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

December 2, 2024

Dear Players and Parents,

*We would like to welcome you and your family to the **18th Annual "Little Mo" Internationals tournament in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida and the final leg of the 2024 "Little Mo" Slam!** This prestigious event will be held at the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (host site), PGA National Resort, The Tennis Club of Palm Beach, Indian Spring Country Club, and Boca Raton Swim & Racquet Club from Friday, December 6 - Wednesday, December 11, 2024. Approximately **600 players from 63 different countries/territories worldwide** will be featured in this international tournament including Argentina, Australia, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Cayman Islands, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Curaçao, Denmark, Ecuador, England, Estonia, France, Germany, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, North Macedonia, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russia, Serbia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad & Tobago, Tunisia, Turks & Caicos Islands, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Vietnam, Wales, and **24 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 sites, volunteers, and proud sponsors: **Jersey Mike's Subs** ("Title Sponsor"), **Tennis Competitors of Dallas** (TCD), **Wilson Sporting Goods Company** ("Official Racquet, String, and Ball"), **Lucky in Love Kids** ("Official Apparel"), **Ethos School** ("Official Sponsor"), and **Palm Beach County Sports Commission** (PBCSC).*

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.

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 continued this year with the 1st leg at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado (June 28 - July 3). The 2nd leg took 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). The following two players are still in the running for the 2024 "Little Mo" Slam after winning their individual age divisions in Colorado and New Jersey: **Vlada Hranchar** - Girls 8 (Coconut Creek, Florida / Ukraine) and **Yoyo Siyi Li** - Girls 10 (Regina, Canada). 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 "Little Mo" tournaments 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" is also unique in that it gives youngsters the opportunity to gauge their ability against players born in the same year (i.e., 8's play 8's, 9's play 9's). 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, Alexei Popyrin, 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 events for young players around the world.

The festivities will begin on Friday, December 6 with a complimentary tennis clinic featuring fun drills, games, and prizes for all players hosted by Wayne Bryan (father of Bob and Mike Bryan) at the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center from 1:00-3:00pm. 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 by Kheren Hernandez, assistant to the Chief of Police for the City of Palm Beach Gardens and worship leader at Community of Hope Church. Dana Middleton, Vice Mayor of the City of Palm Beach Gardens, will welcome the players and parents. Cindy Brinker Simmons, MCB President and daughter of Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly Brinker, will be in attendance during the tournament to watch matches, talk about her mother's legacy, and sign her new book, *Restored: Reconnecting Life's Broken Pieces*. Brenda Brinker Bottom, MCB Vice President and daughter of Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly Brinker, will also be in attendance during the tournament. Rick Macci, one of the most influential tennis coaches in history, will be the Guest Speaker and he will give an inspirational message. Known for his unparalleled ability to identify and cultivate talent, Rick has played a pivotal role in shaping some of the greatest tennis players of all time through his holistic coaching philosophy, unwavering dedication, commitment to excellence, and development at the grassroots level. He has coached five players who reached the #1 ranking in the world including Jennifer Capriati, Maria Sharapova, Andy Roddick, Sofia Kenin, and Venus Williams. He is also a seven-time USPTA Coach of the Year, the youngest-ever inductee into the USPTA Hall of Fame, author of two books, *Macci Magic* and *Billion Dollar Mind*, and co-host of the *Game Set Life* podcast. Most recently, Rick's ability to transform raw talent into world-class athletes was immortalized in the Academy Award-winning film *King Richard*. His students at the Rick Macci Tennis Academy have captured an astounding **123 "Little Mo" National and International titles in Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles!** Following the ceremony, a special Group Photo will be taken at 5:00pm. Matches will begin for all divisions on Saturday, December 7 and continue through Wednesday, December 11. The winner of each division will be crowned a "Little Mo" Internationals champion! For all draws and results, please visit: **www.littlemoflorida.com**.

On Sunday evening, a fun Player Party will be held for all of our families at the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center from 5:30-8:30pm. There will be many exciting activities for the players including a rock wall, videogame van, laser tag, bubble machine, face painting, balloon twisting, "Mo Money" machine, pizza, popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, bounce house, fun house maze, inflatables, DJ playing music, 360 photo booth, dancing contests, pickleball, and other games. We hope you will join us for this special occasion as it will be a great opportunity to meet other players and parents 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 the hearing impaired and wheelchair tennis.

Maureen Connolly was known for her outstanding victories, but more importantly for her exemplary sportsmanship and kindness on and off the court. To honor her legacy, the "Little Mo" offers 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/Big Mo" Booth at the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center. Sportsmanship and Kindness Awards will also be given to four deserving players selected by the officials during the tournament.

In addition to the "Little Mo" Internationals, we hope you will join us for another "Little Mo" tournament next year! The "Road to the Little Mo Nationals" will begin in the spring and summer with the four "Little Mo" Regionals (North, South, East, West) held in different cities across the United States - **open to any USA player (ages 8-12)!** The three "Little Mo" Internationals will begin in the summer - **open to any player worldwide (ages 8-16)!** We are aiming to post our 2025 tournament schedule by February/March of next year. When it is available, it will be posted on our MCB website (**www.mcbtennis.org**) under the "Tournaments" tab. We will most likely be following a very similar schedule compared to this year, which is still included on our website. In the meantime, we would recommend signing up for our monthly newsletter to ensure that you receive the most up-to-date information throughout the year including when registration is officially open next year. **If you are not already subscribed, you can sign up on our MCB website (www.mcbtennis.org) at the bottom of the page or click on the green "Click Here to Join" below.**

We are actively looking for sponsors for the 2025 "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 our "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**. We will be happy to send a customized PowerPoint sponsorship proposal, which would include branding opportunities such as placing banners at various sites across the country, advertising in the player program and booklet, having your logo on the tournament t-shirts, and promoting your 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**.

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" next 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** and click on "Tournaments".

On behalf of MCB, we would like to thank our proud sponsors, Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (PBG - Host Site), PGA National Resort (PGA), The Tennis Club of Palm Beach (TCP), Indian Spring Country Club (IS), Boca Raton Swim & Racquet Center (BRS), their staffs, **Peter Cancro** (Jersey Mike's Subs Founder and CEO) and his wife **Tatiana Cancro**, **Juan Diego Cuadrado** (Wilson Sporting Goods Company - Americas Sports Marketing Manager, Grassroots), **Andrea Tabor** (Lucky in Love Kids Marketing and Sales Manager), **Scott Hutchinson** (Ethos School Director of Strategic Partnerships), **Jared Fleet** (PBCSC Director of Event Operations), **Gillian Constable** (PBCSC Sports Event Manager), **Wendy Tatum** (PBG Director of Tennis and Pickleball), **Andi Mohl** (PBG Operations Manager), **Ian Sullivan**, (PBG Recreation Supervisor), **Alexandru Pop-Moldovan** (PGA Director of Racquet Sports), **Sophie Lefèvre** (TCP Tennis Director), **Beth Chavis** (IS Tennis Manager), **Steven Browne** (City of Boca Raton Tennis and Racquet Sports Administrator), **Rick Workman** (Tournament Director), **Jake Bryan** (Host Site Director), **Fred Lipscomb** (Referee) and the officials, **Dave "The Koz" Kozlowski** (Media Celebrity), **Gael** and **Gerry Moran** ("Little Mo" Club), **Vice Mayor Dana Middleton**, **Wayne Bryan**, **Kheren Hernandez**, **Mari Workman**, **Kim Scullion**, **Karen Olson**, **Shelley Lugon-Moulin**, **Tim Warner**, **Debbie Brooke**, **Greg Brooke**, **Taylor Bryant**, **Caiden Riebold**, **Karol Wise**, **Lisa Bryant** and all of the many 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 in Palm Beach Gardens. 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,

Carol Weyman

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Welcome, welcome, welcome, players and families to the 2024 "Little Mo" Internationals tournament in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida! Many of you have come a long way to compete. We admire the spirit and dedication of both competitors and parents. You represent the "Future of Tennis"!

