

Robinson Tennis Tournament will feature new divisions, special guest

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What would the summer be like without the annual Francis J. Robinson Memorial International Tennis Tournament?

Hopefully, we'll never know. The event has become part of the fabric of Port Huron's summer and will celebrate its 60th year next week. This year's event runs Aug. 1-6 and features several changes.

There will be two levels of play in the junior flights, as well as a new 10-and-under age division.



St. Clair native Gabe Brown, 13, serves the ball during the Francis J. Robinson Memorial International Tennis Tournament Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at Sanborn Park in Port Huron. (Photo: JEFFREY M. SMITH, TIMES HERALD)

The event will officially kick off a day before the matches ensue, as special guest Luke Jensen will host a clinic and a doubles exhibition. Jensen is a former French Open Doubles champion.

The tournament will now feature 10-and-under Orange and a 10U Green Division, to go along with 14U, 18U and open, 30, 45 and 60-year-old divisions.

There will also be new adult mixer divisions that feature a more casual format. Registration (\$35) remains open for the tournament but the entry deadline (July 28) is quickly approaching. The first 50 junior rookies to sign up will play for free.

For more information on the annual event, go to www.phtennishouse.com/2017-robinson/

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