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2012 USTA Tennis On Campus National Championship ***Newsletter***



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Welcome to the 2012 USTA Tennis On Campus National Championship! We're excited about hosting your team at the Cary Tennis Park in Cary, North Carolina in just a few short weeks. The 13th annual USTA Tennis On Campus National Championship will have a field of 64 unique 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 Tennis On Campus National 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: Cary Tennis Park, 2727 Louis Stephens Drive, Cary, NC and Robert V. Godbold Park, 2050 NW Maynard Road, Cary, NC.

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 5th. Be sure to check the master schedule at Tournament Headquarters on Thursday, April 12th 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 players on the roster must have played in two events representing their team/school in the same academic year and prior to the USTA Tennis On Campus National Championship. An event is considered a dual match, a tournament, or a USTA Tennis On Campus Section Championship. Record on Player Match History form.

Player Certification Form—Was emailed to all team representatives. Bring this form to North Carolina. If your club team is not part of Recreational Sports, Athletics or Student Services, contact Valerie@nirsa.org to arrange alternate University approved signature. You 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 "Code 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 11th. 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 Cary Tennis Park from **5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** on Wednesday, April 11. 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 roster 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. Cary 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 Cary 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 11 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Cary Tennis Park. 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 USTA Tennis On Campus National 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 11 at **7:00 p.m.** at the Cary Tennis Park. 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. If you have flights/delays/driving problems on Wednesday and are unable to make the mandatory meeting on time, call Valerie at (541) 766-8211 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 - 2011 Championships. If you haven't attended the USTA Tennis On Campus National 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 Trainer - 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, they can call the Cary Tennis Park at (919) 462-2061 or Valerie (541) 740-1342.

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 sandwiches will be available for sale throughout the event at the Cary Tennis Park concession area. There are multiple restaurants nearby as well.

Transportation - All teams are expected to provide their own transportation and be on time for their matches. Some hotels may have a shuttle service in and around the area, be sure to check with the hotel front desk.

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 block is 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 2012 USTA Tennis On Campus National Championship

USTA Tennis On Campus National Championship Automatic Bids

Eastern - Cornell University
Eastern - Columbia University
Eastern - Stony Brook University
Florida - University of Central Florida
Florida - University of Florida
Florida - University of South Florida
Rocky Mountain - University of Colorado
Rocky Mountain - University of Northern Colorado
Mid-Atlantic - James Madison University
Mid-Atlantic - College of William & Mary
Mid-Atlantic - Georgetown University
Mid-Atlantic - Old Dominion University
Middle States - Penn State
Middle States - University of Pennsylvania
Middle States - Villanova University
Midwest - University of Wisconsin - Madison
Midwest - Michigan State University
Midwest - Marquette University
Midwest - University of Cincinnati
Midwest - Purdue University
Midwest - Indiana University
Midwest - University of Illinois
Midwest - The Ohio State University
Missouri Valley - University of Oklahoma
Missouri Valley - University of Iowa
Missouri Valley - University of Missouri
New England - Brown University
New England - Northeastern University
New England - Boston College
New England - Harvard 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 - Washington State University
Southern - University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
Southern - University of Alabama
Southern - Tulane University
Southern - Louisiana State University
Southern - Elon University
Southern - Davidson College
Southern - University of South Carolina
Southern - Auburn University
Southern Cal - University of Southern California
Southern Cal - University of California Santa Barbara
Southern Cal - University of California—Irvine
Southwest - University of Arizona
Southwest - Arizona State University
Texas - Texas A&M University
Texas - Texas Tech University
Texas - Baylor University
Texas - University of Texas at Austin
Texas - Southern Methodist University
Texas - Texas State University - San Marcos
Texas - Lone Star College - Cy Fair
Returning National Champions - UCLA
2011 TOC Spring Invitation - UC-San Diego
2011 TOC Spring Invitational - Cal Poly SLO
2011 TOC Fall Invitational - University of Virginia
2011 TOC Fall Invitational - Duke University
2012 TOC Club of the Year - University of Maryland

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 ceremony.

North Carolina Happy Hour - The North Carolina Tennis Association wants to welcome you to the area and share a little "down home" hospitality. They'll be onsite Wednesday, April 11th from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with FREE snacks, games and prizes for players. Ya'll come by for some good old Southern Hospitality!

National Championship Match/ Tennis Fest/Awards Ceremony - The national championship match will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. All team members are invited to a tennis fest & dinner prior to the final match. Music, games and a down home barbeque at Cary Tennis Park. The awards ceremony to be held on center court following the match.

NCCS Sportsmanship Statement- The following Sportsmanship Statement was adopted by the NIRSA NCCS Committee and is now read at all championship matches:

"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."

Final Thought - Come prepared, remain flexible, represent yourself, your team and your school in a professional manner and in accordance with NCCS Rules & Regulations throughout the event. This will ensure a wonderful experience for you and your teammates now and for years to come.

We look forward to seeing all of you in a few weeks!
Tournament Staff



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