The City of Palm Beach Gardens Tennis & Pickleball Center is again the host site of this year's tournament.

In order to find your way to the Center in the most convenient way, we would suggest the following:

- **On any weekday, avoid using 117th Court North Street to approach the Center.** There are two schools on the street with different opening and closing times and lots of traffic.

- **Please use Shady Lakes Drive from PGA Boulevard** - this road is accessible going west or east on PGA Boulevard. Proceed to the first traffic circle and go to the right. There will be signs directing you to the parking area.

Delicious, healthy food and beverages, as well as some "comfort food" are offered for sale at the Center Court Café. The café has exclusive rights to provide food and drinks both in the Clubhouse and on the Tennis Center grounds. Outside food is not allowed, but picnicking is permitted in the surrounding parks.

We know that your pets are adorable, but City ordinance forbids them in City parks. Thank you for your cooperation.

We wish you all a very enjoyable stay in our City!

Wendy Tatum
Director of Tennis and Pickleball
Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center







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

www.littlemoflorida.com

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DRAWS/RESULTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE USTA HOMEPAGE (THEY WILL NOT BE POSTED ON THE UTR HOMEPAGE WHERE YOU ORIGINALLY REGISTERED FOR THE TOURNAMENT). ALSO, YOU WILL NEED TO "REFRESH" THE USTA HOMEPAGE FREQUENTLY IN ORDER TO SEE THE MOST UPDATED 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/2024/11/FL24-Player-List-1.pdf**. *Please note that the Player List is NOT posted on the UTR or USTA homepages (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 Thursday evening, December 5 (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 the draws/match times are posted online, 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", "12 & under", "14 & under", and "16 & 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, the 11's and 12's players and their draws will be found under the "12 & under" headings, the 13's and 14's players and their draws will be found under the "14 & under" headings, and the 15's and 16's players and their draws will be found under the "16 & under" headings. Unfortunately, the USTA platform is unable to have specific headers for each individual age division at this time. Also, we would just like to let you know that while the USTA name and logo is featured at the top of the drawsheets, MCB Tennis Foundation is a separate non-profit organization that is not affiliated with the USTA. We do follow most of the USTA guidelines, employ USTA officials, and sometimes use their software to run our "Little Mo" tournaments, but we are a separate organization.

Match Locations / Tournament Desks: All matches for this tournament will be played at the following five sites: Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (abbreviated as "**PBG**" on the draws online), PGA National Resort (abbreviated as "**PGA**" on the draws online), The Tennis Club of Palm Beach (abbreviated as "**TCP**" on the draws online), Boca Raton Swim & Racquet Center (abbreviated as "**BRS**" on the draws online), and Indian Spring Country Club (abbreviated as "**IS**" on the draws online). The draws online will include the specific playing site for your player's match when posted. Once you know the location for your player's match, you can go directly to that site. There will be a Tournament Desk at all playing sites so there is no need to go to the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center first if you are playing at another site. Please remember to check your draw carefully each day for the correct match time and location. 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 event with results as matches are completed throughout the day. The Saturday match times will be posted on Thursday evening, December 5 (not before 7:00pm). The Sunday match times will be posted at the conclusion of play on Saturday (not before 7:00pm), 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). The **USTA** homepage will have the most up-to-date information about the tournament so please save and bookmark the URL above. *Be sure to check the tournament's USTA homepage on a regular basis for important updates during the event (weather, draw changes, et cetera).*

"Little Mo" Internationals

Fact Sheet

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Dates: Friday, December 6 - Wednesday, December 11, 2024 - ***please plan your departure after 5:00pm on Wednesday, December 6 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

Tournament Phone: (214) 883-2113 → both calls and texts are possible

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**, but you will receive the fastest response by phone or text.

Playing Surfaces: We will be using one playing surface for the Florida international tournament. The playing surface will be **Outdoor Har-Tru Clay courts (green clay)**. Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles will all be played on the same surface.

GIRLS DIVISIONS	PLAYING SURFACES		BOYS DIVISIONS	PLAYING SURFACES
Girls 15/16	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay		**Boys 15/16**	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay
Girls 14	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay		**Boys 14**	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay
Girls 13	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay		**Boys 13**	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay
Girls 12	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay		**Boys 12**	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay
Girls 11	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay		**Boys 11**	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay
Girls 10 (yellow ball)	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay		**Boys 10 (yellow ball)**	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay
Girls 9 (yellow ball)	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay		**Boys 9 (yellow ball)**	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay
Girls 8 (yellow ball)	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay		**Boys 8 (yellow ball)**	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay
Girls 10 (green dot)	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay		**Boys 10 (green dot)**	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay
Girls 9 (green dot)	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay		**Boys 9 (green dot)**	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay
Girls 8 (green dot)	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay		**Boys 8 (green dot)**	Outdoor Har-Tru Clay

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

Sites: Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (**PBG** - Host Site)
5110 117th Court N
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33418
*Click **here** to visit their website.*

The Tennis Club of Palm Beach (**TCP**)
2800 Tennis Club Drive
West Palm Beach, Florida 33417
*Click **here** to visit their website.*

Indian Spring Country Club (**IS**)
11501 El Clair Ranch Road
Boynton Beach, Florida 33437
*Click **here** to visit their website.*

PGA National Resort (**PGA**)
400 Avenue of the Champions
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33418
*Click **here** to visit their website.*

Boca Raton Swim & Racquet Center (**BRS**)
21626 St. Andrews Blvd.
Boca Raton, Florida 33433
*Click **here** to visit their website.*

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Playing Sites / Transportation Recommendations: In addition to the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (host site), we will be using four additional playing sites on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and potentially Wednesday as well if there is any inclement weather during the tournament. One playing site will be the PGA National Resort which is located about 8 minutes away from the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center. A second playing site will be The Tennis Club of Palm Beach which is located about 22 minutes away from the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center. A third playing site will be the *Boca Raton Swim & Racquet Center* which is located about 65 minutes away from the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center. A fourth playing site will be the Indian Spring Country Club which is located about 35 minutes away from the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center. 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. Regardless of which playing site you have at the beginning of the tournament, all matches should be coming back to the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center for the final day(s) of the event. ***Click here for a map from the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center to the PGA National Resort, click here for a map from the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center to The Tennis Club of Palm Beach, click here for a map from the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center to the Boca Raton Swim & Racquet Center, and click here for a map from the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center to the Indian Spring Country Club.***

