



2012 ITA National Division III Men's Team Indoor Championship

Hosted by Gustavus Adolphus College
Friday, February 24 to Sunday, February 26, 2012

Site: Swanson Tennis Center at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN.

ITA Staff Contacts: Please contact Troy Venechanos, Manager of Events and Championships, at 609-851-8454 or tvenechanos@itatennis.com for all event-related questions prior to the start of the tournament.

All media-related inquiries should be directed to Nick Snow, Communications Manager, at 609-497-6921 or nsnow@itatennis.com.

On-Site Tournament Director: Tommy Valentini, Gustavus Adolphus College

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Teams & Coaches:

Emory University (John Browning)

Washington University (Roger Follmer)

University of California-Santa Cruz (Bryce Parmelly)

Kenyon College (Scott Thielke)

Pomona-Pitzer Colleges (Ben Belletto)

Trinity University (Russell McMIndes)

University of Chicago (Taka Bertrand)

Gustavus Adolphus College (Tommy Valentini)

Travel: Each team will receive a maximum of \$500 airfare travel reimbursement for flights booked through Anthony Travel, the official travel agency of the ITA (**877-284-2254**). Teams should plan to arrive on Thursday, February 23 and depart after 5:00 PM on Sunday, February 26, 2012. Ground transportation can also be arranged through Anthony Travel at the number listed above.

Ground Directions: Go west from the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport on #5 west, headed toward Bloomington. #5 merges with #494 west. Go west until you reach #169. Then go south to St. Peter. Allow one hour and fifteen minutes, except at rush hours. In St. Peter turn right on College Avenue (beyond the small business district), continue to the college sign, and go up the hill to your right. For meals turn left at the top of the hill and look for visitor parking on your right. Go in the Jackson Union, just to the right of the flagpoles. For tennis continue to the Swanson Center, an easily visible white air structure on the northwest corner of campus.

Site Address: 800 West College Avenue, St. Peter, MN 56082

Host Hotel: All teams are highly encouraged to stay at the Country Inn & Suites in Mankato, located approximately 10 miles south of the host site. Amenities include a pool, sauna, whirlpool, and complimentary breakfast.

Country Inn & Suites Mankato

1900 Premier Drive

Mankato, MN 56001

507-388-8555

The tournament rate is \$95 + tax per room (listed under ITA National Indoor). Five non-smoking rooms have been set aside for each team and all teams should stay at the host hotel. Coaches should reserve their rooms **before December 15, 2011**.

ITA Coaches Meeting: All coaches must attend a brief ITA Coaches meeting at 10:30 AM on Friday, February 24 in the Aasen Room on the first floor of the Swanson Tennis Center. The head referee, as well as representatives of the host school, will also be present.

Format: Four teams play three dual matches on three days and the other four on two days. Each dual is played to completion on three courts, starting with doubles, followed by two rounds of singles. Singles are two out of three sets, except when the dual match has been decided. Then a third-set super-breaker is used.

Line-up Submission and Protest Procedures: Master line-ups must be submitted through the ITA website no later than **Monday, February 20th at 3:00 PM EST**. Once all line-ups are submitted, they will be compiled and emailed to the participating coaches. Master line-ups will be discussed at the on-site ITA Coaches Meeting and protests will be filed at that time. For a line-up to be changed, the majority of coaches must agree to it. All coaches must have their scorebooks present at the meeting. The direct link to submit your master line-up will be provided on the ITA Tournament Page after February 1, 2012.

Line-Up Rules: ITA line-up rules apply (Rule II.K.3.) "In singles, players must compete in order of ability, the best player on the team playing at the No.1 position, the second best at No. 2 and so on through all positions. This rule shall also apply to doubles play with the strongest doubles team at No. 1, etc."

The master line-up must be played throughout the tournament. If a player is removed from the line-up, all players below that player will move up one (1) position, still playing in order of ability. In doubles, if a player is sick or injured you may do a direct-line substitution and all teams must still play in order of ability. Only the players listed on the master line-up are eligible to participate in the tournament.

Schedule: *Please note that this schedule is tentative and based on past procedures for scheduled play.*

Day	Time	Match	Teams	Courts
Friday	11:30 AM	#1	(2) Washington University vs. (7) University of Chicago	1-3
	11:30 AM	#2	(3) UC Santa Cruz. vs. (6) Trinity	4-6
	5:00 PM	#3	(1) Emory vs. (8) Gustavus	1-3
	5:00 PM	#4	(4) Kenyon vs. (5) Pomona-Pitzer	4-6
Saturday	8:30 AM	#5	Loser of Match #1 vs. Loser of Match #2	4-6
	8:30 AM	#6	Loser of Match #3 vs. Loser of Match #4	1-3
	2:00 PM	#7	Winner of Match #1 vs. Winner of Match #2	4-6
	2:00 PM	#8	Winner of Match #3 vs. Winner of Match #4	1-3
	7:30 PM	5 th Place	TBD	1-3
	7:30 PM	7 th Place	TBD	4-6
Sunday	9:00 AM	Finals	TBD	1-3
	9:00 AM	3 rd Place	TBD	4-6

Officials: Two ITA/USTA-certified Northern Section officials will be on court at all times (one for each dual match).

Practice Courts: Starting on Wednesday, February 22, contact Tommy Valentini at valentini@gac.edu for reservation requests.

On Thursday, February 23, teams may reserve two courts for 1 hour and 15 minutes at 6:45 PM, 8:00 PM, 9:15 PM or 10:30 PM. On Friday, February 19 teams may also reserve two courts for 1 hour and 15 minutes at 8:00 AM or one court at 9:15 AM. Team warm-ups for 11:30 AM matches begin at 10:30 AM. Each team is entitled to 1 1/2 courts.

Stringing: Stringing machines will be available in the Swanson Tennis Center to coaches and experienced stringers. Overnight stringing is \$10 if you furnish your own string, or \$15 for Wilson synthetic gut.

Athletic Trainers: Certified athletic trainers will be available upon request for practice on Thursday, February 23. One athletic trainer will be stationed at the courts starting on Friday, at 9:00 AM. He or she will be located in the Yllinen Lounge on the top floor of the Swanson Tennis Center for the entire tournament. All athletic training will be held by Gustavus Athletic Training and directed by Troy Banse. Teams should bring their own towels and tape.

Meals: Each team is given a meal card worth \$200. Gustavus Market Place in the Jackson Union offers a food court with eight options (deli, rotisserie, pasta, pizza, grill, Chinese, international, & vegetarian), all at low prices. Food is available from 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

Snacks: Fruit, granola bars, and Gatorade are provided for coaches, players, umpires, and tournament officials.

Publicity: The ITA will make its best effort, in conjunction with the Gustavus Sports Information Department, to publicize the event. Please submit the following materials to Nick Snow (nsnow@itatennis.com), ITA Communications Manager, no later than February 5:

- A hundred-word summary of your team's recent accomplishments
- A team picture
- A team roster of your top twelve players showing their hometown and year in school

This information will be used in the Tournament Program. Gustavus Sports Information and the ITA will also be updating the ITA Tournament page with recent scores and information.

Trophies: Trophies will be presented to at least the top two teams.