



RIVIERA/ITA WOMEN'S ALL-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosted by the Riviera Tennis Club * Pacific Palisades, California
October 8-11, 2009 (PQ Oct. 3-4 at UCLA, Qual Oct. 6-7 at Riviera)

ITA Staff Contact: Please contact the ITA staff for all questions prior to the start of the tournament.

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[contact your Region Chair (list below) for specific questions about your players' selection]

Riviera Info

Guest rooms available at Riviera at special player rate \$175.00 contact Kurt Wohlgemuth at (310) 566-5331 for reservations.

Riviera Tennis Club

Tennis Desk (310) 454- 6162

1250 Capri Dr.

Pacific Palisades, CA 90271

Practice Courts

All players and coaches MUST sign a Riviera Waiver PRIOR to playing or practicing. This is different than the ITA form online. It will be available on site.

Practice courts will be limited on Sunday Oct. 4. Check in at the upper courts.

Practice courts will be available Monday Oct. 5. Check in at the lower courts.

Please contact Pam Austin to reserve practice times Sun. and Mon. at

paustin@rccla.com or (310) 454-6162.

Practice times Tuesday Oct. 6 will be assigned by Jane Goodman, Tournament Referee.

Check in

Check in for players will begin Monday Oct. 5 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the lower courts.

Help us thank our WAATC organizing Committee

Co- Am Sunday Oct. 4

We are celebrating our 25th anniversary and will be having a thank you Co-Am round Robin for our committee members that have put in countless hours over the years.

We need your help in thanking them by sending a player or two to participate Sunday Oct. 4 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Please contact Pam Austin at paustin@rccla.com or (310) 454-6162.

Dress Code

No denim of any kind allowed in the Upper Clubhouse at any time.
Clothing made for tennis only allowed on courts.

Entry Fees and Online Player Registration

All participating schools are required to enter the ITA All-American Championships via an electronic entry form. The link to these forms will be posted on the ITA website. Entry fees must be paid Online through the ITA website once selections are announced. Entry fees must now be paid for all participants (automatic bids & at-large selections) and the fee is \$40/singles and \$50/doubles team. Registration online must be completed regardless of payment method; credit card payments can be completed online and cash/checks transactions will be completed during on-site check-in. In this case, please make checks payable to the ITA.

Alternate List Policy & Lucky Losers

The alternate list is eliminated once play begins in a prior draw - the Qualifying alternate list is void once PQ play starts; the MD alternate list is void once Qualifying begins. Lucky losers are selected into the Qualifying and Main Draw in order of the highest seeds that lose in the final qualifying rounds. Once the seeds are exhausted the remaining Lucky Losers are determined by random draw.

Withdrawing Players

For Singles and Doubles: A player whose status is "questionable" should not be entered into the tournament and a player who is not eligible by NCAA, conference or university standards cannot be entered into the tournament. Withdraws are permitted if submitted prior to 10 days from the start of the event. For a medical withdraw within 10 days of the start of the event, a letter from the team doctor must be submitted to be classified as "excusable." Letters from the school's athletic trainer will not be accepted. **All "inexcusable" withdraws made within 10 days of the start of the event will be subject to cover the cost of entry fees.** All materials must be faxed or email to Jennifer Evans attention at 609-497-9586 or jevans@itatennis.com.

Additional note for Doubles Withdrawal – If one half of a doubles team must withdraw the selection committee will review the new team to determine whether a direct line substitution can be made or whether the new doubles team should be moved to another spot. **Withdraws within 10 days of the start of the event that are not accompanied by a doctor's note are deemed "inexcusable" and coaches will be responsible to pay the entry fee for the withdrawn player(s).**

Wild Card Distribution

The Host School and ITA receive a wild card into each draw. An ITA wild card can be given for any reason, with the primary ones for an outstanding freshman or a player who missed a significant portion of the previous season due to injury. The selection committee can also decide not to use the ITA wild card, in which case an "at-large" candidate would fill the spot.

Error Slots

The selection committee reserves the right to save at-large spots in each draw to use in case of administrative error the week of the tournament. If these spots are not filled

after the tournament has begun they will be awarded to a lucky loser.

Protest Procedure

A coach can officially protest a player's selection for the selection committee to review. Protests must be sent to Jen Evans (jevans@itatennis.com) no later than 48 hours after selections are published.

ITA Waiver

All participants must agree to the ITA waiver during the online registration process. No paper waiver forms need to be collected onsite.

Format

Best two-out-of-three sets in singles for all draws. Doubles consist of one, 8-game set in all draws with the exception of the Main Draw semifinals and final, which will be best two-out-of-three sets

Ball & Ball Change

Wilson is the official ball of the ITA and **only** Wilson Extra Duty balls may be used during the ITA Women's All-American Championships. The ball change is 1 can per set in singles and 4 balls in doubles.

