



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS HANDBOOK

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Note: This handbook is meant as an abbreviated description of the 2007 USTA Jr. Team Tennis Rules and Regulations and an informational source for the 2007 National Championships. Please consult your USTA Section Coordinator or the National USTA Jr. Team Tennis National Manager for all eligibility requirements.

GENERAL MISSION/GOALS

In USTA Jr. Team Tennis, the team concept emphasizes fun, fitness, and friends. The focus in this kind of play is enjoying the exhilaration of exercise and refining the skills that make tennis fun for players of all ages and levels of competition.

All participants get to play on a team, practice with friends, and play matches together. Participants have the opportunity to advance to district/state, section, and national competition. Players in the Intermediate and Advanced Divisions may qualify for the National Championships, the USTA National event for USTA Jr. Team Tennis.

The Championships introduce young players to national competition in which competitive stress is minimized and competitive learning opportunities are maximized. The emphasis is on the fun aspect of tennis and team spirit. The Championship Events are also designed to: (1) provide a competitive opportunity for maximizing each player's physical and emotional development, (2) promote the spirit of competition and camaraderie which will enhance and strengthen a player's self-esteem (3) and provide a national competition climate that focuses more on personal development and less on competitive outcomes.

2007 USTA JR. TEAM TENNIS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SITES AND DATES

14 and Under (Intermediate NTRP 3.0 and below; Advanced NTRP 3.5 and below)

October 11-14, 2007--Play begins Friday, October 12 (approximately 8:00 am).
Dates and time are tentative.

18 and Under (Intermediate NTRP 3.0 and below; Advanced NTRP 3.5 and below)

October 25-28, 2007--Play begins Friday, October 26 (approximately 8:00 am).
Dates and time are tentative.

Tennis Facilities:

Hilton El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort
10000 N. Oracle Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85704
(520) 544-5000
www.hiltonelconquistador.com

El Conquistador Country Club
10555 N. La Canada Dr.
Tucson, AZ 85737
(520) 544-1800

Host Hotel:

Hilton El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort
10000 N. Oracle Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85704
(520) 544-5000
www.hiltonelconquistador.com

FORMAT OF PLAY

Team Structure

National Championships

- The National Championships will host a maximum of one (1) team per section in the following divisions:
14 & Under, and 18 & Under,-Intermediate and Advanced Divisions
(Wildcard entries may be used to maximize tournament draws).

- Each team must have a minimum of three (3) boys and three (3) girls who must participate in each and every individual team match. (Only one girl and one boy may “double up” for each individual team match. Match of said doubling is at the discretion of the tournament director.) Teams that arrive to the event without the minimum number of participants must default the slot in which they are short a participant.

Order of Play

The order of play shall be at the discretion of the tournament director. Typically, the order is Boys' and Girls' Doubles, Boy's and Girl's Singles, and then Mixed Doubles.

Participants Level of Play

- USTA Jr. Team Tennis uses the NTRP rating system to determine placement of eligible teams/individuals in proper divisions.
- All individual team members must be from the appropriate level of play.
- If a team is found to be out of level, it will continue to play in the championships. However, the team will not be eligible for any awards or medals. If the ineligible team were to win, then the second- and third-place teams will automatically move up to the first- and second-place slots.

RULES, REGULATIONS, SCORING, AND COACHING

Rules and Regulations

- USTA rules and regulations will be enforced during championships.
- All match lineups must be submitted to the tournament desk by the team coach/manager at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the match. Penalties will be enforced at the tournament director's discretion. (i.e. Every individual match will start 1 game down for every five (5) minutes the line up is late;).

Scoring

All scoring formats are determined by the USTA National Office but may be altered at the tournament director's discretion depending on facility size, championship play duration and weather conditions. Please refer to the 2007 USTA Jr. Team Tennis Regulations.

