



AUGUST 29 – SEPTEMBER 11



2011 US OPEN

MAIN DRAW AND QUALIFYING PLAYER ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry Deadlines

Men's Singles Main Draw:	Monday, July 18
Women's Singles Main Draw:	Monday, July 18
Men's Singles Qualifying:	Monday, August 1
Women's Singles Qualifying:	Monday, August 1
Men's Doubles Main Draw*:	Entry for Men's Doubles will begin Monday, August 1, and close Friday, August 19, at 12 pm
Women's Doubles Main Draw*:	Entry for Women's Doubles will begin Monday, August 1, and close Friday, August 19, at 12 pm
Mixed Doubles Main Draw**:	By sign-in only from Monday, August 22, at 12 pm until Monday, August 29, at 12 pm
Withdrawal Deadline:	Monday, July 18, for Men's and Women's Singles

*Entry for Men's and Women's Doubles will be through WTA Supervisors and ATP World Tour Managers. Entries are also accepted via e-mail (usopendoubles@usta.com).

**The Mixed Doubles sign-in sheet will be posted in the Referee Office.

Schedule of Play

Men's Singles Qualifying:	Starts Tuesday, August 23, at 11 am
Women's Singles Qualifying:	Starts Tuesday, August 23, at 11 am
Men's Singles Main Draw:	Starts Monday, August 29, at 11 am
Women's Singles Main Draw:	Starts Monday, August 29, at 11 am
Men's Doubles:	Starts Tuesday, August 30
Women's Doubles:	Starts Wednesday, August 31
Mixed Doubles:	Starts Wednesday, August 31
Women's Singles Final:	Saturday, September 10, at 8 pm
Men's Singles Final:	Sunday, September 11, at 4:30 pm

Draws

Men's and Women's Singles Main Draws will be conducted on-site at 12 pm on Thursday, August 25. (Exact location to be determined.)

Regulations Governing Play

The Rules of Tennis and the Rules, Regulations and Code of the Grand Slam Committee govern Men's and Women's Singles and Doubles play.

Entry to all Champions Invitational events is by invitation only. The US Open Junior Tennis Championships and US Open Wheelchair Tennis Competition use separate entry forms that are available via the Players Only Web page (USOpen.org/playersonly).

Scoring

All Men's Singles Main Draw matches will be the best of five tie-break sets. All Men's and Women's Doubles matches, as well as Women's Singles matches and all Qualifying matches, will be the best of three tie-break sets. All Mixed Doubles matches will consist of two tie-break sets, no-ad scoring, with a match tie-break in lieu of a third set (first team to 10 points).

Courts and Balls

The US Open will be played on hard courts (DecoTurf II). The Wilson US Open Ball is the Official Ball of the US Open. Regular Duty will be used for Women's Singles and Doubles matches as well as Mixed Doubles matches. Extra Duty will be used for Men's Singles and Doubles matches.

US Open Player Handbook

The 2011 US Open Player Handbook will be available only via the Players Only Web page (USOpen.org/playersonly) in late July.

Wild Cards

Players wishing to apply for a Wild Card into any event at the US Open (Qualifying Singles, Main Draw Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles) must complete and submit a Wild Card Request Form. The form is available via the Players Only Web page (USOpen.org/playersonly) both as an online form and a PDF, or from USTA Supervisors at USTA Pro Circuit events.

Players without an ATP World Tour or WTA ranking can only enter the US Open by receiving a Wild Card.

All Wild Card requests for Main Draw and Qualifying Singles must be submitted no later than **12 pm EDT on Monday, August 15**. Wild Card recipients for these events will be announced the week of August 15 and posted on the Players Only Web page (USOpen.org/playersonly) when available.

All Doubles Wild Card requests (Men's, Women's and Mixed) must be submitted no later than **12 pm EDT on Friday, August 26**. Requests for Doubles/Mixed Doubles Wild Cards are accepted from teams only, and requesting a Wild Card is different than entering the event (see Entry System for Men's and Women's Doubles below). Wild Card recipients for Men's and Women's Doubles will be announced no later than 12 pm EDT on Saturday, August 27, and will be posted on the Players Only Web page (USOpen.org/playersonly) and in the on-site ATP World Tour and WTA Offices when available. Wild Card recipients for Mixed Doubles will be announced no later than 10 am EDT, on Monday, August 29, and will be posted on the Players Only Web page (USOpen.org/playersonly) and in the on-site ATP World Tour and WTA Offices when available.

It is the player's responsibility to determine if he/she has been awarded a Wild Card – players will not be contacted directly by the US Open.

