**Methodist University PTM Tennis Camps FAQ’s**

**Q1 Why Methodist University PTM Tennis Camp?**

The MU PTM Tennis Camp Philosophy is to improve the ability level and understanding of the game of tennis for each camper. We believe in a structured, but fun environment where new skills are introduced and current skills are advanced. We believe in providing value for each camper’s experience while in a safe and positive atmosphere.

**Q2 Who is the Camp Director?**

MU PTM Tennis Camps are designed and operated by Tom Daglis, the Director of the Professional Tennis Management program (a component of the Reeves School of Business) at Methodist University, Fayetteville, NC. Tom is a certified Master Professional with the U.S. Professional Tennis Association, an earned accreditation that less than 1% of the over 15,000 USPTA members have achieved. He is an Associate Professor and Manager of the Gene Clayton Tennis Center at Methodist University.

Tom has extensive experience in the tennis industry as: Director of Tennis at some of the most established clubs in the U.S., a tennis club owner, a tennis academy owner/director, and a camp director at six different colleges/universities. He is the Immediate Past National President of the USPTA, a Master Racquet Technician with the USRSA, a Professional Member of the CMAA and a member of the National Coach Youth Faculty for the Tennis Industry.

He has been honored with such awards as USPTA National Professional of the Year, USPTA National Tester of the Year, USPTA Southern Professional of the Year, USPTA Georgia Professional of the Year, USPTA Mid-Atlantic Professional of the Year, and USPTA Maryland Professional of the Year. He has worked with players at all levels including players in the top ten of the world.

**Tennis Staff**

All tennis staff members are either trained teaching professionals from the Methodist University Professional Tennis Management program or collegiate level players. Our staff tennis is engaged, enthusiastic, and knowledgeable.

**Q3 What type of training does MU PTM Tennis Camp endorse?**

Training procedures are up-to-date methods governed by Tom Daglis’ national experience as an academy coach and owner, national speaker and presenter, former USTA Sectional Zonal Coach, and trainer of sectional, national, and world class players. Training sessions include live ball drills and extensive match play around set parameters that expand each camper’s competitive learning. Areas of concentration include: stroke production; drill and play progressions; strategy and tactics; building confidence; and increasing match play skills. Training is conducted both off court in the classroom and on court. Campers are grouped first by ability and second by age. We operate with a 5:1 player/coach ratio on court. We do offer private lesson instruction for a very reasonable nominal fee as an optional program each evening.

**Q4 What type of tennis facilities do you have?**

The MU PTM Tennis Camp will take place at the brand new Gene Clayton Tennis Center located on Methodist University’s private campus. This new facility has eight new hard-courts with U.S. Open colors and state of the art lighting for all eight courts. Off court instruction will be hosted in one of the university’s classrooms.

**Q5 What about Lodging and Meals?**

Overnight campers will reside in the MU Residence Apartment Suites with excellent proximity to the tennis courts and dining hall. The Apartment Suites are **air-conditioned** and housing is provided Sunday evening through Friday morning. Each MU Residence Apartment Suites offer four **individual** bedrooms and campers will share a bathroom with one other camper. Each MU Residence Apartment Suite has a refrigerator that campers may keep any snacks/drinks that they wish to bring with them! All meals (except Sunday Dinner which is catered pizza) are provided in the MU Café located in the Bern’s Center. Overnight campers will receive Dinner on Sunday; Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner on Monday through Thursday; and Breakfast on Friday. Commuter campers receive Lunch on Monday through Thursday. Meals at MU Café are buffet cafeteria style and offer a variety of meal options at all times.

**Q6 Is Methodist University secure?**

Yes! Methodist University is a **GATED** private campus with a Security Guard House at the University’s entrance. Our Tennis Camp Staff will supervise all campers and reside in the same Residence Apartments. Each camper is supervised during their entire stay at the camp, including: during all tennis camp programs; during all meals; and during any evening program! The University has campus security on property.

**Q7 What do campers do in the evenings?**

All evening activities are completely supervised by Tennis Camp Staff. The following weekly program applies but may be tweaked:

 Sunday Group Intro/Evaluation/Bingo (w/prizes)

 Monday Movie Night or Tennis Play

 Tuesday Putt Putt Golf\* or Tennis Play

 Wednesday Bowling Night\* or Tennis Play

 Thursday Talent Show Night or Tennis Play

\*These activities are available for a nominal fee. Private lesson instruction is also available for a very reasonable fee each evening.

**Q8 What other policies should I be aware of?**

Methodist University is a dry campus. There are no alcoholic beverages allowed on campus. Alcohol, firearms, any illegal drugs, vandalism, theft of any kind, or smoking are absolutely not permitted and MU PTM Tennis Camps reserves the right to dismiss any camper that violates that policy without any camp refund. In addition, campers that willfully disregard camp procedures and/or become a disruptive influence to the camp and other campers will be dismissed without any camp refund. Our goal is to protect each camper and their camp experience as well as the integrity of MU PTM Tennis Camps.