



John McEnroe Tennis Academy Presents Scholarship Tryout and Athletic Scouting Combine at SPORTIME Randall's Island, Saturday, June 25

Tryout for Aspiring Tennis Players, Ages 6-16. Athletic Scouting Combine for Talented Young Athletes With Little or No Tennis Experience, Ages 5-10; SPORTIME/JMTA Coaches will Award Full and Partial Scholarships to Selected Tryout Participants

NEW YORK, NY, June 15, 2016 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Young hopefuls from across the tri-state area will be out in force at SPORTIME Randall's Island, the John McEnroe Tennis Academy's flagship location, on Saturday, June 25, as SPORTIME and John McEnroe Tennis Academy (JMTA) coaches seek to discover untapped tennis and athletic talent.

The goal of both the Tryout and the Athletic Scouting Combine is to award full or partial scholarships to SPORTIME and John McEnroe Tennis Academy programs at SPORTIME Randall's Island, starting fall 2016. The event is a joint initiative of SPORTIME/JMTA and the Johnny Mac Tennis Project (JMTP). A 501(c)(3) charity, JMTP changes young lives by removing the economic and social barriers to success through tennis. Offering free tennis programs and scholarships to under-resourced kids and dedicated athletes from the NY Metropolitan area, JMTP provides a pathway to success through competitive tennis, often leading to college scholarships, careers in the industry and, for a few, professional tennis careers.

Open solely to players with tennis experience, ages 6-16, the Tryout will begin at 9:30 AM, with check-in at 8:30 AM. Participants will be evaluated by a JMTA Selection Committee, consisting of JMTA directors, coaches and leaders. The Tryout will include tennis and athletic drills and point/match play.

"We had great success last year with the expanded tryout and combine format, which led to our meeting some established players as well as some untapped talent," said JMTA Tennis Director Lawrence Kleger. "We expect another outstanding group of kids this year, many of whom would benefit from all that SPORTIME and JMTA have to offer."

The Athletic Scouting Combine is open to kids, ages 5-10, with little or no tennis experience, who currently excel in other sports and/or demonstrate an above-average athletic skillset. The Combine will be held from 12:30 - 3:30 PM. The Combine is publicized throughout SPORTIME Randall's Island's neighboring communities, including East Harlem and the South Bronx, and children who have participated in the JMTP's school and community-based programming are encouraged to attend. Participants will engage in a variety of physical tests and games, designed by SPORTIME/JMTA coaches, to assess objective, measurable capacities such as speed, strength, agility and hand-eye coordination. Other attributes such as attitude, concentration, energy and competitive spirit will be considered in the awarding of scholarships.

Scholarship winners for both the Tryout and the Athletic Scouting Combine will be notified at a later date.

SPORTIME Randall's Island is located at One Randall's Island, in Randall's Island Park, Manhattan. For more information, parents of interested players/athletes can email JMTATryout@SportimeNY.com or visit www.JohnMcEnroeTennisAcademy.com.

Proper athletic attire, including footwear, is required. Participants will have access to locker room and shower facilities. Water will be available on court. Cafe and vending is available on-site. SPORTIME Randall's Island features a full-service pro shop, as well as professional stringing services. Registrants can visit www.jmta.com/scholarshipnyc for online registration or to print and submit via postal mail, online form or fax.

About SPORTIME

SPORTIME is proud to operate the finest tennis facilities in New York State, with over 150 indoor and outdoor courts at 13 clubs across Long Island, in NYC, in Westchester and in the NY Capital Region. SPORTIME's clubs are state-of-the-art, yet affordable, and feature the best tennis facilities and programs, along with great gyms, camps and sports and fitness offerings. SPORTIME is proud to be the home of the John McEnroe Tennis Academy at Randall's Island since 2010, with JMTA Annexes at Syosset/Bethpage, Long Island, and Lake Isle, Eastchester, since 2012.

About The John McEnroe Tennis Academy

In September 2010, tennis legend John McEnroe and SPORTIME partnered to launch the John McEnroe Tennis Academy in John's hometown of New York City, at the SPORTIME's flagship Randall's Island Tennis Center in Manhattan. In September 2012, JMTA expanded its geographic reach to SPORTIME locations in Westchester and on Long Island:

SPORTIME Lake Isle, an 8-court, state-of-the art, year-round facility in Eastchester, New York in lower Westchester; and SPORTIME Syosset in central Long Island, an 11-court indoor facility, that has long served as SPORTIME's high performance training center on Long Island. John's passion and belief is that great players can be developed in urban settings, while still having the opportunity to live at home, pursue their educational goals, and participate in a variety of sports and extracurricular activities. The Academy works to recruit the most talented and the most highly motivated young athletes in the New York Metropolitan area and beyond. Inspired by the vision and daily presence of Johnny Mac and under the guidance of JMTA Managing Director, Bennett Schlansky, JMTA Tennis Director, Lawrence Kleger, JMTA Performance Director, Richard-John Mensing, Jr., and JMTA Director of Mental Performance and Toughness, Dr. Dom Lausic, and with a world-class staff of tennis, athletic training and performance directors and coaches, JMTA delivers a complete training program designed to assure the best possible outcome for serious players; whether for junior tournament players, future and current collegiate stars, or for those seeking to play on, or currently playing on the ATP, WTA and ITF tours.

About the Johnny Mac Tennis Project

The Johnny Mac Tennis Project (JMTP) changes young lives by removing the economic and social barriers to success through tennis. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit, JMTP introduces the sport of tennis as a life-long health, fitness and social activity to thousands of under-resourced New York City area kids, particularly those living in East Harlem and the South Bronx, two communities immediately adjacent to our base at SPORTIME Randall's Island. For a smaller group of dedicated young athletes, JMTP provides a pathway to success through competitive tennis, leading to college scholarships, careers in the industry, and, for a few, professional tennis careers and, perhaps, Grand Slam titles.

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