerate and respectful of the rights of all participants and spectators regardless of their age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, sexual orientation, or religious beliefs.**
- 2. You must play within the rules of tennis and respect the officials and their decisions. There shall be no arguments, no displays of aggressiveness, no cursing or profane behavior, no volatile anger, or similar behavior against the referees, other players, opponents, or members of the tournament committee.**
- 3. You must play fairly. Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated, including but not limited to, intentionally and willfully calling the lines incorrectly, calling the score incorrectly, and intentionally delaying the game.**
- 4. You will not receive or offer any form of coaching from the sidelines during match play.**
- 5. You must look presentable on court and pick up after yourself at all times.**
- 6. You are expected to be positive, respectful, and supportive of other players.**
- 7. MCB has a zero-tolerance policy for any person videotaping or capturing the image of opposing players, their family members/guests, staff, officials, volunteers, and anyone related to the event with the intent of posting derogatory, offensive, or disparaging comments about them online or on any social media platform. This includes, but is not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn, and TikTok. MCB will not permit this kind of demeaning behavior related to any of its “Little Mo” tournaments. Consequences of this action may include the immediate default of a player from the tournament and/or the dismissal of the offending parent, coach, spectator, or participant from the tournament, in addition to other consequences as determined by MCB.**
- 8. Most “Little Mo” tournaments use multiple playing sites due to the large number of players involved in the event. If you have more than one child entered in a tournament, MCB is not able to guarantee they will be playing at the same site. Therefore, it is highly recommended to bring an additional guardian for each child you bring to a tournament. For safety reasons, a player should not be left alone without a guardian at any time.**

## **Parents / Coaches / Spectators / Other Participants:**

- No coaching, hand signals, or any communication with the player when on court. Only English can be spoken when the player is on court.
- No clapping when the opponent double faults or makes an unforced error.
- No loud, excessive or constant cheering/clapping that is disruptive or distracting to players while on court. This includes cheering that distracts other players on adjacent courts and cheering across another court during a match.
- No interference with the match or arguing with, yelling at, or threatening the officials or Tournament Director. Their decisions are final.
- No yelling at or threatening anyone especially players.
- Emotional, physical, or sexual misconduct will **not** be tolerated at “Little Mo” tournaments. This includes but is not limited to child abuse, endangerment, and neglect.

## **Players:**

- No coaching, hand signals, or any communication is allowed during your match. Only English can be spoken when the player is on court.
- No cursing or yelling on court. This includes yelling “come on” or other distracting outbursts that can be heard on other courts.
- No hitting the ball to the back of the fence or the net in anger.
- No hitting the ball away from the player when it is their serve.
- The server must announce the score loudly in English before every point. All players must know how to keep score and announce it correctly.
- If a player needs to go to the bathroom, they must ask an official for permission. We encourage players to only go to the bathroom at a set break to minimize loss of momentum during the set. Any player taking a bathroom break that is **not** at the end of a set must give a courtesy point to their opponent. Players will be accompanied to and from the bathroom by an official when possible.
- Play fair! No cheating of any kind will be tolerated. Please make correct line calls – if in doubt about a call, it is IN. No delay of game.

**We would like everyone to have a wonderful and memorable experience at the “Little Mo” tournaments. Let the memory of your match be a good one for both you and your opponent, whether you win or lose.**

## **Consequences of Behavior:**

### **During a Match:**

The officials will be watching the matches closely and if a player breaches the Code of Conduct during the match, the player will be given:

1. First offense: A warning.
2. Second offense: A point penalty.
3. Third offense: A game penalty.



If the behavior continues after the game penalty, additional game penalties will continue to be given until the match is over. The behavior of parents, coaches, spectators, and other participants can also cause their player to receive the above penalties, and may also result in consequences to the offending individual, including removal. However, the tournament committee has the discretion to issue an immediate default to the player in cases where the conduct rises to a level at which an official determines that, in the interest of fairness or the health and safety of participants, the match cannot proceed.

In addition to the above, an official may, in his or her discretion, take the following actions, among others, in the event of a breach of the Code of Conduct by a player, parent, coach, spectator, or other participant: issue a warning OR begin the ejection and/or default process.

If a parent/guardian is ejected from a match and/or the premises, their player will forfeit any match in progress and will be asked to leave with their parent/guardian unless (1) another parent/guardian is available to stay with the player; or (2) the parent/guardian's misconduct was directed at the player and MCB believes the parent/guardian poses an immediate threat to the player, in which case the Tournament Director and MCB will work with the player and law enforcement, if needed, to determine appropriate steps.

**Any ruling made by an official and/or the tournament committee during a match is final.**

## **Additional Consequences:**

Regardless of whether an official issues a penalty during a match, MCB may take the following additional actions, in its discretion and without limitation, in response to a breach of this Code of Conduct: refuse the entry of any player wanting to register for any "Little Mo" tournament; not invite a player to the next round of the "Road to the Little Mo Nationals" circuit; prohibit a player or other individual from attending "Little Mo" events for any period of time, up to a lifetime ban; impose conditions on an individual's attendance at "Little Mo" events; revoke any trophies or travel grants from any player.

**Repeated violations at the same match or multiple matches over time may also result in additional penalties.**

## **Law Enforcement:**

MCB reserves the right to call or report behavior to law enforcement when required and when MCB otherwise deems necessary or appropriate according to USTA Safe Play guidelines.

## **Reporting:**

If you are a player, parent, coach, spectator, or other participant and you reasonably believe that an individual has breached this Code of Conduct, or that anyone at a "Little Mo" tournament (including officials and event staff) has committed emotional, physical, or sexual misconduct (including but not limited to child abuse), you may make a report to MCB at: [carol@mcbtennis.org](mailto:carol@mcbtennis.org).





# **MCB Tournament Waiver**

**Covenant Not to Sue; Release and Waiver:** In consideration of the Maureen “Little Mo” Connolly Brinker Tennis, (“MCB”) accepting the registration or application and membership of Participant and/or Participant’s registration or application in any (i) MCB sanctioned tournament or event, or (ii) any other event for which applications are accepted through links on any website associated or partnered with MCB (collectively, a “Tournament” or “Tournaments”) Participant (or if Participant is a minor, Participant’s Parent and/or Guardian) covenant and promise not to sue or bring any claim, demand or other action against MCB and its affiliates, or any of their members, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, volunteers, sponsors, committees, representatives, independent contractors or agents, including but not limited to any organization or individual conducting any tournament or event of any kind and any committees, organizations, officials, or individuals associated therewith and their respective successors or assigns (collectively, the “MCB Parties” or individually a “MCB Party”), and discharge, release and waive each of them from all liability in connection with all allegations, demands, or other claims for any of (1) personal injury or illness (including death) and/or (2) damage to, or loss or theft of property (including, without limitation, personal items, car, and money), and/or (3) any other losses or damages (whether monetary or otherwise) that may be alleged or claimed against any MCB Party arising, directly or indirectly, or to any extent whatsoever, from Participant’s (1) membership in MCB; (2) presence at or participation in any Tournament (or travel to and from thereto); (3) receipt of medical care or treatment for any physical or mental condition; (4) use of services, premises, and equipment by whomever provided; and (5) involvement in accidents; travel; exposure to inclement weather; and/or any other circumstance or cause of a similar nature, but excluding MCB’s gross negligence, willful misconduct or criminal behavior. Participant and if applicable, Participant’s Parent or Guardian acknowledge and agree that the provisions hereof shall be binding upon Participant’s heirs, family, next of kin, personal representative, successors and assigns.