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY Match Locations: Please see the list below as to where each division will play on Saturday, December 7 and on Sunday, December 8 - **please note that this schedule may change at any time so be sure to double check your match location once the draws/match times are officially posted on Thursday. Match locations will begin to change for some divisions starting on Monday, December 9, as we begin to consolidate matches back to the Palm Beach Gardens area.**

- **Girls 8 (green dot)**, **Girls 9 (green dot)**, **Girls 10 (green dot),** **Boys 8 (green dot)**, **Boys 9 (green dot)**, and **Boys 10 (green dot)** → Boca Raton Swim & Racquet Center (**BRS**)
- **Girls 8 (yellow ball)**, **Girls 9 (yellow ball), Girls 10 (yellow ball)**, **Girls 11**, and **Girls 12** → Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (**PBG** - Host Site)
- **Boys 8 (yellow ball)**, **Boys 10 (yellow ball)**, **Boys 11** and **Boys 12** → Indian Spring Country Club (**IS**)
- **Boys 9 (yellow ball)** → PGA National Resort (**PGA**)
- **Girls 13**, **Girls 14**, **Girls 15/16**, **Boys 13**, **Boys 14**, **and Boys 15/16** → The Tennis Club of Palm Beach (**TCP**)

Parking - 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!***

Parking - Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center: Complimentary self-parking will be available in the parking lot at the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (host site), but we are asking our families to NOT park in the fire line or grass at any time or the smaller parking lot to the left and right of the clubhouse entrance as this is reserved for the PBG staff. The traffic circle in front of the clubhouse will be closed off for the tournament. Overflow parking will be available in the north parking lot near the grassy soccer fields.

Parking - PGA National Resort: Complimentary self-parking will be available in the parking lot at the PGA National Resort, but we are asking our families to NOT park in front of the Racquet Sports Club, in any spots with green bumpers or in any of the "reserved" spots as these are for the PGA members and staff. The correct parking lot is located across the street from the Racquet Sports Club near the hotel entrance.

Parking - Indian Spring Country Club: Complimentary self-parking will be available in the parking lot at the Indian Spring Country Club, but we are asking our families to NOT park in front of the main clubhouse as this is reserved for the IS members and staff. The correct parking lots are located behind the stadium or across the street near the west side courts.

Parking - The Tennis Club of Palm Beach and Boca Raton Swim & Racquet Center: Complimentary self-parking will be available in the parking lot at The Tennis Club of Palm Beach.

(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 all playing sites, 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 machines. It is best to bring your own water bottles and cups too if needed. We would also recommend bringing any sunscreen, umbrellas, sunglasses, and canopy/folding chairs if needed as there may be limited shade at your playing site.

Host Hotel Information: Our host hotel for the Florida international tournament is the Hilton Garden Inn Palm Beach Gardens hotel (**3505 Kyoto Gardens Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410**). Most of our players and their families will be staying at the Hilton Garden Inn 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 Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (host site). Although our discounted room rate at the Hilton Garden Inn hotel expired on November 8, there might still be some rooms available this week due to last-minute cancellations - **please contact the Hilton Garden Inn hotel directly at: (561) 694-5833 for any questions about their current rates and availability.** Our courtesy room block featured **$179 King rooms**, **Double Queen rooms**, and **Double Queen Lakeview rooms** (before taxes). These rates 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.hilton.com/en/hotels/pbigdgi-hilton-garden-inn-palm-beach-gardens/**.

Secondary Hotel Information: Our secondary hotel for the Florida international tournament is the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel & Executive Meeting Center Palm Beach Gardens (**4431 PGA Boulevard, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410**). The hotel is located about 5 minutes away from the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (host site). Although our discounted room rate at the DoubleTree hotel expired on November 14, there might still be some rooms available this week due to last-minute cancellations - **please contact the DoubleTree hotel directly at: (561) 622-2260 for any questions about their current rates and availability.** Our courtesy room block featured **$179 Double Queen rooms** (before taxes). These rates 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.hilton.com/en/hotels/pbimpdt-doubletree-hotel-and-executive-meeting-center-palm-beach-gardens/**.

***Special Note about your Hotel Reservation in relation to Playing Sites and Divisions**: If you decide not to stay at our host hotel or secondary hotel, it is still best to make your reservations near the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (host site) as all of the playing sites for this tournament will be relatively close to each other (within 10-35 minutes) except Boca Raton Swim & Racquet Center which is 65 minutes away. The Saturday and Sunday match locations are listed above, but players may be competing at different sites throughout the tournament based on the scheduling (it is **not** guaranteed that players will be at the same site each day). **Therefore, it is highly recommended to bring an additional guardian for each child you bring to the tournament. For safety reasons, a player should not be left alone without a guardian at any time.**

Entry Fee: $300 per player which includes Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles (*nonrefundable after registration deadline - Friday, November 8*). 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 comes back to the Foundation to help further the development of junior tennis worldwide and is tax-deductible.

Withdrawal and Refund Policy: If you are unable to join us for the Florida international tournament, please send an email as soon as possible to: **tiffany@mcbtennis.org** to be withdrawn from the event. A player's entry fee was fully refundable up until the registration deadline posted on the tournament's UTR homepage - November 8 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 Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (host site) on Friday, December 6 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 this year. A physical copy is preferred - any images on a phone will need additional screening by MCB staff on site.***A copy of your player's birth certificate or passport is mandatory to play in our international tournament (no exceptions).***

Special Dress Code on Friday and Tennis Attire during the Tournament (VERY IMPORTANT): There will be a special dress code required on the first day of our international tournament. On Friday, December 6 (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 on Friday 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 Friday. 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 Saturday, December 7 - Wednesday, December 11. If you have any questions about the special dress code on Friday, tennis attire during the tournament, or a particular item of clothing, please send an email and photo to: **carol@mcbtennis.org**.

Player Parade - Country Flag: It is a special "Little Mo/Big Mo" tradition that all players at our international tournaments participate in an Olympic-style Player Parade 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 Player Parade on Friday, December 6, please be sure to bring one from your home country (no bigger than 2' by 3'). **It is not required to bring a country flag.**

Player Gift Exchange (VERY IMPORTANT): It is a special "Little Mo/Big Mo" tradition that all players at our regional, national, and international tournaments 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 can 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, please look at the draws posted at your playing 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.***

Universal Tennis Rating (UTR): 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 the Universal Tennis Color Ball Rating (CBR).

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).

- Boys and Girls 16's ("Big Mo") - born in 2008
- Boys and Girls 15's ("Big Mo") - born in 2009
- Boys and Girls 14's ("Big Mo") - born in 2010
- Boys and Girls 13's ("Big Mo") - born in 2011
- Boys and Girls 12's - born in 2012
- Boys and Girls 11's - born in 2013
- Boys and Girls 10's - born in 2014
- Boys and Girls 9's - born in 2015
- Boys and Girls 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 boys and girls 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 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 green dot ball.
- **New Jersey**: Yellow (regular) ball divisions will be offered for boys and girls ages 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 in addition to a green dot option for ages 8, 9, and 10. The "Big Mo" divisions (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 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 green dot ball.

