



MAIN DRAW & QUALIFYING PLAYER ENTRY INFORMATION



US OPEN

AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 13

2015



2015 US OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 31 – September 13

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

Presented by the
UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Men's Singles Championship
Women's Singles Championship
Men's Doubles Championship
Women's Doubles Championship
Mixed Doubles Championship

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Entry Deadlines

Men's Singles Main Draw:	Monday, July 20
Women's Singles Main Draw:	Monday, July 20
Men's Singles Qualifying:	Monday, August 3
Women's Singles Qualifying:	Monday, August 3
Men's Doubles Main Draw*:	Entry for men's doubles will begin Monday, August 3, and close Friday, August 21, at 12 pm
Women's Doubles Main Draw*:	Entry for women's doubles will begin Monday, August 3, and close Friday, August 21, at 12 pm
Mixed Doubles Main Draw**:	By sign-in only from Monday, August 24, at 12 pm until Monday, August 31, at 12 pm
Withdrawal Deadline:	Monday, July 20, for men's and women's singles

*Entry for men's and women's doubles will be through WTA supervisors, ATP World Tour managers and ATP Player Zone. Entries are also accepted via email (usopendoubles@usta.com).

**The mixed doubles sign-in sheet will be posted in the Referee's Office.

Schedule of Play

Men's Singles Qualifying:	Starts Tuesday, August 25, at 11 am
Women's Singles Qualifying:	Starts Tuesday, August 25, at 11 am
Men's Singles Main Draw:	Starts Monday, August 31, at 11 am
Women's Singles Main Draw:	Starts Monday, August 31, at 11 am
Men's Doubles:	Starts Wednesday, September 2
Women's Doubles:	Starts Wednesday, September 2
Mixed Doubles:	Starts Wednesday, September 2
Women's Singles Final:	Saturday, September 12, at 3 pm
Men's Singles Final:	Sunday, September 13, at 4 pm

Draws

Men's and women's singles main draws will be conducted on Thursday, August 27. (Exact location to be determined.)

Regulations Governing Play

The Rules of Tennis and the Rules, Regulations and Code of the Grand Slam Board govern men's and women's singles and doubles play.

The US Open Junior Tennis Championships and US Open Wheelchair Tennis Competition use separate entry forms that are available via the Players Only web page (usopen.org/playersonly).

Scoring

All men's singles main draw matches will be the best-of-five tie-break sets. All men's and women's doubles matches, as well as women's singles matches and all qualifying matches, will be the best of three tie-break sets. All mixed doubles matches will consist of two tie-break sets, no-ad scoring, with a match tie-break in lieu of a third set (first team to 10 points).

Courts and Balls

The US Open will be played on hard courts (DecoTurf II). The Wilson US Open ball is the official ball of the US Open. Regular duty will be used for women's singles and doubles matches as well as mixed doubles matches. Extra duty will be used for men's singles and doubles matches.

US Open Player Handbook

The 2015 US Open Player Handbook will be available only via the Players Only web page (usopen.org/playersonly) approximately August 3. The Player Handbook is the official source for US Open regulations, policies and guidelines.

Wild Cards

Players wishing to apply for a wild card into any event at the US Open (qualifying singles, main draw singles, doubles, mixed doubles) must complete and submit a Wild Card Request Form. The form is available via the Players Only web page (usopen.org/playersonly) both as an online form and a PDF.

Players without an ATP World Tour or WTA ranking can only enter the US Open by receiving a wild card.

All wild card requests for main draw and qualifying singles must be submitted and received no later than **12 pm EDT on Monday, August 17**. Wild card recipients for these events will be announced the week of August 17 and posted on the Players Only web page (usopen.org/playersonly) when available.

All doubles wild card requests (men's, women's and mixed) must be submitted and received no later than **12 pm EDT on Friday, August 28**. Requests for doubles/mixed doubles wild cards are accepted from teams only, and requesting a wild card is different than entering the event (see Entry System for Men's and Women's Doubles below). Wild card recipients for men's and women's doubles will be announced no later than 12 pm EDT on Saturday, August 29 and will be posted on the Players Only web page (usopen.org/playersonly) and in the on-site ATP World Tour and WTA offices when available. Wild card recipients for mixed doubles will be announced no later than 10 am EDT, on Monday, August 31, and will be posted on the Players Only web page (usopen.org/playersonly) and in the on-site ATP World Tour and WTA offices when available.

It is the player's responsibility to determine if he/she has been awarded a wild card—players will not be contacted directly by the US Open.

Entry System for Men's and Women's Doubles

Entries for men's and women's doubles will be accepted from **Monday, August 3, until Friday, August 21, at 12 pm EDT**. Entries can be submitted to WTA supervisors, ATP World Tour managers, via ATP Players Zone or via email (usopendoubles@usta.com). Please see the Players Only web page (usopen.org/playersonly) for additional details.