Championship Flight Setup

- Teams will participate in a non-elimination round-robin format with playoff crossovers if applicable.
- Teams will be separated into flights/divisions depending on the size of the event.
- The winner of each flight/division will be determined by total games won.
- In the event that the flights are tied, a flight tie-break will be determined as follows:
 - (1) If two teams are tied, head-to-head results.
 - (2) If three or more teams are tied: individual matches, games won, team's won, individual wins, sets lost, head-to-head.
- Championship/Playoff Match Tiebreak – In the event that team scores are tied at the completion of a championship or playoff match, the teams will play a mixed doubles, 10-point match tiebreak to determine the winner of the overall match.

Coaching

All team coaches/managers must be 21 years or older.

Teams with more than one team coach/manager must designate a “head” team coach/manager for the duration of the individual match. The team coach/manager may report infractions to the referee, who shall then take prompt and appropriate action. Only the designated team coach/manager will be permitted to coach during the coaching period.

The tournament director reserves the right to change or alter the coaching rules of a championships event.

Umpires

There may be certified roving umpires present at all championship sites. Roving umpires may be positioned inside the fenced areas and will interfere with play as little as possible.

Players should be encouraged to play tennis without the need for umpires to be present for matches. In the case of disputed calls and upon the request of the player or team coaches/manager, a roving umpire may be supplied to oversee the match. The presence of a USTA-certified umpire is important to those players who have not previously been exposed to the umpiring world.

One of the goals of the championships is to teach players to play by The Code as they graduate to other competitions and to understand the role and availability of umpires. Their own misbehavior and/or inability to call lines or trust their opponents not only reflects badly on them but deprives their fellow players of a fair match and thereby requires umpiring supervision.

Inclement Weather

Please note that the tournament format, number of matches and match length may change due to a team not showing up or circumstances beyond our control such as weather. Tucson generally has mild weather during the month of October; however rain could cause delays, modifications to the format, and possible cancellation of the tournament. There are NO back-up courts; the Tucson area does not have indoor courts where we can move the event in case of rain.

In the event of rain, please remain at the tournament site until the tournament staff informs you of the play schedule. If there is a rain delay, teams that are scheduled on the courts will be responsible to squeegee the court they play on. ONE COURT PER TEAM—teams that fail to do a court will forfeit one of the singles match sets with a score 6-0. In the event of a long rain delay, it will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee to use an alternative-playing format. Winners will be determined by total games won and commonality among teams.

Cancellation

If the championship, or part of the championships is cancelled due to rain or unforeseen circumstances, the championship will not be rescheduled.

Player and Tournament Details

Trainers

There will be a trainer to assist with athletic injuries on-site. They will have access to ice. **Please bring your own tape and pre-wrap for chronic injuries.**

Hot line number

If someone in your family has an emergency and needs to get a message to you, here are a few key phone numbers: Hilton Tucson El Conquistador Tennis courts 520-544-1780 (tennis shop) 520-544-1773 (tournament desk) or Marikate Murren 203-556-5761.

Souvenir T-shirts

T-shirts will be available for purchase at the USTA registration desk throughout the weekend.

Awards

Championship Winners—Awards will be given to the teams that finish first through fourth in both the 14's & 18's divisions.

USTA Sportsmanship Awards—At the conclusion of the National Championships, a Boy's and Girl's USTA Sportsmanship Award will be awarded from each division of play. Team coaches/managers from opposing teams recommend a girl and boy for every individual match. Recommendations are tallied and a recipient is awarded.

Team Sportsmanship Award—A special award will be given to the team that participates in the true spirit of the sportsmanship ideal. Tournament staff will be responsible for selecting the team that best exemplifies and exhibits fundamental values such as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility.

Food

Lunch and dinner will be provided to players and one team coach/manager.

Championship Entry Fees

- A \$50 per player fee payable within the TennisLink Team Tennis system is required to participate in the National Championships.
- A \$250 deposit, per team, within the TennisLink Team Tennis system is required to participate in the National Championships. The deposit will not be charged as long as the team remains at the event throughout the entire event and championships.