Draw Formats: The "Little Mo" Internationals 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 their first match 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 their first match 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 divisions regardless of draw size.

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**.

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 are downloaded at the close of registration (about 1-4 weeks before the tournament start date).

Doubles / Mixed Doubles Information: The tournament entry fee is one inclusive fee that 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 you already have a partner selected for Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles, there will be a desk on-site at the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (host site) on Friday, December 6 where you and your partner(s) can sign up together. If you do **not** have a partner selected before the tournament and you would still like to play in Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles, there will be a "Looking for Partner" sign-up sheet posted during Player Check-in on Friday, December 6. Players will be able to place their name and cell phone on this sheet in order to connect with possible partners. Some of our families prefer to wait until Friday to start their search as they like to meet their potential partners in person during Player Check-in. If you would however prefer to try and find a partner before Friday, the Player List is now available (**https://mcbtennis.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/FL24-Player-List-1.pdf**) and players are able to contact one another through the UTR system (players are NOT able to send each other messages through the USTA system at this time). 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 for in Singles. For example, if you are registered in the Boys 10 (yellow ball) division for Singles, then you must play in the Boys 10 (yellow ball) division for Doubles.

- **Mixed Doubles**: Players can compete in a different ball type and with someone older or younger, but they must play in the division of the older player. For example, if you are a Boys 10 (yellow ball) player and you have decided to play Mixed Doubles with a Girls 11 player, you will both need to compete in the Mixed 11 division since that is the older division between the two players. It is also important to note that a yellow ball player cannot play down into a green dot division, but a green dot player can play up into a yellow ball division.
- **Please note there is no guarantee you will be able to play Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles unless you have a partner - players are ultimately responsible for finding their own partners.**

How to Message Other Players through the UTR System: While the tournament cannot give out a player's contact information due to our privacy policy, we have included specific instructions below on how to send a message to another player through the UTR system:

1. Go to: **https://app.universaltennis.com/** 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 Search box. Once it appears, click on the player's name.
3. On the next page, click on the "Message" bubble icon to the right of the player's UTR rating at the top of the page. 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 with a link to check your UTR Inbox. If someone attempts to contact you, please be respectful and try to respond to them in a timely manner.

Wednesday / Thursday Practice Courts - Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (Har-Tru Clay and Hard): The Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (host site) is offering our players and their families an opportunity to reserve a practice court for a special rate of $12+tax/person on Wednesday, December 4 and Thursday, December 5 (no courts available before noon). Please note that we do not have any practice courts reserved prior to the tournament. Courts will be available based on the facility's availability and schedule. To inquire about court availability and possibly make a reservation on Wednesday/Thursday, please call the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center directly: **(561) 630-1180**. *Be sure to mention you are participating in the "Little Mo" tournament to ensure you receive the discounted rate!*

Wednesday / Thursday Practice Courts - The Tennis Club of Palm Beach (Har-Tru Clay): The Tennis Club of Palm Beach is offering our players and their families an opportunity to reserve a practice court for a special rate of $17/player/1.5-hour session or $22/player/2-hour session on Wednesday, December 4 and/or Thursday, December 5. Please note that we do not have any practice courts reserved prior to the tournament. Courts will be available based on the facility's availability and schedule. To inquire about court availability and possibly make a reservation on Wednesday/Thursday, please text The Tennis Club of Palm Beach directly: **(407) 508-2066**. *Be sure to mention you are participating in the "Little Mo" tournament this week to ensure you receive the discounted rate!*

Friday Practice Courts - Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (Har-Tru Clay): On Friday, practice courts will be available at the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (host site) at no charge from approximately 10:00am-1:00pm 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). There will also be some practice courts available on-site after the Opening Ceremony from approximately 5:30-7:00pm 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 most playing sites from approximately 7:00-8:00am each morning and at the PGA National Resort from approximately 11:00am-12:00pm 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). Please note that all Har-Tru Clay warm-up courts will only be available after the grounds crew has finished brushing the courts in the morning. There will not be any "warm-up courts" available at any playing 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, schools, and parks nearby.

Weather Updates / Rain Plan: We are looking forward to sunny skies and completing our international tournament on Wednesday, December 11. If there are any important changes to the tournament schedule due to inclement weather, we will be posting the latest updates and information on the tournament's **USTA** homepage: **www.littlemoflorida.com**. *Unfortunately, there are no indoor courts in the Palm Beach Gardens area or surrounding counties. In case of rain, shortened scoring may be used.*

Player Party: A fun Player Party will be held for all of our families at the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (host site) on Sunday evening, December 8 from 5:30-8:30pm. There will be many exciting activities for the players including a rock wall, videogame van, laser tag, bubble machine, face painting, balloon twisting, "Mo Money" machine, pizza, popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, bounce house, fun house maze, inflatables, DJ playing music, 360 photo booth, dancing contests, pickleball, and other games. We hope you will join us for this special occasion as it will be a great opportunity to meet other players and parents from around the world! **The dinner, activities, and games are "complimentary" for all "Little Mo" and "Big Mo" players.** There is no cost to participate in the activities and games, but parents, guests, and non-player siblings (over age 5) will need to pay for their own dinner tickets at the "Little Mo/Big Mo" party desk ($10/person) if they would like to eat at the party. The dinner will include pizza (cheese and pepperoni), lemonade, and water. Please note that no outside food or drink is allowed at the Player Party. ***Please check in at the "Little Mo/Big Mo" party desk (across from the parking lot of the clubhouse) to pick up your player's "complimentary" dinner ticket and/or purchase any additional dinner tickets.***

Player Welcome Bag: All players will be able to pick up their official welcome bag during Player Check-in at the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (host site) on Friday, December 6 from 10:00am - 2:00pm (anytime). The welcome bag will include a tournament t-shirt, bag tag, UTR bracelet, Wilson string, dampener, and keychain, and "Mo" Money raffle ticket. 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 Friday, you can stop by the "Little Mo/Big Mo" Booth at the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center anytime during the tournament to pick it up!***

Trophies: 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" or "Big Mo" player who wins their **yellow ball** division (Singles only) at the Florida international tournament will receive a special travel grant - ***more details to be announced at the tournament!*** These travel grants are sponsored by the **Tennis Competitors of Dallas** (TCD) and we are so thankful for their support of junior tennis!

Chaired Matches: We do not typically chair any final matches at the "Little Mo" Internationals, but we will be chairing both of our potential "Little Mo" Slam finals if applicable in the Girls 8 (yellow ball) and Girls 10 (yellow ball) divisions.

"Mo" Coins: Maureen Connolly was known for her powerful groundstrokes, 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/Big Mo" Booth during the tournament. (The coins are valued at $1.00 each.) The "Little Mo/Big Mo" Booth will be located at the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (host site).

Plastic Chairs: We will be renting plastic chairs for our "Little Mo" players and their families to use at the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (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!

