

## JUNE 2018 NO-CUT COACH RECOGNITION

Across the country, there are over 500 USTA No-Cut coaches registered. These coaches are going above and beyond to keep students involved in sports in high school and this month we are continuing our journey across the USTA sections to recognize 4 more coaches who run No-Cut. If you are thinking about running a No-Cut program, check out [“Tips for Organizing a Successful No-Cut High School Tennis Team”](#) on the USTA website.



### Ryan Galindo - Carlsbad Municipal Schools: USTA Southwest

I got into tennis accidentally by seeing a friend and his family playing at a local city park. They invited me to play and encouraged me to come out for the high school tennis team. In high school I had an excellent role model as a coach and he always encouraged us to be our best. I have coached other sports that had cuts and I really didn't like the feeling of telling a kid that she or he wasn't good enough. This, I believe, is where my passion for having a no-cut program began. I typically have 30 to 40 players come out each season. I coach both boys and girls so each team varies in size from year to year. My best advice would be to not stress over the number of kids. An extra few kids doesn't make running the program more difficult. If you are going to plan for one kid, then it is just as easy to plan for 10 kids.



### Phil Parrish - James River High School: USTA New England

I started out playing for a small high school in Georgia and we kept everyone and really did not cut anyone. We all found a way to practice, have fun and be part of a team. We have six courts at our high school. We practice every other week early (3:45 p.m. - 5 p.m.) and late the other week (5 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.). The players have to be on time since courts are limited and we have middle school, JV and varsity boys and girls tennis. If you run a no-cut program, organize your practices and keep the drills and formats familiar to the kids so you do not have to talk too much. It is about hitting balls. Finish the practice with an upbeat game or fitness drill.



### Steve Tier - Mount Vernon High School: USTA Midwest

While I never advanced beyond being a member of my high school tennis team, I continued to play after high school and that opened many positive opportunities for me in my life. Recognizing that fact, I have never felt comfortable turning away anyone who wants to play tennis. I don't want to be the one who shuts doors of opportunity that tennis may open for these players. We have had an average of 15-20 players participate each of the five years that I have been the head coach for the girls' team at Mount Vernon High School. Try to remember how the lives of your players could be forever changed because of the opportunity you can offer them to learn this great game.



### Tony Cherone - Collierville High School: USTA Southern

I have been the Tennis Director for the town of Collierville for seven years with my primary objective to truly grow the game. Eight years ago, I started the first public middle school tennis team in the West Tennessee area. It now has four teams participating and its own end-of-year county championship. The middle school team is also the largest in the West Tennessee area, maybe even in the state, as it runs a no-cut team that also has had more than 50 players for the last three years, often getting 30 or more players to participate in many of our dual matches. In my third year as head coach of the Collierville High School boys and girls teams, I have increased program participating by more than 100 percent. I have previously been the recipient of industry awards such as Tennessee Pro of the Year, High School Coach of the Year, Junior Team Tennis (JTT) Coordinator of the Year and has served as president of the JTT for the state of Tennessee along with serving on the USTA Southern committee for JTT.

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