



USTA Hawaii Pacific Section Endorsement Form

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- Are you interested in playing the USTA Summer events? Endorsements for 2017 Summer Team events will be made following the March Spring Section Championships - L4.

Dates	Summer Events
July 27-31	Zone Team Championships. Six (6) boys and Six (6) girls in each age division. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BG 12 Tucson, AZ • BG 14 Stockton, CA • BG 16 Salt Lake City, UT
July 1-5	Intersectional Team Championships. Three (3) boys and Three (3) girls in each age division. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BG 14 Auburn, AL • BG 16 Shreveport, LA
BG18-16: July 16-23 BG14: July 16-22 BG12: July 17-22	National Clay Court Championships L1 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an individual event. Two (2) highest section ranked players applying online in each age division will be automatically selected. Additional players may be selected based on national ranking as space allows. Separate locations for each age division.
July 30 – August 3	National Team Championships BG 18. Six (6) boys and Six (6) girls in each age division. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B18 Urbana, IL (July 29-August 1) • G18 Claremont, CA (July 30-August 2)
B18: Aug. 5-13 G18: Aug. 6-13 B16: Aug. 4-12 G16: Aug. 5-12 BG14: Aug 5-12 BG12: Aug 6-12	National Championships L1 (Note: A separate endorsement list will be used for this event which will be posted following the June Summer Section Championships).

- **Please submit the form below to be considered for the summer events.**
 - Selection will be based upon the HPS Endorsement Policy below.
 - You will be responsible for tournament registration fees, travel and hotel costs to attend the event. Players must be accompanied by a chaperone (parent or responsible adult).

Player Name	
Date of Birth	
USTA # Expiration Date	
Parent Name Email Contact Phone Mailing Address	
Which Summer Events and Divisions?	

Mail this form to Mimi Kennell at USTA Hawaii Pacific Section, 1888 Kalakaua Ave, C309, Honolulu, HI 96815 or email to kennell@hawaii.usta.com.



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1. Sectional Endorsement. Participation in many National and Closed Regional USTA events require Sectional Endorsement. Juniors who desire to participate in National Championship events as well as Summer National Team events should read this information very carefully. Make sure you understand the policy for endorsement.
2. What is Endorsement. Endorsement is the Section's approval of a junior player to play certain USTA tournaments based on ranking and meeting the section's endorsement requirements. The draws for the USTA's National Championships, Clay Court National Championships, Winter National Championships, and Summer National Team events are limited and restricted to players on the current endorsement list at the time of selection. Visit <https://www.usta.com/Youth-Tennis/Junior-Competition/Information/> for more details.
3. Inclusion on Endorsement Lists. All players who have one win in an USTA HPS sanctioned tournament in the age group for which they wish to be endorsed shall appear on the endorsement list, provided: They are age eligible to participate in the event(s) for which they seeking endorsement; and they are not currently suspended from play due to infractions under the Point Penalty system.
4. Quotas. Each of the 17 Sections of the USTA has an endorsement quota for the specified National Championship and Summer Team events.
5. Endorsement Period. The Endorsement period will include the past 12 months of each player's best 5 singles and 15% of best 5 doubles finishes.
6. Endorsement and Selection for National Championships and Closed Regional Tournaments.
 - a. Prior to each National Championship the HPS shall publish a Sectional Endorsement List for use in the selection of players to the event.
 - b. To participate in a National Championships with a quota based selection, players must register for the tournaments at the TennisLink website. After the close of entries, registered players will be selected for participation in the event in the order they appear on the Sectional Endorsement List until all quota spots are taken.
 - c. Players may register for events in multiple age divisions. If a player registers for events in multiple age divisions, they will be considered for selection in the higher age division first. Should they be selected in the higher age division, they shall no longer be considered for selection into the lower age division, and the next *registered* player on the Sectional Endorsement List will be eligible for selection.
 - d. Should any additional players *register*, beyond what is allocated by the HPS sectional quota, they will be selected as alternates for the event, and should a HPS section player withdraw, the next *registered* player from the Sectional Endorsement List will be asked to fill the vacant entry. They may also gain entry to the list off of the National Selection list should there be unused quota spots from other sections.

7. Endorsement for Summer National Team Events.

- a. Endorsement Form. Players wishing to participate in the summer team events should complete the Endorsement Form available on the USTA HPS Website. Players and parents should ideally submit Endorsement Form for Summer National Team Events prior to or at the Spring Sectionals. The purpose of this form is to survey preliminary interest for each endorsed event, but most importantly, it provides the contact information for each player/parent who is interested in endorsement. Failure to submit the endorsement form prior to the deadline places the player at risk of missing an endorsement opportunity, because the Endorsers may not have the player's/parent's contact information. USTA does not necessarily have current contact information for all USTA members. Thus, if they are unable to contact a player/parent in a reasonable period of time, that player will be passed over in the endorsement process. It should be noted that is common for players to decline endorsement. Thus, even if a player ranking is below the quota for the event, it very possible that you may be eligible for a national team event endorsement.
- b. Endorsement notification. Upon publishing of the endorsement list following the completion of the Spring Section Championships L4 tournament, players will be called for final acceptance. A player has 48 hours to respond with an answer to the endorser. Endorser will attempt to contact the top 15 players in the 14 and 16 divisions and the top 10 players in the 12 and 18 divisions followed by any others who have submitted an endorsement form. If after this process, no players have accepted the available endorsements, then the endorsement committee may endorse any other age eligible player.
- c. Consideration for other players. The endorsement process requires a lot of emails and phone calls (done by volunteers) and it is difficult to contact players and/or parents during the week, weekend and evenings. Summer endorsements must be completed within a short period of time following Spring Section Championships to give players sufficient time to book travel arrangements. Because players must be contacted in sequence, another player cannot be called until each player above has been contacted first. Players/parents must accept or decline the endorsement as soon as possible as a courtesy to others.
- d. Team Events. A higher ranked player will be given the opportunity to choose which ONE event they would prefer to participate. We encourage higher ranked players to play the higher level events.
- e. Players on more than one team. The HPS Section Junior Competition Committee has the discretion to allow a player to play on more than one team.
- f. Line Up. The lineup for singles play will be set by Junior Competition Committee and the coach selected for the event. Typically the lineup will follow the HPS endorsement list.
- g. Coaches. The HPS will provide a coach for the team. The coach will generally assist with the transportation of the players but is not responsible for chaperoning the players during the event.

8. Non-Endorsement National Tournaments. There are national tournaments that do not require endorsement from the section. Admittance is determined from the national standing list and not the HPS endorsement list.