

10th Annual Kelsey Martin Memorial Junior Open

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The 10th annual Kelsey Martin Memorial Junior Open, a USTA sanctioned tournament, will be held June 6-8, 2014 at Highland Hills Middle School.

The singles and doubles divisions for both boys and girls will range from ages 12 -18.

The cost for the tournament is \$30 for singles and \$18 per player for doubles teams. Checks should be made payable to Highland Hills Middle School, and can be mailed to Jordan Hamilton at 6304 Meadow View Drive, Georgetown, IN 47122. (502-644-0934)

Entry deadline is Monday, June 2, 2014 at 6:00 PM

Information is also available at the USTA Web site of www.usta.com. (Tournament ID # is 855300414).

All players entered by the deadline will receive a tournament t-shirt. Trophies will be presented to winners and runners up in singles and doubles and to the winners of the consolation matches.

This event was established 10 years ago to honor the memory of Kelsey Martin. She was an enthusiastic freshman at Floyd Central High School when she died unexpectedly of an aneurysm in August 2004. She was active in her school, church, and community. She loved tennis and was regularly seen on the courts. She shared her love of tennis with her friends and encouraged many of them to take up the sport. It is in that spirit that this tournament continues from year to year. It averages 120 players each year for the three-day event; local players and players from surrounding areas such as Jasper, Bloomington, Cincinnati, Columbus, and Louisville. It is a United States Tennis Association (USTA) sanctioned event toward which players can earn points for their individual rankings. The boys and girls tennis teams at Highland Hills Middle School have benefited from the support of this tournament. It provides equipment and awards for both teams. It provides funds to send boys and girls to summer tennis programs and camps in the area. And most importantly, it provides scholarships that are awarded each year to qualifying seniors at Floyd Central High School.