



2014 US OPEN

AUGUST 25 – SEPTEMBER 8



JUNIOR PLAYER TOURNAMENT INFORMATION



2014 US OPEN JUNIOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 31 – September 7

USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
Flushing Meadows-Corona Park
Flushing, NY

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Boys' Singles Championship
Girls' Singles Championship
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Event Dates

Qualifying: Singles Qualifying will begin **Friday, August 29**, and end **Saturday, August 30**. Play will take place at the US Open practice courts (P10-P20) at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, NY. The US Open Junior Tennis Championships is an ITF Grade A event.

Main Draw: The 2014 US Open Junior Tennis Championships will begin with first matches on **Sunday, August 31**, and end **Sunday, September 7**, at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, NY.

Entry Deadline for Singles and Doubles

Competitors must be born between **January 1, 1996**, and **December 31, 2001**. Players may not participate unless they have reached their thirteenth (13th) birthday before the start of the Main Draw and have successfully submitted the Player Credential Application, Legal Consent Waiver and Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information Form.

All Singles entries must be submitted to the International Tennis Federation (ITF) by 2 pm Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) **Tuesday, July 22, 2014**. All entries must be made through the IPIN website at www.itftennis.com/ipin. Doubles entries will be accepted onsite during registration and will close Sunday, August 31, at 12 pm. There are no Doubles-only entries.

Withdrawal Deadline: The deadline for withdrawal without incurring any penalty is **Tuesday, August 19, at 2 pm GMT**.

Singles Draw

Qualifying: 32 boys and 32 girls. Eight boys and eight girls will qualify. The Draws will be made **Thursday, August 28**, after sign-in is complete.

Main Draw: 64 boys and 64 girls. Draws for the Singles Championships will be made **Saturday, August 30**.

Wild Cards

Singles: Players wishing to apply for a Singles Wild Card into the 2014 US Open Junior Tennis Championships must submit a Wild Card Request Form available via the Players Only Web page (usopen.org/playersonly) by Sunday, July 27.

Applicants must have also entered online through the IPIN system and appear on the entry list.

Doubles: To be considered for a Wild Card, players must register by personal sign-in at the Player Registration Office at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center by Sunday, August 31, at 12 pm.

Federation Coaches

Federation coach nominations will not be accepted after the ITF freeze deadline of Wednesday, August 27, 2014. Only one (1) official coach can be nominated per federation. Federations with five or more players in the Main Draw can nominate two (2) official coaches. All coaches must be registered with the ITF.

Only officially nominated federation coaches will receive a credential. Official federation coaches should confirm with their respective federations that their nomination has been submitted.

Registration and Sign-In

Qualifying: All Singles players must personally sign in and register at the Player Registration Office of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center between 12 pm (noon) and 6 pm on **Thursday, August 28**. There will be no early registration. Sign-in via telephone is not permitted.

Main Draw: There is no sign-in for Main Draw Singles. All Singles players must register at the Player Registration Office of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center between 8 am and 5 pm on **Saturday, August 30**. There will be no early registration.

Doubles

The Doubles Draws will consist of 32 boys' teams and 32 girls' teams. Sign-in begins at the Player Registration Office of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center **Saturday, August 30**, and closes **Sunday, August 31**, at 12 pm (noon). Early sign-in is encouraged. The ITF Doubles acceptance procedure shall be used to select team entries. The Doubles events will begin with first round matches on **Monday, September 1**. There are no Doubles-only entries.

Rules and Regulations

The Rules, Regulations and Code of Conduct adopted and published by the ITF will govern all play. All Singles matches will be the best of three tie-break sets. Doubles matches will consist of two tie-break sets with a match tie-break (10 point) in lieu of a third set. No-ad scoring will be used for Doubles.

US Open Player Handbook

The 2014 US Open Player Handbook will be available only via the Players Only Web page (usopen.org/playersonly) approximately August 1. The Player Handbook is the official source for US Open regulations, policies and guidelines.

Player Meeting

All players must attend the pre-tournament player meeting at 6 pm on **Saturday, August 30**, at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. The only exception will be for those players who are competing in the Canadian Junior International Championships on or after **Friday, August 29**.

