



An Invitation for Bids
2016-2017
USTA Tennessee Adult State Championships
(Adult 55&over)

The event is hosted by a community on a two-year contract bid basis and is open to all communities that can offer a quality setting within which this championship can be presented. This tournament runs for three—plus days and includes approximately 250 players each weekend of all skill levels.

Overview: The event includes champions representing all areas in Tennessee with NTRP levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 9.0 in the Adult 55&over Divisions. Some levels may be comprised of ten teams. The number of teams will vary depending on local league participation. Round robin play will determine group winners that will compete with other group winners in finals at each level. A maximum of 200 teams is permitted for event.

The local Host Committee is responsible for providing a minimum of 25 outdoor tennis courts (10 of which are lighted) as well as an indoor back-up plan with facility contact information, support equipment and facilities. The local community must be able to accommodate adequate room nights at quality hotels reasonably near the tennis facilities (approximately 150 rooms).

The economic impact provided to the community is significant. If you are interested in hosting this dynamic event, have an active and enthusiastic tennis community that will serve together with a supportive civic and municipal community partner, we invite you to bid for this major sporting event. Details and Bid Forms are contained in the attached pages.

BID DEADLINE: September 11, 2015*

If the September 11th bid deadline poses a challenge for your CTA to return a completed bid, the committee will consider giving a bidding CTA an extension. Also, event dates have been determined by committee decision and are the preferred date to hold the tournament, however if your community wishes to host this event and has a significant local conflict preventing you from doing so, please contact the State League Coordinator to discuss possibly adjusting the date to accommodate local needs.



BID FORM

2016-2017 USTA Tennessee State Adult Championships
(Adult 55&over)

May 20-22, 2016 and May 19-21, 2017

Bid Deadline: September 11, 2015

NTRP levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 9.0

Date: _____

STATE: _____ CITY: _____ Local CTA President's Signature: _____

Bid Contact Person: _____ Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ FAX: _____

Site Information: **MINIMUM 25 COURTS AT NO MORE THAN 5 SITES**

List Site Names:	Court Surface	# Courts At Site	# Lighted Courts	#Indoor Courts	Distance from Main Site
Main Site:					
Additional Sites:					
INDOOR Facilities in case of weather:					

NOTE: The host is responsible for procuring the signed rental agreements between the CTA and participating sites.

Site Amenities: (check)

- ☐ Water on courts or a minimum of one 15 gallon jug of iced water per four (4) courts placed alongside the courts
- ☐ Restrooms at each site
- ☐ Seating on court for four players
- ☐ Shaded areas for tournament desk
- ☐ Fruit at each site
- ☐ Cellular or fixed telephones at each site
- ☐ Roll drys at each site
- ☐ Electrical outlets at main site
- ☐ Wireless access and secure room at main site
- ☐ Score markers for each court

Player Amenities: (Check)

- ☐ Player "goodies"/coupons
- ☐ Water/Ice at each site
- ☐ Door prizes
- ☐ Stringer at main site or name and phone # in close proximity

List any other amenities offered if applicable:

Accommodations: List Main Hotel First	# of Rooms	Standard Rate	Weekend Special Rate	Parking Rate	Minutes from Airport	Minutes from Main Hotel

LIST HEADQUARTERS HOTEL AMENITIES:

of King Rooms: _____ # of Double/Double Rooms: _____

Pool: Yes No

In-House Restaurant: Yes No

WHICH AIRLINES SERVICE YOUR AREA?

Return with additional information or accompanying materials by September 11, 2015 to:

Tracy Davies, Executive Director-USTA Tennessee

tracydavies@ustatn.com

Hard copies may be mailed to

USTA Tennessee
1029 17th Ave South
Nashville, TN 37212



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HOST COMMITTEE & USTA TENNESSEE STATE COMMITMENT LETTER

COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION (CTA) COMMITMENT:

Host committee will consist of host site representative, president of the local community tennis association, appropriate local league coordinator and other interested representatives as needed.

