



2023-24 IMG ACADEMY GIRLS TENNIS PRESS KIT

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GIRLS TENNIS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Year Program Began: 1978 (Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy)

Season: Yearly

Facilities: 65 courts

In-House Competitions: Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) Tournament, Squad v Squad, Masters Tournament, Continental Cup, Eddie Herr Wild Card Tournament

IMG ACADEMY GIRLS TENNIS LEADERSHIP

Tennis Program Director: [Jimmy Arias](#)

Tennis Program Day-to-Day Director: [Juan Herrera](#)

Head of Women's/Girls Tennis: [Margie Zesinger](#)

Tennis Program Manager: [Amar Vora](#)

GIRLS TENNIS NOTES

- IMG Academy founder, Nick Bollettieri, founded the Nick Bollettieri Academy in 1978, and coached several girls tennis athletes that went onto become world No. 1's including Monica Seles, Mary Pierce, Maria Sharapova, Serena Williams and Venus Williams.
- The IMG Academy girls tennis program has produced 132 combined Grand Slam singles, doubles, and mixed doubles titles, eight of which were Grand Slam singles champions.
- There are 26 girls tennis alumni who have earned top-10 WTA rankings.
- The IMG Academy girls tennis program has produced world junior No. 1 Whitney Osuigwe and nine Eddie Herr Tournament singles champions.
- Since 2020, there have been over 28 girls tennis college commitments, with 21 committed to Division I schools.
- IMG Academy has had three girls tennis alumni become NCAA tennis champions including Mallory Cecil (Duke, singles and team), Danielle Collins (Virginia, singles) and Ingrid Neel (Florida, team).
- Notable Recent Alumni:

NAME	HIGHEST SINGLES RANKING	TITLES	NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Sayaka Ishii	No. 6 ITF Junior (2023)		Quarter finalist in the 2023 Girls Singles Wimbledon Championship
Ena Koike	No. 9 ITF Junior (2023)		Quarter Finalists for both the 2023 girls singles and doubles Wimbledon Championship
Wakana Sonobe	No. 21 ITF Junior (2023)		
Whitney Osuigwe	No. 1 ITF Junior (2017)		2017 French Open Junior Girls Singles Champion
Teodora Kostovic	No. 19 ITF Junior (2023)	4 ITF singles titles, 2 ITF doubles titles	
Danielle Collins	No. 86 (2020)	2 WTA Titles	2022 Australian Open finals appearance
Emiliana Arango	No. 168 WTA (2023)		2023 US Open second round qualifier match appearance

Sofya Zhuk	No. 116 WTA (2018)		2015 Junior Girls Singles Wimbledon Champion
Marie Bouzková	No. 24 WTA (2022)	1 WTA singles title, 3 WTA doubles titles	Semi-finalist in Toronto at the Rogers Cup against Serena Williams
Ingrid Neel	No. 54 WTA (2023)	2 WTA doubles titles	
Qinwen Zheng	No. 19 WTA (2023)	1 WTA singles titles	Named the 2022 WTA Newcomer of the Year
Jacqueline Cristian	No. 58 WTA (2022)	22 ITF titles (12 singles, 10 doubles)	
Heather Watson	No. 38 WTA (2016)	9 WTA Titles (4 singles, 5 doubles)	Former British No. 1, and 2016 mixed doubles Wimbledon Championship

GIRLS TENNIS 2023 STORYLINES

- IMG Academy Becoming Hot Spot for International Student-Athletes:** The IMG Academy boys and girls tennis programs combined represent 44 different countries, and currently have partnerships with the Turkey, Japan, China and South Korean tennis federations to provide student-athletes the opportunity to compete at IMG Academy.
- Sayaka Ishii Turns Pro in 2023:** Sayaka Ishii began playing tennis at the age of five. Coming from a sports family, Ishii was a natural competitor. In March of 2023 Sayaka Ishii joined the professional world of tennis after training at IMG Academy for several years. Ishii is currently ranked No. 6 in the world for juniors and was a quarter finalist in the 2023 Girls Singles Wimbledon Championship. Sayaka Ishii is ready to compete against the best of the best.
- Joining the Rankings in Top-25 Juniors:** Ena Koike is ranked in the top-10 at No. 9. Wakana Sonobe is ranked in the top-25 at No. 21 junior girls. These two powerhouses are among some of the highest-level athletes in the country and have become prominent faces on the IMG Academy campus, training and using the facilities every day.
 - Ena Koike was a quarter finalist for both the 2023 girls singles and doubles Wimbledon Championship.
- A Budding Star from Pakistan:** Haniya Minhas began playing tennis at the age of three and won her first tournament in Dubai at six. At eight years old, Minhas was ranked No. 8 in UAE. She then moved to Pakistan becoming the first ever Pakistani girl to be ranked No. 1 in the National Rankings. In three years, she won 90 titles and is now ranked No. 2 in the country. Minhas is currently 12-years-old and is becoming a stronger athlete training at IMG Academy. In 2022 alone she competed in seven tournaments, only losing a maximum of one match per tournament.