

2012

RIVIERA/ITA WOMEN'S ALL-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosted by the Riviera Tennis Club • Pacific Palisades, California

October 2-7, 2012

Pre-Qualifying Rounds September 29-30 at UCLA



Riviera Women's
ALL-AMERICAN
TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Site: All matches of the Qualifying and Main Draws (Singles and Doubles) will be held at the Riviera Tennis Club:

Riviera Tennis Club
Tennis Desk (310) 454- 6162
1250 Capri Drive
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

ITA Staff Contacts: Please contact **Troy Venechanos**, Director of Events and Championships, for all questions prior to the start of the tournament.

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Please contact your Region Chair (listed on page 5) for specific questions about your players' selection.

All media-related inquiries should be directed to **Donald Sherman**, Web/Media Manager:

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Player Housing Guest rooms available at Riviera at special player rate of \$175. Please contact Kurt Wohlgemuth at (310) 566-5331 for reservations.

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 16th. Prequalifying players, coaches and trainers are responsible for their own housing/hotel.

Hotels Please reserve your rooms at the following hotels no later than **September 15:**

[Courtyard by Marriott Culver City](#)
6333 Bristol Parkway
Culver City, California 90230
Phone: 310. 484.7000
Contact: Joyce Mak (joyce.mak@hershahotels.com)
\$129/night, includes breakfast for 2 people
Ask for the "All American-Riviera Championship" rate.
www.courtyardlawestside.com

[Courtyard by Marriot Century City/Beverly Hills](#)
10320 West Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064
Phone: 800.750.0953 or 310.556.2777
Contact: MaryAnn Rosenberg (mroca@pacificiahost.com, 310.556.3593)
\$169/night, includes breakfast for 2 people
Ask for the "ITA Championship" rate.
Virtual Tour: <http://blinkeyeproduction.com/tycenturycity.html>

Practice Courts Please contact Pam Austin (paustin@rccla.com, 310. 454.6162) to reserve practice times for Sunday and Monday (September 30 – October 1). Practice times for Tuesday, October 2 will be assigned by Jane Goodman, Tournament Referee.

- All players and coaches must sign a Riviera Waiver PRIOR to playing or practicing. This is different than the ITA form online and will be available on-site.
- Practice courts at Riviera will be limited on Sunday, September 30; check in at the upper courts.
- Practice times will be less limited on Monday, October 1; check in at the lower courts.

Check In Check in for players will begin Monday, October 1 beginning at 9:00 AM at the lower courts.

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 Riviera/ITA All-American Championships via an electronic entry form. The link to these forms will be posted on the ITA website. Registration online must be completed through the ITA website once selections are announced 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.

Entry fees must be paid for all participants (automatic bids & at-large selections) and the fees are \$50/singles and \$60/doubles team.

Alternate List Policy and Lucky Losers

The alternate list is eliminated once play begins in a prior draw - the Qualifying alternate list is void once Pre-Qualifying (PQ) play starts; the Main Draw alternate list is void once Qualifying begins. Lucky losers are selected into the Qualifying and Main Draws 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.

Player Withdrawals

Withdrawing Players: 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. All withdrawal materials must be faxed or email to Troy Venechanos' attention at 609-497-9586 or tvenechanos@itatennis.com.

ITA Rule IV.A.4. *Entry into and Withdrawal from ITA National Championships (Page 265, 2012 Friend at Court)*

1. A player must not accept entry into the qualifying or main draw of an event if injured and not sure if he/she can compete in this event except with the written approval of the ITA office. In this case, if approval is granted, the coach must notify the ITA office by phone, e-mail and/or fax no later than seven (7) days before the start of the event, if the player is still injured and not fully recovered at that point.
2. Once a player (or doubles team) accepts an invitation into the qualifying or main draw of an event, he/she cannot withdraw within seven (7)* days prior to the start of the event. All withdrawals within this timeframe will be subject to any applicable entry fees. In addition, a withdrawal must be deemed 'excusable' by the ITA office in order to avoid penalty. Late withdrawals will only be excused for one of the following reasons:
 - i. Extreme academic circumstances beyond the player's control and attested to by the Dean's office (in this case the ITA office shall be notified in writing by the Dean's office within 24 hours).
 - ii. Physical injury or sickness that occurs after the withdrawal deadline; any such medical withdrawal must be made with written documentation from a physician and the athletic department, which must be provided to the ITA office within 24 hours of injury.

