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Three segments of four concurrent USTA Regional Tournaments will be held each year (February, October and November).
• The November "Open" Regional segment resembles the existing Regionals - a 32 draw with similar entry and selection, but with 4 total events in each division.

• The February and October "Closed" Regional segments will be regionalized: there will be 4 concurrent events, but players may only enter and play in a Closed Regional to which their Section has been assigned and selection will be based on quota and endorsement.

Region 1: Hawaii Pacific, Intermountain, NorCal, Pacific NW, Southwest, SoCal

Region 2: Midwest, Missouri Valley, Northern, Texas

Region 3: Eastern, Mid-Atlantic, Middle States, New England

Region 4: Caribbean, Florida, Southern

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2014 REGIONAL CLOSED

Player Must Enter and Play Same Division in Doubles as Singles - A player may not enter one division in singles and a different division in doubles at sites where two divisions are held.

Multiple Singles Entries Allowed - Closed USTA Regional Tournaments are being held concurrent with certain USTA National Selection Tournaments. To maximize a player's opportunity to play the USTA permits concurrent entry in up to two divisions of Closed USTA Regional Tournament and up to two divisions & up to four sites of USTA National Selection Tournaments. The USTA also permits players to appear on an acceptance list and multiple alternate lists at the same time. Guidelines have been set up to manage this process as set forth below. Additionally, players will be advised on the Freeze Deadline and provided with instructions on complying with the Freeze Deadline in the automated acceptance email set by TennisLink.

Freeze Deadline - When a concurrent national junior tournament is held, a Freeze Deadline shall be established as the deadline by which a player has to commit to being on the alternate list of one tournament and the accepted list or the accepted list of players for another tournament. the Freeze Date for all concurrent national tournaments shall be 11:59 am Eastern time 16 days before the start date of the concurrent tournament scheduled to start first. For example, if the earlier of two concurrent national tournaments is scheduled to begin on the 17th of the month, the Freeze Date shall be 11:59 am ET on the 1st of the month.

Prior to Freeze Deadline - Prior to the Freeze Deadline, a player may appear as both an alternate for the USTA National Selection Tournament and as an accepted player at a Closed USTA Regional Tournament. Any such player that is offered and accepts a spot in a USTA National Selection Tournament shall be permitted to withdraw from the Closed USTA Regional Tournament without penalty and play in the USTA National Selection Tournament until the the Freeze Deadline.

After the Freeze Deadline - After the Freeze Deadline, a player may **ONLY** appear as **EITHER** an alternate for the USTA National Selection Tournament **OR** as an accepted player at a Closed USTA Regional Tournament. A player not yet selected for any tournament, may continue to appear on the alternate lists of multiple concurrent tournaments.

Player Obligation by the Freeze Deadline - A player that appears on the acceptance list of a Closed USTA Regional Tournament and a USTA National Selection Tournament alternate list that desires to remain on the alternate list for the USTA National Selection Tournament must withdraw from the Closed USTA Regional Tournament by the Freeze Deadline. Such a player shall be required to send an email to the Tournament Directors of both tournaments by the Freeze Deadline stating this preference and the player shall be refunded their entry fee by the USTA Regional Tournament.

ANY PLAYER THAT FAILS TO EMAIL THEIR PREFERENCE TO WITHDRAW FROM A CLOSED USTA REGIONAL TOURNAMENT AND REMAIN AS AN ALTERNATE FOR THE USTA NATIONAL SELECTION TOURNAMENT SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED AFTER THE FREEZE DEADLINE TO WITHDRAW FROM THE CLOSED USTA REGIONAL TOURNAMENT AND ACCEPT A SPOT IN THE USTA NATIONAL SELECTION TOURNAMENT DRAW. ANY VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY WILL RESULT IN THE LEVYING OF 4 SUSPENSION POINTS FOR WITHDRAWING FROM A TOURNAMENT TO PLAY IN ANOTHER!!!

TIMELINE:

ALL TIMES POSTED ARE CENTRAL TIME:

01/08/14 Wed - Entries Open (I am waiting for a response to my inquiry of the delay)

01/16/14 Thu - 11:59 am Eastern Time (One minute before Noon) Entries will Close

01/21/14 Tue - By 6:00 pm Selection Lists posted to the Tournament Website

01/21/14 Tue - 6:00 pm Alternates List Posted and any Late Entries added (Only take late entries if no alternates)

01/21/14 Tue - Start calling alternates for any open spots - You have 8 hours to respond

01/30/14 Thu - 11:59 am Eastern Time (one minute before noon) FREEZE DEADLINE - VERY IMPORTANT - READ ABOUT IT!!!

02/07/14 Fri - Last day to withdraw and receive a refund with proper documentation, see policy below

02/09/14 Sun - 8:00 am Alternates will now have 4 hours to respond

02/11/14 Tue - Last Day to make doubles changes: add or change partner, enter or withdraw via Email

02/13/14 Thu - 8:00 am The first Alternate we reach will be offered any open spot

02/13/14 Thu - 8:00 pm First Match Times posted

02/14/14 Fri - 5:00 pm - Stop contacting alternates, any open spots will be filled with on-site alternates