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ARLINGTON TO HOST US OPEN NATIONAL PLAYOFFS TEXAS SECTIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

AUSTIN, Texas - USTA Texas announces that the Arlington Tennis Center in Arlington, Texas will host the 2016 US Open National Playoffs Texas Sectional Qualifying Tournament, from June 20-25.

Earlier today, the USTA announced the return of the US Open National Playoffs for the seventh season, expanding the footprint of the US Open to Arlington by providing the opportunity for all players 14 years of age and older to earn a berth into all five draws at the US Open. Tennis players can compete in men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles.

The US Open National Playoffs men's and women's singles champions earn a wild card into the US Open Qualifying Tournament, held the week prior to the US Open. The US Open National Playoffs men's, women's, and mixed doubles champions receive a wild card into the main draw of the 2016 US Open.

Last year, **Ashley Weinhold** (Spicewood) won the Texas women's singles and **Karina Traxler** (Rockwall) and **Liga Dekmeijere** (Flower Mound) won the women's doubles. **Josh Hagar** (Austin) won the men's singles while teenagers **Joshua Sheehy** (Arlington) and **Parker Wynn** (Keller) won the men's doubles crown. **Neil Kenner** (Dallas) and Traxler won the mixed doubles and went on to represent Texas at the US Open National Playoffs.

"The US Open National Playoffs are all about giving players of all abilities the opportunity to dream big and be a part of the US Open," said **Katrina M. Adams**, USTA Chairman of the Board, CEO and President. "This year, players have more ways than ever to make it to New York, with all five of the US Open's draws in play. We look forward to another year of great tennis and watching top juniors, collegians, aspiring pros, and weekend warriors connect with the US Open and compete for the chance to play on tennis' grandest stage."

The US Open National Playoffs begin as a series of 15 sectional qualifying tournaments, held in different USTA Sections nationwide, including Arlington. The 15 champions or top available finishers in each division from each sectional qualifier advance to the following US Open National Playoffs Championship events:

- Men's and Women's Singles Championship, Aug. 19-22
- Men's and Women's Doubles Championship, Aug. 21-24
- Mixed Doubles Championship, Aug. 24-27

All five tournaments will take place in conjunction with the Connecticut Open presented by United Technologies, an Emirates Airline US Open Series event, in New Haven, Conn.

Registration opens on **Tuesday, March 15**, at www.USTOpen.org/NationalPlayoffs. The Texas entry fee is \$108 for men's and women's singles and \$65 per player for doubles. All players competing must have a current USTA membership valid through Aug. 29, 2016.

More than 2,000 players competed in the 2015 US Open National Playoffs—the largest number of players ever. Players ranged from experienced professionals who were once ranked in the Top 50, to junior players and current, former college standouts, to recreational players of all playing abilities and walks of life. Participants included those competing for charity, businesspeople, musicians, lawyers, reporters, former athletes, and stay-at-home mothers.

The US Open Qualifying Tournament will be held Aug. 23-26, the US Open men's and women's doubles championships begin Aug. 30 and the US Open mixed doubles championship begins Aug. 31 at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. The 2016 US Open is scheduled to take place from Aug. 29 to Sept. 11.

US Open National Playoffs information is available at www.USOpen.org/NationalPlayoffs.

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2016 US OPEN NATIONAL PLAYOFFS

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

Date	City, State	Venue	Entry Close	USTA Section
May 7 - 10	Scottsdale, AZ	Scottsdale Ranch Park	April 28	Southwest
May 19 - 22	Prairie Village, KS	Homestead Country Club	May 4	Missouri Valley
May 27 - June 2	Las Vegas, NV	Darling Tennis Center	May 17	Intermountain
June 3 - 5	Tallahassee, FL	Scott Speicher Tennis Center - Florida State University	May 23	Florida
June 4 - 10	Flushing, NY	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center	May 23	Eastern
June 6 - 10	Claremont, CA	The Claremont Club	May 26	Southern California
June 8 - 13	West Haven, CT	Yale University Tennis Center	May 28	New England
June 10 - 14	South Bend, IN	Notre Dame University, Leeper Park	May 29	Midwest
June 11 - 14	College Park, MD	Tennis Center at College Park	June 1	Mid-Atlantic
June 15 - 19	Waipahu, HI	Central Oahu Regional Park	June 5	Hawaii-Pacific
June 20 - 25	Arlington, TX	Arlington Tennis Center	June 6	Texas
June 20 - 26	Norcross, GA	Life Time Athletic at Peachtree Corners	June 10	Southern
June 21 - 24	West Windsor, NJ	Mercer County Park	June 5	Middle States
June 22 - 26	Salinas, CA	Chamisal Tennis and Fitness Club	June 11	Northern California
June 23 - 26	Minneapolis, MN	Baseline Tennis Center	June 13	Northern

* Player registration is open for all Sectional Qualifying Tournaments on March 15.

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CHAMPIONSHIPS

New Haven, CT / Yale University Tennis Center

Men's & Women's Singles Championship	August 19 - 22
Men's & Women's Doubles Championship	August 21 - 24
Mixed Doubles Championship	August 24 - 27

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* Schedule subject to change.

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The USTA is the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the U.S. and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level – from local communities to the highest level of the professional game. A not-for-profit organization with more than 715,000 members, it invests 100% of its proceeds in growing the game. It owns and operates the US Open, the highest-attended annual sporting event in the world, and launched the Emirates Airline US Open Series, linking seven summer tournaments to the US Open. In addition, it owns approximately 90 Pro Circuit events throughout the U.S. and selects the teams for the Davis Cup, Fed Cup, Olympic and Paralympic Games. The USTA's philanthropic entity, the USTA Foundation, provides grants and scholarships and helps under-resourced youth and individuals with disabilities, and supports wounded, ill and injured service members, veterans and their families. For more information on the USTA, log on to usta.com, "like" the official Facebook page, facebook.com/usta, or follow @usta on Twitter.

USTA Texas is located in Austin, Texas and is a not-for-profit volunteer organization with over 52,500 individual members and over 600 organizational members. Since 1895, USTA Texas have been one of the 17 sections of the United States Tennis Association, the governing body of tennis in America. USTA Texas is the third largest of the sections and features a Pathway of tennis programs for beginning, recreational and competitive juniors, adults and seniors. With hundreds of volunteers, USTA Texas is devoted to promoting and developing the growth of tennis in Texas. For more information about USTA Texas go to www.texas.usta.com, "like" the official USTA Texas Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ustatexas or follow us on Twitter @USTATexas.

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