

## OUR TENNIS PROFESSIONALS



### **Brian Eisner**

#1 Singles player, MSU  
Winner of 18 Big Ten Tennis Championships as  
Head Coach of U-M Men's Tennis, 1970-2000  
2011 U-M Hall of Honor Inductee



### **Marty Maehr**

Conference Champion and All-American,  
St. Olaf College 1984



### **Peter Pusztai**

All-American and Athlete of the Year, Pioneer  
High School  
Big Ten Champion and Player of the Year,  
University of Michigan 1996



### **Paul Ripley**

State Champion, Pioneer HS  
Conference Champion, Ball State University  
1992-1995



### **Maria Nivia**

Ranked top 5 Jr. Player, Colombia  
Western Michigan University, 2008-2012

Our instructors, in addition to being accomplished college players, are committed to bringing out the best in all of our students, and are widely recognized as some of the best teachers in the Midwest. Our Tournament Training Programs are open to non-members as well as members, and provide the perfect opportunity to develop your tennis skills.

## BACKGROUND

For the past 44 years, Liberty Athletic Club has been the leader for tennis in the Ann Arbor community. Founder, President, and former U of M Men's Head Tennis Coach, Brian Eisner, has assembled a team of coaches, unmatched in experience, character and dedication toward developing young players. As coaches, our staff has developed a wide array of players, from young beginners to high school players, local tournament players to Midwest Champions, and college players to professionals. Our tennis staff has been the primary contributor to many team State Championships at Pioneer High School and Greenhills High School. We have also trained many team and individual State Champions at both Huron and Greenhills High Schools. Additionally, Liberty's programs have helped develop players at other local schools including Saline, Dexter, Chelsea, Ann Arbor Skyline, Gabriel Richard, and other schools in the Detroit Metro area.

**We are very proud of the many Liberty players who have gone on to successful college tennis careers. Such players include:**

**Michael Kosta**  
Greenhills H.S. / Huron H.S., University of Illinois

**Emily Marker**  
Pioneer H.S. / University of Maryland

**Kevin Hayward**  
Pioneer H.S. / Western Michigan University  
MAC Player of the Year, 2009

**Colin Mark-Griffin**  
Pioneer H.S. / two-time team National Champion at  
University of California Santa Cruz

**Scott Swanson**  
Pioneer H.S. / All American Depauw University

**Andy Gauthier**  
Pioneer H.S. / Cornell University

**Jennifer Ho**  
Saline H.S. / Colgate University

**Jason Kerst**  
Skyline H.S. / University of Iowa



# TOURNAMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS 2017



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# TOURNAMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS

Liberty's Junior Tournament Training Programs offer a four-tiered approach designed to prepare young players to enjoy competitive tennis, and to improve their skills through tournament play. These programs have a 4:1 student-to-instructor ratio which personalizes instruction for maximum individual development. Video stroke analysis combined with stroke technique, situational skill development and match play are covered. These programs are open to members and non-members.

## WHICH GROUP SHOULD MY CHILD BE IN?

If you have any questions about our Tennis Programs, or which group is the best fit for your child, please contact Paul Ripley at 734-665-3738, ext. 116 or paul.ripley@libertyathletic.net.

## PARENTS & PLAYERS

Please visit our website and download the Southeastern Michigan Junior Recreational and Competitive Tennis Handbook. It will help you to understand and prepare for the process of becoming the very best tennis player you can be.

## REGISTRATION

If you already know in which group your child should participate, please register through the Concierge at 734.665.3738, ext. 134.

## TECHNIQUE GROUP *(Red/Maize Groups)*

**Mondays & Wednesdays ~ 9:30am-11:30am**  
**Dates: June 19 - August 23**  
**Cost per day: \$35 Member / \$40 Non Member**

### Goals

- Introduce players to the fun of competitive play
- Develop fundamental stroke technique and strategy, utilizing situational playing and both singles and doubles match play
- Prepare and encourage players to compete in the Ann Arbor City Tournament, or any other introductory tournament

### Player Prerequisites

- Must have basic rallying skills, with both forehand and backhand, and be conscientious of stroke technique
- Must be able to keep score and to get serves into the correct box
- Must be comfortable at the net and have basic knowledge of doubles positions

## TOURNAMENT INTRO *(Maize/Silver Groups)*

**Tuesdays & Thursdays ~ 9:30am-11:30am**  
**Dates: June 20 - August 24 (Excludes 7/4)**  
**Cost per day: \$35 Member / \$40 Non Member**

### Goals

- Develop and maintain stroke integrity and consistency in "live ball" rallying situations
- Develop offensive and defensive skills
- Point construction and strategy to prepare for local USTA tournaments

### Player Prerequisites

- Must be able to sustain rally and work on skills in "live ball" rallying situation
- Must be comfortable with hitting and dealing with power and depth, and to work on offensive and defensive skills

**Register early so we can maintain our 4:1 student-to-instructor ratio!**

## TOURNAMENT PREP & MATCH PLAY *(Silver/Blue Groups)*

**Mondays & Wednesdays ~ 1:30pm-3:30pm**  
**Dates: June 19 - August 23**  
**Cost per day: \$35 Member / \$40 Non Member**

### Goals

- Emphasis on refining and implementing consistent stroke technique and strategy through competitive singles and doubles match play
- Develop a players ability to incorporate offensive and defensive skills
- Prepare players for tournament and/or high school play
- Enter at least two USTA summer tournaments

### Player Prerequisites

- Ability to hit groundstrokes with both top spin and under spin. Volley and serve with a continental grip
- Be comfortable competing in singles and doubles, and have a willingness to work hard

## TOURNAMENT EXCELLENCE & MATCH PLAY *(Blue Group)*

**Tuesdays & Thursdays ~ 3:30pm-5:30pm**  
**Dates: June 20 - August 24 (Excludes 7/4)**  
**Cost per day: \$35 Member / \$40 Non Member**

### Goals

- A competitive, play oriented group designed to develop consistency, strength and stamina within match play situations
- Emphasis on constructing and finishing points, implementing and creating effective playing strategies
- Developing and refining offensive weapons and corresponding defensive skills necessary to hold up under intense mental and physical pressure
- Improve players' tournament results and/or prepare them for success on their high school varsity tennis teams
- Maximize strength, quickness and durability

### Player Prerequisites

- Be comfortable hitting with spin on ground strokes, volleys and serves
- Have the ability to control play either with consistency, strategy and mental fortitude, and/or big shot capability
- Enjoy the competitive process and not be intimidated
- Have the dedication and capacity to work hard to improve play