

Letter to Applicant for Junior Membership

Dear Prospective Junior Member,

The Berkeley Tennis Club has a long history of extending Junior Memberships to the community. We welcome you as an Applicant and look forward to receiving your application materials. There are several things that the Berkeley Tennis Club members and staff want you to consider as you complete your application.

The purpose of the Junior Membership Program is to provide a supportive environment to assist young people in the development of their tennis, social and citizenship skills. Your participation in the tennis community and interest in developing personal and social skill is much more important than the level of your tennis game.

Junior Memberships are special. The Club created the Junior Membership for young people who really want to play tennis and become involved in the Club. Anyone between the ages of 12 and 25 can apply whether or not their parent or guardian plays tennis or is waiting to be considered for membership.

Please think carefully about how much time and interest you have for playing tennis at the Club and participating in activities and other events at the Club before you complete the application. We understand that you may have many interests and responsibilities, such as school work, other sports, and other after-school activities. You don't have to spend all your time at the Club, but we do want you to seriously consider whether or not you have the time and interest in membership.

The Club is a great place to play tennis and meet new friends. Please keep in mind that you will need to look out for yourself and obey Club rules while you are on the Club premises. You will also need to introduce yourself to other members and ask others to play tennis. This can be difficult at first, but it is very important that you be friendly and outgoing enough to meet others and find interesting opportunities. We will help as much as we can to assist you with this, but it is primarily up to you. Are you ready?

The application consists of three things: 1) a form for you to fill out, 2) a form for a Parent/Guardian to fill out, and 3) a form for a Sponsoring member to fill out. The Sponsoring Member must also submit a letter of recommendation. Any adult Club Member who knows you and can provide information about your interest and general comportment to the Board may be a Sponsoring Member. Unlike regular

memberships, you are not required to submit other letters of recommendation, although you may do so if you choose.

Your application will not be evaluated until all the application documents have been gathered and provided to the Club Office by the Sponsoring Member. Please do not submit the application form yourself. Instead, give the completed form to your Sponsoring Member so they may submit it along with the other completed application materials.

Once the application has been received, the Junior Development Committee Chairperson will call you to arrange a brief interview and to take a photo (which will be placed on the bulletin board for 10 days.) The Chairperson will also call your Sponsoring Member and your parent or guardian to answer questions and obtain additional details about your application. Once the calls have been made, the interview is complete, and your photo has been posted for 10 days, the Committee Chairperson will make a recommendation to the Board. If the Board accepts the recommendation, you will receive Membership. The entire process takes about a month to complete.

If you have any questions about the Junior Membership or the application process, please call the Junior Development Committee Chairperson or the Club Manager. We will be happy to answer your questions.

We welcome your application and look forward to meeting you.

Very truly yours,

Junior Development Committee Chairperson

BTC Junior Membership Application
Applicant's Form

This form is to be completed by the Junior Membership Applicant. If you are the Applicant, please read the attached cover letter describing the privileges and responsibilities of Junior Membership. Then, complete this form and forward it to the Sponsoring Member who will submit it, along with other required information, to the Club Office for consideration.

Name_____DOB_____

Addres_____City_____Zip_____

Telephone_____Email_____

Sponsoring Member_____

Telephone_____

Did you read and understand the cover letter attached to this application?

How did you learn about BTC Junior Memberships?

How long have you played tennis?

Have you taken lessons? _____ If so, from whom?

What is your tennis level? (novice, intermediate, ranked jr player) Ranking_____

Have you played tournaments? _____ If yes, please describe which tournaments and when you played.

Why are you interested in becoming a BTC Junior Member?

Do you know any current BTC members? _____ If so, please tell us who and how you know them.

Do you have any questions about Junior Memberships? If so, please list below.

Signature _____ Date _____