**Indemnification:** Participant and Parent/Guardian also agree to indemnify and hold harmless each of the MCB Parties from any and all actual or threatened claims, detriments, rights, remediation, counterclaims, liens, controversies, obligations, agreements, suits, causes of action, actions, demands, liabilities, losses, damages, assessments, judgments, fines, penalties, threats, sums of money, accounts, costs, expenses, known or unknown, direct or indirect, at law or in equity or in settlement or in any other proceeding and whether or not suit was filed thereon (collectively, the “Claims”, individually a “Claim”) directly or indirectly, to any extent whatsoever, caused by Participant and/or his/her Parent/Guardian and to reimburse upon demand the MCB Parties for any and all expenses or other damages incurred for Claims brought against any of the MCB Parties as a result of Participant’s and/or his/her Parent’s/Guardian’s membership in MCB; presence at or participating in any Tournament; receipt of medical care or treatment for any physical or mental condition; use of services, premises, and equipment by whomever provided; as well as Participant’s and/or his/her Parent’s/Guardian’s negligence, willful misconduct, or criminal behavior; involvement in accidents; travel; exposure to inclement weather; and/or any other circumstance or cause of a similar nature, but excluding MCB’s willful misconduct or criminal behavior. **THE INDEMNITY CONTAINED IN THIS PARAGRAPH WILL APPLY EVEN IF AN INJURY IS CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE OR STRICT LIABILITY OF ANY MCB PARTY BUT WILL NOT APPLY TO THE EXTENT A CLAIM IS CAUSED BY THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE, WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OR CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR OF ANY MCB PARTY.** Participant and his/her Parent/Guardian agree to pay all costs and attorneys’ fees and expenses incurred by any of the MCB Parties with respect to any matter contained in this Consent, Release, Waiver and Indemnification including, without limitation, any costs and expenses or other damages incurred by or in connection with investigating and/or defending a Claim, proceeding or otherwise.

**Authorization of Photography, Film, Audio, and Text:** Participant and his/her Parent/Guardian hereby irrevocably grant to MCB, its successors and assigns, its agents and those whom it commissions or permits to be at the Tournament, the absolute, unrestricted and unlimited license, right, permission and consent to collect, use and reuse, disseminate, copyright, print, reproduce, publish and republish, for any and all trade purposes or commercial or other advertising or public purposes, and in any and all advertising, publicity, display, publication or media (collectively, a "Publication"), Participant's name, biographical materials, signature and likeness, and any portraits, pictures, photographic prints or other representations of Participant, or in which Participant may appear, or any reproductions or sketches thereof or parts thereof, photographic or otherwise (collectively, "Participant's Name and Likeness") with such additions, deletions, alterations or changes therein as MCB in its discretion may make, either separately or together with Participant's name or a fictitious name, or the name of another person, with or without any statements or testimonials made by Participant, or authorized by Participant which MCB in its discretion, prepare for use in connection therewith. Participant and his/her Parent/Guardian warrant that they have not limited or restricted the use of Participant's name or photograph to the use of any organization or person. Participant and his/her Parent/Guardian understand that in proceeding with the actions stated above, MCB will do so in full reliance on the foregoing permission. Further, Participant and his/her Parent/Guardian acknowledge that third parties not affiliated with MCB may also publish Participant's Name and Likeness and Participant and his/her Parent/Guardian also consent thereto. Participant and his/her Parent/Guardian hereby consent, release, waive and discharge MCB Parties from any and all Claims arising out of or in connection with the use of any of the foregoing, including any claims for defamation, invasion of privacy, violation of any right of publicity or violation of any statutory right.

**Assumption of Risks:** Tennis, by its very nature, carries with it certain dangers and risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the great care taken to prevent or minimize harm. Tennis is an activity which involves strenuous exertions of strength using various muscle groups, quick movements involving speed and change of direction, and may involve contact with equipment or fixed objections. The risks associated with tennis range from (1) minor injuries such as cuts, bruises, muscle strains and sprains, to (2) major injuries such as broken or fractured bones or concussions, to (3) catastrophic injuries, such as heart attacks or fractured skull or those that cause disfigurement, loss of mental capacity, loss of sight, speech or hearing, paralysis, or death. Participant and his/her Parent/Guardian hereby expressly agree that they understand the nature of tennis and appreciate the types of injuries and risks that exist, and Participant and his/her Parent/Guardian knowingly assume all related risks.

**Medical Release:** Participant and his/her Parent/Guardian hereby consent to the rendering of emergency first aid and other medical procedures which at the time of injury or illness seems reasonably advisable. Participant and his/her Parent/Guardian further understand that Participant and his/her Parent/Guardian will be responsible for payment of any such medical procedures.

**Severability and Venue:** Participant and his/her Parent/Guardian further expressly agree that this Consent, Release, Waiver, and Indemnification is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Texas and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the remaining portion of the waiver will continue in full legal force and effect.

**Acknowledgment of Understanding:** Participant and his/her Parent/Guardian have read this waiver and fully understand its terms. Participant and his/her Parent/Guardian understand that Participant and his/her Parent/Guardian are giving up rights, including the right to compensation for injury resulting from negligence of MCB. Participant and his/her Parent/Guardian acknowledge that they are agreeing to this agreement freely and voluntarily and intend it to be a complete and unconditional consent, release, and waiver of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law. In agreeing to this waiver as Parent/Guardian, you acknowledge that you are authorized to and you are consenting to Participant's participation in MCB and MCB Tournaments held both domestically or internationally and represent to MCB that you understand all risks are assumed by Participant and yourself and all related Claims are expressly waived in advance, other than claims not expressly or implied covered herein. Your electronic signature also verifies that you agree to the consequences of behavior determined by MCB covered herein.



## **Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability** **Relating to Injury, Infection, and Illness**

The Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation (MCB) places a high priority on the health, safety, and concerns of its players, families, clubs, academies, and staff at the “Little Mo” tournaments. We will keep our players and parents informed of any important information and policies on the tournament’s homepage or by email. **We also strongly encourage anyone who is not feeling well to get proper testing, and for anyone with a positive test for a contagious infection or illness to not attend the tournament. We appreciate your cooperation and expect you to follow this protocol so that we can help ensure the health and safety of all players and families attending the “Little Mo” tournaments.**

**PLEASE KNOW THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN RISKS INVOLVED WITH ATTENDING ANY EVENT AND YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE “LITTLE MO” TOURNAMENT IS AT YOUR OWN RISK.**

With full knowledge and understanding, you are voluntarily attending the “Little Mo” tournament and that due to your mere presence at the event and any tournament site, you may experience an injury, infection, or illness and that such condition may result in temporary or permanent damage, other health conditions, disfigurement, disability, and death. You voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury, infection, or illness to your minor children or yourself (including, but not limited to, disability, damage, loss, liability, or expense of any kind), that you or your minor children may experience or incur in connection with your presence at the “Little Mo” tournament (“Claims”).

On your behalf, and on behalf of your minor children, you hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation, any tournament site, its officers, employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto.

You understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation, any tournament site, its officers, employees, agents, and representatives, whether an injury, infection, or illness occurs before, during, or after being present at any “Little Mo” tournament.



# “Little Mo” Internationals



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## Fact Sheet

**Dates:** Saturday, August 17 - Wednesday, August 21, 2024 - *please plan your departure after 5:00pm through at least Wednesday, August 21 as matches will be played that day (some divisions may finish earlier depending on draw size and weather).*

**Tournament Director:** Rick Workman

**Host Site Director:** Jake Bryan

**Tournament Email:** [tiffany@mcbtennis.org](mailto:tiffany@mcbtennis.org)

**Tournament Phone:** (214) 883-2113 → calls and texts are accepted on this number

**Fastest Tournament Communication:** If you have any questions about the tournament, please call or send a text to our official Tournament Phone: (214) 883-2113. The Tournament Phone will be available during the event from approximately 8:00am-8:00pm each day. You may also send an email to: [tiffany@mcbtennis.org](mailto:tiffany@mcbtennis.org), but you will receive the fastest response by phone or text.

**Playing Surface:** We will be using two different playing surfaces for the New Jersey international tournament. The playing surface will be either Outdoor Har-Tru Clay courts (green clay) or Indoor Hard courts, and the surface to be used for each division is included below. Singles and Doubles will be played on the same surface, but Mixed Doubles surfaces will not be determined until after the Mixed Doubles sign-up period is completed and draws are posted.

