



USTA Boys' 18 & 16 National Championships
August 5-14, 2016 • Stowe Stadium at Kalamazoo College
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BECOME A BALL RUNNER VOLUNTEER
For the 2016 USTA BOYS' NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
KIDS 9 YEARS AND OLDER ARE ELIGIBLE

The 2016 USTA Boys' 18 and 16 National Championships will be held August 5-14, 2016 at Kalamazoo College's Stowe Stadium and the WMU Courts. One reason the tournament is so great is because of our terrific volunteer ball runners and ball runner management team (and all of the families that support us). It would be awesome to have you be a part of this nationally-famous event. You are sure to have fun!

Here's the scoop:

You will learn everything that you need to know to be an official ball runner and have the opportunity to perfect your technique at ball runner training practices which will be held throughout the summer. Throughout the 10 days of the tournament, on the top three courts at Stowe Stadium, ball runners work in teams of about 8-10 kids per court to retrieve balls during matches. Teams are assigned one shift each day (each shift is about 3 to 4 hours long). There is some change to the schedule as the tournament progresses because there are fewer matches to play. The ball running schedule for the tournament will be distributed in July.

Follow these easy steps to become part of the action:

1. **Fill out a registration form** and email or mail it to Karen Hassevoort, Chair Ball Runner Committee. You can also register by contacting Karen Hassevoort at 269.569.5160 or khassevoort@gmail.com.
2. **Attend the mandatory kick-off meeting at the Markin Racquet Center** (corner of Academy and Catherine Streets on the campus of Kalamazoo College) on **Thursday, June 9 from 7:30 – 8:00 pm** for parents and **all NEW and RETURNING ball runners!** We will explain responsibilities and answer questions about the 2016 Ball Runner program.
3. Practices start on **Tuesday, June 14 and will be held at Stowe Stadium throughout June and July on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 – 8 pm.** **There will not be practice on July 5 or July 7. All ball runners must attend a minimum number of practices and show mastery of ball runner techniques in order to run for the tournament.** (In case of rain, ball runner training will be held on the indoor courts at Markin Racquet Center.)
4. **August 5-14 – The TOURNAMENT.** There will be a **final practice for all ball runners and a parent meeting on Tuesday, August 2 – 6:30pm at Stowe Stadium.** We will distribute uniforms and provide additional tournament information. (Exhibition Match on Saturday night and other Tournament festivities). **Ball runners start their shifts on Friday, August 5 (full day).**

We look forward to having you join us!

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Mark Riley • Tournament Director

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