



MIDWEST MID-SOUTH ILLINOIS

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All players who wish to play the Midwest Closed and/or Cup Team must play the MSITA Qualifier unless approved by the Junior Competition Committee prior to the deadline.

A player who does not play and complete his/her final match in the MSITA Midwest Qualifier will not be eligible for endorsement to the Midwest Closed nor the Midwest Cup team. Play and complete is defined as playing all points including the final point of the match. A retirement, walkover or default in the final match does not qualify as "play and complete". There are **NO APPEALS** to the play and complete.

Mid-South has been granted 5 quota spots per age divisions for 12-18 for the Midwest Closed. Players will be endorsed as follows: Qualifier Winner, Finalist, FIC Winner, FIC Finalist, and a semifinalist (FIC through the semis) or Qualifier Winner, Finalist, 3rd place, 4th place, and the Consolation Winner (FIC through the quarters).

Mid-South will use 1 wildcard per BG12s-18s division if a player who earns a defined quota spot (as defined and referenced above) declines (in writing) to participate in the MW Closed prior to the endorsement list deadline or prior approval has been granted to a player from the Junior Competition Committee for a wild card.

For draws of 8 or less: The MSITA wildcard will be offered to 1 player (per division) who made it to the semifinal round of the consolation draw. The wildcard will first be offered to the Consolation Semifinalist that has the highest MW standing as of the completion of the tournament. If that player declines, the Consolation Semifinalist with the next highest MW standing will be offered the wildcard. If no Consolation Semifinalist accepts, the spot will be returned to the MW alternate pool.

For draws of 9 or more: The wildcard will first be offered to the Consolation Finalist. If that player declines, the wildcard will be offered to the Consolation Semifinalist that has the highest MW standing as of the completion of the tournament. If that player declines, the Consolation Semifinalist with the next highest MW standing will be offered the wildcard. If no Consolation Semifinalist accepts, the spot will be returned to the MW alternate pool.

Any player who wishes to be endorsed to the Midwest Closed must submit his/her registration confirmation number by e-mail to the tournament endorser before noon CST the Wednesday after the event finishes. We strongly recommend you do so before the event finishes so you don't forget. Please note that this deadline is before the deadline for the Midwest Closed. This includes the

automatic qualifiers, players wishing to be considered for the wildcard quota spot, and those wishing to be endorsed as alternates. Players who do not e-mail the endorser should not expect to be endorsed to the Midwest Closed. Please request a reply as that is your proof of receipt by the deadline.

A list of endorsed players will be posted on the MSITA qualifier tournament website by 9:00 pm on Thursday after the completion of the tournament.

It is the responsibility of the players to look at this list to see if he/she has earned a quota spot and see that he/she is on the alternate list.

After looking at this list, any questions should be directed to the MSITA office at 618-262-3372 or patricia@midsouthillinoistennis.com