

**Hello LTA Tennis Families!**

We are so excited to kick off our SPRING Season 2026 [next week - Monday March 9th](#)

A big welcome to our new players and returning pros!

Below is a rundown of logistics and IMPORTANT INFORMATION about pick up and drop off's. We recommend you save this email as it includes a lot of FAQs!

Please contact me (for registration/logistic issues) and Coach Erin (for on court questions, racquet issues, your child's level, make-up classes etc.).

Thank you and see your child/children on the courts!

Elizabeth & Erin

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[About LTA's SPRING 2026 Youth Program:](#)

**Where:** Lafayette-Pointer Park Tennis Courts

**Dates:** 14 weekly programs (13 weeks on Monday's due to Holiday)

**Start:** Monday, March 9th

**Holidays:** No tennis on Monday, May 25th Memorial Day Holiday

## IMPORTANT DETAILS:

### COMING TO THE COURTS-TEACHER DISMISSAL, CLS & FLEX:

- 1) **If your child is walking up to the tennis courts by themselves**, please make sure that their teacher knows that they are self-dismissing and are allowed to go the tennis courts up the hill for our class.
- 2) **If your child needs to be dismissed by the teacher** and picked up directly by LTA staff please EMAIL your students teacher and CC us. Here are the details of teacher dismissals:
  - a) Lafayette Elementary School details: LTA will have a table for the tennis students to be picked up each day, unless the student is picked up by their parents or self-dismissed. Our staff will have access to the cafeteria starting at 3:00pm. All prek-5 grade students will be taken to the cafeteria by teachers at 3:10pm. LTA will then take the students between 3:15-3:30 (after we check the roster to ensure you've picked up everyone). CLS are located at the tables in the middle of the cafeteria and FLEX are in the annex if you need to get any students from them.
- 3) **If your student is in CLS**, you need to let the program coordinator know that they will be participating in the Lafayette Tennis program. We also have a mandatory sheet for parents to complete prior to Monday, March 9th. If you need LTA to retrieve your child from CLS and bring them to the courts, you will be receiving a separate email from Elizabeth this week with a spreadsheet for completion.  
***\*\*\*If you don't receive a separate email and the link to the CLS sheet, please email [lafayettetennisinfo@gmail.com](mailto:lafayettetennisinfo@gmail.com)***
- 4) **If your student is coming from any FLEX program** - please email us ASAP at [lafayettetennisinfo@gmail.com](mailto:lafayettetennisinfo@gmail.com)

**\*\*\*Please note: Our coaches can retrieve your child from CLS but we cannot return them to CLS (that is CLS' rule, not ours).**

## MAKE UP LESSONS:

2 Make-up's per student per season (including weather make ups). Drop in's are welcome. Please communicate with Coach Erin @ (202)971-2827 via text to confirm your child's class attendance. We do not have a make-up week at the end of the season.

### FOR WEATHER RELATED MAKE UP'S:

*Weather cancellation for 3:30 classes - feel free to drop in Monday-Friday at 3:30*

*Weather cancellation for 4:30 classes - feel free to drop in Monday-Friday at 4:30*

*Weather cancellation for 5:30 classes - feel free to drop in Monday-Friday at 5:30*

### OTHER NOTES:

**-Gear:** Your child/player will need a tennis racquet, water bottle, athletic shoes and hat (if it's sunny that day). Please put their names on all of their items.

**-Racquet:** We will have racquets to temporarily loan if your child/player doesn't have one or forgets to bring one. If you don't know what size to get - a good junior racquet will do (they come in different lengths 21", 23", 25", 26") and you should pick one that is appropriate for your child's size and strength. You can go to Tennis Zone (4839 Wisconsin Avenue, NW) and they can help you – mention LTA and you'll get a 10% discount. (They also have a demo program to try out racquets for kids and adults.)

**-Inclement weather:** If it rains (or is forecast to rain), we will email you that day with as much advance notice as possible. If there are sudden thunderstorms, we will take our players to the front of Lafayette Elementary for protection.

**-Staffing:** This season will be managed by LTA Tennis Director Erin Rosebar (bio below).

Thank you!

## About Erin:

### Erin Rosebar, LTA Tennis Director

Erin is a lifelong multigenerational Washingtonian who has been playing tennis since she was five and teaching tennis since she was 12 years old at Rock Creek (Carter Baron) as she grew up in the Crestwood neighborhood. Born in 1976 to a family of tennis players, she developed a deep love and commitment to the game. Erin is also a mom of 4 of which all are or have been students of Lafayette Elementary. Erin began working with LTA in 2016 and received her USPTA certification in 2020. Currently she is the director of tennis for LTA while 3 of her 4 children help to teach during the summer program.

#### **-What you can expect from our coaching team:**

- Friendly, energetic, respectful, great enthusiasm for kids and tennis
- Encourage our students to have fun, learn new skills and applaud a good effort
- Emphasis on safety and instilling respect for other players and our coaches
- Minimal use of cell phone (only for communication between staff or emergencies) except for Coach Erin who is often checking phone for changes to schedule, parents texts, etc.

#### **-What we like to see from our students:**

- Have fun, play fair and be respectful of others
- Refrain from engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct with any fellow coach, parent, player or any other attendee.
- Refrain from mistreating any of the court or equipment (or throwing balls over court, hitting fence with racquet, etc--we've seen it all!)
- We will reach out if your child is having difficulties following the above rules as we are all in this together!
- During break, enthusiastically pick up balls (it's part of their tennis workout!)

#### **-What we like to see from our parents:**

- Feedback about our programs and how we can improve!
- If you attend your child's class, please refrain from entering the court where classes are being held or verbally coach your child or player (we've seen it all!)