Online Credential System

Everyone requesting a credential for the 2014 US Open Junior Tennis Championships (including all players, guests and federation coaches) will apply via the US Open Online Credential System. A link to the system will be available on the Players Only Web page (usopen.org/playersonly) approximately June 1. **Please note those under the age of 18 will be able to input their personal data and upload a photo via the Online Credential System, but will also be required to submit the 2014 US Open Supplemental Credential Application (signed by both the applicant and his/her parent or legal guardian) via fax, mail or e-mail. The Supplemental Credential Application will be available via the Players Only Web page (usopen.org/playersonly) approximately June 1.**

The deadline for all credential requests, including Supplemental Credential Applications, is **Friday, August 8**. 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.

Credentials will automatically expire for players, their guest(s) and coach one day following the player's complete elimination from the tournament.

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

Guest Credentials

Due to increased security measures at the US Open, strict penalties will be imposed for the improper use of credentials and player tickets. Please refer to the 2014 US Open Player Handbook (available via the Players Only Web page at usopen.org/playersonly) for more information.

Junior players receive two (2) player guest credentials (all subject to application approval), one of which may be assigned to a private coach (all subject to application approval). Player guest/coach credentials cannot be collected until the player has picked up his/her credential. Only the player guest(s) nominated (and approved) will be eligible to receive a player guest credential. 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.

Credentials will automatically expire for players, their guest(s) and coach one day following the player's elimination from the tournament.

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.

Please remember player guest credentials are non-transferable.

2014 US Open Junior Tennis Championships Legal Consent Waiver

Each player is required to sign the 2014 US Open Junior Tennis Championships Legal Consent Waiver before the player is allowed to compete in the 2014 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 310.630.4501 or via e-mail to usopenjrs@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.**

2014 Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information Form

Each player is required to sign the 2014 Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information Form before the player is allowed to compete in the 2014 US Open. The form is available via the Players Only Web page (usopen.org/playersonly) and can be submitted in advance either via fax to 310.630.4501 or via e-mail to usopenjrs@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.**

Surface and Official Tennis Balls

The US Open Junior Tennis Championships will be played on DecoTurf II. The Wilson US Open tennis ball (Extra Duty for boys, Regular Duty for girls) is the Official Ball of the US Open. Ball change occurs after the first seven games, then after every nine games. Six balls are in play at all times.

Meal Allowance Credit

Main Draw players and official federation coaches will receive an on-site meal allowance credit per day beginning **Saturday, August 30**, through the night of complete elimination (Singles and Doubles) from the tournament. Meal allowances will be credited to player and coach credentials on a daily basis until complete elimination from the tournament.

On-Site Alternates

Alternates: Players not directly accepted into the Qualifying Draw who want to be considered as on-site alternates must have entered by the entry deadline. All on-site alternates for Qualifying must personally sign in by **6 pm on Thursday, August 28**, at the Player Registration Office of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. Sign-in via telephone is not permitted.

Once the Qualifying event has begun, only those players who ultimately qualify and Lucky Losers may be accepted into the Main Draw. The Qualifying event commences when the first ball of the first Qualifying match is struck. Lucky Losers are players who have lost in the final round of Qualifying competition or, if more Lucky Losers are required, those players who have lost in the previous Qualifying round. Once Qualifying has started, vacancies in the Main Draw may only be filled by Lucky Losers.

Transportation

Shuttle Bus Service: Roundtrip shuttle bus service between the Grand Hyatt hotel and the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center will begin Thursday, August 28. Only credentialed players, guests and federation coaches can utilize the shuttle bus service. Shuttle bus service will begin at 8 am and will operate up to 30 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 2014 US Open Player Handbook and the 2014 US Open Transportation Brochure.

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.

Hotel Accommodations

Players, official federation coaches and player guests are required to make their own hotel reservations for the 2014 US Open Junior Tennis Championships online via the Players Only Web page (usopen.org/playersonly). Reservations must be submitted no later than **Tuesday, July 29**. Rooms will be reserved at the official hotel, the Grand Hyatt, for Main Draw/Qualifying players and official federation coaches. Reservations for player guests or family members will not be guaranteed, but will be considered subject to room availability.

