



2010 USTA National Campus Championship ***Newsletter***

April 15-17, 2010 ♦ Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex ♦ Surprise, AZ

Welcome to the 2010 USTA National Campus Championship! We're excited about hosting your team at the Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex in Surprise, Arizona in just a few short weeks. The eleventh annual USTA National Campus Championship will have a field of 64 college/university teams.

Provided below is information you will need to ensure this event is a success for you and your team. It is imperative that you review all of the information and comply with all necessary deadlines. It is also very important that you share this information with your entire team.

Please contact Valerie McCutchan at Valerie@nirsa.org or (541) 766-8211 immediately if for some reason your team **cannot** attend the tournament. Teams that do not show up greatly affect the scheduling of the Championship and could result in sanctions against your team, club, and/or school.

Home Page Access - The USTA National Campus Championship home page will be updated with scores and other information daily. Make sure your school newspaper's sports editor, friends, and family have the web address so they can follow the tournament: <http://www.tennisoncampus.com>.

Playing Venues - Matches will be held at two locations: Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex, 14469 West Paradise Lane, Surprise, AZ and Valley Vista High School, 15550 N Parkview Place, Surprise, AZ.

Schedule - Play will begin on Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m. SHARP! The schedule will be posted on <http://www.tennisoncampus.com> by April 9th. Be sure to check the master schedule at Tournament Headquarters on Thursday, April 15th to find out if any schedule changes have occurred. Teams will play seven matches (if all teams show up to scheduled matches), so plan accordingly. ALL teams will play on Saturday.

Remember - All rostered players must have played in two events representing their team/school in the same academic year and prior to the USTA National Campus Championship. An event is considered a dual match, a tournament, or a USTA Campus Championship - Section Event. Record on Player Match History form.

Player Certification Form—Was emailed to all team representatives. Bring this form to Arizona. If your club team is not part of Recreational Sports, Athletics or Student Services, contact Valerie@nirsa.org to arrange alternate University approved signature. MUST have University approval to attend this event.

Player Forms (1 - NIRSA Waiver/Release, 2 - Code of Conduct, 3 - USTA Personal Release)

All participants will be required to sign a waiver and a player "Standards of Conduct" form. These forms are included with this email. Make copies and **bring the completed and signed forms to check-in. All teams MUST have at least one representative at check-in and at the team rep/coaches' meeting on Wednesday evening.** Do not mail the forms to the NIRSA National Center. If any player is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign the waiver. **Each participant is required to have health insurance.** This information must be provided on the waiver. Please read the "Player Standards of Conduct" carefully and have each team member sign the form. It reminds players of what behavior is/is not acceptable while representing their school at this Championship. The Personal Release Form allows USTA, NIRSA, WTT, and ITA to use the photos from this Championship event. Every player must have completed all forms prior to the team check-in on Wednesday, April 14. Teams will not be allowed to play any matches unless all members fill out and sign all three forms.



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Photo ID – A photocopy of a drivers license, student ID, or other form of photo identification is required for all team members. Please photocopy **all IDs together on one sheet of paper** and bring it to the team check-in. There will not be a photocopier on site.

Team Check-In - Registration for all teams will take place at the Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex from **5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** on Wednesday, April 14. Only one person from each team is needed to check in the entire team. **All forms MUST be turned in on Wednesday evening during check-in:** Player Enrollment Certification Form, Code of Conduct, NIRSA Waiver/Release, USTA Personal Release, match history of rostered players and photocopy of photo IDs.

Inclement Weather - Please note that the tournament format, number of matches, and match length may change due to a team not showing up or circumstances beyond our control, such as weather. Surprise generally has mild weather during the month of April, however, rain could cause delays, modifications to the format, and possible cancellation of the tournament. There are **NO** back-up courts; the Surprise area does not have indoor courts where we can move the event in case of rain. Sunday will be used as a make-up day if needed. **If there is a rain delay, teams that are scheduled on the court will be responsible to squeegee the court they play on - one court per team. Teams that fail to do a court will forfeit one of their singles matches with a score 6-0.**

Practice Courts – Practice courts will be available for reservation on Wednesday, April 14 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex. Please call Valerie McCutchan at NIRSA (541) 766-8211 or email Valerie@nirsa.org to reserve a time.