*For the pre-qualifying rounds of an ITA National Championship only, a player (or doubles team) cannot be withdrawn within 10 days of the start of the event.

3. All inexcusable withdrawals will result in:
 - a letter of reprimand to the head coach with a copy sent to the school's Athletic Director; and
 - a fine to the head coach in the amount of \$500.
4. **If a player is withdrawn for any reason once the tournament has begun, he/she will receive an unranked loss (his/her opponent will not receive a win unless the warm-up has started).**

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 Cards

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

Coaches can officially protest a player's selection for the selection committee to review. Protests must be sent to Troy Venechanos (tvenechanos@itatennis.com) no later than 48 hours after selections are published. Any protests submitted after the 48 hour window will not be accepted.

ITA Waiver

All participants must agree to the ITA waiver during the online payment process. No paper waiver forms need to be collected on site.

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 semi-finals 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 at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, October 3. 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.

Welcoming Banquet

The Welcoming Banquet will be held at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, October 5 at the Riviera Country Club. Dress attire is business casual.

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.

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. Pre-Qualifying (PQ): 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

Regional representation will be determined by the most recent regional rankings, rather than the ITA Preseason National Ranking (as decided by the ITA Division I Operating Committee, May 2012). If there are not enough players in the regional rankings to for a selection to be made, a region must select representatives in order of ITA Preseason National Ranking. If there are not players listed on either rankings for a selection to be made, then the regional committee will make a 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.

Draws

Main Draw Singles (32 players)

0-11 at-large (and wild card) selections (dependent on # of returning All-Americans)

8 players from the Qualifying tournament

Automatic entry: ITA National Summer Championships Champion, Regional Representation (1 players per region), Returning ITA All-Americans (from 2011-12 season)

Note: If the number of returning All-Americans exceeds the number of at-large and wild card spots, then the lowest ranked returning All-American may become the No. 1 alternate.

Main Draw Doubles (24 teams)

7 at-large (and wild card) selections

4 teams from the Qualifying tournament

Automatic entry: ITA National Summer Championships Champions (if from same school), Regional Representation (1 per region),

Qualifying Singles (64 players)

Must win 3 matches to advance to MD

19 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 (3 players per region)

Qualifying Doubles (32 teams)

Must win 3 matches to advance to MD

3 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)

Pre-Qualifying Singles (64 players)

Must win 3 rounds to advance to Qualifying

28 at-large (and wild card) selections
Automatic entry: Regional Representation (3 per region)

Pre-Qualifying Doubles (32 teams)

Must win 3 rounds to advance to Qualifying

8 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

Seeding

Main Draws

- Singles: No. 1-8 in order
- Doubles No. 1-4 in order

Qualifying Draws

- Singles: No. 1-8 in order; followed by 9-16 in alphabetical order
- Doubles: No. 1-8 in order

Pre-Qualifying Draws

- Singles: No. 1-8 in order, followed by Nos. 9-16 alphabetical order
- Doubles: No. 1-4 in order, followed by 5-8 alphabetical order

ITA National Tournament and Ranking Committee

Northeast Region	Robert Dallis, Dartmouth
Carolina Region	Jeff Trivette, UNC Greensboro
Southeast Region	Amy Bonner, Georgia Southern
Ohio Valley Region	Lee Taylor Walker, Memphis
Atlantic Region	Terry Ann Zawacki-Woods, Virginia
Southern Region	Mark Byers, Ole Miss
Midwest Region	Brian Fleishman, Wisconsin
Central Region	Michael Hegarty, Arkansas
Texas Region	Joey Scrivano, Baylor
Mountain Region	Jeremy Wutzman, Denver
Northwest Region	Jill Hultquist, Washington
Southwest Region	Vicky Maes, Arizona