Girls 8 (green dot)	Indoor Hard
Girls 9 (green dot)	Indoor Hard
Girls 10 (green dot)	Indoor Hard
Girls 8 (yellow ball)	Indoor Hard
Girls 9 (yellow ball)	Indoor Hard
Girls 10 (yellow ball)	Outdoor Har-Tru (Clay)
Girls 11	Outdoor Har-Tru (Clay)
Girls 12	Outdoor Har-Tru (Clay)

Boys 8 (green dot)	Indoor Hard
Boys 9 (green dot)	Indoor Hard
Boys 10 (green dot)	Indoor Hard
Boys 8 (yellow ball)	Indoor Hard
Boys 9 (yellow ball)	Indoor Hard
Boys 10 (yellow ball)	Outdoor Har-Tru (Clay)
Boys 11	Outdoor Har-Tru (Clay)
Boys 12	Outdoor Har-Tru (Clay)

**Ball Types:** Wilson US Open Regular Duty or Wilson Green Dot (depending on your player’s division)

**Site:** West Orange Tennis Club (WOTC - Host Site)  
1448 Pleasant Valley Way  
West Orange, New Jersey 07052  
Click [here](#) to visit their website.

*\*All matches for this tournament will be played at the West Orange Tennis Club (abbreviated as “WOTC” on the draws online).*

**Parking - West Orange Tennis Club:** Complimentary self-parking will be available in the parking lot at the West Orange Tennis Club (host site), but we are asking our families to not park in any of the “reserved” spots as these are reserved for the WOTC staff. Please note that players can be dropped off at the front of the clubhouse while you find parking nearby. Also, please be mindful of any handicapped parking spots and make sure to read all of the posted parking signs/regulations very carefully or your car may be towed!

**No Alternate Sites / Transportation Recommendations:** All matches for this tournament will be played at the West Orange Tennis Club (host site). While we will not be using any alternate sites, we do recommend renting a car if you do not already have transportation. A ride-sharing service such as Uber or Lyft might also be an option based on availability in the area.

**(VERY IMPORTANT) Water / Ice / Sunscreen / Shade:** It may be hot this week so please remember to hydrate adequately before and during the tournament. Water and ice will be available at the host site, but we encourage our players and their families to bring their own water and ice for their coolers - please **do not** fill up your coolers from the ice machine. It is best to bring your own water bottles and cups too if needed. We also recommend bringing any sunscreen, umbrellas, sunglasses, and canopy/folding chairs needed as there may be limited shade at the host site.

**Host Hotel Information:** Our host hotel for the New Jersey international tournament is the Cambria Hotel West Orange (12 Rooney Circle, West Orange, NJ 07052). Most of our players and their families will be staying at the Cambria Hotel during the tournament and it will be a great place to meet some new tennis friends. The hotel is located about 8 minutes away from the West Orange Tennis Club (host site). Although our discounted room rate at the Cambria Hotel expired on August 4, there might still be some rooms available this week due to last-minute cancellations - please contact the Cambria Hotel directly at: (862) 930- 1160 for any questions about their current rates and availability. Our courtesy room block featured \$139 Double Queen rooms (before taxes). This rate included complimentary breakfast, WiFi, and self-parking

among other amenities. For more information about the hotel and a full list of its wonderful amenities, please click here: <https://www.choicehotels.com/new-jersey/west-orange/cambria-hotels/nj313>. If you decide not to stay at our host hotel, it is still best to make your reservations near the West Orange Tennis Club (host site) as all matches for this tournament will be played at the West Orange Tennis Club.

**Entry Fee:** \$280 per player which includes Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles (nonrefundable after registration deadline - Friday, July 26). Please note that Universal Tennis adds an additional \$12 fee on top of our entry fee if you have not upgraded to a UTR Power subscription - this additional fee is set by UTR. The entry fee helps to cover the cost of the courts, balls, officials, t-shirts, trophies, player party, online registration fees, and other tournament expenses. *A portion of the entry fee also comes back to the Foundation to help further the development of junior tennis worldwide and it is tax-deductible.*

**Withdrawal and Refund Policy:** If you are unable to join us for the New Jersey international tournament, please send an email as soon as possible to: [tiffany@mcbtennis.org](mailto:tiffany@mcbtennis.org) to be withdrawn from the event. A player's entry fee was fully refundable up until the extended registration deadline posted on the tournament's UTR homepage – Friday, July 26 at 11:30pm (Central Time). **At this time, any withdrawal requests will not be eligible for a refund or credit to a future tournament.**

**Player's Birth Certificate / Passport (VERY IMPORTANT - MANDATORY):** All players who participate in the "Little Mo" Internationals must present a copy of their birth certificate or passport at Player Check-in to be included in the tournament. Player Check-in will be taking place at the West Orange Tennis Club (host site) on Saturday, August 17 from 10:00am - 2:00pm (anytime). Information must be able to be read in English and clearly show a player's full name and birthday (please make sure that the copy you bring is not blurry). Due to our privacy policy, we will **not** be accepting any birth certificates or passports in advance or by email. We will also not be accepting any birth certificate or passport images on a phone during Player Check-in (you must bring a hard copy to the event). **A copy of your player's birth certificate or passport is mandatory to play in our international tournament (no exceptions).**

**SPECIAL DRESS CODE ON SATURDAY AND TENNIS ATTIRE DURING THE TOURNAMENT (VERY IMPORTANT):** There will be a special dress code required on the first day of the "Little Mo" Internationals. On Saturday, August 17 (only), our players will need to **wear all-white clothing** for all of the special activities scheduled for that day (colored shoes are OK). Clothing that must adhere to the "all-white" dress code includes shirts, shorts, skirts, tennis dresses, warm-ups, jackets, and sweaters (a 5-10% colored trim on clothing is allowed, but no large logos). Players can also wear the white "Little Mo" tournament t-shirt they will receive at Player Check-in on Saturday. During the tournament, we ask our players to please wear nice tennis attire for their practice and matches - colored clothing/shoes are acceptable and there are no logo restrictions. The "all-white" dress code is **not** required at any time from Sunday, August 18 - Wednesday, August 21. If you have any questions about the special dress code on Saturday, tennis attire during the tournament, or a particular item of clothing, please send an email and picture to: [carol@mcbtennis.org](mailto:carol@mcbtennis.org).

**Player Parade of Nations - Country Flag (OPTIONAL):** It is a special tradition that all players at the "Little Mo" Internationals participate in an Olympic-style Player Parade of Nations leading into the Opening Ceremony. This will be a very memorable occasion and players will have a unique opportunity to represent their home country. One large country flag will be provided by the tournament for each country group. If your player would like to carry their own country flag in the parade on Saturday, August 17, please be sure to bring one from your home country (no bigger than 2 feet by 3 feet). **It is not required to bring a country flag.**

**Player Gift Exchange (VERY IMPORTANT):** It is a special tradition that all players at the "Little Mo" Internationals exchange a small gift with their first-round opponent in Singles. The gift should be \$15 or less (wrapped or in a gift bag) and represent your home city/state/country since your opponent will most likely be from a different area. The gifts are exchanged as the players walk to the court for their first match. This is a fun way to meet a new friend on the first day and it will be a special memory for years to come. ***If you have a bye in the First Round (Main Draw), please look at the draws posted at the host site to find out with whom you will exchange gifts as you will be paired with another player who has a bye. If you have any questions about the Player Gift Exchange, please visit the Tournament Desk during the tournament.***

**Events / Guaranteed Matches:** The "Little Mo" Internationals will offer Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles events for all divisions. All players will be guaranteed at least two Singles matches during the international tournaments in addition to one Doubles match and one Mixed Doubles match (only if they are able to find a partner for each event).

**Draw Formats:** All divisions will use the same draw formats regardless of age or ball type, but we will be using several different draw formats based on the event type and draw size:

- **Singles:**
  - **32-size draw, 16-size draw or 8-size draw:** A **First Match Losers Consolation format with a 3rd/4th Place playoff** will be used. This means that any player who loses in the First Round (Main Draw) will move into the Consolation bracket. Any player who has a bye in the First Round (Main Draw) and loses in the Second Round (Main Draw) will also move into the Consolation bracket. The losers of the Semifinal Round (Main Draw) will move into a 3rd/4th Place playoff.
  - **5 or less players:** A **Round Robin format** will be used.
- **Doubles and Mixed Doubles:** A **Single Elimination format** will be used for all draw sizes. This means that any team who loses in any round will **not** advance in the draw. A Consolation bracket is not possible as there is only a Main Draw in this format.