Official Merchandise – Back by popular demand, Official 2010 USTA National Campus Championship Merchandise will be on sale throughout the tournament. Check out this exclusive limited edition apparel line for yourself or purchase a souvenir for your teammates, friends, or family.

Mandatory Team Rep/Coaches Meeting - All coaches/team representatives are required to attend a meeting on Wednesday, April 14 at **7:00 p.m.** at the Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex. This meeting should last about an hour and will cover important information about the tournament. Each team **MUST** have at least one representative at this meeting. Roll call will be taken to make sure everyone is there as each team is responsible for all information that is covered in the meeting. If you have flights/delays/driving problems on Wednesday and are unable to make the mandatory meeting on time, call Valerie at (541) 760-6254 to let her know you will be arriving late.

Rules – The World TeamTennis rules can be found at <http://www.tennisoncampus.com>. A player may play in only two sets per match, whether as a starter or a substitute (excluding the Supertiebreaker). If you have questions about the rules, please bring them to the coaches meeting. These rules were used for the 2002 - 2009 Championships. If you haven't attended the USTA National Campus Championship, please read the rules carefully before your first match and make the rules available to all teammates.



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Format – The structure of the tournament will be 16 four-team pools playing round robin matches within the pool on Thursday. The first-place team in each pool will be placed in the Gold bracket, and play for the National Championship; the second-place team in the pool will advance to the Silver bracket; the third-place team in the pool will advance to the Bronze bracket; and the fourth-place team in the pool will advance to the Copper bracket. This will be reviewed at the Team Rep/Coaches meeting on Wednesday evening. **Any teams that are tied at the end of pool play should return to the Tournament Desk on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. to identify their playoff bracket.**

Photo ID Checks – A photo ID check will be done at your first scheduled match, and periodically throughout the tournament. **BRING YOUR ID WITH YOU TO EVERY MATCH!!** Make sure all of your players have their IDs before you leave for the Championship, and before you depart your hotel each morning!

Athletic Trainers - There will be an athletic trainer on-site to assist with athletic injuries. They will have access to ice. **Please bring your own tape and pre-wrap for chronic injuries.**

Hot Line Number - If someone in your family has an emergency and needs to get a message to you, here are few key phone numbers: Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex (623) 222-2400 and Valerie McCutchan (541) 740-6083.

Team Sportsmanship Award – A special award will be given to the team that participates in the true spirit of the sportsmanship ideal. Captains from each team will be asked to cast a vote for the team that best exemplifies and exhibits fundamental values: respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. These votes will be considered along with the votes from the Awards Panel to determine the honorees.

Food – Snacks, assorted drinks, and gourmet box lunch with sandwiches will be available for sale throughout the event at the Surprise Tennis Complex in the concession area.

Transportation - All teams are expected to provide their own transportation and be on time for their matches. The host hotels do not have shuttle service.

Rental Car Information - **Enterprise Car Rental** will have special rates for tournament participants. They also will allow drivers under 25 years of age (but **MUST** be at least 21 years old). For more information go to: <http://www.tennisoncampus.com>

Hotels - Please make your reservations ASAP - hotel blocks are filling quickly! Information can be found at <http://www.tennisoncampus.com>.

Uniforms – It is strongly recommended that teams wear matching uniforms with university identified during all of their matches.

Exam Proctor – This year the tournament falls during finals for some students, if you need to take an exam contact Valerie McCutchan at Valerie@nirsa.org or (541) 766-8211 for more information.