Alligators and Safety Reminder: We are asking our families to avoid standing near any open water areas including ponds and/or lakes at any of our playing sites as alligators are very common in Florida. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

Friday Food Truck: We are so happy to have a catering team at the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (host site) again this year on Friday, December 6!

Food / Drink Options - Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center: The Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (host site) will have various granola bars, snacks, and drinks available for purchase at their Front Desk during the tournament. They also have a full service café available for breakfast/lunch/dinner which will be open from approximately 7:30am-6:00pm each day (Friday-Wednesday) - Jersey Mike's Subs, grab n' go options, and drinks will still be available for purchase after 6:00pm at the Front Desk. Credit cards, Apple Pay, and cash (small bills only) will be accepted, but no Venmo payments or checks. Please note that no outside food is allowed inside the clubhouse at the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center. Picnicking is permitted in the surrounding parks, but alcohol is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

Food / Drink Options - Indian Spring Country Club: The Indian Spring Country Club will have various granola bars, snacks, and drinks available for purchase at the Front Desk during the tournament. Cash (small bills only) and Zelle payments will be accepted, but no credit cards or Apple Pay. There will not be any lunch options available at the Indian Spring Country Club.

No Food / Drink Options - PGA National Resort, The Tennis Club of Palm Beach, Boca Raton Swim & Racquet Center: There will not be any food or drink options available for purchase on-site at the PGA National Resort, The Tennis Club of Palm Beach, or the Boca Raton Swim & Racquet Center during the tournament.

Food / Drink Options - There are many fast food, restaurant, and grocery store options nearby. A food delivery service such as UberEATS/DoorDash may be an option too based on availability. Please note that outside food and drink is allowed, but alcohol is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Also, please help us keep all of our tournament sites clean by throwing away any food, drinks, or other trash.

Pro Shop - Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center and The Tennis Club of Palm Beach: The Pro Shop at the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (host site) will be open during the following days and hours: Friday (7:30am-8:00pm) and Saturday/Sunday/Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday (7:30am-last matches). The Pro Shop at The Tennis Club of Palm Beach will be open during the following days and hours: Friday (9:00am-3:00pm), Saturday/Sunday (closed on the weekends), and Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday (9:00am-3:00pm). *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 these areas.*

Stringing - There are many sporting goods stores nearby including Champs Sports, Jupiter Strings, Medallion Sporting Goods, DICK's Sporting Goods, Scotty's Sport Shop, Superstar Team Sports, and Just For Sports.

No Pro Shop - PGA National Resort and Indian Spring Country Club: There will not be a Pro Shop available on-site at the PGA National Resort or Indian Spring Country Club during the tournament.

Stringing - Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center: A certified stringer will on call at the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (host site) during the tournament - if needed, it is best to call/text Andy for any availability at: **(561) 566-4508**. A large selection of strings and grips. All racquets will be strung on Wilson Baiardo professional machines. Please give the stringer as much notice as possible.

No Stringing - PGA National Resort and The Tennis Club of Palm Beach: There will not be any stringing services available on-site at the PGA National Resort or The Tennis Club of Palm Beach during the tournament.

Pet Policy – All Sites: Animals are **not** allowed at any of the playing sites. Thank you for respecting their policies!

Pool / Fitness Centers: During the tournament, our players and their families will **not** be able to access the pool or fitness centers at any of the sites as these areas are reserved for their members, academy players, and staff.

Clubhouse / Gym / Snack Shop / Restaurants - Indian Spring Country Club: During the tournament, our players and their families will **not** be able to access the clubhouse, gym, snack shop or restaurants at the Indian Spring Country Club as these areas are reserved for their members and staff.

Tournament Photography Services: **YourGameFace** will be offering Digital Action Photos by ***request only.*** Let them capture this moment in your player's tennis history. See samples on Instagram: **@YourGameFace**. Cost is $150 for a Digital Set of Action Photos (normally 200-300 photos). Website: **www.yourgameface.com**

4 WAYS TO SIGN UP FOR THE DIGITAL ACTION PHOTOS:
1. Click on this online Order Form: **https://square.link/u/2YedPFY1**
2. Text the YourGameFace cell phone: **(214) 543-5437**
3. Visit the Photo Tent at the Host Site.
4. Scan this QR Code with your phone's camera:

Recording Matches: If you are planning to record any of your player's matches during our international tournament, you must first check with the parents of your opponent before recording. We also ask that you avoid posting on social media any match recordings taken during the tournament. Thank you 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**) and scroll down to the popcorn icon.

2024 "Little Mo" Rules and Regulations, Code of Conduct, and Health/Safety Guidelines: In registering for any "Little Mo" tournament, everyone attending the event must agree to follow our "Little Mo" Rules and Regulations, Code of Conduct, and Health/Safety guidelines. These documents were uploaded as an attachment to the tournament's UTR homepage where you originally registered. It is your responsibility to read through them carefully and your electronic signature entered during the registration process represents an agreement for your player(s), their family member(s), and any guest(s) to be bound by the terms and conditions of these documents.

Tournament Chairman: Carol Weyman **Email**: carol@mcbtennis.org **MCB Office**: (214) 754-7065

Volunteers / Workers: We are looking for volunteers or those seeking community service hours to help during the tournament from Thursday, December 5 - Wednesday, December 11 (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 to do 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, working at the Tournament Desk and/or "Little Mo/Big Mo" Booth, updating scores on the drawboards, and helping with the trophy presentations. If you are interested in this opportunity, please send an email to Carol Weyman (**carol@mcbtennis.org**) with your availability and contact information.

Things to Do in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida:

In addition to the tennis, there are many fun tourist attractions for the entire family: Disney World, Epcot, Lion Country Safari, Sea World, DuBois Park, Peanut Island, The Gardens Mall, Mounts Botanical Garden, the beautiful Florida beaches, and more are all nearby!








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The Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (**PBG** - Host Site), PGA National Resort (**PGA**), The Tennis Club of Palm Beach (**TCP**), Boca Raton Swim & Racquet Center (**BRS**), and Indian Spring Country Club (**IS**) are happy to welcome our players and their families to their beautiful facilities this week. We ask all of our guests to be respectful of the members, clubhouses, buildings, and grounds. Please be sure not to leave any trash on the courts or around the facilities, and please do not leave your bags, coolers, chairs, and other personal items in any common areas during the tournament. Also, please remove any clay from your shoes once you leave the courts if applicable. While all of our tournament sites are very safe places, we ask that you do not let your children go to the parking lot alone. Please do **not** leave any child unattended at any time during the tournament. **We appreciate your cooperation!**

Friday, December 6 (Player Check-in / Opening Ceremony - MANDATORY):

Please note that no matches will be played on Friday, however Player Check-in and the Opening Ceremony on the first day are mandatory. All of the special activities on Friday will be taking place at the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (host site) in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

10:00am - 2:00pm (anytime)

