Middle States Rally Stars

Out-Of-School Time Tennis Program

Guidelines & Requirements to run Middle States Rally Stars Out-of-School time Programs Grades K-12:

As a School Partner for your school, USTA Middle States would like to thank you for connecting and providing opportunities for children to play tennis outside of their Physical Education class.

REGISTRATION:

- School Partners must be Safe Play Approved.
- Schools must have at least one teacher with their PE class registered/renewed on ustacoaching.com.

APPLICATION:

- Providers must complete the Rally Stars Application prior to the start of the program.
- Middle States will provide a marketing flyer, if needed.

REGISTRATION, FEES & STIPENDS:

- All programs must have a minimum of ten (10) participants in order to receive program stipends.
- We encourage Providers to offer free out-of-school time programming.
- If a Provider decides to charge a fee, the Provider is responsible for collecting their player registration fees.
- If Providers use Serve Tennis as a registration tool, they are eligible to receive a stipend of $750 per out-of-school time program (up to four (4) stipends) per calendar year, assuming they meet all other requirements.
    - Please encourage participants to sign up for **FREE USTA Junior Membership** or call 800-990-8782.
- If the provider uses their own platform as a registration tool, they are eligible to receive a tier-based stipend depending on the number of participants:
    - 10 - 19 participants will receive a $250 stipend
    - 20 - 29 participants will receive a $350 stipend
    - 30 or more participants will receive a $500 stipend
    - Each provider is eligible for up to four (4) stipends per calendar year, assuming they meet all other requirements.
    - Providers must submit participant information (first & last name; parent email address) on or before the end date of their program.
    - All participant information is kept confidential.
- Participant Registration should be sent to: Renee Lentz at **lentz@ms.usta.com.**

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CURRICULUM:

- Lesson plans and other resources are available on **USTACoaching.com.**
- Each site should host a 6-session program.
- Each session should last 60 minutes (minimum), depending on the ages and/or skill level of the students.
- Providers that conduct a Rally Star program are eligible to apply for a Rally Star Equipment Grant.

QUESTIONS?

Contact **Renee Lentz** at **lentz@ms.usta.com** or **484-302-4404.**