

Greetings!

Hope all are well, healthy and preparing for this year's tennis journey. My name is Ellen Miller. I am humbled and honored to be your new USTA Kentucky President.

As with those of you reading this, tennis is one of our passions. USTA provides us with the means to explore, enjoy, practice, play, and give back to our passion. It also gives us lifelong friends.

USTA National's theme is 35 by 35, 35 million players by 2035. Kentucky maybe one of the smallest states in the Southern Section but we have had some of the best players – numerous players who have played professional tennis, numerous USTA teams who have advanced to Nationals, and all teams that play their hearts out. Kentucky is also fortunate to have the best USTA staff who are constantly working to make our tennis journey the best. [Remember the staff cannot control the weather, they wish they could, and they cannot control the indoor play times (I dislike 9 p.m. matches as much as anyone).

So, through our journey together over these next 2 years, I ask you to give back, by volunteering. There are numerous ways to do this, get involved in your CTA, join a USTA Kentucky committee, apply to be on the USTA Kentucky Board, become a coach through one of new USTA Coaching levels, become a USTA Official, and, if a tournament is in your area, volunteer to help. Also, introduce or reintroduce tennis to someone and let them know how tennis has benefited your life.

I truly believe tennis players are the best people. So, my wish for you is that you hit the ball over the net one more time than your opponent!

See you on the court!

