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Park District adapts indoor tennis courts for young players

Pint-sized tennis players will find learning the game is easier on smaller courts.

Schaumburg Park District's Schaumburg Tennis Plus, 1416 N. Payne Road, this month painted permanent lines for players under age ten on three indoor tennis courts, making it the first facility in the Midwest with new kid-friendly indoor courts.

"This is a giant step in the game of tennis and we're pleased to be the first facility in the Midwest and in the Chicagoland area," said Tennis Director Jonathan Fralick. "We are committed to the USTA's developmental model for 10 and Under Tennis players. The Park District tennis program is setting the framework for developing future all-American tennis players."

The initiative to produce kid-sized courts is part of the United States Tennis Association's 10 and Under Tennis program which will be offered this summer at Schaumburg Park District. The program uses QuickStart Tennis, a new format geared towards helping children ten and under learn and play tennis.

Children eight and under now play tennis on 36-by-18 feet courts with 2'9" nets, while nine and ten year olds play on 60-by-21 feet courts. 10 and Under Tennis also modifies balls, racquets and scoring by age group.

Permanent lines also will be added to outdoor courts at the District's Bock Neighborhood Center, 1223 W. Sharon Lane.

The new court configuration was funded partially by the USTA.

For more information, contact Schaumburg Tennis Plus at (847) 884-0678 or visit www.parkfun.com.



Pint-sized players rally and play during lessons on the new 10 and Under Tennis courts at Schaumburg Tennis Plus.



Tennis Director Jonathan Fralick explains to Futures-level players the differences in tennis balls used in 10 and Under Tennis.



Tennis instructors observe and aid pee wee players on scaled indoor courts at Schaumburg Tennis Plus.

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