Player Check-in and welcome bag pick up - **mandatory** in the main clubhouse at the **Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center** (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. A physical copy is preferred - any images on a phone will need additional screening by MCB staff on site. ***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, games, and prizes for all players hosted by Wayne Bryan (father of Bob and Mike Bryan) on the **Outdoor Har-Tru Clay courts**. Due to the number of potential participants, we will be dividing the Player Clinic into two 1-hour sessions by age division so please check carefully below for the time of your player's clinic. Players in each clinic group will briefly meet with Wayne Bryan on **Court #17** before being divided out onto the courts by age division and ball type so please listen carefully to the pros on court. **Players, please do not forget to bring your racquets!*

- **1:00-2:00pm** - Clinic #1 is for **Girls/Boys 8 (green dot), Girls/Boys 9 (green dot), Girls/Boys 10 (green dot), Girls/Boys 8 (yellow ball), Girls/Boys 9 (yellow ball)**, and **Girls/Boys 10 (yellow ball)**
- **2:00-3:00pm** - Clinic #2 is for **Girls/Boys 11, Girls/Boys 12, Girls/Boys 13, Girls/Boys 14, Girls/Boys 15/16**

3:15 pm

There will be individual country photos with **YourGameFace** on **Courts #15/#16**. *Players, please leave your racquets and bags with your parents (only players will be allowed in the photo area).*

3:20 - 3:45pm

There will be an informative talk for all parents, coaches, and other spectators on the center court led by Rick Workman (Tournament Director) and Fred Lipscomb (Head Referee). They will be discussing the rules, regulations, and other tournament-related details.

3:45pm

Players will line up for the traditional Player Parade on **Courts #15/#16**. *Players, 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 country 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 by **Kheren Hernandez** and the Vice Mayor of the City of Palm Beach Gardens, **Dana Middleton**, will welcome the players and parents. **Rick Macci** will be the Guest Speaker. Rick is one of the most influential tennis coaches in history, has left an indelible mark on the sport. Known for his unparalleled ability to identify and cultivate talent, Rick has played a pivotal role in shaping some of the greatest tennis players of all time. His holistic coaching philosophy and unwavering dedication have made him a legend both on and off the court. **Cindy Brinker Simmons**, MCB President and daughter of Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly Brinker, will also give an inspirational message on her mother's legacy. Important information will be given to our families and the ceremony will end at approximately 5:00pm.

5:10 pm

Following the ceremony, there will be a special Group Photo with **YourGameFace** on the center court.

5:30 - 8:00pm

After the Opening Ceremony, there will be some practice courts available on-site from approximately 5:30-8:00pm 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, December 7 (Matches Begin, Player Gift Exchange, and Tree Lighting/Concert):

8:00am

Matches will begin as early as 8:00am for all age divisions and continue all day (typically 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 and location. 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.

Player Gift Exchange:

All players will exchange a small gift ($15 wrapped/gift bag) 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, please look at the draws posted at your playing 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.***

1:00pm

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

Sunday, December 8 (Doubles Begins and Player Party):

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.

1:00pm ***Registration for Mixed Doubles closes at the Doubles/Mixed Doubles Registration Desk.***

5:30 - 8:30pm A fun Player Party will be held for all of our families at the Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (host site). There will be many exciting activities for the players including a rock wall, videogame van, laser tag, bubble machine, face painting, balloon twisting, "Mo Money" machine, pizza, popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, bounce house, fun house maze, inflatables, DJ playing music, 360 photo booth, dancing contests, pickleball, and other games. We hope you will join us for this special occasion as it will be a great opportunity to meet other players and parents from around the world! **The dinner, activities, and games are "complimentary" for all "Little Mo" and "Big Mo" players.** There is no cost to participate in the activities and games, but parents, guests, and non-player siblings (over age 5) will need to pay for their own dinner tickets at the "Little Mo/Big Mo" party desk ($10/person) if they would like to eat at the party. The dinner will include pizza (cheese and pepperoni), lemonade, and water. Please note that no outside food or drink is allowed at the Player Party. ***Please check in at the "Little Mo/Big Mo" party desk (near the front entrance of the park along the sidewalk) to pick up your player's "complimentary" dinner ticket and/or purchase any additional dinner tickets.***

Monday, December 9 (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.

Tuesday, December 10:

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, 1 round of Doubles, and 2 rounds of Mixed Doubles will be scheduled based on draw sizes). Some smaller draws may finish.

Wednesday, December 11 (Final Day):

8:00am Matches will begin as early as 8:00am and may continue into the late afternoon (typically larger Singles, Doubles, and 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 after 5:00pm on Wednesday, December 11 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/Big Mo" Player Party!

Hosted by Cindy Brinker Simmons and Brenda Brinker Bottum

Time: 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Date: Sunday evening, December 8

Place: Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center - across the parking lot from the clubhouse
5110 117th Court N
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33418

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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, the official Player List is now available for Florida as a document online (https://mcbtennis.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/FL24-Player-List.pdf) and players are able to contact each other through the UTR system. . 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!

Play "Mo" Tennis!

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 <u>not</u> 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 <u>not</u> 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 <u>not</u> 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 <u>not</u> 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**. **<u>For safety reasons, a player should not be left alone without a guardian at any time</u>**.

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**.



TOURNAMENT RULES

~ Fred Lipscomb, REFEREE ~

Welcome to the 2024 "Little Mo" Internationals in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida! 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**.*
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- 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 at any time during the match (i.e., "let's go", "come on", "vamos")**
- **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***.

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)**. It is proper court etiquette to cheer for the good shots of both players. Maureen Connolly was known for her competitive tennis as well as her good sportsmanship. 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 "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** to your contact list to prevent our emails from going to the Spam folder in the future.

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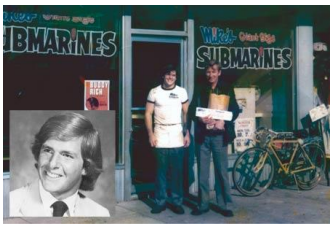
"MCB celebrates Jersey Mike's Subs as our Title Sponsor again this year for our regional, national, and international 'Little Mo' tournaments," said **Cindy Brinker Simmons**, MCB President and daughter of Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly Brinker. "Peter Cancro, Jersey Mike's founder and CEO, has created a company with such an amazing culture of giving back to the communities and to the hundreds of non-profit organizations it serves. Jersey Mike's truly exemplifies excellence in making the best subs in the stratosphere and was recently ranked third in *Entrepreneur's* annual 'Franchise 500' ranking in the Food category. MCB is profoundly grateful to have the honor of this significant partnership with Jersey Mike's!"

About Jersey Mike's Subs:



It started back in 1956, in this actual storefront location and was originally called Mike's Subs. Mike opened the small shop in the sea-side town of Point Pleasant, New Jersey. You have to remember that in 1956, there were very few franchise restaurants or hamburger chains. No chain pizza, chicken or taco restaurants, either. In 1956, proprietors of mom-and-pop businesses would open their stores in basic storefront locations like you see here. To survive and thrive, they had to offer exceptional quality products, coupled with unparalleled service. In 1956, Mike was unique in that the product he was offering was a relatively new item in American society – the submarine sandwich.