SITE REQUIREMENTS:

- Provide a minimum of 25 courts in good repair (utilizing no more than 5 sites) with a minimum of 10 lighted courts. Locate back-up indoor courts with contact information in case of inclement weather. Also, mention of available “practice courts” in the area at separate sites not in use by the tournament is a plus. Local CTA is responsible for cost of using outdoor courts.
- Locate back-up courts with contact facility information in case of inclement weather. Indoor back-up courts available within one hour of host city will be considered an asset.
- The availability of indoor courts in the event of inclement weather is essential to the competitive nature and success of the event and the expectations of our members. The hosting community is responsible for procuring the use of indoor courts in the event of inclement weather and facilitating the negotiation of pricing of indoor courts; USTA Tennessee is responsible for finalizing the price negotiation and facilitating payment via written invoices submitted by the indoor courts and facilities directly to USTA Tennessee. The hosting community has no authority or responsibility to negotiate final pricing or commit the funds of USTA Tennessee.
- Alert fire stations nearest each site of possible heat-related emergencies during competition.
- Provide Tournament Committee a list of the hospitals and fire stations nearest each site as well as their contact information.
- Provide water and ice at every site (water from source other than restroom faucets.)
- Provide restrooms at every court site.
- Provide a tournament desk in a shaded area at each site.

- Provide an adequate number of roll-drys at each site.
- Provide chairs or benches on court for four players.
- Provide fruit for players at court sites.
- High Speed Internet Access at Site Headquarters.
- Adequate secure working space at Headquarters.
- Score markers on all courts
- Work with USTA TN and assist in recommendation of local certified officials
- Provide detailed map of and directions to court sites and hotels that will be posted on the USTA Tennessee League website one month prior to event.
- Provide on-site maintenance personnel at larger sites.

SPONSORSHIP/REVENUE:

- Send unsigned agreements for any local sponsorship to USTA TENNESSEE Office for approval. The sponsors must be non-competitive with USTA or USTA Southern sponsors.
- Host may display banners advertising sponsorships; however, banner sizes are restricted to no more than 3 ft. by 6 ft. ALL BANNERS MUST BE APPROVED BY USTA TENNESSEE.
- **USTA TENNESSEE MUST approve the design and use of all logos and graphic designs.**
- Host is encouraged to establish a partnership with the local tennis organization or group to help in securing volunteers to help work the event.

CONCESSIONS & LICENSED MERCHANDISE:

- The host is responsible for acquiring any local or state permits for concession and souvenir sales at each site.
- Any official USTA League Tennis items vended by the host must be acquired through an approved USTA vendor. USTA TENNESSEE reserves the right to approve logos and graphical designs used on merchandise.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

- Negotiate and sign contracts with the hotel(s).
- Provide a list of hotel(s) within close proximity to court sites capable of accommodating approximately 250 players and their guests. Recommended hotel block is 150 rooms with a large number of double/doubles.
- Provide reasonable flat room rates with up to 4 persons per room.
- Provide adequate parking (preferably free parking) for players and staff.
- Provide complimentary rooms at the selected area hotels for USTA TENNESSEE representatives.

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS:

- Provide a complimentary securable room at main site to serve as the tournament headquarters. Room must be equipped with a telephone line, ability to accommodate 3 personnel and internet access.
- Provide private space for score entry.
- Provide securable storage space for supplies for delivery before and duration of event. Space should be of such a size as to accommodate 50 cartons.
- Provide space to accommodate approximately 50 people for a captains' meeting and team registration on the Thursday prior to the tournament weekend.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND AMENITIES FOR PLAYERS:

- Provide refreshments for captains' registration and meeting the afternoon before play begins.
- Provide a "goody" bag for each player or team containing coupons for local businesses, sample products and information brochures for local restaurants and/or tour information.
- Provide stringer at main site or in close proximity each day of event or stringer on call.

VOLUNTEERS:

- Supply adequate number of local volunteers to:
 - Assist with preparation of packets, etc. for captains' registration/meeting
 - Maintain supplies of water, ice and fruit at each site
 - Obtain and deliver lunches for each of the site workers
 - Site volunteers will electronically submit completed scorecards to designated scorekeeper or deliver to main site for score entry
 - Set-up and breakdown site crews for public unsecured facilities
- At least seven days prior to the event, the hosting community will arrange a training session for local volunteers. USTA Tennessee staff will plan and deliver the training to local volunteers. The hosting community will ensure that all local volunteers attend this training.