Player Gift

All players attending the National Championships will receive a player gift which will be given to the team coach/manager for distribution.

Player Party

Two evenings, all players and one team coach/manager are invited to attend a sponsored player party. Teams will receive complimentary tickets based on players participating. All players attending must be chaperoned. Additional tickets are available for purchase at the USTA registration desk.

Player Travel Stipend

Each team will receive \$1,000.00 stipend to cover the cost of player lodging. In order to receive the stipend, players must stay at the host hotel and must use team reservation form for booking. For more information, contact your section coordinator.

Player Gift Exchange

Many teams bring "little" gifts for other teams. They should be inexpensive small tokens. Often the gifts represent their region or state. Examples are – state pins, magnets, key rings, candy, macadamia nuts and leis (Hawaii). These gifts are presented to the opponent before the first match. If you want to participate contact your local or state tourist/convention bureau. They may be able to provide you with small, promotional items. Typically, teams bring approximately 10 gifts per team for each individual team match.

Photos

Team photos will be taken throughout the weekend as well as candid shots. To schedule an appointment, team coaches/managers should make an appointment during the registration period on Thursday or Friday.

Website

The USTA Jr. Team Tennis National Championship home page will be updated with stories, photos and scores daily. Be sure your local newspaper sports editor, friends and family have the address so they can check the results. The address is usta.com/team_tennis

Championship Conference Calls

Conference calls will be conducted with team coaches/managers of participating teams to review any and all information regarding to the championships.

The following dates and times have been scheduled for the championships conference calls: please dial 1-800-791-2345 enter code 25494# to enter your call at the appropriate time:

USTA Jr. Team Tennis National Championships – 14 and Under

14 & Under Intermediate, 6:00 pm EST, Monday, September 10, 2007

14 & Under Advanced, 7:00 pm EST, Monday, September 10, 2007

Team coach/manager's Registration:

Thursday 4:30 – 5:30 pm (prior to the first day of play) at a location TBD. Team coaches/managers are required to turn in all forms during this time (which include medical release form, and team coach/manager contact information and tell us about your team form)

Mandatory team coach/manager's Meeting:

Following registration from 6:00 – 6:45 pm
Team coaches/managers and co-team coaches/managers are required to attend.

Training Session for Players:

Experts in the areas of Sport Science will conduct educational sessions for the players. Some of the topics will include player equipment, fitness and nutrition. This is a great

opportunity to hear the latest tennis news from staff who has worked with some of today's top touring professionals. Participants will have a chance to ask questions and will receive tools to help them take their game to the next level. Be sure to check the website for more details.

USTA Jr. Team Tennis National Championships – 18 and Under

18 & Under Intermediate, 6:00 pm EST, Tuesday, September 11, 2007

18 & Under Advanced, 7:00 pm EST, Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Team Manager's Registration:

Thursday 4:30 – 5:30 pm (prior to the first day of play) at a location TBD. Team coaches/managers are required to turn in all forms during this time (which include medical release form, and team coach/manager contact information and tell us about your team form)

Mandatory team coach/manager's Meeting:

Following registration from 6:00 – 6:45 pm
Team coaches/managers and co-team coaches/managers are required to attend.

Training Session for Players:

