



## 2024 BALL CREW TRYOUT/TRAINING INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in the 2024 Cincinnati Open Ball Crew. We are looking for candidates that are hardworking, mature, follow general rules, accept assignments and directions, can work the hours needed, and act responsibly on and off the court. The following information will help you understand what you need to accomplish to become a successful ball crew member.

### **Tryout/Training Session Details:**

**Location:** Lindner Family Tennis Center (Tournament site)  
5460 Courseview Drive, Mason, OH 45040.  
\*Check in at the table when you arrive!

**Dates:** **Session 1:** Saturday & Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – noon\*

**Session 2:** Saturday & Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 am – noon\*

\*All new and 2<sup>nd</sup> year ball crew candidates must attend one complete training/tryout session (or 2 days) to be considered.

**Time:** **Gates will open at 9 am for check in** at the Paul Flory Player Building.

- Obtain tryout number.
- Picture taken.
- Get fitted for uniform and shoes.
- **On court training begins at 9:30 am.**

**Parent's Meeting:** Parents/Guardians are invited to stay for a meeting/Q&A session held around 10:15am on Saturday of either session.

**Note\*** Training will occur at the tournament site **rain or shine!**

**Parking:** Due to the construction taking place this year, parking will be located on the east side of the stadium (closest to I-71). Pink directional signs will be posted.

### **Things to Bring to Training/Tryouts:**

- Filled water bottle.
- Wear comfortable clothing and **non-marking** tennis shoes – You will be training on court learning all ball crew responsibilities.

### **Be Prepared at Training/Tryouts:**

- Pay attention and listen to the instructions on and off the court.
- Do not be afraid to ask questions or make mistakes. You learn by practicing!



- A written test will be given on Sunday. Make sure that you are familiar with the ball crew manual, available on our web site – [www.cincinnatiopen.com](http://www.cincinnatiopen.com) or the registration site and **site map** showing the court numbers.
- Know how to keep score and where the balls need to be for games and tiebreaks.

**Characteristics of a Good Ball Crew Member:**

- Knowledge of the game of tennis
- Ability to catch on to what is being taught
- Ability to stay focused and stand still on the court
- Speed and agility a plus
- **Hustles** for all court tasks: retrieving balls and holding umbrellas
- **Accepts his/her court** assignment without questioning.
- A role model for all his/her fellow ball crew teammates.
- Good listening skills
- Gets along well with others, inclusive!
- Wear the uniform well.
- Represents the tournament both on and off the court in a positive way.

**Directions to the Lindner Family Tennis Center:**

- Take the Kings Mills Road Exit off I-71 (**Note: Western Row Rd Entrance is Closed**)
- Head west on Kings Mills (away from Kings Island and towards the tournament site)
- Turn left at the light onto Courseview Drive
- Turn left into the site at Paul Flory Way, then follow the signage to parking located on the **east** side of the stadium.
- A Volunteer will be at the gate where those attending can enter.
- The Ball Crew registration desk will be located inside the Paul Flory Player Center.
- Lindner Family Tennis Center Address:  
5460 Courseview Drive,  
Mason OH 45040

**Notification of Selection:**

All ball crew candidates will be notified if they have been selected as a member of the team by July 1st, 2024.