



AMERICAN COLLEGIATE INVITATIONAL AT THE 2015 US OPEN

Site	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, Flushing, NY 11368	
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Surface/Official Tennis Balls	Play will take place on hard courts (DecoTurf II). The Wilson US Open ball (Extra Duty for Men, Regular Duty for Women) 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.	
Dates of Play	Thursday, September 10, to Saturday, September 12	
Draw Size	8 men, 8 women	
Format/Rules	Match play will be best of three tie-break sets. The Rules of Tennis and the Rules, Regulations and Code of the Grand Slam Board will govern all play.	
Player Field	Each player field is comprised of: - The top two players based on ATP/WTB rankings as of June 1, 2015. - The top five players based on year end ITA Rankings who are not already selected based on ATP/WTB rankings. Players selected based on ITA rankings must include at least two graduating seniors or players who turned professional and/or who have exhausted their collegiate eligibility following the 2015 NCAA DI championship. - One wild card will be awarded at the discretion of USTA Player Development. A U.S. player is any player that meets the minimum criteria for representing the United States in International Team Competition or the Olympic Games pursuant to the Fed Cup and Davis Cup rules and regulations published by the ITF. The regulations provide that a player is eligible to represent the U.S. if he or she: - Holds a current, valid U.S. passport - Has lived in the U.S. for 24 consecutive months at some time - Has not represented any other country in the 36 months immediately preceding the event - Is in good standing with the USTA - Is a citizen of the U.S or of a U.S. possession [i.e., American Samoa and Northern Mariana Islands]	
Credentials/Credential Access	Everyone requesting a credential for the 2015 US Open will apply via the US Open Online Credential System available via the Players Only web page (usopen.org/playersonly). Those under the age of 18 will also be required to submit the 2015 US Open Supplemental Credential Application which is also available via the Players Only web page. Each player may receive two (2) player guest credentials. The deadline for all applications is Friday, July 31 . Credentials grant players access to the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center and are to be worn on the grounds at all times except when competing or practicing. The credential is for the players' personal use only, is subject to all credential terms and conditions issued by the US Open and/or its representatives and is not transferrable. Credentials will automatically expire for players and their guest(s) one (1) day following the player's elimination from the tournament.	
Player Registration	Each player will need to personally register and collect his/her credential at the Player Registration Office of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (located near the President's Gate entrance adjacent to Parking Lot A) between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9.	
Accommodation/Tournament Hotel	Grand Hyatt New York 109 East 42nd Street (42nd and Lexington Avenue next to Grand Central Station) Each player will receive a complimentary room starting Tuesday, September 8, through the night of elimination from the tournament.	
Travel	The USTA will cover the cost of the player's airfare to/from New York (economy class), but the itinerary must be booked through the USTA's American Express Global Business Travel Office who can be reached at (914) 696-7297 or via e-mail at USTATravel@aexp.com . All players should indicate they are participating in the American Collegiate Invitational event when contacting AmEx Travel. Players should plan to arrive in New York on Tuesday, September 8, so they can register at the Player Registration Office the following day. Departure dates will vary, and USTA staff will work with AmEx Travel to schedule return flights following each player's elimination from the tournament.	
Transportation	Players (and credentialed guests) will have access to shuttle bus service between the Grand Hyatt and the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. Shuttle bus service will begin at 8 a.m. and will operate up to 30 minutes following the last match.	



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	Transportation to and from LaGuardia, JFK and Newark Liberty airports will be provided.
Meal Allowance	Each player will receive an automated daily meal allowance of \$50 on his/her credential starting Wednesday, September 9, through the night of elimination from the tournament.
Practice Courts	Practice courts will be available as of Wednesday, September 9. Reservations can be made up to one day in advance by calling the Player Operations Desk at (718) 760-6218. Please visit the US Open Players Only web page at www.usopen.org/playersonly for a list of alternate practice court options.
Uniforms	The USTA will be providing school-branded apparel for all players to wear throughout the competition. Clothing will be ordered by the USTA and distributed to players upon their arrival in New York. In the event that a player has signed a contract to wear the clothing of a particular manufacturer, please contact Bill Mountford at (914) 696-7015.
Stringing	Racquet stringing service will be available Wednesday, September 9 - Saturday, September 12 through Wilson Racquet Sports. The cost is \$25 per racquet.
Coaches	USTA Player Development coaches will be assigned to work with players for the duration of their stay.
Welcome Dinner	There will be a mandatory Welcome Dinner on Wednesday, September 9, at The Capital Grille. Players and coaches should plan to meet in the lobby of the Grand Hyatt at 6:45pm. Business casual dress required.
Wild Card Opportunities	If the 2015 American Collegiate Invitational Men's and/or Women's Champion is ranked 120 or better at the 2016 US Open Singles Qualifying entry deadline, he or she will receive a Wild Card into the corresponding 2016 US Open Singles Main Draw if his or her ranking would not allow automatic entry into the 2016 US Open Singles Main Draw. If the 2015 American Collegiate Invitational Men's and/or Women's Champion is ranked 121 or worse (i.e., 121+) at the 2016 US Open Qualifying entry deadline, he or she will receive a Wild Card into the corresponding 2016 US Open Singles Qualifying if his or her ranking would not allow automatic entry into the 2016 US Open Singles Qualifying Draw. It is the responsibility of the 2015 American Collegiate Invitational Men's and Women's Champion to make sure he/she enters <u>both</u> the 2016 US Open Singles Qualifying and Main Draw events. The 2015 American Collegiate Invitational Men's and Women's Champions will each also receive Wild Cards into the Main Draw of two USTA Pro Circuit events (event selection is at the sole discretion of USTA Player Development). The 2015 American Collegiate Invitational Men's and Women's Finalists will each receive a Wild Card into the Main Draw of one USTA Pro Circuit event (event selection is at the sole discretion of USTA Player Development).
Legal Consent Waiver/Commitment Form	Each player is required to sign the 2015 American Collegiate Invitational Legal Consent Waiver and the 2015 Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information Form before the player is allowed to compete in the event.
Grounds Passes	Each player may request up to two grounds passes per day starting Thursday, September 10, through the day of their elimination from the tournament. Grounds passes are subject to availability and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets may be requested at and collected from the Player Services Desk located in the Player Lounge in Arthur Ashe Stadium.
US Open Players Only Web page	The Players Only web page includes important player-related information such as the Player Handbook (which is the official source for US Open regulations, policies and guidelines), fact sheets, alternate practice court options and more. The Official Order of Play will only be available via the Players Only web page (players will receive their username and PIN upon collection of their credential from Player Registration).
Anti-Doping	All participants competing in the 2015 US Open are subject to anti-doping (drug testing) procedures imposed by the governing bodies of tennis and/or authorities outside the control of the event.
Alternates	There will be two alternate players per event (two men, two women) who will receive the same access/privileges (including travel, hotel accommodation, meal allowance, etc.) as those originally selected to participate in the event. Alternate players are also expected to arrive in New York on Tuesday, September 8, and will need to personally register and collect their credential at the Player Registration Office. Alternate players must remain on-site until all first round matches are completed on Thursday, September 10. Alternates who do not move into the event will receive hotel accommodation through Thursday night and will depart on Friday.