

2016 ONE LOVE TENNIS OPEN ATLANTA, GA • SEPTEMBER 11-18

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Site: Lifetime Athletics at Peachtree Corners
Atlanta, Ga.

Websites: www.onelovetennis.com
procircuit.usta.com

Facebook: One Love Tennis Open

Twitter: @OneLove10SOpen

Qualifying Draw Begins: Sunday, Sept. 11

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, Sept. 13

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Hard / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$50,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$7,600	80
Runner-Up	\$4,053	48
Semifinalist	\$2,216	29
Quarterfinalist	\$1,267	15
Round 16	\$760	8
Round 32	\$444	1

DOUBLES: Prize Money (per team)

Winner	\$2,786
Runner-Up	\$1,393
Semifinalist	\$696
Quarterfinalist	\$380
Round 16	\$254

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 11

Kids' Tennis Carnival, 4:30-6 p.m.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN RETURN TO ATLANTA

The **2016 One Love Tennis Open** brings the USTA Pro Circuit back to Atlanta for the first time since 2011. The city hosted women's tournaments in 1999, 2003, and from 2008-2011. Atlanta also hosted men's tournaments in 1983 and 1991. It is one of two USTA Pro Circuit women's events taking place in Georgia this year, joining a \$50,000 event held in Macon in late October. Savannah hosts a men's tournament in April.

This tournament will be streamed live on www.procircuit.usta.com. To follow the tournament, download the USTA Pro Circuit's new phone app for smartphones and tablets by searching "procircuit" in the Apple and Google Play stores.

Notable players competing in Atlanta include:

Taylor Townsend, who qualified for the 2016 US Open and faced Caroline Wozniacki in the first round. She also advanced to the women's doubles quarterfinals in New York. Townsend made her third consecutive appearance in the main draw of the French Open in 2016 after winning this year's USTA Pro Circuit Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge. She won the Challenge by capturing the title at the \$50,000 event in Charlottesville, Va., and reaching the finals at the \$50,000 event in Dothan, Ala., and the \$75,000 event in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla. Townsend, who was a Top 100 player as recently as last year, also won the USTA Pro Circuit Roland Garros Wild Card Challenge



Peter Staples



Darren Carroll

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in 2014 and advanced to the third round of that year's French Open. Overall, Townsend has won three USTA Pro Circuit singles crowns and nine USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit doubles titles, including five doubles titles this year with fellow American Asia Muhammad. Townsend was the 2012 ITF World Junior Champion, becoming the first U.S. girl to hold the year-end No. 1 junior ranking since Gretchen Rush in 1982. Townsend ascended to No. 1 by winning the Australian Open junior singles and doubles titles, as well as the junior doubles titles at the US Open and Wimbledon.

Melanie Oudin, who has played in just a few tournaments since October 2014 after undergoing a heart procedure. Oudin reached the quarterfinals at the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Pelham, Ala., this April and won a doubles title at an

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ITF Circuit event in Great Britain this June. Oudin burst onto the tennis scene in 2009, defeating former world No. 1 Jelena Jankovic to reach the fourth round at Wimbledon and beating five-time Grand Slam champion Maria Sharapova en route to the US Open quarterfinals. Oudin peaked at No. 31 in the world in singles in April 2010, but she struggled with injuries and inconsistency in the year that followed. She started a comeback in 2012, capturing her first career WTA title at the Wimbledon tune-up event in Birmingham, England. She then competed at Wimbledon as a wild card. Oudin also earned a wild card into the 2012 French Open based on her results on the USTA Pro Circuit, which included a title at the event in Charlottesville, Va. (She reached the second round at Roland Garros that year.) In addition to her success in singles, Oudin notched one of the biggest victories of her career at the 2011 US Open, claiming the mixed doubles title with fellow American Jack Sock. She has also been a consistent performer for the U.S. Fed Cup team in the past. Oudin announced in November 2013 that she was suffering from rhabdomyolysis, a muscle-damaging condition, and took time off to deal with it. She resumed competition in March 2014 and competed on the USTA Pro Circuit and in qualifying for the US Open, French Open and Wimbledon. She was then sidelined again by the heart procedure.

Kristie Ahn, who graduated from Stanford in 2014 as a four-time All-American. Ahn went 97-17 in four seasons with the Cardinal and was named the 2014 ITA National Senior Player of the Year. She qualified for the 2008 US Open, where she lost to former world No. 1 Dinara Safina in the first round. Ahn has also won five USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit singles titles, including two titles in Korea and Canada in 2015, and one doubles title in 2010. She made her first appearance in Australian Open qualifying this January and also reached the singles final of an ITF Circuit event in Korea earlier this year.

Lauren Albanese, who has won three USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Circuit singles titles, as well as five doubles titles. She competed in the US Open main draw in 2006 and 2007. She won the USTA Girls' 18s title in 2006 to earn a wild card into the US Open, where she advanced to the second round of the women's singles main draw.

Ellie Halbauer, who won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$10,000 event in Hilton Head Island, S.C., in 2013. She also won an ITF Circuit event in Argentina this April. Halbauer received a qualifying draw wild card into the WTA's Family Circle Cup in her hometown of Charleston, S.C., in 2014 and 2016. She trains at the USTA Player Development Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla.

Bernarda Pera, who was born in Croatia and started competing for the United States in 2013. Pera has won six ITF Circuit singles titles and six doubles titles. She also competed in the 2014 US Open doubles draw as a wild card. As a junior player, Pera was ranked in the Top 50 of the ITF World Junior Rankings and competed in the 2012 US Open Junior Championships.

