

## BOYS' USTA COMPETITIVE PATHWAY MERIT-BASED WILD CARDS – 2025

The USTA Competitive Pathway Merit-Based Wild Card System was created to enhance and accelerate player progression using earned advancement opportunities with merit-based wild card linkages from the juniors and collegiate event pathways; into professional tennis. This helps parents, coaches, and players to optimize their competitive and training schedules which creates greater transparency with more efficient communication. Please refer to the USTA Competitive Pathway Merit-Based Wild Cards document regarding procedures, criteria and linkages. Please note that specific wild cards are linked to designated events.

The following USTA wild card allocations are merit-based for select 2024 tournaments and events which are subject to change per the USTA. Please note individual Tournament Directors may also have local wild cards for their respective events, and those local wild cards are issued at the discretion of those Tournament Directors.

After the completion of each event listed below, every player who earns a wild card will receive a notification by email from the USTA within two weeks after the conclusion of the event, which will be sent to the email currently in our records. Players must reply to the notification and submit a copy of their passport with their reply. If the awarded wild card does not reference that it is a wild card for a specific tournament, players must designate their top 3 choices in their reply. The USTA will make every effort to grant a players' first preference if the wild card is not designated for a specific event, but preferences are NOT guaranteed. After the earned wild card is communicated to the player, the player is still required to COMPLETE the Wild Card Request Form (which can be found by clicking [here](#) and the form must be submitted no later than the wild card deadline). **These earned wild cards must be used within nine months of being earned.** If the earned wild card is not used within nine months, it is considered to be forfeited. If a player is awarded a merit-based wild card AND if they should also gain direct entry on their own (for applicable draw) after being awarded the wild card, the merit-based wild card will still be considered as being used. In addition, if a player does not participate in the tournament for any reason, the merit-based wild card will still be considered being used for that tournament and will not be replaced for another tournament. The wild card requirements and conditions of use support the equitable distribution of wild cards, as there are a limited number of wild cards available.

Please be aware that due to the time of the year, some designated events are listed in 2026 based on the 2025 Tournament Calendar. These events are subject to change based on the final 2026 Tournament Calendar released in the 4th quarter of 2025. The USTA will determine the designation of these earned wild cards.

If the USTA finds that wild cards are being sold or bartered, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. All tournaments and tournament dates listed below are subject to change. All decisions relating to the wild card are made solely by the USTA and are not subject to appeal.

### CRITERIA

In order for a player to be eligible to accept a USTA issued wild card, the player must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- *Eligibility* – A player must meet the eligibility requirements to represent the United States in Billie Jean King Cup, Davis Cup, Junior Billie Jean King Cup, Junior Davis Cup, or ITF World Junior Tennis Competition. Additionally, to be eligible, a player CAN NOT have previously represented any other nation in an Olympic Tennis Event or in Billie Jean King Cup or Davis Cup competition (other than Junior Billie Jean King Cup or Junior Davis Cup).
- *Good Standing* – A player must be in good standing with USTA National, USTA Sectional, ITF, ITA, NCAA, WTA, & ATP bodies
- *Age* - For all ITF and professional events, a player must meet the age eligibility requirement subject to

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ITF, ATP, & WTA rules

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<b>EASTER BOWL USTA NATIONAL SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	<b>Wild Card Awarded</b>
Boys' 18's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J300 College Park - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles Finalist	(1) Junior ITF J300 College Park - Qualifying
Boys' 18's Singles 3rd Place	(1) Junior ITF J60 - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles 4th Place	(1) Junior ITF J60 - Qualifying
Boys' 18's Singles 5th Place	(1) Junior ITF J60 - Qualifying
Boys' 16's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J300 College Park - Qualifying
Boys' 16's Singles Finalist	(1) Junior ITF J60 - Main Draw
Boys' 14's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J100 - Main Draw Select One (1): Delray Beach <b>or</b> Coral Gables
<b>USTA NATIONAL CLAY COURT CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	<b>Wild Card Awarded</b>
Boys' 18's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J500 Orange Bowl International Tennis Championship - Main Draw & (1) Men's USTA M15 Orlando (week of Nov 10) - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles Finalist	(1) Junior ITF J500 Orange Bowl International Tennis Championship - Qualifying
Boys' 18's Singles 3rd Place	(1) Junior ITF J300 Bradenton - Qualifying
Boys' 18's Singles 4th Place	(1) Junior ITF J60 Corpus Christi - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles 5th Place	(1) Junior ITF J60 Corpus Christi - Qualifying
Boys' 16's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J500 Orange Bowl International Tennis Championship - Qualifying
Boys' 16's Singles Finalist	(1) Junior ITF J60 Lexington - Main Draw
Boys' 14's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J60 - Main Draw
<b>USTA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - BOYS</b>	<b>Wild Card Awarded</b>
Boys' 18's Singles Champion	(1) US Open - Main Draw & (1) US Open Juniors* - Main Draw & (1) Men's USTA ATP Challenger - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Doubles Champions	(1) US Open - Main Draw Doubles (required to play with the same partner) & (1) US Open Juniors* - Main Draw Doubles (required to play with the same partner)
Boys' 18's Singles Finalist	(1) US Open - Qualifying & (1) US Open Juniors* - Main Draw & (1) Men's USTA M25 - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	(1) US Open Juniors* - Main Draw & (1) Men's USTA M15 - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles 4 <sup>th</sup> Place	(1) US Open Juniors* - Qualifying & (1) Men's USTA M15 - Qualifying
Boys' 18's Singles 5 <sup>th</sup> Place	(1) US Open Juniors* - Qualifying
Boys' 16's Singles Champion	(1) US Open Juniors* - Main Draw & (1) Men's USTA M15 - Main Draw
Boys' 16's Singles Finalist	(1) Junior ITF J300 College Park - Main Draw & (1) Men's USTA M15 - Qualifying
Boys' 14's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J60 - Main Draw
<b>USTA NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	<b>Wild Card Awarded</b>
Boys' 18's Singles Champion	(1) <b>2026</b> Junior ITF J300 Indian Wells- Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles Finalist	(1) <b>2026</b> Junior ITF J300 Indian Wells - Qualifying