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Teams Attending the 2010 USTA National Campus Championship

USTA Campus Championship - Section Event **Automatic Bids**

Caribbean - University of Puerto Rico - Mayaguez
Eastern - Cornell University
Eastern- Rutgers University
Florida - University of Florida
Florida - University of Central Florida
Intermountain - University of Colorado
Intermountain- Utah Valley State University
Mid-Atlantic - University of Maryland
Mid-Atlantic - Old Dominion University
Mid-Atlantic - College of William & Mary
Mid-Atlantic - University of Virginia
Middle States - Penn State
Middle States - University of Pennsylvania
Middle States - Villanova University
Middle States – University of Delaware
Midwest - University of Michigan
Midwest - University of Wisconsin - Madison
Midwest - University of Illinois
Midwest - Marquette University
Midwest – Loyola University Chicago
Missouri Valley - Saint Louis University
Missouri Valley - University of Missouri
Missouri Valley – Iowa State University
New England - Dartmouth College
New England - Boston University
New England– Northeastern University
Northern - University of Minnesota
Northern - North Dakota State University
Northern Cal - University of California - Berkeley
Northern Cal - University of California - Davis
Northern Cal -Stanford University
Pacific Northwest - University of Oregon
Pacific Northwest - Western Washington University
Pacific Northwest - University of Washington
Southern - Auburn University
Southern - College of Charleston
Southern - University of Alabama
Southern - University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill

Southern - Georgia Tech
Southern Cal– University of Southern California
Southern Cal– UCLA
Southern Cal– University of California-Irvine
Southwest – University of Arizona
Southwest- University of New Mexico
Texas - University of Texas at Austin
Texas - Texas A&M University
Texas - University of Texas at San Antonio
Texas- Tyler Junior College
Texas – Texas Tech University
Texas – Texas State University - San Marcos

USTA National Campus Championship **At-Large Teams**

Central Michigan University
Ferris State University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Indiana University
Lone Star College - Cy-Fair
Northern Illinois University
Oregon State University
The University of Akron
The Victoria College
University of Connecticut
University of Georgia
University of Mary Washington
University of Tennessee
Virginia Commonwealth University

NOTE: A full list of qualified teams can also be found on <http://www.tennisoncampus.com>. Any changes to the field will be reflected there.



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Special Guests: Katrina Adams - 12 year veteran of the WTA tour where she held rankings as high as No. 67 in singles and No. 8 in doubles, and current Director at Large on the USTA Board of Directors, will be on site to emcee the national championship match and player awards party.

Tennis Warehouse - Make sure to check out the Tennis Warehouse booth during the Championship. Learn about the latest tennis equipment and gear, and pick up your Exclusive Tennis Warehouse Discount Card!

Complimentary Chair Massage –get a Free 10-minute chair massage from a licensed massage therapist and relax those tired serving muscles! Therapists will be on site Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

National Championship Match – Center Court - The national championship match will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. All teams are encouraged to attend this final match on center court at the Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex.

Banquet/Awards Ceremony - All team members are invited to a dinner followed by an awards ceremony to be held at the Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex *around* 6:30 p.m. (the dinner will begin immediately following the conclusion of the championship match) on Saturday night. Tickets for guests can be purchased at the tournament desk during the tournament for \$15 each.

NCCS Sportsmanship Statement- The following Sportsmanship Statement was adopted by the NIRSA NCCS Committee and is now read at all team captain's meeting and before the championship match:

“The NCCS believes good sportsmanship is an integral component of intercollegiate competition. We wholeheartedly embrace the position that, in order for sportsmanship to prevail, coaches, student-athletes, and fans must display respect, fairness, civility, honesty, and responsibility before, during and after all athletic contests. We encourage fans to enthusiastically support their team, recognize the outstanding performance of opponents, and always exhibit good sportsmanship in their words and actions.

The NCCS encourages and promotes sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches, and spectators. Offensive language including profanity, racial or ethnic slurs or other intimidating actions directed at officials, event staff, student-athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the competition site.”