**Scoring Formats:** All divisions will use the same scoring formats regardless of age, ball type or draw format, but we will be using several different scoring formats based on the event type:

- **Singles:** All Singles matches (Main Draw and Consolation) will consist of two tiebreak sets (first to 6 games). At 6 games all, a 7-point set tiebreak (first to 7, win by 2) will be played. If players split sets, a 10-point match tiebreak (first to 10, win by 2) will be played in lieu of a third set. Regular scoring (**with ad**) will be used for all Main Draw matches and a 5-minute warm-up will be given before each match. No-ad scoring will be used for all Consolation matches in addition to the 3rd/4th Place playoff. A 2-minute rest period will be given between the first and second sets, and a 3-minute rest period will be given between the second set and match tiebreak. **No coaching is allowed at any time.** *\*Shortened scoring may be used in the case of rain.*

- **Doubles and Mixed Doubles:** All Doubles and Mixed Doubles matches will consist of an 8-game pro set (first to 8 games). At 8 games all, a 7-point match tiebreak (first to 7, win by 2) will be played. Regular scoring (**with ad**) will be used for all matches and a 5-minute warm-up will be given before each match. **No coaching is allowed at any time.** \*Shortened scoring may be used in the case of rain.

**Bathroom Break Courtesy Point:** If a player needs to go to the bathroom, they need to get permission from an official. *To minimize loss of momentum during the set caused by a bathroom break, the player(s) taking the break will give a courtesy point to their opponent(s). This is not a penalty point. A courtesy point will not be given for a bathroom break taken at the end of a set. This rule is unique to the "Little Mo" tournaments.*

**Seeding:** The order of seeding will be based on verified UTR ratings, which include "Little Mo" and other tournament results. The UTR ratings used to calculate the seedings were downloaded at the close of registration (about 1-3 weeks before the tournament start date).

**Doubles / Mixed Doubles Information:** The "Little Mo" Internationals entry fee includes Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles so there are no additional fees to participate in these events. All registrations for Doubles and Mixed Doubles will be taken on-site during the tournament (no registrations will be taken in advance or by email). If a player already has a partner selected for Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles, there will be a desk on-site at the U.S. Air Force Academy (host site) on Friday, June 28 where they will be able to sign up together with their partner(s). If a player would like to try and find a partner before the tournament, the official Player List is available as a document online (<https://mcbtennis.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/NJ24.pdf>) and players are able to contact each other through the UTR system. Please note that players are **NOT** able to send each other messages through the USTA system at this time. If a player **does not** have a partner selected before the tournament and they would still like to play in Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles, there will be a "Looking for Partner" sign-up sheet posted at the West Orange Tennis Club on Saturday, August 17. Players will be able to place their name and cell phone on this sheet in order to connect with possible partners. Eligibility for Doubles and Mixed Doubles is as follows:

- **Doubles:** Players must compete in the same exact age division and ball type as they are registered in for Singles. For example, a player registered in the Boys 10 (yellow ball) division for Singles must play in the Boys 10 (yellow ball) division for Doubles.
- **Mixed Doubles:** Players may compete with someone younger or older in a different age division, but they must play in the division of the older player. Players may also compete in a different ball type, but a yellow ball player cannot "play down" into a green dot division. For example, a Boys 9 (green dot) player who decides to play Mixed Doubles with a Girls 10 (yellow ball) player must play in the Mixed 10 (yellow ball) division since that is the older division between the two players.
- **Please note that there is no guarantee a player will be able to compete in Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles unless they have a partner for each event - players are ultimately responsible for finding their own partners.**

**How to Message Other Players through the UTR System:** The tournament cannot give out any player's personal contact information due to our privacy policy, but we have included specific instructions below on how to message other players through the UTR system:

1. Go to: <https://app.utrsports.net/home> and sign into your player's UTR account.
2. Once you have signed into your player's UTR account, you can enter the name of the player you are trying to contact in the "Search" box at the top of the screen. The player's name should automatically pop up as an option once you finish typing their name in the box. Once it appears, click on the player's name.
3. On the next page, click on the "Message" bubble icon that is located in the top right corner of the screen next to the player's UTR rating. You will then be able to send a message to that player.
4. If you receive a message from another player, UTR will automatically send a notification to the email address associated with your player's UTR account. This notification will include a link to "View Messages" in your player's UTR Inbox. **If someone attempts to contact you, please be respectful and try to respond to them in a timely manner.**

**Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) / Color Ball Rating (CBR):** All yellow ball results from the "Little Mo" Internationals (Colorado, New Jersey, Florida) will count towards your player's Universal Tennis Rating (UTR). All green dot results will also count towards your player's Universal Tennis Color Ball Rating (CBR).

**Friday Practice Courts - West Orange Tennis Club:** The West Orange Tennis Club (host site) is offering our players and their families an opportunity use a practice court on Friday, August 16 (not before 4:00pm) on a first-come, first-served basis (no reservations will be taken). Players will have priority over coaches/parents and we ask everyone to please share courts with other players if they are waiting (4 players per court).

**Saturday Practice Courts - West Orange Tennis Club:** On Saturday, practice courts will be available at the West Orange Tennis Club (host site) from approximately 8:00am-12:30pm on a first-come, first-served basis (no reservations will be taken). Players will have priority over coaches/parents and we ask everyone to please share courts with other players if they are waiting (4 players per court). There will also be some practice courts available on-site after the Opening Ceremony from approximately 5:30-8:00pm on a first-come, first-served basis (no reservations will be taken).

**Warm-up Courts:** During the tournament, "warm-up courts" will be available at the West Orange Tennis Club (host site) from approximately 7:00-8:00am each morning on a first-come, first-served basis (no reservations will be taken). Again, players will have priority over coaches/parents and we ask everyone to please share courts with other players if they are waiting (4 players per court). There will not be any "warm-up courts" available on-site after matches begin in the morning so please make other arrangements if you are needing a court during the day - there are several other clubs, facilities, and parks nearby. There will also be 4 "warm-up courts" all day at Stagg Field Tennis Courts next to West Orange Tennis Club on a first-come, first-served basis (no reservations will be taken). Additionally, the Orange Lawn Tennis Club has offered practice/warm-up courts all day based on availability (members have priority). To inquire about court availability and make a reservation during the day during the tournament, please call the Orange Lawn Tennis Club directly: (973) 726-0928. *Be sure to mention you are participating in the "Little Mo" tournament this week!*

**Weather Updates / Rain Plan:** We are looking forward to sunny skies and completing the New Jersey international tournament this week. If there are any important changes to the schedule due to inclement weather, we will be posting the latest updates and information on the tournament's **USTA** homepage: [www.littlemonewjersey.com](http://www.littlemonewjersey.com). We have reserved the indoor courts at the West Orange Tennis Club (host site) and shortened scoring may be used in the case of rain. We will **not** be extending the tournament past Wednesday, August 21.

**Player Party:** A fun player party will be held for all of our families at the Dave & Buster's (Wayne) near the West Orange Tennis Club (host site) on Sunday evening, August 18 from 6:00-8:00pm. There will be many exciting activities for the players including virtual reality, videogames, arcade, billiards, dodgeball, and other games. We hope you will join us for this special occasion as it will be a great opportunity to meet other players from around the world - be sure to get their contact information so you can stay in touch after the event! Some of the games and activities are "complimentary" for all "Little Mo" players. There is no entrance fee for the Dave & Buster's (Wayne), but parents, guests, and siblings will need to pay for their own game cards at the front desk if they would like to participate in the party activities. There is also a restaurant on-site with many different food and drink options available for purchase. Please note that no outside food or drink is allowed at the Dave & Buster's (Wayne). *Please check in at the "Little Mo" party desk (near the front entrance) to pick up your player's "complimentary" game card.*

**Player Welcome Bag:** All players will be able to pick up their official welcome bag during Player Check-in at the West Orange Tennis Club (host site) on Saturday, August 17 from 10:00am-2:00pm (anytime). The welcome bag will include a tournament t-shirt, backpack, Wilson string packet, Wilson keychain "Mo" Money raffle ticket, and more. A copy of the special Player Program featuring all of the player names and their cities/states/countries will also be included along with other important information. If you are unable to pick up your player's welcome bag on opening day, you can stop by the "Little Mo" Booth at the West Orange Tennis Club anytime during the tournament to pick it up!