Schedule Information

The Official Order of Play will be available via the Players Only Web page (USOpen.org/playersonly). Players will receive their Players Only username and PIN upon collection of their credential from Player Registration.

Player Registration

Player Registration will be “open for business” as of 8 am on Saturday, August 20. The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center will not be available for practice or registration prior to this date. All Main Draw and Qualifying players must apply for a photo credential which will be issued for admittance to the grounds of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, all player facilities, the US Open Club and access to designated tournament transportation services. This credential must be worn on the grounds at all times except when competing or practicing. The credential is for the player's personal use only, is subject to all credential terms and conditions issued by the USTA and/or its representatives and is not transferable.

Credential Application Form

All players, guests, coaches and other individuals requesting a credential for the 2011 US Open must submit a Credential Application Form. The form is available via the Players Only Web page (USOpen.org/playersonly) both as an online form and a printable PDF. The online form can be used by all applicants 18 years of age or older. **Those under 18 will be able to input their personal data and upload a photo via the online form, but will be required to submit hard copies of the sections requiring a signature (signed by both the applicant and their parent or legal guardian) via fax, mail or e-mail. Please see the PDF version of the Credential Application Form for additional details.**

The deadline for all Credential Application Forms (whether online or via mail, fax or e-mail) is **Monday, July 25**. The issuance of credentials is subject to the prior approval of the USTA, and such credentials can be withheld or revoked at any time for any reason at the sole discretion of the USTA and/or its representatives.

Additional Credentials

As part of the ongoing security improvements at the US Open, there will be strict penalties imposed for the improper use of credentials and player tickets. Please refer to the 2011 US Open Player Handbook (available via the Players Only Web page at USOpen.org/playersonly) for more information.

Main Draw players receive three (3) guest credentials (all subject to application approval) that allow access to the Player Lounge and tournament shuttle bus service. One (1) of these three (3) credentials may be assigned to a coach with access to the appropriate Locker Room (coaches of female players are assigned to the Indoor Training Center Locker Rooms), and one (1) credential may be assigned to a private trainer/physio with access only to the Fitness Center (please note that all private trainers/physios must be recognized by the ATP World Tour or WTA). Seeded Main Draw Singles and Doubles players receive one (1) additional guest credential.

Qualifying players receive two (2) guest credentials (all subject to application approval) that allow access to the Player Lounge and tournament shuttle bus service during the Qualifying event. One (1) of these two (2) credentials may be assigned to a coach with access to the appropriate Locker Room (coaches of female players are assigned to the Indoor Training Center Locker Rooms).

Everyone must wear his/her credential properly at all times and abide by all credential terms and conditions issued by the USTA and/or its representatives. Credentials are not transferable, and their appropriate use will be strictly enforced.

The USTA reserves the right to alter the access allowed for any credential at any time with or without notice.



2011 US Open Player Legal Consent Waiver

Each player is required to sign the 2011 US Open Player Legal Consent Waiver before the player is allowed to compete in the 2011 US Open. The waiver is available via the Players Only Web page (USOpen.org/playersonly) and can be submitted in advance either via fax to 914.696.7178 or via e-mail to usopenentries@usta.com, or completed upon arrival at Player Registration. **Please note that players under the age of 18 will also require the signature of a parent or legal guardian.**

Entry System for Men's and Women's Doubles

Entries for Men's and Women's Doubles will be accepted from **Monday, August 1, until Friday, August 19, at 12 pm EDT**. Entries can be submitted to WTA Supervisors, ATP World Tour Managers or via e-mail (uspendoubles@usta.com). Please see the Players Only Web page (USOpen.org/playersonly) for additional details.

Transportation During Qualifying

Limited shuttle bus service is scheduled to begin at 8 am on Saturday, August 20 (to accommodate player registration, practice, sign-in and Qualifying), between Le Parker Meridien (WTA) and The Waldorf-Astoria (ATP World Tour) hotels and the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. As of Tuesday, August 23, shuttle bus service will run every half hour from 8 am to 8 pm to and from the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. Players traveling by shuttle bus should allow at least 60 minutes due to traffic. Car transportation will begin Wednesday, August 24, and is available for Main Draw players only. All final transportation information, including schedules and exact shuttle bus stop locations, will be available via the Players Only Web page (USOpen.org/playersonly), the 2011 US Open Player Handbook and the 2011 US Open Transportation Brochure. For reservations and information, please call the Transportation Office at 718.760.6300.