Reservations for the Grand Hyatt will be confirmed via e-mail upon acceptance to the Main Draw/Qualifying of the tournament after **Thursday, July 31**. Please do not contact the hotel directly to make a reservation, as phone reservations for the US Open Junior Tennis Championships will not be accepted. A separate Hotel Reservation Form must be submitted for each room required, and the entire form must be completed to secure the reservation. Reservations will not be accepted without a credit card. All reservations will require a credit card or cash deposit upon check-in at the Grand Hyatt. Be sure to indicate single/double/triple/quad room requests and roommate(s) on the Hotel Reservation Form.

Per Diem

Main Draw players and official federation coaches who are staying at the official hotel will receive a per diem for lodging beginning **Saturday, August 30**, through the night of complete elimination (Singles and Doubles) from the tournament. Federation coaches will be paid out as soon as their last player is eliminated from the tournament. Both players and federation coaches are responsible for settling their own hotel bill and must provide a hotel receipt to the Junior Office prior to receiving per diem. All payments will be issued via the Purser's Office.

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.

Practice Courts

Players in the US Open Junior Qualifying event will have access to on-site practice courts the afternoon of Thursday, August 28. Main Draw players will have access to on-site practice courts the afternoon of Saturday, August 30. Practice courts will not be available prior to these dates. A list of alternate practice facilities will be available via the Players Only Web page (usopen.org/playersonly).

News from the US Open

★ USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center Transformation

The first phase of the five year transformation plan of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center is underway, and players can expect to see several changes this year including:

- Newly constructed Player Registration, VIP Credentials and Media Credential Offices
- The shifting of practice courts P1 – P5 to the north
- Completely rebuilt competition Courts 4, 5 and 6 that will include seating on all sides, doubling the spectator capacity to nearly 3,000
- Construction of a 30-foot deep, two-story viewing gallery that will allow more than 1,000 fans to watch Practice Courts P1 – P5 as well as the action on Courts 4, 5 and 6
- Several concrete pilings around the exterior of Arthur Ashe Stadium which will serve as the foundation for the roof (which should be completed for the 2016 US Open)

The USTA is excited about these changes, and hopes all players will be as well.

★ Increased Meal Allowance

The daily automated meal allowance for Junior Main Draw players and their respective official federation coaches has been increased from \$35 to \$42.

★ New Court 5/Additional Television Court

The new Court 5 will become the US Open's seventh show court, complete with video boards and a broadcast booth.

★ Players Only Web page

The Players Only Web page (usopen.org/playersonly) includes important player-related information such as the Player Handbook, fact sheets, acceptance lists, alternate practice court options, transportation details, important dates/deadlines and discount offers as well as links to the US Open Online Credential System. In addition, the password protected area of the site includes the practice court schedule for courts P1 – P5 and the Match Information Display system. Players will receive their Players Only username and PIN upon collection of their credentials from Player Registration.

★ American Collegiate Invitational

The American Collegiate Tennis Invitational will take place at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center Thursday, September 4, through Saturday, September 6. Top American collegiate players – eight men and eight women – will compete in the inaugural event which will showcase college tennis on America's grandest tennis stage. Additional details will be in the Player Handbook available approximately August 1.

★ Schedule Changes

The US Open will remain a 15-day event in 2014 which will continue to impact all five main draw events. The Mixed Doubles Final is scheduled for Friday, the Women's Doubles Final for Saturday, the Men's Doubles and Women's Singles Final for Sunday and the Men's Singles Final on Monday. Please note this additional day does not impact the US Open Junior Tennis Championships or the US Open Wheelchair Tennis Competition which are still scheduled to end on Sunday.

★ US Open Online Credential System

Everyone requesting a credential for the 2014 US Open (including all players, guests, coaches, etc.) will be required to apply via the US Open Online Credential System. Paper applications will no longer be available or accepted. Those under 18 years of age will also need to submit a secondary form (please see the "Credential Application Form" section for additional information). The Online Credential System will be available via the Players Only Web page (usopen.org/playersonly) approximately June 1.

★ Official Order of Play Available Online ONLY

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.