Information you should know about GNTM red ball tournaments

What is Red Ball tennis?

* Red Ball Tennis provides for the youngest child wishing to embark on an exciting journey that starts a funnel for nurturing players from uncoordinated beginner through all the levels of coloured ball tennis until TSA (Tennis South Africa) level is achieved.
* Red Ball Tournaments provide the fun and motivation to continue on this carefully staggered journey. They commence with an evaluation that splits the entrants into two groups; those that can, and those that can’t hit a ball over a net.
* Red Ball Tournaments expose players who can, to the enjoyment of playing a match (under the roving eye of a tennis coach). Separate coordination training is provided for children not yet capable of playing rudimentary tennis.
* The tournament is a pleasant, short and intensive experience for players and non-players.
* Scores are unobtrusively recorded and the emphasis is on fun and not on who wins.
* Everyone is a winner and everyone receives a prize.
* Players are registered with TSA and GNTM which improves communication with novice players.

Welcome to Good News Tennis Ministries (GNTM)

We invite all interested parents to bring their children to their first “*Try It Out Red Ball Tournament”*.

This is where your child can discover their unique tennis talents. Kids love to play and compete.

* They will enjoy exploring and showing off their skills.
* All they need to start are “*tackies*” (running or tennis or informal)
* We provide *racquets* for 4 to 8-year-old children.
* *Smaller courts* and *racquets* and *lower nets* together with *slower special red balls* make it easy to start enjoying tennis from a very young age.

**When, What, Where and How**

* Every ***first Saturday of each month*** an experienced “play and stay coach” will supervise a red ball tournament at the ***Lynnwood Glen Tennis courts (close to Menlyn).***
* At the same time a ***coordination trainer*** will run a separate program for ***children who struggle to keep a ball in play.***
* Parents and players must report at ***07:30am*** when children will undergo a co-ordination test to determine their skill level.
* There will be a 15-minute talk on how to foster the ***love of tennis*** through tennis etiquette ***based on a scripture*** (attendance *is* ***not compulsory***.)
* Parents must fetch their children at ***10:00 am*** after the prize-giving where ***each child will receive a merit prize based on their exhibited strenghts*.**
* If you are interested, email: Admin@GoodNewsTennis.co.za to receive:
* Directions to ***Lynnwood Glen Tennis courts.***
* Entry form to be completed and returned to Good News Tennis
* Bank details to pay ***R300.*** (racquet hire included) by EFT
* Links to pages on [www.goodnewstennis.co.za](http://www.goodnewstennis.co.za) for further information and frequently asked questions

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