Transportation During Main Draw

Shuttle Bus Service Full shuttle bus service between the Grand Hyatt, The Waldorf-Astoria, Le Parker Meridien and InterContinental New York Barclay hotels and the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center will begin Monday, August 29. Shuttle bus service will begin at 8 am and will operate up to 45 minutes following the last match. All final transportation information, including schedules and exact shuttle bus stop locations, will be available via the Players Only Web page (USOpen.org/playersonly), the 2011 US Open Player Handbook and the 2011 US Open Transportation Brochure.

Car Transportation Car transportation is available for Main Draw players only, with priority given to those players with matches that day and seeded Singles players still competing in the tournament. The car transportation rule will remain "one Main Draw player, one car" whenever possible and requires the Main Draw player to be one of the passengers in the car. Car transportation will only be available between the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center and the player's hotel/local residence, provided the location is within a 15-mile radius of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (see 2011 US Open Player Handbook or 2011 US Open Transportation Brochure for map defining the 15-mile radius). Please call the Transportation Office at 718.760.6300 between the hours of 8 am and 11 pm for reservations and information. Since car transportation reservations require at least two (2) hours notice and service is provided based on vehicle availability, Main Draw players are encouraged to take advantage of the regularly scheduled shuttle bus service whenever possible. All final transportation information will be available via the Players Only Web page (USOpen.org/playersonly), the 2011 US Open Player Handbook and the 2011 US Open Transportation Brochure.

Pets

No animals will be allowed on court (either match or practice) or in the Locker Rooms, treatment/training rooms, player dining area or any other area where food is served. In areas where pets are allowed, animals must be restrained by a leash or carry case. The animal's owner is required to clean up after his/her pet. Failure to comply with any of these rules will result in the animal being banned from the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, and can result in the forfeiture of player and/or player guest credentials.

Player Hotels

ATP World Tour The Waldorf-Astoria Phone: 212.355.3000
301 Park Avenue Fax: 212.872.7272
New York, NY 10022

For additional accommodation information and reservation forms, please call ATP World Tour Player Services at 904.285.8000.

WTA Le Parker Meridien Phone: 212.245.5000
118 West 57th Street Fax: 212.307.1776
New York, NY 10019

For additional accommodation information and reservation forms, please call WTA Player Services at 727.895.5000.

News from the US Open

★ 10th Anniversary of September 11 Terrorist Attacks

The US Open would like to remind all players that the 10th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks will fall on the final day of the tournament. The US Open is currently working on ways to recognize this solemn occasion during the tournament. Additional details will be provided to each player in the welcome packet he/she receives at Player Registration.

★ Official Order of Play Available Online ONLY

The schedule information phone-in system has been discontinued, so the Official Order of Play will ONLY be available via the Players Only Web page (USOpen.org/playersonly). Players will receive their Players Only username and PIN upon collection of their credentials from Player Registration.

★ Increased Meal Allowance

The daily meal allowance for Qualifying and Main Draw players will increase from \$25 to \$35.

★ New Court 17/Additional Television Court

Construction has begun on a new 3,000-seat court that will be utilized during the 2011 US Open and will feature Hawk-Eye technology. This new court will receive television coverage, bringing the number of television courts at the US Open to six.

★ New Online Forms

In an effort to make things easier for players and their guests, the following forms can now be completed online: Credential Application Form (for those at least 18 years of age), Letter of Invitation Request Form and Wild Card Request Form. These forms can be found on the Players Only Web page (USOpen.org/playersonly), and PDF versions will also be available. The site will continue to include player-related information such as the Player Handbook, fact sheets, transportation details, important dates/deadlines, discount offers and more.

★ US Open Draw Ceremony to be Held On-Site

The US Open Men's and Women's Singles Main Draws will be conducted on-site from 12 – 1 pm on Thursday, August 25. This event will be shown live on ESPN2.

★ Microphones in Player Boxes

For the second year, there will be microphones in the player boxes in Arthur Ashe Stadium as an enhancement for our domestic television viewers. All replays will be shown on a tape-delay basis, and our television partners are not allowed to broadcast anything that would embarrass the player or his/her guests.

★ Player Interviews at ESPN Game Day Desk

The US Open will continue its practice of bringing select players to the ESPN Game Day Desk in the South Plaza for live post-match interviews on ESPN2.

★ US Open National Playoffs Expanded

The US Open National Playoffs have been expanded to include Mixed Doubles, with the winners receiving a Wild Card into the 2011 US Open Mixed Doubles competition. The winners of the men's and women's singles events will once again receive Wild Cards into the 2011 US Open Qualifying. This year's US Open Mixed Doubles will consist of 24 direct acceptances and eight Wild Cards.