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 Registration

Player Registration will be "open for business" as of 8 am on Saturday, August 22. The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center will not be available for practice or registration prior to this date. All main draw and qualifying players must apply for a photo credential which will be issued for admittance to the grounds of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, all player facilities, The US Open Club presented by Emirates Airline and access to designated tournament transportation services. This credential must be worn on the grounds at all times except when competing or practicing. The credential is for the player's personal use only, is subject to all credential terms and conditions issued by the USTA and/or its representatives and is not transferable.

Online Credential System

Everyone requesting a credential for the 2015 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 2015 US Open Supplemental Credential Application (signed by both the applicant and his/her parent or legal guardian) via fax, mail or email. 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, July 31**. 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 2015 US Open Player Handbook (available via the Players Only web page at usopen.org/playersonly) for more information.

Main draw players may receive three guest credentials (all subject to application approval) that allow access to the Player Lounge and tournament shuttle bus service. One of these three credentials may be assigned to a coach with access to the appropriate locker room (all coaches of female players and female coaches of male players are assigned to the Chase Center locker rooms), and one credential may be assigned to a private trainer/physio with access only to the fitness center (please note that all private trainers/physios must be recognized by the ATP World Tour or WTA). Seeded main draw singles and doubles players receive one additional guest credential.

Qualifying players may receive two guest credentials (all subject to application approval) that allow access to the Player Lounge and tournament



shuttle bus service during the qualifying event. One of these two credentials may be assigned to a coach with access to the appropriate locker room (all coaches of female players and female coaches of male players are assigned to the Chase Center locker rooms).

Everyone must wear his/her credential appropriately and prominently 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.

2015 US Open Player Legal Consent Waiver

Each player is required to sign the 2015 US Open Player Legal Consent Waiver before the player is allowed to compete in the 2015 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 914.696.7178 or via email to usopenentries@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.

2015 Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information Form

Each player is required to sign the 2015 Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information form before the player is allowed to compete in the 2015 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 914.696.7178 or via email to usopenentries@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.**

Transportation During Qualifying

Limited shuttle bus service is scheduled to begin at 8 am on Saturday, August 22 (to accommodate player registration, practice, sign-in and Qualifying), between the Grand Hyatt (USTA), JW Marriott Essex House New York (WTA) and The Waldorf-Astoria (ATP World Tour) hotels and the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. As of Tuesday, August 25, shuttle bus service will run every half hour from 8 am to 8 pm to and from the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. Players traveling by shuttle bus should allow 45 to 60 minutes for early morning rush hour traffic. Car transportation will begin Wednesday, August 26, and is available for main draw players only. 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 2015 US Open Player Handbook and the 2015 US Open Transportation Brochure. For reservations and information, please call the Transportation Office at 718.760.6300.

Transportation During Main Draw

Shuttle Bus Service Full shuttle bus service between the Grand Hyatt, The Waldorf-Astoria and JW Marriott Essex House New York hotels and the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center will begin Monday, August 31. 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 2015 US Open Player Handbook and the 2015 US Open Transportation Brochure.

Car Transportation Car transportation is available for Main Draw 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 Main Draw player, one car" whenever possible and requires the Main Draw 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 2015 US Open Player Handbook or 2015 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. Since car transportation reservations require at least two hours notice and service is provided based on vehicle availability, Main Draw players are encouraged to take advantage of the regularly scheduled shuttle bus service whenever possible. All final transportation information will be available via the Players Only web page (usopen.org/playersonly), the 2015 US Open Player Handbook and the 2015 US Open Transportation Brochure.

Pets

No animals (other than service 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.