**Trophies / Awards:** In Singles, trophies will be awarded in each division to the Main Draw Winner, Runner-Up, 3rd Place, and 4th Place as well as the Consolation Winner and Runner-Up. In Doubles and Mixed Doubles, trophies will be awarded in each division to the Winner and Runner-Up teams. Sportsmanship and Kindness Awards will also be given to four deserving players selected by the officials during the tournament.

**Travel Grants:** Best of luck in your matches this week! Any "Little Mo" player who wins their **yellow ball division** (Singles only) at the "Little Mo" Internationals (Colorado, New Jersey, Florida) will receive a special travel grant during the tournament - **more details to be announced at the tournament!** These travel grants are sponsored by the **Tennis Competitors of Dallas** (TCD) in Dallas, Texas and we are so thankful for their support of junior tennis!

**"Mo" Coins:** Maureen Connolly was known for her many outstanding victories, but more importantly for her exemplary sportsmanship and kindness on and off the court. To honor her legacy, the "Little Mo" tournaments offer special "Mo" Coins to players who display good sportsmanship and who are respectful and kind to others. The referee, officials, and tournament staff will have the colorful "Mo" Coins in their pockets to give to players during the event. All players will be able to trade in their coins for prizes at the "Little Mo" Booth during the tournament (**each coin is worth \$1**). The "Little Mo" Booth will be located at the host site.

**No Alcohol:** During the tournament, we **do not** condone the use of alcohol at any time due to liability reasons. **Alcohol is also STRICTLY PROHIBITED from being brought into the host site.** Thank you so much for helping us ensure a safe environment for these young players and their families.

**Plastic Chairs:** We will be renting plastic chairs for our "Little Mo" players and their families to use at the West Orange Tennis Club (host site) during the tournament. If you decide to use a chair during the day to watch your player's match, we are asking you to please return it to the stack near the front of the facility when you are finished with the match. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

**Food / Drink Options - West Orange Tennis Club:** The West Orange Tennis Club (host site) will have various granola bars, snacks, and drinks available for purchase in their vending machines during the tournament. Cash (small bills only) will be accepted, but no credit cards or Apple Pay. There will not be any lunch options available at the West Orange Tennis Club, but there are many fast food, restaurant, and grocery store options nearby. A food delivery service such as UberEATS/Door Dash may be an option too based on availability. Please note that outside food and drink is allowed, but alcohol is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.

**Pro Shop - West Orange Tennis Club:** The Pro Shop at the West Orange Tennis Club (host site) will be open during the following days and hours: Friday/Saturday (8:00am-5:00pm) and Sunday/Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday (8:00am-last matches). Please do not leave your bags, coolers, chairs, and other personal items in the Pro Shop or clubhouse during the tournament as it can be a safety hazard for people trying to walk through the shop.

**Stringing - West Orange Tennis Club:** A certified stringer will be available on-site at the West Orange Tennis Club (host site) during the tournament. Please visit their Pro Shop for more information and give them as much notice as possible if you are needing any stringing services. There are also many sporting goods stores nearby including El Gavilan Sport, Play It Again Sports, Sports Universe, E Z Sports, Pegasus Sporting Goods, LeeZar Sporting Goods, and Dick's Sporting Goods.

**Pet Policy - West Orange Tennis Club:** There are no animals allowed at the West Orange Tennis Club (host site). Thank you so much for respecting their policy!

**Photography Services:** Professional tennis photographer David Kenas (David Kenas Photography) will be on-site to provide artistic action portraits and commemorative posters of your player to document this special time in their tennis career. They will be taking orders and photos by appointment only so please sign up early! If you are interested in having photos taken of your player or ordering the Group Photo, please visit their booth during the event. Website: [www.dkshots.com](http://www.dkshots.com).



**Recording Matches:** If you are planning on recording any of your player's matches this week, you **must** first check with the opponent's parents before recording. We also ask that you please do not post any match recordings taken during the tournament on social media. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

**"Little Mo" Movie:** We hope you will find some time to enjoy the 1978 "Little Mo" movie (made for TV) about Maureen Connolly. The movie is about 2.5 hours long and features some major movie stars like Mark Harmon, Leslie Nielsen, and Glynnis O'Connor. It is a wonderful movie for the entire family and is very inspirational for young players who love the game of tennis. Thank you so much for sharing the "Little Mo" story with your child as it will help make their "Little Mo" experience more meaningful. To watch the movie, please go to our MCB website ([www.mcbtennis.org/about-little-mo](http://www.mcbtennis.org/about-little-mo)) and scroll down to the popcorn icon.

**2024 "Little Mo" Internationals Rules and Regulations, Code of Conduct, and Tournament/Liability Waivers:** In registering for any "Little Mo" international tournament, everyone attending the event must agree to follow our **2024 "Little Mo" Internationals Rules and Regulations, Code of Conduct, and Tournament/Liability Waivers**. These documents were uploaded as an attachment to the tournament's UTR homepage where you originally registered, but they are also included in this booklet for your convenience. During the registration process, you agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions of these documents. Your electronic signature also represented an agreement for your player(s), their family member(s), and any guest(s) to be bound by these documents.

**Tournament Chairman:** Carol Weyman

**Email:** [carol@mcbtennis.org](mailto:carol@mcbtennis.org)

**MCB Office:** (214) 754-7065

**Volunteers / Workers:** We are looking for volunteers or those seeking community service hours to help out during the tournament from Friday, August 16 - Wednesday, August 21 (anytime between 7:00am-7:00pm). Any adult, friend or older sibling of a player looking for something to do during the tournament would be greatly appreciated. The jobs are all very easy and the hours can be split into shifts if needed. Some examples of potential jobs include volunteering at Player Check-in, assisting with the Player Clinic, Group Photo and/or Player Parade of Nations, working at the Tournament Desk and/or "Little Mo" Booth, updating scores on the drawboards, and helping out with the trophy presentations. If you are interested in this opportunity, please send an email to Carol Weyman ([carol@mcbtennis.org](mailto:carol@mcbtennis.org)) with your availability and contact information

## Things to Do in New Jersey and nearby New York:

In addition to the tennis, there are many fun tourist attractions for the entire family:

**New Jersey** - the Atlantic City/The Boardwalk, Liberty State Park, Ellis Island, Princeton University Art Museum, Six Flags Great Adventure, Cape May Historic District, Adventure Aquarium, Paterson Great Falls National Historic Park, Liberty Science Center, Morey's Piers & Beachfront Water Parks, Turtle Back Zoo, Jenkinson's Boardwalk, Thomas Edison National Historic Park, Seaside Heights, Nickelodeon Universe, New Jersey Performing Arts Center, and beautiful beaches!

**New York** – US Open at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, Times Square, Central Park, Bronx Zoo, Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, Broadway shows, Intrepid Sea Air & Space Museum, Citi Field for a New York Yankees or Mets baseball game, and more are nearby!





# “Little Mo” Internationals



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## Schedule of Events

The West Orange Tennis Club (**WOTC** - Host Site) is happy to welcome our players, parents, coaches, and spectators to their beautiful facility this week. We ask all of our guests to be respectful of the buildings, courts, and grounds. Please **do not** leave any trash on the courts, in the bathrooms or around the facility, and please **do not** leave your bags, coolers, chairs, and other personal items in any common areas during the tournament. While our host site is a very safe place, we ask that you **do not** let your children go to the parking lot alone. **For safety reasons, a player should not be left alone without a guardian at any time.** *We appreciate your cooperation!*

### Saturday, August 17 (Player Check-in / Opening Ceremony - MANDATORY):

*\*Please note that there are **no matches on Saturday**, but there is a **mandatory Player Check-in and Opening Ceremony at our international tournaments**. All of the special activities on Saturday will be taking place at the West Orange Tennis Club (host site) in West Orange, New Jersey.*

10:00am - 2:00pm

Player Check-in and welcome bag pick up - **mandatory** on the outdoor patio at the **West Orange Tennis Club** (anytime) (host site). All players will present a copy of their birth certificate or passport to be included in the tournament. Information must be able to be read in English and clearly show a player's full name and birthday (please make sure that the copy you bring is not blurry). Due to our privacy policy, we will **not** be accepting any birth certificates or passports in advance or by email this year. We will also **not** be accepting any birth certificate or passport images on a phone during Player Check-in (you must bring a hard copy to the event). ***A copy of your player's birth certificate or passport is mandatory to play in our international tournament (no exceptions).***

1:00 - 3:00pm

There will be a fun complimentary tennis clinic with drills and games for all players on the Outdoor and Indoor Courts. Players will be divided out onto the courts by age division, ball type, and playing surface so please listen carefully to the pros on court. Prizes will also be given out during the clinic. \*Players, please do not forget to bring your racquets!

