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81 APTA National Championships Partners with The Connecticut Alliance for Tennis+Education

Fairfield County, CT: The organizing committee of the 81 American Platform Tennis Association (APTA) National Championships is pleased to announce that The Connecticut Alliance for Tennis + Education (The Alliance) has agreed to be its charity partner for the 2016 National Platform Tennis Championships. The 81 APTA National Championships will be held March 4-6, 2016 and bring together the top men and women platform tennis players from all over the United States to vie for the national title. In the spirit of giving back to the community, 81 APTA National Championships will be donating their net proceeds to the Alliance, and will help to promote their mission both during and the time leading up to the tournament.

"We are thrilled to have The Connecticut Alliance for Tennis + Education join us as our charity partner for the 81 APTA National Championships," said Mark Fischl, chairman of the 81 APTA National Championship organizing committee. "They have strong presence in the community by providing disadvantaged children with academic support, tennis instruction, life mentoring and college and career counseling. We look forward to working together to promote our tournament and their organization and introduce these kids to the wonderful game of platform tennis."

"We are delighted to be chosen as the charity partner for the 81 APTA National Championships," said Alex Seaver, Chairman of The Connecticut Alliance for Tennis + Education. "Racquet sports remain a wonderful way for all of us to enjoy healthy, convivial experiences together, and our being connected to the APTA marks another way to do so. As always, the National Championships will be an exciting tournament, and a great showcase for the sport of platform tennis in the local area. We are pleased to be part of the event and help make it as successful as possible."

The 81 APTA National Championships will be held March 4-6, 2016. The Country Club of Darien will be the host club with an additional 20+ clubs in the Fairfield/Westchester County area providing over 100 courts for the tournament. The event will host over 500 competitors, and anticipates over 1,000 on-site spectators and more than 40,000 online hits for the live internet broadcast. For more information about nationals, please visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/81aptanationals/> or follow us on twitter at @81aptanationals

The American Platform Tennis Association is a 501c3 non-profit organization that governs the sport for its 13,500 members. The APTA sanctions more than 180 annual tournaments, including 26 National Championship events; provides national rankings; maintains the official rules and etiquette of the sport; and regulates standards for balls, paddles and courts. Its mission is to govern the sport, grow participation and improve all aspects of the game. For more information, visit www.platformtennis.org

The Connecticut Alliance for Tennis + Education is a 501c3 organization supporting tennis, education and life mentoring programs for disadvantaged children across Connecticut. For more information, visit <http://www.ctalliancetennis.org>.