Jessica Wacnik, who played college tennis at Boston College, where she competed in the No. 1 singles and doubles position during her senior year.

Great Britain's **Laura Robson**, who qualified for the 2016 US Open, having peaked at No. 27 in the world in 2013 before suffering from a series of wrist injuries. In 2013, Robson had her first Top 50 season, advancing to the fourth round of Wimbledon and the third round of the US Open and Australian Open. She reached her first WTA final in 2012 in Guangzhou and earned the silver medal in mixed doubles at the 2012 Olympics in London with Andy Murray.

**Player field subject to change*

ATLANTA PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2011	Lauren Davis (USA)	Alexis King (USA)	2011	Alexandra Cercone (USA) – Natalie Pluskota (USA)
2010	Irina Falconi (USA)	Allie Will (USA)	2010	Kristy Frilling (USA) – Julia Glushko (ISR)
2009	Irina Falconi (USA)	Jennifer Elie (USA)	2009	Kaitlyn Christian (USA) – Lindsey Nelson (USA)
2008	Amanda Fink (USA)	Svetlana Krivencheva (BUL)	2008	Sanaz Marand (USA) – Kristi Miller (USA)
2004-07	Tournament not held		2004-07	Tournament not held
2003	Jana Nejedly (CAN)	Jennifer Hopkins (USA)	2003	Ting Li (CHN) – Tian-Tian Sun (CHN)
1999	Jolene Watanabe (USA)	Jing-Qian Yi (CHN)	1999	Lenka Nemeckova (CZE) – Meilen Tu (USA)

USTA PRO CIRCUIT

With approximately 90 tournaments hosted annually throughout the country and prize money ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000, the USTA Pro Circuit is the pathway to the US Open and tour-level competition for aspiring tennis players and a frequent battleground for established professionals. The USTA launched its Pro Circuit in 1979 to provide players with the opportunity to gain professional ranking points, and it has since grown to become the largest developmental tennis circuit in the world, offering nearly \$3 million in prize money. Last year, more than 1,000 men and women from more than 70 countries competed in cities nationwide. **John Isner, Maria Sharapova, Andy Murray, Caroline Woznaicki, Kei Nishikori, Victoria Azarenka and Sam Querrey** are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.

More recently, the USTA Pro Circuit was a pathway to success for two young Americans in 2015—**Samantha Crawford** and **Frances Tiafoe**. Crawford, the 2012 US Open girls' singles champion, started the 2015 season ranked No. 293 and competed in 23 USTA Pro Circuit events throughout the year. She went on to win the first USTA Pro Circuit singles title of her career at the \$50,000 event in Scottsdale, Ariz., and also won two of the USTA Pro Circuit's wild card challenges to earn wild cards into the 2015 US Open and 2016 Australian Open; the wild card challenges were based upon results on the USTA Pro Circuit. Crawford's hard work paid off, and in January 2016, she rose to No. 107 in the world after a strong start to the year in Australia, where she reached her first WTA semifinal in Brisbane as a qualifier. Tiafoe, a former world No. 2 junior who turned pro early in 2015, started last season ranked No. 1,143. His successes on the USTA Pro Circuit not only allowed Tiafoe to finish the year ranked No. 176, but also gave him experience on the Grand Slam stage. Tiafoe won the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge to earn a spot in the 2015 French Open, which marked his Grand Slam debut. He also won his first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2015 at the \$15,000 Futures in Bakersfield, Calif., and reached three additional finals. Tiafoe also competed in the 2015 US Open as a wild card and continues to climb in the rankings.



Samantha Crawford

USTA PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

The USTA Player Development program, working with the American Tennis Family of players, coaches and families, helps to identify and develop the next generation of American champions by surrounding top junior players and young pros with the resources, facilities and coaching they need to reach their maximum potential. The Player Development program is based at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla., and utilizes National Training Centers in Carson, Calif., and Flushing, N.Y., as well as a network of Certified Regional Training Centers located throughout the United States.

YOUTH TENNIS

The USTA is making it easier and more fun for kids to get into the game—and stay in the game. Kids are learning to play faster than ever before through the USTA's youth initiative, which is geared toward getting more kids to participate in tennis using modified equipment and courts tailored to a child's size. For more information, visit YouthTennis.com.

USTA FOUNDATION

USTA Foundation, the national charitable organization of the USTA, helps serve up dreams for under-resourced youth; individuals with disabilities; and wounded, ill and injured service members, veterans and their families. The foundation supports programs nationwide that leverage tennis and education to help those in need, primarily through the National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) network, and other efforts to assist military personnel, veterans and individuals with disabilities. To date, it has awarded more than \$19 million in grants and scholarships to hundreds of programs, benefitting thousands of children and adults through a tennis, education and health curricula. For more information, visit the website www.ustafoundation.com.

US OPEN NATIONAL PLAYOFFS

The USTA launched the US Open National Playoffs in 2010, making the US Open "open" to anyone age 14+ and of all skill levels. Last year, more than 1,450 players competed in 13 Sectional Qualifying Tournaments nationwide for a 2015 US Open Qualifying Tournament wild card. A men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles element also was held, with the winning team earning a US Open main draw doubles wild card. Registration for all 2016 sectional events opens on March 15, with tournaments taking place in May and June. The US Open National Playoffs will take place in New Haven in August. For more information and the schedule, and to vie for a chance to compete in the US Open, visit www.usopen.org/NationalPlayoffs.