3:15 pm

There will be a special Group Photo with **David Kenas Photography** on the **Outdoor Courts**. Players, please leave your racquets and bags with your parent (only players will be allowed in the photo area).

3:30 - 3:45pm

There will be an informative talk for all parents, coaches, and other spectators on the **Outdoor Courts** led by **Rick Workman** (Tournament Director) and **Fred Lipscomb** (Head Referee). This will be a unique opportunity to discuss rules, regulations, and other tournament-related questions.

3:45pm

Players will line up for the traditional Player Parade on the **Outdoor Courts**. Please remember to bring your country flag if you would like to carry it in the Player Parade (no bigger than 2' by 3') - it is not required to bring a flag as one large country flag will be provided by the tournament for each country group.

4:00pm

Players will parade onto the center court carrying their country flags.

4:15 - 5:00pm

The Opening Ceremony is mandatory. The national anthem will be sung. Cindy Brinker Simmons, MCB President and daughter of Maureen “Little Mo” Connolly Brinker, will be the Guest Speaker and she will give an inspirational message to the players and parents. Important information will be given to our families and the ceremony will end at approximately 5:00pm. Parents, please do not forget to bring your camera!

5:00 pm

There will be another special Group Photo with **David Kenas Photography** on the center court.

5:30 - 7:30pm

After the Opening Ceremony, there will be some practice courts available on-site from approximately 5:30-7:30pm on a first-come, first-served basis (no reservations will be taken). Players will have priority over coaches/parents and we ask everyone to please share courts with other players if they are waiting (4 players per court).

### Sunday, August 18 (Matches Begin, Player Gift Exchange, and Player Party):

8:00am

Matches will begin as early as 8:00am for all age divisions and continue all day (typically 1-2 rounds of Main Draw Singles will be scheduled based on draw sizes). Please remember to check your draw carefully each day for the correct match time. Also, please check in at least 15 minutes prior to each match at the Tournament Desk while allowing some extra time for traffic and parking

Player Gift Exchange:

All players will exchange a small gift with their first-round opponent in Singles. Players, please exchange your gifts as you walk to the court for your first match. ***If you have a bye in the First Round (Main Draw), please look at the draws posted at the host site to find out with whom you will exchange gifts as you will be paired with another player who has a bye. If you have any questions about the Player Gift Exchange, please visit the Tournament Desk during the tournament.***

2:00pm

***Registration for Doubles closes at the Doubles/Mixed Doubles Registration Desk.***

6:00 - 8:00pm

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**Monday, August 19 (Doubles Begins):**

8:00am

Matches will begin as early as 8:00am and continue all day (typically 1 round of Main Draw Singles, 2 rounds of Consolation Singles, and 1 round of Doubles will be scheduled based on draw sizes). Doubles play begins, but not before noon.

2:00pm

*Registration for Mixed Doubles closes at the Doubles/Mixed Doubles Registration Desk.*

**Tuesday, August 20 (Mixed Doubles Begins):**

8:00am

Matches will begin as early as 8:00am and continue all day (typically 1 round of Main Draw Singles, 1 round of Consolation Singles, 2 rounds of Doubles, and 1 round of Mixed Doubles will be scheduled based on draw sizes). Mixed Doubles play begins, but not before noon. Some smaller draws may finish.

**Wednesday, August 21 (Final Day):**

8:00am

Matches will begin as early as 8:00am and may continue into the late afternoon (typically larger Singles, Doubles, and/or Mixed Doubles draws will be scheduled to finish on the last day). It is our goal to have most of the matches finished by the early afternoon, but some final matches may continue into the late afternoon depending on the schedule. *Please plan your departure from the club after 5:00pm on Wednesday, August 21, as matches will be played that day (some divisions may finish earlier depending on draw size and weather). Also, please note that there is no closing ceremony for the "Little Mo" Internationals.*



*"Probably the most important thing that tennis has taught me is the kind of fair play and sportsmanship that can be carried over to everyday living. It has taught me how to get along with people and to respect and admire those who have accomplished something in fields other than sports. Tennis has also given me a good sense of competition and a desire to do everything to the best of my ability - no matter what the job may be." Quote by: Maureen Connolly Brinker.*



# “Little Mo” Player Party!

Hosted by Cindy Brinker Simmons and Brenda Brinker Bottum

**Time:** 6:00 - 8:00 pm

**Date:** Sunday evening, August 18

**Place:** Dave & Buster's (Wayne)

- near the West Orange Tennis Club (20 minutes away)

310 Willowbrook Mall

Wayne, New Jersey 07470

Click [here](#) for a map from the West Orange Tennis Club (host site) to the Dave & Buster's (Wayne).

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# The "Little Mo" Club!

The "Little Mo" Club is an online platform where junior players can stay connected with their "Little Mo" friends, participate in fun activities, and have access to interviews and tips from coaches and pro players, as well as to promos from our partners and sponsors.

As a "Little Mo" player you get a complimentary membership to the "Little Mo" Club. All you have to do is scan the QR code below, sign up, and create your player profile.

**You must use the same email you used to register for the tournament.** Once you sign up, you will receive a verification email and your parents must fill out a parental consent, authorizing you to use the platform, in order for your account to get activated.

Make sure to check your Spam folder and add: [info@littlemoclub.com](mailto:info@littlemoclub.com) to your contact list to prevent our emails from going to the Spam folder in the future.

If you also want to subscribe to the "Little Mo" Club newsletter, please go to: [www.littlemoclub.com/newsletter](http://www.littlemoclub.com/newsletter).

*Play "Mo" Tennis!*

**"LITTLE MO" CLUB**

**BENEFITS**

- 1.- PARTICIPATE IN GIVEAWAYS & SPECIAL EVENTS!
- 2.- STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR "LITTLE MO" FRIENDS!
- 3.- ACCESS TO INTERVIEWS, WEBINARS & PRO TIPS!
- 4.- PROMOS FROM OUR PARTNERS & SPONSORS

**TO SIGN UP**

- 1.- SCAN THE CODE & MAKE YOUR PLAYER PROFILE
- 2.- CHECK YOUR EMAIL (for a verification email from us)
- 3.- SIGN PARENTAL CONSENT (Parents must sign to activate account)

SCAN CODE TO ACTIVATE

COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIP FOR "LITTLE MO" PLAYERS

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# TOURNAMENT RULES



~ Fred Lipscomb, REFEREE ~

Welcome to the 2024 “Little Mo” Internationals in West Orange, New Jersey! When players step out on court for a match, they become responsible for what happens on their court. The following tournament rules apply:

