



Registration - USA TAP OPEN **December 9-11, 2016**

General information

USTA Texas and the Texas Tennis Education and Foundation (TTEF) along with the TAP Foundation will be presenting The TAP Tour in Houston Texas on the indoor courts at the Galleria Athletic & Tennis Club- <http://mygtac.com>
The hotel and tennis club are both located in the Galleria Mall and are within walking distance- <http://www.simon.com/mall/the-galleria>

Entry Fee: \$60.00 includes lunch on Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Link to registration-

<http://tennislink.usta.com/Tournaments/TournamentHome/Tournament.aspx?T=192021>

Players need to enter either Men's singles or Women's singles and the tournament will put the player in the correct division after classification has been determined. Men and Women will be combined if not enough entries.

Entry deadline – November 11, 2016

Hotel: \$129.00 for single or double occupancy at Westin Oaks Houston in the Galleria Mall-

Link to book TAP-USTA hotel room- <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/TL07AB>

Group rates available until-November 16th by 5:00 US Central time zone. Subject to availability

Bush Intercontinental Airport is 26 miles from hotel

Hobby Airport is 16 miles from hotel

For more information contact Cindy Benzon at benzon@texas.usta.com



Adaptive Tennis in Standing Position

What is Stand Up Tennis?

This competitive discipline is a way of playing tennis for people with different kinds of disabilities but are able to play in standing position (nor cognitive, degenerative or sensorial) on a tennis court with some adjustments depending on the mobility of the player with one bounce.

Who can participate?

- People with amputations
- Hemiplegics and Hemi paralysis
- Congenital malformation
- Cerebral palsy

Note: All new players to the TAP Tour with physical disabilities will be evaluated to determine classification and assign a category to each player, which is detailed below.

Categories:

How are players classified into the different categories?

The players are not classified by pathology or medical diagnosis since there are many physical disabilities, some players will display the same physical condition but we know that each person is affected in a very different and individual way, we also rely on functional criteria, which is what is being done in adapted sports for years.

Currently TAP is a new modality in the competitive area which has attracted players with different physical disabilities and since there still are few global players, all need to be included.

A1: Players with optimal functional mobility to move about on a tennis court. No motor impairment in the lower body and motor impairment of one upper limb. (For example, this might be a player who is an amputee of one arm, at joint level or who displays a congenital malformation in one arm).

A: Players with optimal functional mobility to move about on a tennis court. With motor alteration of one or both lower extremities, and with or without alterations in one or two upper extremities.

B: Player with an intermediate functional mobility to move about on a tennis court. The court size is 60 x 21 feet with an orange ball.

C: Player with a functional disability to move about on a tennis court. The court size is 36 x 18 feet with a red ball.

Classification and Evaluation of the Circuit TAP World Tour

1) If you don't know your category in the Circuit please send a small video of you playing tennis so that the TAP World Tour committee can analyze it, in order to evaluate it and see the category that is better for you, this video should show your functional mobility regarding the following:

- Forward and backward displacement (movement) and sideways movement

Note: You can make these videos with a cell-phone and send to contacto@fundaciontap.com

Requirements and rules of the TAP Circuit:

- 1) United States players must bring the flag of their state
- 2) Players outside of the United States must bring the flag of their country
- 3) Each player will be responsible for the cost of his/her travelling expenses, hotel and some meals
- 4) Photo and short bio for media guide required-email to benzon@texas.usta.com

