

GIRLS' 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 2025 tournaments and events which are subject to change per the USTA. Please note individual Tournament Directors also have local wild cards for their respective events.

After the completion of each event, every player who earns a wild card will receive a notification from the USTA. Players must reply to the notification and submit a copy of their passport. If the awarded wild card does not reference a specific tournament, players must designate their top 3 choices. The USTA will make every effort to grant a players' first preference, but it is NOT guaranteed. Once the earned wild card is communicated to the player, the player is still required to COMPLETE the Wild Card Request Form by clicking [here](#). **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 will be forfeited. Once a player is awarded a merit-based wild card but if they should also gain direct entry on their own (for applicable draw) afterwards, the merit-based wild card will still count as being used. In addition, if a player does not participate in the tournament for any reason, the merit-based wild card will still count as being used.

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. The USTA has final say in all wild card decisions.

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 Junior events & events deemed professional, a player must meet the age eligibility requirement subject to ITF, ATP, & WTA rules

EASTER BOWL USTA NATIONAL SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS	Wild Card Awarded
Girls' 18's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J300 College Park - Main Draw
Girls' 18's Singles Finalist	(1) Junior ITF J300 - Main Draw Select (1): Houston or Pan American

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Girls' 18's Singles 3rd Place	(1) Junior ITF J300 College Park - Qualifying
Girls' 18's Singles 4th Place	(1) Junior ITF 300 - Qualifying Select (1): Houston or Pan American
Girls' 18's Singles 5th Place	(1) Junior ITF J100 - Qualifying
Girls' 16's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J300 - Qualifying
Girls' 16's Singles Finalist	(1) Junior ITF J100 - Main Draw Select One (1): Delray Beach or Coral Gables
Girls' 14's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J100 - Main Draw Select One (1): Delray Beach or Coral Gables
USTA NATIONAL CLAY COURT CHAMPIONSHIPS	Wild Card Awarded
Girls' 18's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J500 Orange Bowl International Tennis Championship - Main Draw & (1) Women's USTA W35 - Main Draw
Girls' 18's Singles Finalist	(1) Junior ITF J500 Orange Bowl International Tennis Championship - Qualifying
Girls' 18's Singles 3rd Place	(1) Junior ITF J60 - Main Draw
Girls' 18's Singles 4th Place	(1) Junior ITF J60 - Qualifying
Girls' 18's Singles 5th Place	(1) Junior ITF J30 - Main Draw
Girls' 16's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J500 Orange Bowl International Tennis Championship - Qualifying
Girls' 16's Singles Finalist	(1) Junior ITF J60 - Main Draw
Girls' 14's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J60 - Main Draw
USTA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	Wild Card Awarded
Girls' 18's Singles Champion	(1) US Open - Main Draw & (1) US Open Juniors* - Main Draw & (1) Women's USTA W75 - Main Draw
Girls' 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)
Girls' 18's Singles Finalist	(1) US Open - Qualifying & (1) US Open Juniors* - Main Draw & (1) Women's USTA W35 - Main Draw
Girls' 18's Singles 3 rd Place	(1) US Open Juniors* - Main Draw & (1) Women's USTA W35 - Qualifying
Girls' 18's Singles 4 th Place	(1) US Open Juniors* - Qualifying
Girls' 18's Singles 5 th Place	(1) US Open Juniors* - Qualifying
Girls' 16's Singles Champion	(1) US Open Juniors* - Main Draw
Girls' 16's Singles Finalist	(1) USTA Level 1 Orange Bowl International Tennis Championship 16U - Main Draw
Girls' 16's Singles 3 rd Place	(1) Junior ITF J60 - Main Draw
Girls' 16's Singles 4 th Place	(1) Junior ITF J60 - Qualifying
Girls' 16's Singles 5 th Place	(1) Junior ITF J30 - Qualifying
Girls' 14's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J60 - Main Draw
USTA NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	Wild Card Awarded
Girls' 18's Singles Champion	(1) 2026 Junior ITF J300 North American Regional Championships - Main Draw
Girls' 18's Singles Finalist	(1) 2026 Junior ITF J100 - Main Draw
Girls' 18's Singles 3 rd Place	(1) 2026 Junior ITF J60 - Main Draw
Girls' 18's Singles 4 th Place	(1) 2026 Junior ITF J60 - Qualifying
Girls' 18's Singles 5 th Place	(1) 2026 Junior ITF J30 - Main Draw
Girls' 16's Singles Champion	(1) 2026 Junior ITF J60 - Main Draw
ORANGE BOWL	Wild Card Awarded

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INTERNATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS	
Girls' 18's Singles Champion	(2) Women's USTA W35 - Main Draw
Girls' 18's Singles Finalist	(1) Women's USTA W35 - Main Draw
USTA NATIONAL WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS	Wild Card Awarded
Girls' 18's Singles Champion	(1) 2026 Junior ITF J300 North American Regional Championships - Main Draw
Girls' 18's Singles Finalist	(1) 2026 Junior ITF J100 - Main Draw
Girls' 18's Singles 3 rd Place	(1) 2026 Junior ITF J60 - Main Draw
Girls' 18's Singles 4 th Place	(1) 2026 Junior ITF J60 - Qualifying
Girls' 18's Singles 5 th Place	(1) 2026 Junior ITF J30 - Main Draw
Girls' 16's Singles Champion	(1) 2026 Junior ITF J60 Las Vegas - Main Draw
14U WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS FINALS	Wild Card Awarded
3 Team Members for the Finals	(1) US Open Juniors* - Qualifying
16U JR BILLIE JEAN KING CUP TENNIS FINALS	Wild Card Awarded
3 Team Members for the Finals	(1) Women's USTA W35 - Main Draw
JUNIOR GRAND SLAM	Wild Card Awarded
Girls' Singles Champion	(2) Women's USTA W75 - Main Draw
Girls' Singles Finalist	(2) Women's USTA W75 - Qualifying
DI NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS	Wild Card Awarded
Women's Singles Champion	(1) Direct Link to the US Open Playoff
Women's Singles Finalist	(1) Direct Link to the US Open Playoff
Women's Doubles Champions	(1) Direct Link to the US Open - Doubles (required to play with the same partner, both players must be able to represent the US)
ITA WOMEN'S ALL AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	Wild Card Awarded
Women's Singles Champion	(1) Women's USTA W35 - Main Draw
Women's Singles Finalist	(1) Women's USTA W35 - Qualifying
Women's Doubles Champion	(1) Women's USTA W35 - Main Draw Doubles (required to play with same partner, both players must be able to represent the US)
USTA COMPETITIVE PATHWAY WILD CARD LINKAGE	Wild Card Awarded
Women's USTA W35 - Singles Champion	(1) Women's USTA W75 - 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.*