2016-2017 USTA ADULT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

USTA TENNESSEE COMMITMENT:

- Appoints committee (to include local representatives) to conduct site visits to ensure playability of courts.
- Upon the submission of an invoice from Hosting Community, USTA TN will pay Hosting Community a stipend based on the projected number of players to offset expenses for the Players Party. USTA TN will pay \$.75 per player to help offset incurred costs.
- \$5.00/player to be paid to the CTA. Payout will be determined by Host Site Representative and Host Committee Chair. Tournament Chairman will provide usage numbers per site for direction in distribution of host site funds. A report outlining division of funds will be submitted to USTA Tennessee at the end of the event.
- USTA Tennessee is responsible for costs of indoor court facilities.
- **Approve the design and use of all logos and graphic designs.**
- Provide a Tournament Chairman whose responsibilities include:
 - Presents bids to USTA TENNESSEE authorities for review and decisions.
 - Conducts site visits along with State League Coordinators to evaluate proposed sites.
 - Appoints and oversees Championship Tournament Committee, Tournament Referee and Staff for the event and has final approval of Deputy Referee as needed.
 - Responsible for checklist of requirements, organization and floor plan set-up as well as administration of duties in the tournament headquarters room during event.
 - Conducts volunteer site director and local volunteers training prior to event.
 - Confirms that all State and Section requirements for Championships are fulfilled.
 - Acts as liaison to Local Organizing Committee Chairman.
- Send representatives to the event as Tournament Director, Tournament Referee, Site Directors, and Tournament Staff as the USTA TENNESSEE deems necessary. All State representatives will be funded by the USTA TENNESSEE. Staffing includes all committees needed for State Championships' Grievance and Appeals Committees.
- Provide all office supplies for the administration of the event.

- Distribute team packets and receive team entries.
- Collect all entry fees from participating teams.
- Provide section and state sponsorship banners.
- USTA TENNESSEE's website:
 - One month before event, website will be established to post general event information and promote tournament sponsors (including local sponsors).
 - At least one week prior to first day of event, create and post schedule of play.
 - Submit results and photos from the event to the USTA TENNESSEE webmaster for posting to the USTA TENNESSEE website.
- Hold a captains' meeting prior to the start of play.
- Approve use of logos and graphic designs of local items produced for sale to players.
- Provide awards for champions and finalists.
- Provide tennis balls for all tournament play.
- Provide each captain with a gift.
- Provide a photographer to take team pictures of champions and action shots during tournament play.
- Assist in sending Press Releases to local media.
- Following the first year of the contract, USTA TN and the Tournament Committee will submit a written review of the host community's fulfillment of bid. If compliance of the terms is inadequate, USTA TN reserves the right to request attention to certain areas or to revoke the second year of the bid.

I have read the foregoing Rights and Responsibilities for this USTA TN Event. By signing my signature to this document, I affirm that:

- ***I understand that I am submitting an offer to host this event in accordance with the foregoing Rights and Responsibilities;***
- ***I have actual authority to submit this offer on behalf of a qualified Hosting Entity/Organization/Community; and***
- ***If the USTA TN accepts my offer, this will be a legal contract binding on the Hosting Entity/Organization/Community.***
- ***The Bid Packet includes a Cover Sheet for Bids, Event Requirements and Responsibilities, Invoice Template, CTA President Endorsement, and Event/Facilities Worksheet, all of which is made part of our Bid to host this event***

USTA TENNESSEE, Executive Director

Date: _____

Host Committee Chairperson

Date: _____

Acceptance

On behalf of USTA TN, I accept this Offer to Host a USTA TN Event, in accordance with the foregoing Description of Rights and Responsibilities.

Date of Signature:_____

Tracy C. Davies

Executive Director, USTA TN

INVOICE

To	USTA/TN Tennessee Tennis Association
From	
For	USTA TN Championships
Amounts Due	\$5 per capita player fee x players = \$
Total Due	\$
Date of Invoice	

Prepared by: _____ **on behalf of USTA TN**

Signature _____

Date: _____

Accepted by: _____ , **on behalf of Hosting Community**

Date: _____

Hosting Community must return signed invoice to USTA TN within ten days after the event ends, in order to receive payment.

Hosting Community must also provide accurate mailing address for the check.

Certificate of Acknowledgement and Support

This is to acknowledge that the USTA Community Tennis Association of the proposed Hosting Community has been informed of the intent to host the USTA TN Championships for the period indicated above. The USTA Community Tennis Association supports this effort, but assumes no obligation, financial or otherwise, as a part of this certificate.

Signature of USTA Community Tennis Associations' President

Date

Name and Address of Community Tennis Association:

Event/Facilities Worksheet

EVENT: _____

EVENT DATES: _____

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT BID: _____

PLACE TO SUBMIT BID: _____

CITY: _____ **Local CTA President's Name and Contact Info:** _____

Bid Contact Person: _____ **Work Phone:** _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____ **Fax:** _____

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