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National 12s Tennis Championship Begins May 22

Nationally ranked boys and girls tennis players will compete in Springfield, Mo. for the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Boys and Girls 12s National Open Championship, Saturday, May 22 to Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at the Cooper Tennis Complex, 2331 E. Pythian St.

Play is scheduled to begin each day at 8 a.m., with Singles and Doubles finals scheduled for Wednesday morning. The event is open to the general public and is free.

Top ranked players from 20 states will vie for the title. Additional activities taking place during the tournament include:

- Player Registration, 5 - 6:30 p.m., Friday, May 21;
- A one-hour Pre-Drill Session for participants conducted by Cooper Tennis Complex Teaching Professionals, 6:30 p.m., Friday, May 21

The top three finishers in singles and the top two doubles teams will advance to the USTA National Clay Court Championships in July. The girls will compete in Boca Raton, Fla., while the boys will play in Greensboro, N.C.

This is the tenth year the USTA Boys and Girls 12s National Open Championship is being hosted by the Park Board and Springfield Tennis Association. Tennis is one of four sports included in the Community Olympic Development Program (CODP) for the Springfield community.

The Cooper Tennis Complex also will host the Missouri State High School Athletic Association (MSHSAA) Boys State Championships Thursday, May 27 to Saturday, May 29, 2010.

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