## MATCH FORMAT, SCORING, AND RULES:

- All divisions will use the same scoring formats regardless of age, ball type or draw format, but we will be using several different scoring formats based on the event type:
  - **Singles:** All Singles matches (Main Draw and Consolation) will consist of two tiebreak sets (first to 6 games). At 6 games all, a 7-point set tiebreak (first to 7, win by 2) will be played. If players split sets, a 10-point match tiebreak (first to 10, win by 2) will be played in lieu of a third set. Regular scoring (**with ad**) will be used for all Main Draw matches and a 5-minute warm-up will be given before each match. No-ad scoring will be used for all Consolation matches in addition to the 3rd/4th Place playoff. A 2-minute rest period will be given between the first and second sets, and a 3-minute rest period will be given between the second set and match tiebreak. **No coaching is allowed at any time. \*Shortened scoring may be used in the case of rain.**
  - **Doubles and Mixed Doubles:** All Doubles and Mixed Doubles matches will consist of an 8-game pro set (first to 8 games). At 8 games all, a 7-point match tiebreak (first to 7, win by 2) will be played. Regular scoring (**with ad**) will be used for all matches and a 5-minute warm-up will be given before each match. **No coaching is allowed at any time. \*Shortened scoring may be used in the case of rain.**
- Both players and/or teams must return to the Tournament Desk after each match to report the score.
- All players will decide service and side before starting their warm-up for the match. There will be a 5-minute warm-up for all Main Draw and Consolation matches.
- The server must announce the score loudly before each point. Players are also responsible for keeping the score and using scorekeepers at all times.
- The receiver must play to the reasonable pace of the server. The maximum time between points is 25 seconds.
- If a player is unsure of a call, the ball is good (benefit of the doubt goes to the opponent).
- Whether on or off the court, officials will overrule any clear mistakes they observe. Officials will also be watching for any obvious foot faults.
- A player can request a medical time out for illness or an injury. The player may choose someone (a parent or coach) to treat them. An official will supervise the treatment. The maximum treatment time for a medical time out is 3 minutes. For a medical timeout involving bleeding, up to 15 minutes is allowed.
- The “Little Mo” Point Penalty System begins with a warning, then forfeiture of a point, then forfeiture of a game, followed by an additional loss of game (or default) as determined by the Referee and Tournament Director. An immediate default can also be used in egregious situations as determined by the Referee and Tournament Director. Violations include ball abuse, racquet abuse, obscenities, yelling out, crying or being a distraction, parental interference, coaching, and anything else that could be considered unsportsmanlike behavior.
- **Only players (not parents) may call for an official to be on the court, but parents can be helpful in alerting officials of any emergencies.** A player must first raise their racquet high so that an official can see it and come to the court. The only reason players may leave the court is to obtain an official.
- Parents are **not** allowed to lean on the fence or interfere with the match in any way.
- No cell phones, watches or electronic devices are allowed while on court. Also, please **do not** talk on your cell phone near the tennis courts and put it on “silent” while matches are in progress.
- If a player needs to go to the bathroom, they need to get permission from an official. ***To minimize loss of momentum during the set caused by a bathroom break, the player(s) taking the break will give a courtesy point to their opponent(s). This is not a penalty point. A courtesy point will not be given for a bathroom break taken at the end of a set. This rule is unique to the “Little Mo” tournaments.***



# A NOTE TO PLAYERS:

The sun can be intense so please make sure you are well hydrated before coming to the court. Start drinking liquids the night before (starting the morning of your match is too late). **Water and ice will be available at the host site.** Be sure to use sunscreen and apply it at least thirty minutes before each match.

Since officials will be calling foot faults, you may want to check your serves during practice sessions to make sure your feet are not touching the baseline until after the ball is hit. Make sure all cell phones, watches, and electronic devices are turned off and left with your parent before entering the court. In order to be considered a good sport, you must display good sportsmanship both on and off the court.

## Good sportsmanship includes:

- saying “good shot” to the opponent when deserved or “nice try” when the opponent makes a great effort at trying to get the ball
- not pumping your fist at the opponent at any time, especially after a good shot
- not screaming out during the match (i.e., “let’s go”, “come on”, “vamos”) – you may say these words quietly to yourself so not to disrupt nearby matches
- not hitting the ball to the back fence or into the net in anger at any time
- handing the balls nicely to the opponent or hitting the balls softly and accurately to the opponent during the match (i.e., change of server, after a point, changing sides)
- not asking “are you sure” repeatedly after each of the opponent’s line calls

**The officials will be roving the courts and watching for the behaviors listed above.** It is very important to make proper line calls. If you are unsure of a call, the benefit of the doubt goes to the opponent. A ball that is 99% out is 100% in. When a player deliberately makes incorrect calls in order to gain an advantage, everyone in the crowd who is watching the match sees it and the opponent knows it as well. This reputation will follow you for the rest of your junior career and we **do not** want that to happen to you. Let the memory of your match be a good one for both you and your opponent, whether you win or lose. Please request an official at any time if you need anything. Also, please review the code of conduct/rules/scoring format before your first match so you understand what is expected.

# A NOTE TO PARENTS / COACHES:

Watching the match can be a hard job for parents and coaches, especially if there is a problem or a questionable call. Although staying uninvolved is difficult, it is necessary. Once your player enters the court, it is their match. **Explain to your player that they will be on their own once they step onto the court and that you will not be able to talk to or coach them in any way during the match.** Emphasize and explain what good sportsmanship is to your player and why it is important. ***Also, a friendly reminder that all multilingual parents and coaches must only speak or cheer in English when their player is on court. Appropriate cheering is allowed, but it must be in English so that officials are able to monitor for coaching.*** Please note it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to educate any guests who attend your player’s match that they understand tennis court etiquette (specifically for larger groups) and how important it is to remain quiet during the match and not be disruptive in any way. Spectator behavior can result in penalty points to the player.

Parents and coaches are **not** allowed to talk on cell phones near the courts when matches are in progress. They are also **not** allowed to make any line calls or assist in any scoring disputes, as that is the job of the official. **Coaching is not permitted at any time (i.e., hand signals or anything that is instructional such as “stay on your game plan”, “make him/her play”, “focus”).** Also, **inappropriate cheering is not allowed (i.e., clapping when the opponent double faults or makes an unforced error, excessive or constant cheering/clapping that is disruptive, making discouraging remarks about the opponent).** Parents and coaches are allowed to say “come on”, “let’s go”, or “let’s play” but quietly and not disruptive to other spectators and nearby matches. It is proper court etiquette to cheer for the good shots of both players. It is our hope that as parents and coaches, you will set a good example for your player during the tournament and follow the gold standard of sportsmanship, integrity, and kindness.

If something is in need of attention (i.e., a player is out of water, a player is having a health issue, a racquet needs to be returned to the player, a ball is lost over the fence), the player must get an official’s attention and request their assistance. **Only players (not parents or coaches) may call for an official to be on the court, but parents and coaches can be helpful in alerting officials of any emergencies.**

# The 2024 "Little Mo" Slam!

*Have you ever dreamed of winning the tallest trophy in junior tennis?*



Born in San Diego, Maureen became the first woman to achieve the Grand Slam of tennis in 1953 by winning all four major championships (Australian, French, Wimbledon, and US Open) in the same year. She was well known for her powerful groundstrokes from the baseline, which earned her the famous nickname "Little Mo" - a comparison to the explosive firepower of the battleship USS *Missouri*, also known as "Big Mo". Only five players in the history of tennis have won the calendar Grand Slam, and Maureen is still the only American woman and the youngest at age 18 to have accomplished this magnificent feat. She won an amazing nine consecutive championship titles (three US, three Wimbledon, two French, one Australian - **undefeated in 50 matches**).

In 2013, MCB created the ultimate challenge for any player (ages 8-12) to win the "Little Mo" Slam. The Slam was created in honor of Maureen Connolly's Grand Slam win in 1953 - winning all four major championships (Australian, French, Wimbledon, and US Open) in the same calendar year. If a "Little Mo" player can win their yellow ball division at all three "Little Mo" Internationals (Colorado, New Jersey, Florida) in the same year, they will receive the tallest trophy in junior tennis (6 feet tall) and the title of "Little Mo" Slam Champion! The Slam continues this year with the 1st leg at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado (June 28 - July 3). The 2nd leg will take place at the West Orange Tennis Club in West Orange, New Jersey (August 17-21). The 3rd and final leg will be held at

the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida (December 6-11). There have been 11 players who have accomplished this magnificent feat in the past 11 years.

## Who will win the "Little Mo" Slam this year?



### **1ST LEG** **COLORADO**

**U.S. Air Force Academy**  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
June 28 - July 3, 2024

### **2ND LEG** **NEW JERSEY**

**West Orange Tennis Club**  
West Orange, New Jersey  
August 17-21, 2024

### **3RD LEG** **FLORIDA**

**Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center**  
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida  
December 6-11, 2024





## “Mo” Coins



By playing in the “Little Mo” tournaments, you are one of the youngest and brightest future stars in junior tennis, and with that comes great responsibility. You are a role model for other players (especially those younger than you) so we hope you will follow in Maureen Connolly’s footsteps and be a positive example for those around you. You also represent your family, coaches, friends, tennis academy, and club so we ask you to be the best you can be and display outstanding sportsmanship on and off the court.

