

MARCH 3-4 - 2017

Intermountain Section Championship



550 Guardsman Way
Salt Lake City, UT

This tournament will follow the exact same format as in previous years by using the World Team Tennis format. A more in depth description of the format and rules/regulations can be found in the following pages.

Registration priority will be given on a first-come first-serve basis for "A" and "B" teams with any "C" teams placed on a waiting list also on a first-come first-serve basis. We hope to accommodate all teams able to participate and want this tournament to grow as much as possible.

Teams will be placed in pools where they will play the other members of their pool round-robin style and then placed into brackets based on pool performance. Pool and bracket size will both be determined by number of teams in attendance.

Entry fee will be \$175 per team, plus a \$75 deposit that will not be refunded should your team "no-show" or drop out after the entry deadline. Checks totaling \$250 should be made payable to "USTA Intermountain".

Additionally, there will be three (3) bids to the Tennis On Campus National Tennis Tournament! Nationals will be held in Orlando, Florida at the brand new USTA National Campus, on April 13-15th, 2017!!!

If you have any questions, please contact:

Intermountain Tennis On -
Campus Coordinator

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REGISTRATION OPENS **JANUARY 16, 2017**
REGISTRATION DEADLINE **FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

DAY 1 — FRIDAY MARCH 3

TEAM CHECK IN	7:00 AM - 7:30 AM
PLAY BEGINS	8:00 AM
PLAY ENDS	8:00 PM

DAY 2 — SATURDAY MARCH 4

TEAM CHECK IN	7:00 AM - 7:30 AM
PLAY BEGINS	8:00 AM
PLAY ENDS	5:00 PM



1. GAME SCORING

In World TeamTennis (WTT) the scoring is no-ad. This means a game is won by the first team to capture four points (15, 30, 40, game or 1, 2, 3, game). When the game score is deuce (3-3) (game point), the receiving team chooses which side is to receive the serve. In the mixed doubles set the serve must be gender to gender at game point.

2. SET SCORING

A match consists of five no-ad sets and includes men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, and one set of mixed doubles. (Mixed doubles is always played last.) The five set format is the STANDARD WTT format used at the USTA National Campus Championship. Each no-ad set is won by the first team to reach six games. A nine-point tiebreaker will be played at five games all in any set (see explanation of tiebreakers).

- On two courts, order of sets will be: men's and women's doubles, men's and women's singles, finishing with mixed doubles.
- On one court, order of sets will be: doubles, singles, doubles, singles finishing with mixed doubles. Home team captain has a choice of sequence of sets—men's or women's.

3. MATCH SCORING AND OVERTIME

FIVE SET FORMAT (ONE SET OF MIXED DOUBLES)

Teams must submit the starting lineup before play of each set. Teams have until the end of the five-minute break between sets to submit a starting lineup for the next set. The winner of the match will be determined by the total number of games won. After all of the games are totaled, if the trailing team won the mixed doubles set, the match is not over. The procedure is as follows:

- If the leading team won the mixed doubles set, the match is over.
- If the trailing team won the mixed doubles set, the match continues into Overtime until the leading team wins one game or until the score is tied. (See Supertiebreaker if a tie occurs.)
- If the overall score ends tied, you automatically begin the Supertiebreaker.

Overtime is a continuation of the mixed doubles set. Once you have come out of the mixed doubles set, you cannot return in Overtime. The first person to serve in Overtime is the person who was next to serve at the end of the mixed doubles set. This Overtime rule gives the trailing team a chance to make a comeback. It also emphasizes the importance of the mixed doubles set.

4. PLAYER LIMITATIONS

A roster player may play in only two sets per match whether as a starter or a substitute (excluding the Supertiebreaker).

5. SUBSTITUTIONS

A team can, upon completion of a point, substitute a player (same gender) into a set for any reason. Once a player is replaced, he/she cannot return in that set. If a substitution occurs in doubles, the remaining player cannot change the side on which they receive or the service order. Substitutions are allowed in Overtime (if a player has not already played in mixed doubles) and the Supertiebreaker. Once a player has come out of the mixed doubles set a player cannot return in Overtime as it is the same set.

6. WARM-UP TIME

In WTT, you warm-up with your teammates. Players are allowed a five minute warm-up. All team members are encouraged to warm-up during this time. Once play has begun, a five minute warm-up is allowed between sets. This must be adhered to so that all sets will be completed in the time allotted.

7. SERVICE ORDER

The home team serves first in all doubles sets. The visiting team serves first in the singles sets. NOTE: Since the serving order is predetermined, the receiving team selects from which end of the court they want to receive.

8. CHANGING ENDS

After every four games, players change ends of the court.

