

December, 2009

Welcome Ball Kids!



The 2010 BNP Paribas Open at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden will again be host to the top professional players in the world. The Tournament is only a few months away and we would like to invite all new and returning ball kids to join us again as important members of our team. Dates for the 2010 Tournament are Monday, March 8- Sunday, March 21.

IMPORTANT: Please read all of the following information regarding requirements and your commitment to this great event.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE A BALL KID:

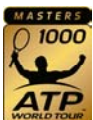
1. Between the ages of 12 and 20 years old.
2. Willingness and ability to learn.
3. Physically able to perform duties on the court.
4. Work a minimum of five days, including 2 day sessions between March 8-12.

SKILLS NEEDED TO BE A BALL KID:

1. Must have good agility and athletic ability.
2. Be a good listener.
3. Be able to roll 20 tennis balls the length of a tennis court in a 4-foot wide area.
4. Be able to bounce tennis balls to another person from different distances.
5. Understand roles of each Ball Kid position (“nets” and “backs”.)
6. Tennis scoring knowledge.
7. Ability to stand still for long periods of time while paying attention.

HOW TO BECOME A BALL KID:

1. Complete the online application @ http://www.iwtg.net/Ball_Kids . Look for the “Ball Kid Registration Form” link on the page.
2. Attend mandatory training sessions, as listed below.
3. Complete the home study guide and successfully pass test at Brain Builder.
4. All new Ball Kids or returning Ball Kids with one year of experience will be required to work 1 day of the BNP Paribas Open Challenge Tournament.
5. All Ball Kids with two years of experience will be required to work the BNP Paribas Open Prequalifier Tournament.
6. All Ball Kids must attend orientation and pick up your uniform, schedule, and parking passes per dates listed below.



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Please visit our web page: www.iwtg.net/Ball_Kids frequently. We will continuously update this page with current training and tournament information. It is the best way to stay informed on the qualification process. If you need additional information or do not have access to a computer, please contact Adam Jasick at 760-200-8200 or email Ballkids@iwtg.net.

We look forward to having you be a part of this very exciting professional tennis event!

Sincerely,

BNP Paribas Open Ball Kids Committee

IMPORTANT INFORMATION/DATES:

Rookie = No previous experience

Freshman = 1 year previous experience

Sophomore = 2 years previous experience

Veteran = 3 or more years previous experience

Rookies and Freshman Ball Kids are required to participate in 2 of the training sessions listed below:

- Saturday, January 30, 3-5pm
- Sunday, January 31, 3-5pm
- Tuesday, February 2, 3-5pm
- Wednesday, February 3, 3-5pm

Rookies and Freshman Ball Kids are required to work 1 day of the BNP Paribas Open Challenge Tournament to be held on:

- Friday, February 12- Monday, February 15, Times TBD

Rookies and Freshman Ball Kids must participate in 2 of the training sessions listed below if selected after the BNP Paribas Open Challenge Tournament:

- Thursday, February 18, 3-5pm
- Saturday, February 20, 3-5pm
- Sunday, February 21, 3-5pm
- Tuesday, February 23, 3-5pm
- Thursday, February 25, 3-5pm

Veteran Ball Kids are required to attend the following mandatory training session:

- Tuesday, February 16, 3-5pm

Sophomore Ball Kids are required to participate in 3 and Veteran Ball Kids are required to participate in 2 of the training sessions listed below:

- Thursday, February 18, 3-5pm
- Saturday, February 20, 3-5pm
- Sunday, February 21, 3-5pm
- Tuesday, February 23, 3-5pm
- Thursday, February 25, 3-5pm

Sophomore Ball Kids are required to work 1 day of the BNP Paribas Open Prequalifier Tournament to be held on:

- Saturday, March 6 - Sunday, March 7, Times TBD

ALL BALL KIDS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ORIENTATION AND UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION on one of the following times:

- Wednesday, March 3, 3-6pm
- Thursday, March 4, 3-6pm