Mandatory ITA Coaches Meeting

A mandatory coaches meeting will be held immediately following the banquet. Attendance will be taken at the meeting and any coach who does not attend is subject to a fine, amount to be decided by the ITA Operating Committee.

Player Housing

Riviera Club Members will provide housing for all Main Draw and Qualifying participants. Please fill out the Player Housing Form, located on the ITA Website, and submit it to Dottie Weiler by **September 21st**. Prequalifying players, coaches and trainers are responsible for their own housing/hotel.

Draw Making Procedures

A player/doubles team cannot play an opponent from its same region in the first round. When a draw involves players or doubles teams from the same school, such entries shall be separated as much as possible, placed in separate halves, quarters or eighths as evenly as possible, depending on the number of entries from that school or university. The same procedure shall be used when a school has multiple seeds. The top 2 seeds from a school shall be in separate halves, a third seeded player in the same half with the second seeded player and so on.

Seeding is as follows: Main Draw - (Singles) No. 1-8 in order; (Doubles) No. 1-4 in order; Qualifying - (Singles) No. 1-8 in order, followed by 9-16 in alpha; (Doubles) - No. 1-8 in order; Prequalifying - (Singles) No. 1-8 in order, followed by Nos. 9-16 alpha; (Doubles) - No. 1-4 in order, followed by 5-8 alpha. Seeding is directly off of preseason rankings. When ranking list is exhausted the remaining seeds are determined by the selection committee. Note that Main Draw consolation singles and doubles are re-seeded and re-drawn.

Selection Process

The ITA National Ranking & Tournament Committee, consisting of the 12 region

chairs, the ITA Operating Committee Chair and the Assistant ITA Operating Committee Chair, is responsible for all selections for the championships. Only NCAA Division I student-athletes are eligible to participate.

Selection Criteria

- A. Main Draw - In order of the ITA preseason national singles and doubles rankings.
- B. Qualifying - In order of the ITA preseason national singles and doubles rankings.
- C. Prequalifying – In order of the ITA preseason national singles and doubles rankings. If ranking list is exhausted then the ITA National Ranking & Tournament Committee will make selections based on the following: player's overall results from the previous season; position on and ranking of team; regional ranking; and outstanding junior accomplishments (for freshmen). *Freshmen are only eligible for PQ* (in singles/can be in Q or MD doubles if selected/can receive wild card into Qual of MD singles).

Regional Selections – Determined by national (not regional rankings). In doubles, a regional committee can put forth a returning intact team with a top 5 regional ranking from the previous season in place of a new team with a higher preseason national ranking. If there are no players in the national rankings to select, a region must select representatives in order of final regional rankings from the previous season. If there are not players in the regional rankings to select then it is a regional committee selection based on a player's overall results from the previous season. If a player transfers into a region with a national ranking higher than returning regional players, then that player must be considered as a regional representative.

Main Draw Singles (32 players)

24 at-large (and wild card) selections

8 players from the Qualifying tournament

Automatic entry: Returning Champion, ITA National Summer Championships Champion, Regional Representation (1 players per region), Returning ITA All-Americans (from 2009 season)

Main Draw Doubles (16 teams)

12 at-large (and wild card) selections

4 teams from the Qualifying tournament

Automatic entry: Returning Champion, ITA National Summer Championships Champions (if from same school), Regional Representation (1 per region), Returning ITA All-Americans (from 2009 season; must be intact)

Note: If at-large and wild card selections exceed 12 teams, then the lowest ranked returning All-American team may become the No. 1 alternate.

Qualifying Singles (64 players)

Must win 3 matches to advance to MD

56 at-large (and wild card) selections

8 players from prequalifying tournament

Players must win 3 rounds to advance to Main Draw

Automatic entry: ITA National Summer Championships Finalist, Regional Representation (4 players per region)

Qualifying Doubles (32 teams)

Must win 3 matches to advance to MD

24 at-large (and wild card) selections

4 teams from prequalifying tournament

Automatic entry: ITA National Summer Championships Finalist (if from same school), Regional Representation (2 per region)

Prequalifying Singles (64 players)

Must win 3 rounds to advance to Qualifying

64 at-large (and wild card) selections

Automatic entry: Regional Representation (4 per region)

Prequalifying Doubles (32 teams)

Must win 3 rounds to advance to Qualifying

32 at-large (and wild card) selections

Automatic entry- Regional Representation (2 per region)

Note: Entries for PQ typically far exceed the number of spots available