



PRESS RELEASE

THE BIRCH RACQUET AND LAWN CLUB RECEIVES 2021 USTA OUTSTANDING FACILITY AWARD

One of 25 Tennis Facilities from Across the Country Honored for Excellence

ORLANDO, Fla., August 19, 2021 – The USTA today announced that the Birch Racquet and Lawn Club in Keller, Texas, is one of 25 winners in the USTA's annual Outstanding Facility Awards program, which recognizes excellence in the construction and/or renovation of tennis facilities throughout the country.

The Birch Racquet and Lawn Club pride themselves on being a home for beginners, league players, social players, and high-performance college bound players. Sitting among 27 acres of rolling hills in a busy suburb of the Dallas Metroplex, the Club provides the perfect retreat for players of all ages and abilities. Owned and operated by the well-respected Dent Family, the facility opened in the fall of 2020 with five climate controlled courts, 10 lighted outdoor courts, fully equipped fitness room, on-site physical therapy, and a licensed cafe. The former Grand Slam professional players from the Dent Family - Phil, Taylor, and Jenny - are a constant presence on the courts, offering their expertise to all players.

“Great tennis facilities like the Birch Racquet and Lawn Club help us to grow the game at the grassroots level, and we are proud to recognize them for their ongoing impact on the sport of tennis,” said Craig Morris, Chief Executive, Community Tennis, USTA. “The Birch Racquet and Lawn Club has embraced many key tennis initiatives and kept the sport at the forefront of its community each year.”

To be considered for an award, facilities must be under the jurisdiction of a park and recreation department, an educational institution, a nonprofit corporation or be a private or commercially-owned-and-operated facility that offers both USTA and public programming designed to help grow tennis.

Facilities were judged on the following criteria: overall layout and adaptation to site; excellence of court surface and lights; ease of maintenance; accommodations for players, spectators and press/officials; aesthetics; graphics (including the use of signs and landscaping); amenities such as casual seating for spectators, food services and social areas; and the facilities' participation in USTA programs.

Nominated facilities were voted on in the following categories: **Public Courts** that are either small tennis centers with 2-10 courts or large tennis centers with 11 or more courts; **Private Facilities** that support the USTA and other “growth of the game” programs open to the public; and **Educational Institutions** such as colleges, universities, public and private grade schools, middle schools, or high schools.

All 2021 award winners will receive a wall plaque and an all-weather sign, which can be mounted at the facility. One of the award winners will earn the prestigious “Featured Facility of the Year” designation and be honored as part of the USTA’s Semi-Annual Meeting later this year.

The 2021 USTA Outstanding Facility Award winners are:

Public Courts: Small Tennis Centers (2 to 10 courts)

Barceloneta Tennis Academy (Barceloneta, Puerto Rico)

Guam National Tennis Center (Dededo, Guam)

Kinetix Tennis (Norristown, Pa.)

Lighthouse Point Tennis Center (Lighthouse Point, Fla.)

Public Courts: Large Tennis Centers (11 or more courts)

Barnes Tennis Center (San Diego)

City of Palm Beach Gardens Tennis and Pickleball Center (Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.)

Delray Beach Tennis Center (Delray Beach, Fla.)

HCC Tennis Center (Tampa, Fla.)

International Tennis Hall of Fame / Hall of Fame Tennis Club (Newport, R.I.)

Mesa Tennis Center (Mesa, Ariz.)

Rick Macci Tennis and Fitness Center (Boca Raton, Fla.)

Rock Hill Tennis Center (Rock Hill, S.C.)

Southlake Tennis Center (Southlake, Texas)

SVB Tennis and Wellness Center (Zephyrhills, Fla.)

Tennis Center of Camden (Camden, S.C.)

The Swim and Racquet Center (Boca Raton, Fla.)

Private Facilities

Court 16 (Long Island City, N.Y.)

DuPont Country Club (Wilmington, Del.)

Matrix Racquet Club (Lowell, Ark.)

Raleigh Racquet Club (Raleigh, N.C.)

The Birch Racquet and Lawn Club (Keller, Texas)

Top Seed Tennis Club (Nicholasville, Ky.)

Educational Institutions

Marshalltown Court Complex (Marshalltown, Iowa)

St. James High School Tennis Courts (St. James, Minn.)

The Prout School (Wakefield, R.I.)

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The USTA is the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the U.S. and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level -- from local communities to the highest level of the professional game. A not-for-profit organization with more than 655,000 members, it invests 100% of its proceeds in growing the game. It owns and operates the US Open, one of the highest-attended annual sporting events in the world, and launched the US Open Series, linking nine summer WTA and ATP World Tour tournaments to the US Open. In addition, it owns approximately 90 Pro Circuit events throughout the U.S. and selects the teams for the Davis Cup, Billie Jean King Cup, Olympic and Paralympic Games. The USTA’s philanthropic entity, the USTA Foundation, provides grants and

scholarships in addition to supporting tennis and education programs nationwide to benefit under-resourced youth through the National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) network. For more information about the USTA, go to [USTA.com](https://www.usta.com) or follow the official accounts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and TikTok.

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