Maureen Connolly was known for her many outstanding victories, but more importantly for her exemplary sportsmanship and kindness on and off the court. To honor her legacy, the “Little Mo” tournaments offer special “Mo” Coins to players who display good sportsmanship and who are respectful and kind to others. The referee, officials, and tournament staff will have the colorful “Mo” Coins in their pockets to give to players during the event. All players will be able to trade in their coins for prizes at the “Little Mo” Booth during the tournament (each coin is worth \$1). The “Little Mo” Booth will be located at the host site.

It is our hope that these “Mo” Coins will encourage good sportsmanship, friendship, and kindness during the tournament and whenever you play tennis.

## To earn “Mo” Coins:

- a) Call lines fairly and keep up with the right score
- b) Hit the balls back nicely to the server
- c) Congratulate your opponent after a great point
- d) Do not show any anger, throw your racquet or scream out “come on”
- e) Shake your opponent’s hand after the match
- f) Respond in a respectful manner to all officials and tournament staff
- g) Offer to help the tournament staff if they need any assistance
- h) Pick up items to help keep the tournament site clean
- i) Hold the door open for someone who is carrying a lot of items





# "Little Mo" Booth

## Items for Sale

Frisbee	\$1	
Magnet	\$1	
"Mo" Mints	\$2	
Bracelet	\$2	
Tennis Pen	\$2	
Sticker	\$2	
Key Ring	\$2	
Maze Puzzle	\$2	
Hacky Sack	\$4	
Coin Pouch	\$4	
Lip Balm	\$4	
Notepad	\$4	
Push Pop Ball	\$5	
Jellyfish Yo-Yo	\$5	
Yellow Yo-Yo	\$5	
Towel	\$5	
Cloth Wristband	\$5	
Sunglasses	\$5	
Mousepad Calendar	\$5	
Tennis Ball Streamer	\$5	
Phone Fan	\$8	
T-shirt (youth & adult sizes)	\$8	
Pop Socket	\$8	
Cloth Hat / Visor	\$10	
Message Fan	\$10	
Rubik's Cube	\$10	
Water Bottle	\$10	
"Toss Doctor"	\$10	
LED Fidget Spinner	\$12	
Animal Grip Cover	\$12	
Tennis Teddy Bear	\$12	
Long Sleeve Shirt (youth & adult sizes)	\$15	
Night Shirt	\$15	
Dri-Fit Hat	\$20	
Dri-Fit T-shirt (youth & adult sizes)	\$20	
"Contact Doctor"	\$20	
Quick Starter Racquet Set	\$20	
Dri-Fit Long Sleeve Shirt (youth & adult sizes)	\$25	
Bucket Hat	\$25	
Sweatshirt (youth & adult sizes)	\$25	
Sweatpants (youth & adult sizes)	\$25	
"Restored: Reconnecting Life's Broken Pieces" – \$20 paperback / \$30 hardback (new book written by Cindy Brinker Simmons, MCB President and daughter of Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly Brinker)	\$20 / \$30	
"Born to Play, Tennis Doodle Journal" (book written by Maria Cordrey, tennis enthusiast and mother of two "Little Mo" players)	\$30	
"Little Mo" Movie (DVD) – NTSC (USA) / PAL (Europe) versions available (feature film made for TV based on the life of Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly Brinker)	\$30	

**CASH / CREDIT  
CARD ONLY**

Purchases can be made with the colorful "Mo" Coins (each coin is worth \$1). Please pay at the "Little Mo" Booth by coin, cash or credit card. All proceeds benefit the Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation to help further the development of junior tennis worldwide.





## The "Little Mo" Story



Maureen Catherine Connolly Brinker, affectionately called "Little Mo", was born on September 17, 1934 in San Diego, California. She began playing tennis at age nine in 1943 on the public courts of the Balboa Tennis Club in San Diego.

Although her career spanned three years, many premier sportswriters consider her to be the finest of all female players. In 1953 at the age of 18, she was the first woman to win the "Grand Slam" of tennis by claiming all four major events in one calendar year (Australian, French, Wimbledon, and US Open). She lost only one set in the process. She is still the only American woman and the youngest to have accomplished this magnificent feat. To put the significance of her "Grand Slam" achievement into perspective, only five players in the history of tennis have won the "Grand Slam" of singles championships.

Nicknamed "Little Mo" for her powerful, accurate ground strokes (a comparison to "Big Mo", the battleship USS *Missouri*), Maureen was devastating from the baseline and seldom needed to go to the net. A small and compact right-hander (5-foot-4), she won her major singles championships as a teenager: three successive Wimbledon titles (1952-54), three consecutive U.S. Championships at Forest Hills (1951-53), two French Championships (1953-54), and one Australian Championships (1953).

Maureen was the #1 junior girl in the nation in 1949 and 1950, winning the 18 and under singles and doubles titles at the National Jr. Championships. In 1951, 1952 and 1953, Maureen was the undisputed world champion. She was voted "Woman Athlete of the Year" by the Associated Press for those three consecutive years.

A cheerful and sporting competitor, Maureen crushed the opposition, never losing an important match, only occasionally losing a set. She helped the U.S. beat Britain in the Wightman Cup matches of 1951-54 by winning all seven of her singles. Nobody has measured up to her perfect record in the majors. She sailed through nine successive majors (three U.S. titles, three Wimbledon titles, two French titles, one Australian titles), unbeaten in 50 matches.

In July 1954, Maureen's playing career ended with heartbreaking suddenness when she was involved in a horseback riding accident. After winning her third consecutive Wimbledon title, she was riding her beloved Tennessee Walker, Colonel Merry Boy, in San Diego with two friends on a private dirt road. A cement truck unexpectedly rounded the corner, sideswiped her horse, and severely injured her leg.

*"I knew immediately I'd never play again,"* Maureen said later.

Although she was unable to compete any longer at her elite championship level, Maureen's love of the sport continued. She dedicated herself to the promotion of the game of tennis, conducting clinics throughout the nation and becoming one of the game's outstanding teachers. Maureen married Norman Brinker in 1955 and had two daughters, Cindy and Brenda. She was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1968. In 1969, she lost her valiant battle with cancer and passed away at the young age of 34.

This remarkable champion is memorialized through her namesake, The Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation (MCB), which is dedicated to the promotion and support of junior tennis development worldwide. Maureen's dream of establishing a foundation was based on her desire to give back to the game she loved so much. She was raised by a single mother and due to financial constraints, she was unable to travel to national tournaments. There were a few organizations in California that helped her with travel grants to cover expenses. Maureen thought at that time if she was ever in a position where she could help some young, promising players financially to travel to tournaments in order to improve their rankings, she would do it. This was the seed that was planted over fifty years ago in forming the foundation.

"Whenever a great player comes along you have to ask yourself, 'Could she have beaten Maureen?'" says Lance Tingay of the Daily Telegraph of London. "In every case, the answer is, 'I think not.'"

# Former "Little Mo" Champions



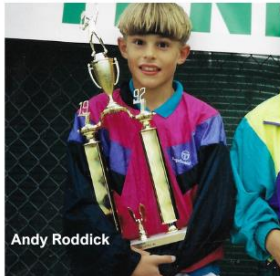
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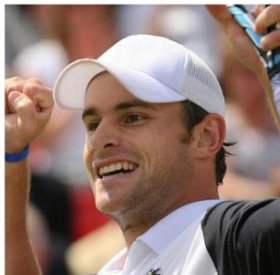
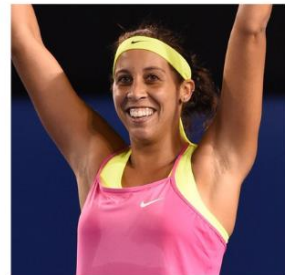
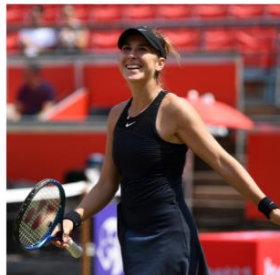


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Taylor Fritz

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