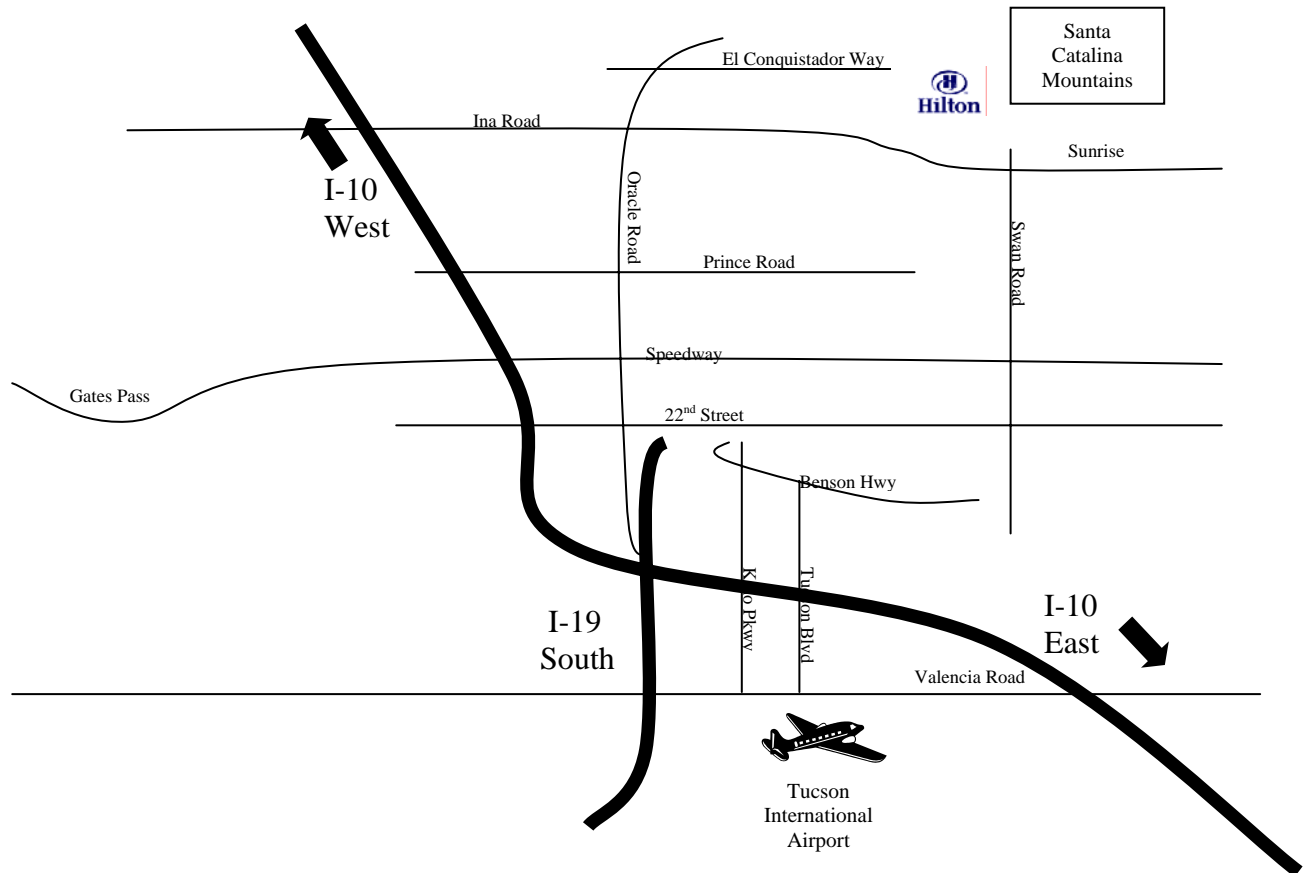
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Maps/Directions

From the Tucson International Airport to Hilton El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort

- As you exit the airport, you will be on Tucson Blvd. which veers (left) onto Benson Highway.
- Travel 3 miles north on Tucson Blvd. and .6 mile northwest on Benson Highway to Kino Parkway and turn north (right).
- Travel .6 mile on Kino Parkway to the I-10 West freeway entrance on left.
- Travel 15.1 miles on I-10, take the Ina Road Exit 248 and turn east (right).
- Travel 5.2 miles on Ina Road to Oracle Road and turn north (left).
- Travel 4 miles on Oracle Road to El Conquistador Way and turn east (right).
- Travel .5 mile on El Conquistador Way and turn (veer) right on Lipscomb Way (El Conquistador entrance).

