



**USTA Boys' 18 & 16 National Championships**  
**August 4-13, 2017 • Kalamazoo College**  
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**BECOME A BALL RUNNER VOLUNTEER**  
**FOR THE 2017 USTA BOYS' NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Kids 9 Years and Older are Eligible

The 2017 USTA Boys' 18 and 16 National Championships will be held August 4-13 with hundreds of matches at Kalamazoo College's Stowe Stadium and the WMU Courts. The volunteer ball runners, ball runner management and ball runner families help make this prestigious, national tournament exceptional! Join the FUN! No tennis experience required – concentration, speed and precision are key.

*Here's the scoop:*

Whether you are a returning ball runner and need a refresher, or are a new ball runner and need to learn ball runner protocol and techniques, we will teach you everything that you need to know to be an official ball runner, including tennis scoring, match rules, and what to expect during a match. Practices will be held in June and July – see below. Ball runners must show mastery of ball runner techniques/protocol in order to run for the tournament. During the 10 days of the tournament, on the top three courts at Stowe Stadium, ball runners work in teams of 8–10 kids per court to retrieve/relay balls during matches. Teams are assigned one shift (about 3-4 hours) each day. The schedule changes as the tournament progresses based on the match schedule. You don't have to be available the entire tournament to participate, but it facilitates scheduling the more you are available. The ball runner tournament schedule will be distributed in July.

*Follow these easy steps to become a volunteer:*

1. If you are a returning ball runner, call to register. If you are a new ball runner, fill out a registration form and email it. The contacts for registration are Ball Runner Committee Co-Chairs Jackie Buck (269.760.8537 or [ballrunnerkzoo@gmail.com](mailto:ballrunnerkzoo@gmail.com)) and Marie Koss-Ryan (269.599.3565 or [ballrunnerkzoo@gmail.com](mailto:ballrunnerkzoo@gmail.com)). **Please register asap and by June 1<sup>st</sup>.**
2. **Attend the mandatory orientation meeting @ Markin Center** (corner Academy and Catherine Streets - Kalamazoo College Campus) **on Thursday, June 8 from 7:00 – 7:30 pm.** A parent and all ball runners should attend. We will explain the 2017 Ball Runner program and answer questions.
3. **Practices held at Stowe Stadium. June practices are Tuesday nights June 13, 20 and 27 from 6–8 pm and cover ball runner basics for new and less experienced ball runners. July practices are Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30–8 pm** (July 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 and 27). **NO PRACTICE July 4 and July 6.** (In case of rain, notice will be provided whether practice is cancelled or moved indoors.)
4. **August 4-13 – THE TOURNAMENT.** There will be a **final practice for all ball runners and a parent meeting on Tuesday, August 1 at Stowe Stadium at 6:30.** We will distribute uniforms and provide additional tournament activity information (Ball Runner pool party August 5 and Exhibition Match with Andy Roddick August 5). Ball runners start their tournament shifts on Friday, August 4.

We look forward to having you join us!

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