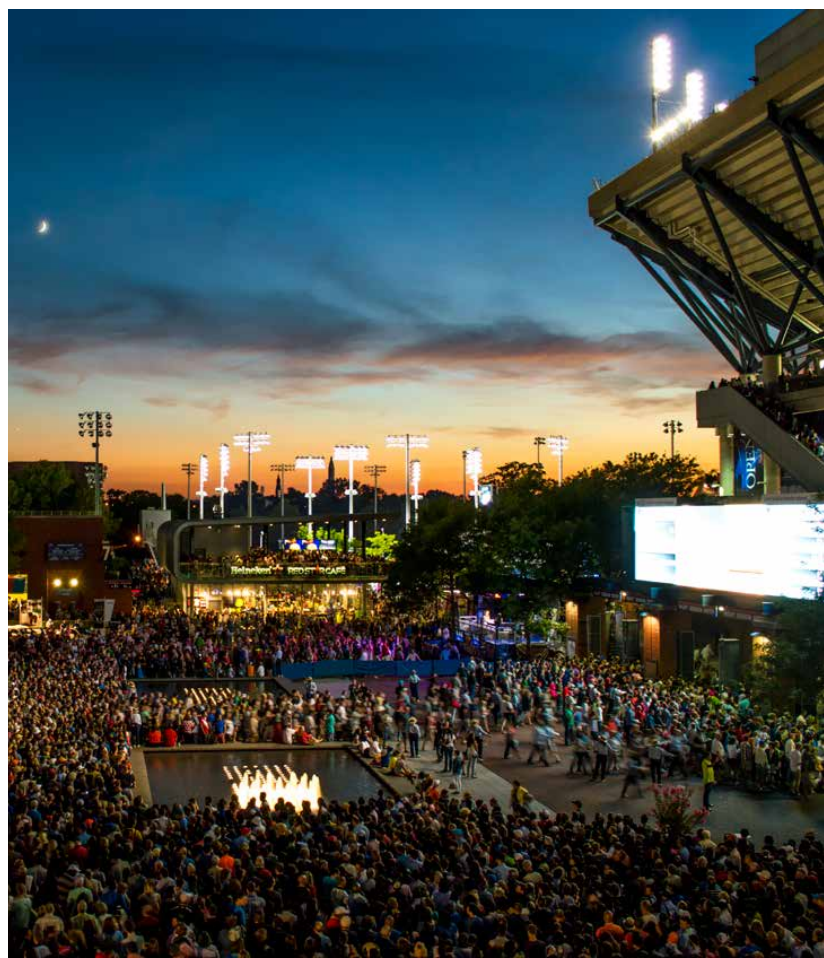
Player Hotels

ATP World Tour The Waldorf-Astoria
301 Park Avenue Phone: 212.355.3000
New York, NY 10022 Fax: 212.872.7272

For additional accommodation information and reservation forms, please call ATP World Tour Player Services at 904.285.8000.

WTA JW Marriott Essex House New York
160 Central Park South Phone: 212.247.0300
New York, NY 10019 Fax: 212.484.5109

Online reservation system to be released by the WTA approximately June 1.



News from the US Open

★ Increased Prize Money

In keeping with its commitment to increase prize money to \$50 million by 2017, the USTA will announce this year's prize money approximately Tuesday, July 13. The round-by-round breakdown will be available later that week via the Players Only web page (usopen.org/playersonly).

★ USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center Transformation

The second phase of the US Open Strategic Transformation, the five-year plan to renovate and update the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, is well underway. The project, which began in 2014 and is slated for completion in 2018, will reinforce the US Open's reputation for marrying history with innovation, all while enhancing the standing of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center as one of the finest tennis facilities in the world. For the 2015 US Open, players will see that the frame of the roof over Arthur Ashe Stadium has been installed, with the full roof on course to be completed and operational for 2016. In addition, Arthur Ashe Stadium will also feature four new videoboards as well as LED court lighting and a new sound system, and construction has started on the new Grandstand stadium, to be located on the southwest corner of the grounds. Please visit the "General Information for All Players" section of the US Open Players Only web page (usopen.org/playersonly) for additional details.

★ ESPN

Beginning this year, ESPN will serve as the US Open's exclusive domestic broadcast partner, delivering first-ball to last-ball coverage on its family of networks. Fans will be able to follow the action on TV on ESPN and ESPN2 as well as via daylong live streaming of all TV courts on ESPN3 and through the Watch ESPN app, delivering record coverage of the event.

★ Schedule Changes

The US Open will return to a 14-day event in 2015, which will impact all five main draw events. The women's singles semifinals are scheduled for Thursday, September 10, the men's singles semifinals and mixed doubles final for Friday, the men's doubles and women's singles finals for Saturday and the women's doubles and men's singles finals for Sunday.

★ 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 and Letter of Invitation and Wild Card Request Forms. In addition, the password protected area of the site will include the practice court schedule for courts P1 – P5, the Match Information Display system and Match Analysis/Match Video Archive for select 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 US Open matches. Players will receive their Players Only username and PIN upon collection of their credentials from Player Registration.

★ Player Dining Seating Changes

The seating area in player dining is being reconfigured and expanded to better accommodate players and their guests.

★ Match Analysis/Match Video

The US Open will supply a complimentary match USB flash drive for all televised singles and doubles matches played on broadcast courts. Players can also view the same information that is on the flash drive within the password-protected area of the US Open Players Only web page (usopen.org/playersonly). Players will receive their username and PIN upon collection of their credentials from Player Registration.

★ US Open National Playoffs Expanded

The US Open National Playoffs have been expanded to include men's and women's doubles, with the winners of each event receiving a wild card into the respective 2015 US Open competition. The winners of the men's and women's singles events will continue to receive wild cards into the 2015 US Open Qualifying Tournament, while winners of the mixed doubles event will receive a wild card into the 2015 US Open mixed doubles competition. The US Open mixed doubles competition will consist of 24 direct acceptances and eight wild cards, and the men's and women's doubles competitions will consist of 57 direct acceptances and seven wild cards.

★ American Collegiate Invitational

The American Collegiate Tennis Invitational will once again take place at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, Thursday, September 10, through Saturday, September 12. Top American collegiate players—eight men and eight women—will compete in the event, which showcases college tennis on America's grandest tennis stage.

★ US Open Online Credential System

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★ 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.

★ Microphones in Player Boxes

For the sixth consecutive year, there will be microphones in the player boxes in Arthur Ashe Stadium as an enhancement for our domestic television viewers. All replays will be shown on a delayed basis, and our television partners are not allowed to broadcast anything that would embarrass the player or his/her guests.

