



2014 US OPEN

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WHEELCHAIR TENNIS COMPETITION PLAYER ENTRY INFORMATION



2014 US OPEN WHEELCHAIR TENNIS COMPETITION

September 4 – 7

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

Presented by the
UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Wheelchair Men's Singles
Wheelchair Women's Singles
Wheelchair Quad Singles
Wheelchair Men's Doubles
Wheelchair Women's Doubles
Wheelchair Quad Doubles

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Event Dates

The 2014 US Open Wheelchair Tennis Competition will take place **Thursday, September 4**, through **Sunday, September 7**, at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, NY.

Entry Deadline for Singles and Doubles

The entry deadline for the 2014 US Open Wheelchair Tennis Competition is **Monday, July 21, at 5 pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)**. All players must complete the Entry Form which is available only via the Players Only Web page (usopen.org/playersonly). The entry deadline is the same for Singles and Doubles events, and there are no Doubles only entries.

Registration and Mandatory Sign-In

All Singles players must personally sign in and register at the Player Registration Office of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center between 8 am and 4 pm on **Tuesday, September 2**, or **Wednesday, September 3**. Sign-in is mandatory for all players and is not permitted via telephone.

Only those players who personally sign in by 4 pm on **Wednesday, September 3**, will be accepted into the 2014 US Open Wheelchair Tennis Competition.

Singles Draw

The eight Men, eight Women, four Quad Draw will be made **Wednesday, September 3**, after mandatory sign-in. Singles events will begin with first round matches on **Thursday, September 4**.

Doubles Draw

The Doubles Draw will consist of four Men's teams, four Women's teams and two Quad teams. Entry for Doubles events will be by the Entry Form due **Monday, July 21** (see Entry Deadline above), and by personal sign-in at the Player Registration Office of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center prior to 4 pm on **Wednesday, September 3**. There are no Doubles-only entries. The Doubles events will begin with first round matches on **Friday, September 5**.

Wild Cards

Players can apply for a Wild Card into the 2014 US Open Wheelchair Tennis Competition on the Entry Form which is available via the Players Only Web page (usopen.org/playersonly). Entry Forms and Wild Card requests are due by **Monday, July 21, at 5 pm EDT** (see Entry Deadline above).



Online Credential System

Everyone requesting a credential for the 2014 US Open (including all players, guests, coaches, etc.) 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 1**. 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

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.

Players competing in the US Open Wheelchair Tennis Competition 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 Chase 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.

2014 US Open Wheelchair Tennis Competition Legal Consent Waiver

Each player is required to sign the 2014 US Open Wheelchair Tennis Competition 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 914.696.4333 or via e-mail to james@usta.com, or completed on 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 914.696.4333 or via e-mail to james@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.**



Player Meeting

All players **must** attend the pre-tournament player meeting at **4 pm** on **Wednesday, September 3**, at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, with the exact location to be announced during registration.

Rules and Regulations

The Rules, Regulations and Code of Conduct adopted and published by the ITF will govern all play. All matches will be the best of three tie-break sets.

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.

Surface and Official Tennis Balls

The US Open Wheelchair Tennis Competition will be played on DecoTurf II. The Wilson US Open tennis ball (Extra Duty for Men, Regular Duty for Women and Quads) 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.

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 Hotel

Grand Hyatt New York
109 East 42nd Street at Grand Central Terminal
New York, NY 10017
Phone: 212.883.1234
Fax: 212.697.3772

Reservation information will be provided to players upon their acceptance into the event.

Hotel Accommodations/Per Diem

Players, coaches and player guests are required to make their own hotel reservations for the US Open Wheelchair Tennis Competition. Wheelchair participants will receive a per diem allowance per day through the day of the player's complete elimination from the tournament, plus three days. All per diem payments will be included in prize money checks issued by the Purser's Office. Players are responsible for settling their own hotel bills.

Transportation

Shuttle Bus Service:* Full shuttle bus service between the Grand Hyatt, The Waldorf-Astoria and Le Parker Meridien hotels and the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center will begin Monday, August 25. 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.

Car Transportation Limited car transportation service for Wheelchair competitors will begin Monday, September 1, with airport pick-ups only. Full car transportation service will begin Tuesday, September 2. Car transportation is available for 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 player, one car" whenever possible, and requires the 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 2014 US Open Player Handbook or 2014 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. Car transportation reservations require at least two (2) hours notice, and service is provided based on vehicle availability. 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.

Meal Allowance Credit

Each player will receive an automated daily meal allowance on his/her credential beginning Tuesday, September 2, through the night of complete elimination (Singles and Doubles) from the tournament.

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.

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.

★ 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.

*Please note: Shuttle buses are not wheelchair accessible.