Mike also benefited from the geographic location of his store. Point Pleasant, New Jersey is centrally located in the state on the legendary Jersey Shore. It is approximately 1 hour south of New York City, 1 hour east of Philadelphia, and about 3 hours north of Maryland, Delaware and Washington, D.C. For over a century, the people that lived and worked in these metropolitan areas would flock to Point Pleasant to experience the sun, surf, sand, boardwalk, salt water taffy, and all the treasures that made up the legendary Jersey Shore experience. Mike capitalized on the influx of vacationers, visitors and local residents by offering them his unique new product – submarine sandwiches. But what really differentiated his restaurant was the experience he gave his customers. Recognizing them by name, and knowing the sandwich they were going to order, because of their frequent visits. People would line up throughout the summer to buy the sub sandwiches that Mike was selling, and to enjoy the experience of coming into his shop. For over half a decade, he built the business into a thriving landmark, and was a pioneer of the authentic subs sandwich.



In 1971, Peter Cancro was a high school student in Point Pleasant, New Jersey. He began working at Mike's Subs at the age of 14. Peter loved working at Mike's. He loved authentic submarine sandwiches. But even more, Peter loved working behind the counter, interacting and talking with the customers. He liked learning about where they were from and their summer vacation experiences. He took pride in knowing which authentic sub sandwich his loyal customer would order as they entered the store. When Peter was a senior in high school, he overheard the owner of Mike's Subs discussing selling the business. He thought to himself, "I love the food, I love working in the store, maybe I'll buy the shop." Pretty ambitious for a 17 year old kid. Peter approached his football coach and said "Hey coach, Mike's Sub shop is for sale, and I'm interested in buying it. Can you help me out?" It didn't hurt that his football coach was also a banker. The football coach came through for Peter, and backed his loan. So, at the tender age of 17 - before he was legally able to slice a sub - Peter Cancro became the owner and proprietor of Mike's Subs.

Shortly after buying Mike's, he married his former wife Linda and they opened a couple more local outlets of Mike's Subs. He expanded upon the phenomenon of Mike's Subs. Teaching the crew to interact and talk with the customer, to share a passion for getting to know the customer. He spent the next decade building on the cult-like following that Mike's Subs already enjoyed. They would have customers lined up out the door in the summertime waiting to get the authentic sub sandwiches that Mike's was famous for.

In the mid-eighties, Peter heard more and more people say, "Peter, we're going to miss you and your subs this winter. We sure wish you would put a Mike's where we live!" People would come in at the end of the summer and get several giant subs wrapped for travel, to carry back to their homes across the country. This got Peter thinking, and he started researching the possibilities of franchising the Mike's concept. In 1987, Peter began franchising. He changed the name from Mike's Subs to Jersey Mike's Subs to capture the authenticity of where the authentic sub sandwich was born.



Today, Peter Cancro is CEO of Jersey Mike's Franchise Systems Inc., overseeing more than 2,000 locations open and under development. Despite the title, Peter still jumps behind the counter to test his skills and demonstrate his passion for the product and the customer. He tries to instill that passion in every store he enters and with every franchisee he meets.

Today, the authentic taste – served Mike's Way® with lettuce, onions, tomatoes, oil, vinegar and spices – is available nationwide. Our secret? Everything about Jersey Mike's is high quality. Our meats and cheeses are all top-quality premium brands. Our bread is fresh-baked each day on the premises. And of course, everything's prepared right in front of you. It's what makes Jersey Mike's the most authentic tasting submarine sandwich available, and it's a tradition of quality we'll never outgrow. For more information, please visit: **www.jerseymikes.com**

Thank you to Wilson for being our "Official Ball and Racquet"!

The Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation is proud to announce that Wilson Sporting Goods Company is the "Official Racquet, String, and Ball" Sponsor of all 2024 "Little Mo" Tournaments (Regionals, Nationals, Internationals)!

"We are beyond excited to announce our continued partnership in 2024 with the Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation," said **Marco Ruiz**, Head of Global Tennis Sports Marketing for Wilson Sporting Goods, adding, "investing in the next generation of tennis players by providing high quality equipment and best-in-class service from initial grassroots interest is critical to us and part of our long-term vision to help grow Wilson as a brand and, ultimately, the sports of tennis as a whole. As one of the great champions of tennis and one of our finest Wilson Advisory Staff members, 'Little Mo' left a lasting legacy as one of the great champions of tennis, both on and off the court. Our relationship will allow us to support the next generation of tennis champions through the 'Little Mo' national and international tournaments by bringing together the youngest and brightest stars in junior tennis."

"Mom would be thrilled to have Wilson as the 'Official Racquet, String, and Ball' of her namesake foundation's elite national and international junior tournaments," said **Cindy Brinker Simmons**, MCB President and daughter of Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly Brinker. "She was so honored to compete with Wilson racquets during her remarkable career and then later to serve on Wilson's Advisory Board. Wilson and Mom both represent a standard of preeminence in the world of tennis."

About Wilson Sporting Goods Company:

Chicago, USA-based Wilson Sporting Goods Company, a subsidiary of Amer Sports Corporation, is the world's leading manufacturer of high-performance sports equipment, apparel, footwear, and accessories. The Company brings more than a century of innovation, history, and heritage across many sports including Racquet Sports, Baseball, Softball, Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, and Golf. Leveraging player insights to create products that push equipment and apparel innovation into new territories, Wilson empowers athletes at every level to perform at their best. For more information, please visit: **www.wilson.com**.





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Thank you to Lucky in Love Kids for being our "Official Apparel" Sponsor!

The Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation is proud to announce that Lucky in Love Kids is the "Official Apparel" Sponsor of the 2024 "Little Mo" South Regionals in Arlington, Texas, the 13th Annual "Little Mo" Internationals in West Orange, New Jersey, the 27th Annual "Little Mo" Nationals in Austin, Texas, and the 18th Annual "Little Mo" Internationals in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida!

"The 'Little Mo' tournaments are the perfect place not only to showcase our collections and unique styles, but also to support the community of young aspiring tennis players around the world," said **Andrea Tabor**, Marketing and Sales manager for Lucky In Love Kids.

"We are thrilled to announce Lucky In Love Kids will be the 'Official Apparel Sponsor' of the 'Little Mo' South Regionals, Nationals, and Internationals in New Jersey and Florida this year. Our 'Little Mo' players and other players worldwide love their beautiful clothing and all the new, fun fashions they bring to junior tennis. Lucky In Love Kids is the gold standard and we are so proud to partner with their fine company again this year," said **Carol Weyman**, MCB Executive Vice President.

About Lucky in Love Kids:

Founded in 2010, the family-owned Lucky In Love has five generations of sports and fashion apparel know-how. The goals have remained the same: to create bold performance-wear that strives to be unique, and dares to be different. Above all else, the brand aspires to inspire and help women of all ages feel amazing so they can venture out into the world as the best versions of themselves, no matter where they sport our clothing. The brand's global headquarters are located in Miami, Florida where they design apparel for the tennis and golf categories. For more information, please follow Lucky In Love on Instagram: **@shopluckyinlove** and **@luckyinlovekids** or visit: **www.shopluckyinlove.com**.





