

HOW CAN YOU FIND YOURSELF IN THE GAME?

APPLY FOR A 2017-18 USTA NATIONAL COMMITTEE

WHAT IS A USTA NATIONAL COMMITTEE?

Tennis has passionate advocates who dedicate their time to growing and strengthening the sport. Some play and want to give back to a game that has given them so much; many hope to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

The USTA President appoints volunteers to national committees for a two-year term to help fulfill our mission to promote and develop the sport of tennis.

Committees address issues such as adult and junior competition, rules and regulations, and officials. Some serve as advisory groups on initiatives, such as sport science trends. Others provide service for and at USTA events such as league championships, junior tournaments and wheelchair tennis clinics.

All committees have a volunteer chair and a USTA staff member who coordinate committee communications and actions.

HOW DOES THE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT PROCESS (CAP) WORK?

Individuals submit an online application outlining their interests and qualifications for consideration by the USTA leadership. Among the requirements to serve on a national committee are:

- **Active USTA membership**
- **Proficiency with online communications**
- **Availability to attend two national meetings each year**
- **Active participation on the committee**

With collaboration from multiple sources, this process occurs in the months leading up to the start of a volunteer term.



WHAT INFORMATION IS CONSIDERED?

- *Relevant skill set to committee*
- *Tennis and volunteer background*
- *USTA involvement*
- *Community involvement*
- *Diversity and geographic representation*
- *USTA section representation*
- *Applicable employment experience*
- *Relevant educational background*

WHAT IF I HAVE NEVER VOLUNTEERED NATIONALLY?

A good first step to get involved is to seek volunteer opportunities in your USTA section or local community. Check out the volunteering section under usta.com/About-USTA

WHO MANAGES CAP?

The Advisory Group on Committees (AGC) works with the incoming USTA President on two broad charges:

- *To administer the USTA national committee appointment process*
- *To advise the incoming USTA President on matters pertaining to the council/committee structure*

The AGC also conducts the annual committee evaluation process that assesses the effectiveness and progress of each committee. The AGC consists of a chair, coordinator, council chairs, a section executive director and the chair of the Diversity and Inclusion committee.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Application and information about committee charges and unique skills desired becomes available **AUGUST 1, 2016** at: usta.com/committees

This site now includes a complete list of current USTA committees, information about the timeline, how the process works, FAQs and additional contact information for members of the AGC.



CAP TIMELINE

AUGUST 2016

Online application open to all 8/1

SEPTEMBER 2016

Online application closes 9/22

OCTOBER 2016

Council chairs and committee chairs selected

Training webinars for new chairs

NOVEMBER 2016

New committee chairs provide input

USTA sections provide input

AGC meets with USTA President-elect

DECEMBER 2016

Vice chairs and members appointed

Notification to all applicants and sections

JANUARY 2017

Training weekend for council & committee chairs