9. COACHING

Coaching is allowed throughout the match as long as it does not interfere with continuous play. We encourage team members to stand along the court and support their team.

10. DEFAULT RULES

Time: 15 minute team default = match default 30-0
15 minute player default = set default 6-0

Injury: If a player retires during a set and cannot be substituted for, the score will be recorded with the games played standing with the opposing team receiving six games.

11. EXPLANATION OF TIEBREAKERS

NINE-POINT TIEBREAKER

A nine-point tiebreaker will be played at five games all in any set. The person who is next to serve begins the tiebreaker. Each player serves two points in succession starting from the deuce court. Players change sides after the first four points, only. The first team (or person) to score five points wins the tiebreaker. If the tiebreaker reaches 4-4, the person who received the eighth point serves the ninth (final) point. The receiver, however, has the choice of sides (except in mixed doubles, where they must be gender to gender). The winner of the ninth point is the winner of the set.

SUPERTIEBREAKER

If the match enters into a Supertiebreaker, a coin toss will decide which team serves first in the Supertiebreaker. The Supertiebreaker is mixed doubles and should be treated as a new set and substitutions are allowed. Either player on the serving team may serve first. In addition, court positions may be changed (i.e. person who played forehand position may switch to play backhand position). Each player serves two points in succession starting from the deuce court. Players change sides after the first six points, only. The first team to score seven points wins the Supertiebreaker. If the Supertiebreaker reaches 6-6, the person who served the 12th point will serve the 13th (final) point. Since this set is mixed doubles, the final serve will be gender to gender. The winner of the 13th point wins the Supertiebreaker and the match. The Supertiebreaker counts as one game in overall match scoring.

TIE BREAKERS FOR POOL STANDINGS:

- *Win-loss record of completed matches.
- *Head to Head record among tied teams (only if the tie is between 2 teams).
- *Best winning percentage (total games won divided by total games played) between teams with tied match records.
- *The team with the most games won.
- *The team with least games lost.
- *Play Supertiebreaker to determine the winner.



2016-2017 Eligibility Rules & Guidelines

Background:

USTA Tennis On Campus was designed to increase recreational tennis participation and provide socially-competitive coed team play for students on college campuses. While we try to be inclusive to ensure maximum participation, we also recognize the impact that former varsity players can have at our championship events which can greatly affect our intent. We have made some rules and guidelines which limit former varsity player involvement and you should read the following guidelines to avoid penalty or sanctions against your team.

If the correct answer to any of the questions below is YES, you are INELIGIBLE for the 2016-2017 academic year for the following USTA Tennis On Campus Events & Championships:

- USTA Tennis On Campus Fall & Spring Invitational
- USTA Tennis On Campus Leagues, Regionals & Sectionals
- USTA Tennis On Campus National Championship

1. Were you listed on a 2-yr or 4-yr college varsity tennis roster (squad list) or USTA Tennis On Campus Roster prior to Fall 2005? (This includes any year you may have red-shirted)
2. Were you listed on a 2-yr or 4-yr college varsity tennis roster (squad list) for over 3 weeks (21 days) from August 2016 to the present time?
3. Were you on any college varsity tennis team for more than three years?
If yes, when was the last season you played? (If during the 2015-2016 school year, then you are ineligible for the current academic year)
4. Are you an undergraduate and enrolled in less than 1/2 time enrollment status?
5. Are you a graduate student taking less than 6 credit hours?
6. Will this current academic year be your 7th combined year of participation in USTA Tennis On Campus events and/or listing on a 2-yr or 4-yr college varsity tennis roster (squad list)?
7. Have you received prize money for participation in a tennis tournament which exceeded your participation expenses?

PLEASE NOTE:

- If you were listed on a college varsity tennis roster or squad list for 1 year or less for any previous academic year after 2005 you are not considered a former varsity player.
- At USTA Tennis On Campus Leagues, Regional, Sectional, Fall & Spring Invitational and National events there is a limit of one former varsity player per team. A former varsity player is defined as a player who has been on a 2-yr or 4-yr college varsity tennis roster (squad list) for more than 1 year.

Penalties & Sanctions:

If a player on your team is found to be ineligible for any of these rules at any time, that player and/or team is subject to immediate default or disqualification for these events at the discretion of the tournament director / committee. If you have questions about these rules / guidelines please contact your Section TOC Coordinator.

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For more information go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/NCCSGuidelines>

Transgender Athlete Participation Policy:

The NIRSA Championship Series expects participation to be based on one's self-identified gender and that it is done in good faith and is consistent with a player's expressed gender identity.

A participant's gender identity will be applied when there are gender specific rules or player ratio requirements for co-rec divisions.

