Welcome to the Championship!

April 1-4, 2020

Your guide to the TOC National Championship at the USTA National Campus

This packet contains 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 share this information with your entire team.

Please contact Valerie McCutchan at valerie@nirsao.org or at 541.766.8211 immediately if for some reason your team cannot attend the tournament. Teams that do not show for the tournament will be “sanctioned” and will not be allowed to participate in future National Championships.
Overview

- **Rules**
  The Tennis On Campus National Championship follows the World TeamTennis rules and format, the guidelines of which can be found [here](#). A player may play in only two sets per match, whether as a starter or a substitute (excluding the Supertiebreaker). Should you have questions about the rules, please bring them to the Captains meeting Wednesday evening.

- **Format**
  - 16 four-team pools playing round robin on Thursday
  - Place advancement:
    - Gold - 1st place teams from pools
    - Silver - 2nd place teams from pools
    - Bronze - 3rd place teams from pools
    - Copper - 4th place teams from pools

*Any teams that are tied at the end of pool play should return to the Tournament Desk on Thursday evening at 9:00 p.m. or refer to the back of the scorecard for Tie Breaker process to identify their playoff bracket.*
• Uniforms
Have fun and show school spirit! It is strongly recommended that teams wear matching uniforms which clearly identify your school during all matches.

• Player Certification Form
Please bring this form with you to Surprise. If your club team is not part of Recreation, Athletics or Student Services, please contact Valerie to arrange an alternate University approved signature. You must have University approval to attend this event.

• Photo ID
All team members need to bring a photo ID - there will be photo ID checks on court prior to matches.

Schedule

• Match Times
Pools and times will be posted on Thursday, March 26th. Check the Tennis on Campus website often for court assignments, times, and more. Play will begin Thursday, April 2 at 8:00 AM sharp; be sure to check the master schedule at the Tournament Desk on Thursday, April 2 to find out if any changes have occurred.

• Team Check-In
Registration for all teams will be from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Wednesday, April 1. Only one person from each team is needed to check in. Make sure you have your Player Enrollment Certification Form (signed by University Registrar) with you for check-in.

• Mandatory Team Rep/Coach Meeting
This meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00 PM on Team USA Court 1 at the USTA National Campus. This is required for all team representatives/coaches. If you are unable to make the meeting for any reason, email Valerie.

• Player Party & Championship Match
Come out for dinner, DJ, and the final match of the Championship on Saturday, April 4! Dinner will begin at 5:00 PM with the final match kicking off at 6:00 PM. The match will
be followed by an award presentation on Championship Court. There will be raffles, giveaways, and much more so make sure you don’t miss out!

- **TOC Power Hour**
  Be sure to stop by the Tennis On Campus promotion tent near the Tournament Desk Thursday and Friday between 12:00 PM - 2:00PM. You never know what awesome tournament staff you will get the chance to talk with about everything TOC or what cool swag they have to give away!

- **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. If there is a rain delay, teams that are scheduled on the court will be responsible to dry the court they play on - one court per team. Teams that fail to dry a court will forfeit one of their singles matches with a score 6-0.

### Site Information

- **Venue**
  USTA National Campus
  10000 USTA Blvd
  Orlando, FL 32827

- **Practice Courts**
  Practice courts will be available for reservation on Wednesday, April 1 from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM at the National Campus on a first-come, first-serve basis. To reserve a practice court, put your school information into this spreadsheet.

- **Official TOC Merchandise**
  Don’t go home without some TOC National Championship swag! Merchandise will be on sale throughout the event, so make sure you stop by the Pro Shop.
• Athletic Trainer
  While there will be a trainer onsite, please bring your own tape and pre-wrap.

Getting Around

• Transportation
  Teams are expected to provide their own transportation. Some hotels may have shuttle service, be sure to check with the hotel front desk.
    ○ Car Rentals
      ■ Enterprise Rental Cars will rent to players under 25 years old. Please use this link if you need to rent a car or van.
      ■ Avis Rentals - there is a USTA discount but age limitations
      ■ Budget Rentals - there is a USTA discount but age limitations
    ○ Uber/Lyft - the National Campus is very close to the airport which can result in Lyft/Uber rides taking a longer time to accept rides from the campus. Please keep this in mind if you’re using Lyft/Uber to get to and from the site.

Miscellaneous

• Roster Changes
  Teams are allowed to add players to the roster until 5:00 PM PST on March 26. Contact Nicole for more information.

• Exam Proctor
  This year the tournament falls during finals for some students; if you need to schedule a proctor for an exam during Nationals, give this link to professors or contact Valerie McCutchan for more information.

• Hot Line Number
  If someone in your family has an emergency and needs to get a message to you, they can call the TOC Tournament Desk (541-760-6254) or email Valerie. This number will be answered March 31 - April 4.
Team Sportsmanship
Every year at Nationals, a special award is given to the team that showcases 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.

Water
Please bring your own water bottles! The player gift will not be a water bottle this year so please plan accordingly.

Eligibility
Please review the Eligibility Guidelines with all players prior to the tournament. Your team will be disqualified if you play any matches with an ineligible player. If you have questions contact Valerie at NIRSA.

NIRSA Championship Series Sportsmanship Statement
We wholeheartedly embrace the position that, for sportsmanship to prevail, coaches, student-athletes, and fans must display respect, fairness, civility, honesty, and responsibility before, during, and after all athletic contests. The NIRSA Championship Series is committed to holding tournaments in a safe and inclusive environment free from bullying. Offensive language including profanity and/or derogatory remarks of any kind directed at officials, event staff, student-athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the competition site.

Final Thoughts from the Staff
Come prepared, remain flexible and represent yourself, your team and your school in a professional manner that’s in line with NIRSA Championship Series Rules & Regulations throughout the event. This will ensure a wonderful experience for you and your teammates now and for years to come.

We’re extremely excited to be in Orlando and to continue the tradition of Tennis on Campus with you. We look forward to seeing all of you in April!
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