NEW BOYS LINE for Lucky in Love kids to be showcased at the "Little Mo" Internationals in Florida. Stop by their booth to be the first boys to wear this exclusive collection.

Thank you to Ethos School for being our "Official Sponsor"!

The Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation is proud to announce that Ethos School is the "Official Sponsor" of the 2024 "Little Mo" East Regionals in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; the 13th Annual "Little Mo" Internationals in West Orange, New Jersey; the 27th Annual "Little Mo" Nationals in Austin, Texas; and the 18th Annual "Little Mo" Internationals in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida!

"Ethos is excited for the opportunity to be part of the prestigious and legendary Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation in our efforts to support junior tennis," said Scott Hutchinson, Director of Strategic Partnerships for Ethos School. "'Little Mo' is the gold standard and we are proud to be part of the rich and historical tradition that they have built. Our partnership will allow Ethos to support all junior players competing in 'Little Mo' on their educational journey by providing online school options for players looking for high-quality course content in a flexible environment tailored to student-athletes."

"We are so proud to announce Ethos as an 'Official Sponsor' of the 'Little Mo' tournaments, and we look forward to working with their fine online school in connecting young talented tennis players with outstanding academics," said Carol Weyman, MCB Executive Vice President. "Ethos provides an ideal way for high level players to continue their education while traveling and competing in tournaments throughout the school year."

About Ethos School:

Ethos is an innovative online school with high-quality, flexible online courses tailored to student-athletes' individual needs. They provide online classes for grades 4-12 as well as an AI-based personal tutor, TrekAI. Ethos is next-level learning for next-level athletes. Learn more at: **www.ethosschool.org/athletes**.

"Ethos is the perfect educational platform for our daughter's tennis training and school priorities. With weekly assignments and interactive video sessions with genuine teachers, it offers a normal classroom experience. One of her teachers even recognized her on TV during the Australian Open, which made her feel valued and supported beyond the online classroom environment." ***- Mark (Ethos parent)***





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Friday, December 6 | 7:00pm
Gardens North County District Park
5101 117th Court N.

Enjoy the movie of the month, IF, on the big screen with family and friends. Outside food and non-alcoholic beverages are welcome.

GARDENS TRAILBLAZER 5K & TREE LIGHTING

Sponsored by Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics of Jupiter & Franklin Academy

Saturday, December 7 | 4:00-7:00pm
Gardens North County District Park
5101 117th Court N.

Get read to deck the trails and spread some cheer, the Gardens Trailblazer race is combined with the Tree Lighting this year! Enjoy holiday-themed activities including Santa's Silent Dj party, photos with Santa, inflatables, and snow! The race starts at 4:00pm, Santa and Mrs. Claus will light the tree at 5:45pm. Scan the QR code to register for the race and use code TPC25 to receive 25% off the registration fee!



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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?



“Mo” Coins

By playing in the “Little Mo” tournaments, you are one of the youngest and brightest future stars in the world, 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 this week. 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 powerful groundstrokes, 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/Big Mo” Booth during the tournament.

We are so excited to have you in the tournament! It is our hope these “Mo” Coins will encourage good sportsmanship, friendship, and kindness whenever you play tennis.

Exhibit Good Sportsmanship:

a) Calling lines fairly and keeping up with the right score
b) Hitting the balls back nicely to the server
c) Saying “good shot” when the opponent makes a good shot
d) Not showing any anger, throwing your racquet or screaming out “come on”
e) Shaking hands after the match
f) Responding in a respectful manner to all officials and tournament staff

Help Others:

a) Offering to help the tournament director or staff if they need any help
b) Picking up items to keep the tournament site(s) clean
c) Holding the door open for someone who is carrying a lot of items







"Little Mo/Big Mo" Booth

Items for Sale

Frisbee	$1
Magnet	$1
"Mo" Mints	$2
Bracelets	$2
Tennis Pen	$2
Sticker	$2
Key Ring	$2
Souvenir Cup	$2
Hacky Sack	$4
Coin Pouch	$4
Lip Balm	$4
Push Pop Ball	$5
Jellyfish Yo-Yo	$5
Yellow Yo-Yo	$5
Towel	$5
Cloth Wristband	$5
Sunglasses	$5
Christmas Ornament	$5
Mousepad Calendar	$5
Phone Fan	$8
T-shirt (youth & adult sizes)	$8
Pop Socket	$8
Racket Pets	$8
Cloth Hat / Visor (velcro)	$10
Message Fan	$10
Rubik's Cube	$10
Water Bottle	$10
LED Fidget Spinner	$12
Animal Grip Cover	$12
Long Sleeve Shirt (youth & adult sizes)	$15
Night Shirt	$15
Racquet Score Keeper	$15
Dri-Fit Hat	$20
Dri-Fit T-shirt (youth & adult sizes)	$20
Dri-Fit Long Sleeve Shirt (youth & adult sizes)	$25
Bucket Hat	$25
Sweatshirt (youth & adult sizes)	$25
Sweatpants (youth & adult sizes)	$30
"Little Mo's Legacy" *(book written by Cindy Brinker Simmons, MCB President and daughter of Maureen Connolly Brinker)*	$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 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/Big Mo" Booth by coin, cash, credit card or check made out to the ***MCB Tennis Foundation****. All proceeds benefit the Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation to help further the development of junior tennis worldwide.*









Want to play in another "Little Mo" Tournament?

We hope you will join us for another "Little Mo" tournament next year! The "Road to the Little Mo Nationals" will begin in the spring and summer with the four "Little Mo" Regionals (North, South, East, West) held in different cities across the United States - **open to any USA player (ages 8-12)!** The three "Little Mo" Internationals will begin in the summer - **open to any player worldwide (ages 8-16)!** We are aiming to post our 2025 tournament schedule by February/March of next year. When it is available, it will be posted on our MCB website (**www.mcbtennis.org**) under the "Tournaments" tab. We will most likely be following a very similar schedule compared to this year, which is still included on our website. In the meantime, we would recommend signing up for our monthly newsletter to ensure that you receive the most up-to-date information throughout the year including when registration is officially open next year. **If you are not already subscribed, you can sign up on our MCB website (www.mcbtennis.org) at the bottom of the page.** ***Play "Mo" Tennis!***

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 1945 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.

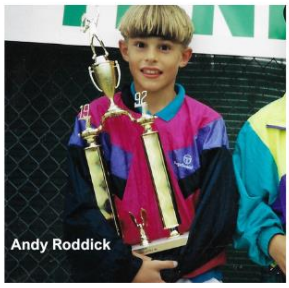
"Whenever a great player comes along you have to ask yourself, 'Could she have beaten Maureen?'" says Lance Tingay of the Daily Telegraph of London. "In every case, the answer is, '*I think not.*'"

Former "Little Mo" Champions







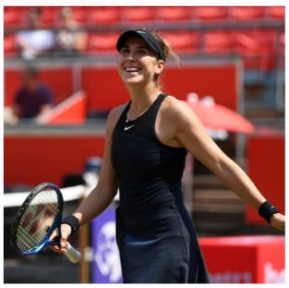






Start small, dream BIG!













Play "Mo" Tennis!