- o Transgender individuals may play on the team that best matches their gender identity.
- o The campus official who approves the team entry on the roster/player certification form should verify the gender indicated on the form is based on the participant's self-identification and expressed gender identity, not purely on the sex indicated in official school records.
- o Player eligibility will be based on the gender identified on the official team roster.
- o NIRSA recognizes that, for many, coming to know one's gender identity is not something that happens in an instant; it is a complex process that can occur over an extended period of time. Transgender participants are encouraged to communicate their gender identity with the campus official who is responsible for approving the team entry on the roster/player certification form prior to the tournament registration deadline. Should the player not feel comfortable working with that campus official, the individual can contact the tournament director or the NIRSA Director for National Sport Programs and inform them of their status at least three business days prior to the tournament.

Individuals who identify as a woman are eligible to play on women's and co-rec teams; individuals who identify as a man are eligible to play on men's and co-rec teams. Transgender participants are eligible to play based on their expressed gender identity so long as they comply with all Player Eligibility Guidelines.

2017 Intermountain Section Championships

Dates: [March 3-4th, 2017](#)

Location: Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club University of Utah-Eccles Tennis Center
2471 South 1700 East 550 South Guardsman Way
Salt Lake City, UT 84106 Salt Lake City, UT
801-487-3206

Registration : [Wednesday, February 15th, 2017](#)

Conference Call: [Tuesday, February 28th, 2017 \(@6pm MST\)](#)

Entry Fee: \$175 per team, plus a \$75 deposit per team with checks made payable to “USTA Intermountain Section Championships”. Deposit checks will only be cashed if your team “no-shows” or leaves before completing all its matches. A single check for \$250 per team may be written, and the deposit will be refunded upon tournament completion.

Format: We will be playing World Team Tennis format. Teams will play “Round Robin” or “Pool Play” and then advance into bracket play. Pool and bracket size will both be determined by number of teams in attendance. Format is subject to change.

Teams: Teams must have a minimum of 4 players (2 men and 2 women) or a maximum of 10 players per team. Registration priority will be given on a first-come first-serve basis for “A” and “B” teams with any “C” teams placed on a waiting list also on a first-come first-serve basis. Depending on how many participating teams we have, “C” teams may either be used to ensure an even number of teams, or not at all. We will do our best to ensure that all teams wishing to participate can.

Items to Send In:

- Entry Form for each team – “A”, “B”, and “C”.
- \$175 entry fee, plus a \$75 deposit per team, or a combined check for \$250 per team.
- Player agreement, release, and waiver form for each participant.

Mailing Address:

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—OFFICIAL SCHOOL ENTRY

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED
ENTRY FORMS AND CHECKS TO :

LOCATION: Salt Lake Swimming & Tennis Club

2471 South 1700 East

Salt Lake City, UT

University of Utah

550 Guardsman Way

Salt Lake City, UT

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9145 E. Kenyon Ave., Suite 201

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DATE: March 3-4, 2017

ENTRIES DUE: February 15, 2017

ENTRY FEE: \$250 (\$175 entry fee/\$75 deposit) Per Team

Made Payable To: USTA Intermountain

**ALL PLAYERS ATTENDING MUST FILL
OUT A SIGNED WAIVER FORM.**

School Name:

Team Name:

A Team

B Team

C Team

(Please circle one)

Team Captain/Coach:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Email:

Number of Players: _____

Number of T-Shirts by size:

XXL _____

XL _____

L _____

M _____

S _____

School Name:

Team Name:

A Team

B Team

C Team

(Please circle one)

Team Captain/Coach:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Email:

Number of Players: _____

Number of T-Shirts by size:

XXL _____

XL _____

L _____

M _____

S _____

School Name:

Team Name:

A Team

B Team

C Team

(Please circle one)

Team Captain/Coach:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Email:

Number of Players: _____

Number of T-Shirts by size:

XXL _____

XL _____

L _____

M _____

S _____

PLEASE CONTACT US AT zarlen@ita.usta.com WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS YOU HAVE.

AGAIN, PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO A SCHOOL'S "A" TEAM, THEN "B", FOLLOWED BY ANY "C" TEAMS. AS THIS TOURNAMENT IS MAY BE CAPPED, WE MAY NOT HAVE ROOM FOR EVERY TEAM YOUR SCHOOL WISHES TO SEND. AS SOON AS WE KNOW HOW MANY TEAMS WILL BE PARTICIPATING WE WILL MAKE ANY NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS AND INFORM YOU WHICH TEAMS YOUR SCHOOL SENDS, IF NOT ALL, CAN PARTICIPATE.