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Do you want to start your pathway to the professionals while playing college tennis but don’t know where to start? For collegiate players who want to earn ATP/WTA ranking points, there is no better place to begin than with USTA Pro Circuit Events. To help get you started, here’s a basic template for those aspiring to be a top professional. The simple acronym DREAMS will guide you along step-by-step:

**D**ecide
**R**egister
**E**nter
**A**ccess
**M**onitor
**S**ign-in
**DECIDE**

which Pro Circuit Events to Play.

Get as much information from the websites and information below, in addition to talking to your coaches, current and former pros, and others. If staying in college, just make sure to declare amateur status prior to each event played (tournament supervisor will provide documents to ensure amateur status). Women players should start by playing $10,000 prize money Pro Circuit Events. These events can be played individually or in sequence. A minimum of three tournaments must be played in a calendar year reaching at least the second round of Main Draw in order to earn a WTA ranking.

Men players should start by playing $10,000 or $15,000 prize money Futures Events. A player will start earning ATP points when he reaches the second round of the Main Draw at a Futures event.

Calendars for both men and women’s USTA Pro Circuit Events are available at [www.procircuits.usta.com](http://www.procircuits.usta.com). The webpage is very easy to navigate through, just make sure to click the link for either Men’s/ Women’s Circuit Events and then click the link for the Pro Circuit Calendar. Here you will find a detailed tournament list. For a calendar of events outside the United States please go to ITF website at [itftennis.com/procircuits](http://itftennis.com/procircuits). For a list of cut-offs for entry into last year’s ITF Pro Circuit tournaments please [click here](http://itftennis.com/procircuits).
In order to play a Pro Circuit or Futures Event, you MUST have what is called an IPIN Membership. The IPIN (International Player Identification Number) Membership allows you to enter pro tournaments online and manage your playing schedule using the entry/withdrawal feature. An IPIN consists of three letters and seven numbers (e.g. ALB1003941).

Players who register for IPIN membership will receive their own unique IPIN, which will remain the same throughout their pro career.

While it may sound intimidating, getting an IPIN membership is rather simple. Obtain your IPIN Membership by logging onto itftennis.com/ipin and complete the applicable registration form which includes paying an annual fee (Current price for annual membership is $60).

Although the IPIN (registration number) is yours for life, the IPIN Membership is only valid for the current calendar year and must be renewed every year. If you already have an IPIN from your junior tournament days just log onto itftennis.com/ipin to upgrade your membership to include the Pro Circuit.
Enter Pro Circuit Events.

All men’s and women’s Pro Circuit entries are completed on the ITF website, [itftennis.com/ipin](http://itftennis.com/ipin). The entry deadline for main draw and qualifying is on Thursday, 18 days prior to the Monday of the tournament week (8:00 AM Eastern Time in the United States). Entered qualifying players must still appear at qualifying sign-in. A $40 entry fee is due on-site.

Please pay close attention to Entry and Withdrawal deadlines to avoid occurring fines and penalties!!

The withdrawal deadline is on Tuesday, 13 days prior to the Monday of the tournament week (8:00 AM Eastern Time in the United States). Entered Qualifying and Main Draw players may withdraw by the withdrawal deadline without penalty. If you failed to enter by the Entry Deadline, you can still sign-in for Qualifying on site. However, you will be on the alternate list, behind all players who entered by the deadline.
ACCESS the Pro Circuit Website.

Your goal should be to familiarize yourself with the USTA website procircuit.usta.com and ITF website itftennis.com. This is a must for every future pro tennis player.

Knowing your way around the USTA Pro Circuit website and the ITF website is one of the first and last things to master. Here you will find important information such as Tournament Calendars, Entry Lists, Pro Circuit Rules and Regulations, Freeze Deadlines, Amateur Reimbursement Forms and Tournament Fact Sheets. FACT SHEETS are posted online approximately one month prior to the start of each event and provide important details such as sign-in dates, location, player activities and hotel information.

Also learn about Players with a National Top 500 ranking (on file with the ITF) regarding this and other information for acceptance into all circuit events.
Monitor the Entry Lists.

This step is important to verify whether you made it into Main Draw or Qualifying. Entry lists are available the day after the entry deadline both on the ITF website and on the USTA Pro Circuit website. Entry lists change frequently so check them often. It is your responsibility to verify if you have moved into Qualifying from the Alternates list or into Main Draw from the Qualifying list.

Once accepted into Main Draw or Qualifying of an event, a player is committed to play only that event for that week.

Pay attention to what is called the FREEZE DEADLINE! On Thursday prior to the start of the Tournament Week, players still on the Alternate list will no longer move into Qualifying but will remain on the Alternates List. Players remaining on an Alternate list who want to play will be accepted into the draw as space is available according to the System of Merit. On site alternates who did not enter the tournament will be accepted into the draw as space is available according to the System of Merit.
The player (YOU) must Sign-In the day before qualifying play begins. This last step requires you to be physically present to sign-in for Qualifying or as an On-Site Alternate in order to compete. For most USTA Pro Circuit Events, sign-in takes place from 4-6 p.m. the day before Qualifying play. Check the FACT SHEET for sign-in details.

No one other than the player may sign-in for the player and there is NO TELEPHONE SIGN-IN. Therefore, you MUST be physically present to sign-in for Qualifying!!
Congratulations and best of luck in following your **DREAMS**!

We hope this was helpful in understanding the basic steps to begin competing on the USTA Pro Circuit. For more detailed information check out the “Getting Started” link at [procircuit.usta.com](http://procircuit.usta.com)