

2017 Delaware Wheelchair Tennis Championships

DuPont Country Club, Wilmington, DE

9/29 – 10/1, 2017

Information about Wheelchair Tennis:

- Wheelchair tennis players are allowed a 2nd (second) bounce. The 1st (first) bounce must be in the court, the 2nd can be anywhere. If you are new to wheelchair tennis, watch the players carefully to be sure a point has ended before going to retrieve a ball.
- Wheelchair players abide by all the same rules as stand up players except for the 2nd bounce rule.
- Players compete in divisions based upon their skill level. Divisions include: Open (highest level), A, B and C (lowest level).
- Although there are “Men’s” and “Women’s” divisions, males and females may play with/against each other in the same division due to the skill level.

Information about the Players:

- Players from DE, MA, MD, NJ, NY, PA and VA will be competing in the 2017 USTA Middle States Wheelchair Tennis Championships!
- Players typically arrive using an “everyday” chair and use a “sports chair” for playing. A “sports chair” can cost several thousand dollars and is built to provide the player with speed. The wheels are usually cambered allowing for quick maneuvers on the court.
- Some players will use straps around their legs and/or waist to help them to maintain balance in their chairs.

Information about the 2017 Delaware Wheelchair Tennis Championships:

- The Delaware tournament is part of a circuit of nationally USTA sanctioned tournaments. Players are playing to achieve points to advance their ranking on the national wheelchair tennis circuit.
- Players are also competing for prize money so the matches may be fun and friendly, but the competition is very real.
- The Delaware tournament is unique in that it is one of the very few tournaments played on clay courts.
- The Delaware Tournament is organized by The Wheelchair Tennis Program (WTP) of DE. Established in 1989, the WTP has organized USTA sanctioned, nationally recognized wheelchair tennis tournaments; Conducted instructional camps for players; Presented disability awareness education demonstrations to youth and college students; and Provided scholarships for wheelchair players to compete in USTA tournaments throughout the country.
- The WTP is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization made up entirely of volunteers. For more information or to make a donation, contact: Kathie Herel wtpde@comcast.net or (302) 368-4951.

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