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Boys' 18's Singles 3rd Place	(1) <b>2026</b> Junior ITF J60 Las Vegas - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles 4th Place	(1) <b>2026</b> Junior ITF J60 Las Vegas - Qualifying
Boys' 18's Singles 5th Place	(1) <b>2026</b> Junior ITF J60 Medford - Qualifying
Boys' 16's Singles Champion	(1) <b>2026</b> Junior ITF J300 North American Regional Championships - Qualifying
Boys' 16's Singles Finalist	(1) <b>2026</b> Junior ITF J60 Las Vegas - Main Draw
<b>ORANGE BOWL INTERNATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	<b>Wild Card Awarded</b>
Boys' 18's Singles Champion	(1) <b>2026</b> Men's USTA M25 - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles Finalist	(1) <b>2026</b> Men's USTA M25 - Qualifying
<b>USTA NATIONAL WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	<b>Wild Card Awarded</b>
Boys' 18's Singles Champion	(1) <b>2026</b> Junior ITF J300 Indian Wells - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles Finalist	(1) <b>2026</b> Junior ITF J300 Indian Wells - Qualifying
Boys' 18's Singles 3rd Place	(1) <b>2026</b> Junior ITF J60 Las Vegas - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles 4th Place	(1) <b>2026</b> Junior ITF J60 Las Vegas - Qualifying
Boys' 18's Singles 5th Place	(1) <b>2026</b> Junior ITF J60 Eau Claire - Qualifying
Boys' 16's Singles Champion	(1) <b>2026</b> Junior ITF J300 Indian Wells - Qualifying
Boys' 16's Singles Finalist	(1) <b>2026</b> Junior ITF J60 Las Vegas - Main Draw
<b>16U JR DAVIS CUP TENNIS FINALS</b>	<b>Wild Card Awarded</b>
3 Team Members for the Finals	(1) Men's USTA M15 <b>or</b> M25 - Qualifying
<b>JUNIOR GRAND SLAM</b>	<b>Wild Card Awarded</b>
Boys' Singles Champion	(2) Men's Challenger ATP75 - Main Draw
Boys' Singles Finalist	(1) Men's Challenger ATP75 - Main Draw
<b>DI NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	<b>Wild Card Awarded</b>
Men's Singles Champion (US Only)	(1) Direct Link to the US Open Playoff
Men's Singles Finalist (US Only)	(1) Direct Link to the US Open Playoff
Men's Doubles Champions	(1) Direct Link to the US Open Playoff - Doubles (required to play with the same partner, both players must be able to represent the US)
<b>ITA MEN'S ALL AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	<b>Wild Card Awarded</b>
Men's Singles Champion	(1) Men's USTA M25 - Main Draw
Men's Singles Finalist	(1) Men's USTA M25 - Qualifying
Men's Doubles Champion	(1) Men's USTA M25 - Main Draw Doubles (required to play with same partner, both players must be able to represent the US)
<b>USTA COMPETITIVE PATHWAY WILD CARD LINKAGE</b>	<b>Wild Card Awarded</b>
Men's USTA M15 - Singles Champion	(1) Men's USTA M25 - Main Draw

*\*Players must be age eligible subject to ITF rules in order to receive the wild card allocated to this event.*

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*\*\*\*Please note the USTA does not hold Wild Cards in all of the Pro Circuit events, we have created a [document](#) to list which events that are applicable for players earning a Wild Card into a Pro Circuit event mentioned above.*