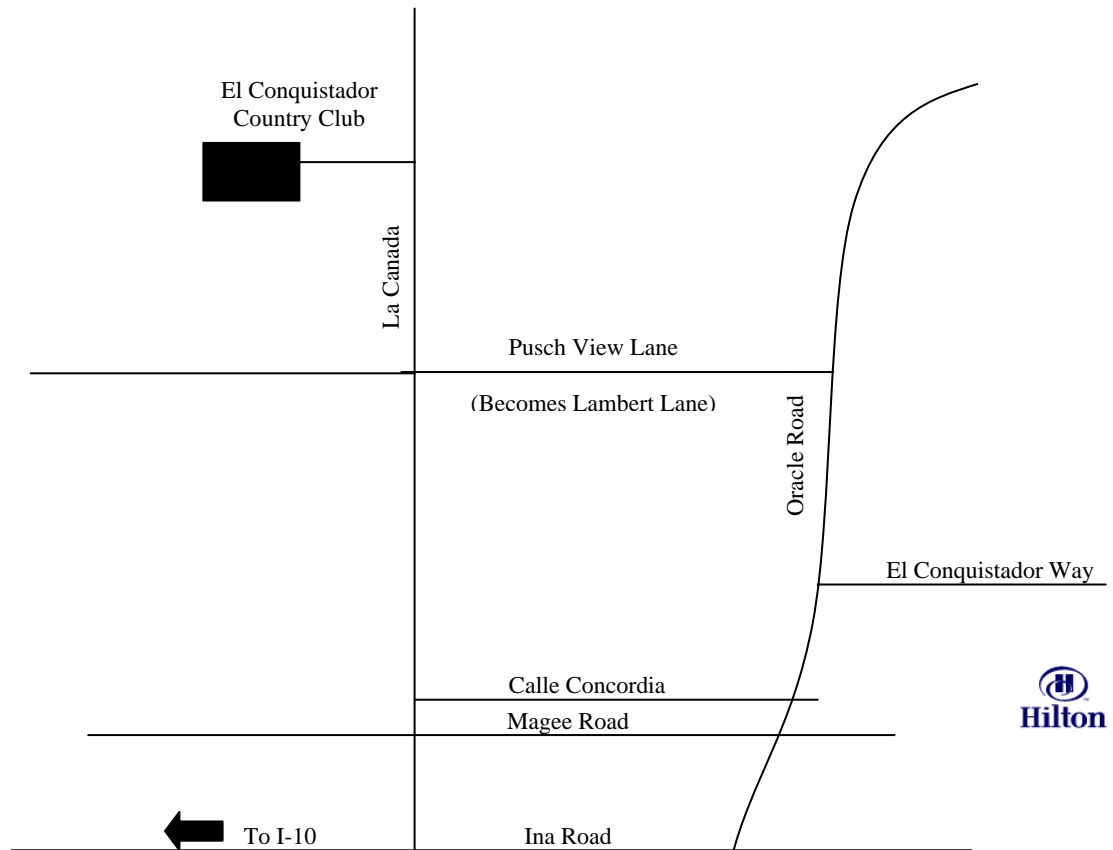
Hilton El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort
10,000 N. Oracle Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85704
520-544-1780 (tennis shop)
520-544-1773 (tournament desk)



From Hilton El Conquistador Golf and Tennis Resort to El Conquistador Country Club

- Turn right (north) onto Oracle Road.
- Turn left (northwest) at first light onto Pusch View Lane. **Pusch View Lane becomes Lambert Lane.*
- Turn right at first light (La Canada).
- Club is on the left.

El Conquistador Country Club
10555 N. La Canada Dr.
520-544-1900 (front desk)
520-544-1995 (tournament desk)



From El Conquistador Country Club to Hilton El Conquistador Golf and Tennis Resort

- Turn right onto La Canada.
- Turn left onto Lambert Lane. **Lambert Lane becomes Pusch View Lane.*
- Turn right onto Oracle Rd.
- Turn left onto El Conquistador Resort