



2009 USTA National Campus Championship ***Newsletter***

April 16 - 18, 2009 ♦ Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex ♦ Surprise, AZ



Welcome to the 2009 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 tenth 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> or www.nirsa.org.

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 10th. Be sure to check the master schedule at Tournament Headquarters on Thursday, April 16th 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.

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 representative. 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 16. 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 15. 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 (they can all be on one photocopy—driver's license or student ID).

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 15 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 2009 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.

Captain's Gift - All captain's/team representatives will receive a pair of Wilson performance tennis shoes for support in leading their team. Please send shoe size and indicate whether shoes should be for a male/female to Justin Street at street@usta.com by March 24, 2009.

Mandatory Team Rep/Coaches Meeting - All coaches/team representatives are required to attend a meeting on Wednesday, April 15 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 - 2008 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 a few key phone numbers: Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex (623) 222-2400 and Valerie McCutchan (541) 760-6254.

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 – Energy bars, assorted drinks, and box lunch with sandwiches will be available for sale throughout the event at the Surprise Tennis Complex - 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.nirsa.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Sports/Tennis/USTACampusChampionship/LodgingandTransportation/travel.htm>

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

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 2009 USTA National Campus Championship

USTA Campus Championship - Section Event Automatic Bids

Caribbean - University of Puerto Rico - Mayaguez
 Eastern - Cornell University
 Florida - University of Florida
 Florida - University of Central Florida
 Florida - University of South Florida
 Intermountain - University of Colorado
 Mid-Atlantic - Virginia Tech
 Mid-Atlantic - University of Maryland
 Mid-Atlantic - Georgetown University
 Middle States - Penn State
 Middle States - Drexel University
 Middle States - Lehigh University
 Midwest - University of Wisconsin - Madison
 Midwest - University of Michigan
 Midwest - Northwestern University
 Midwest - Ohio State University
 Missouri Valley - University of Kansas
 Missouri Valley - Saint Louis University
 Missouri Valley - University of Nebraska
 New England - Dartmouth College
 New England - Brown University
 Northern - University of Minnesota
 Northern - Carleton College
 Northern Cal - University of California - Berkeley
 Northern Cal - University of California - Davis
 Northern Cal - Stanford University
 Pacific Northwest - Western Washington University
 Pacific Northwest - University of Oregon
 Pacific Northwest - Simon Fraser University
 Southern - Auburn University
 Southern - North Carolina State University
 Southern - University of South Carolina
 Southern - Duke University
 Southern Cal - University of Southern California
 Southern Cal - UCLA
 Southwest - Arizona State University

Texas - Texas A&M University
 Texas - University of Texas at Austin
 Texas - Baylor University
 Texas - Lone Star College - Cy-Fair

USTA National Campus Championship At-Large Teams

Boston College
 Cal Poly State University
 Ferris State University
 Loyola University Chicago
 Marquette University
 Michigan State University
 North Dakota State University
 Northeastern University
 Northern Illinois University
 Rutgers University
 Sam Houston State University
 Texas Tech
 University of Alabama
 University of California - Santa Barbara
 University of Delaware
 University of Mary Washington
 University of Massachusetts
 University of Miami
 University of New Mexico
 University of North Carolina at Charlotte
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Tennessee
 University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
 University of Wisconsin - Whitewater

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. **Billie Jean King**—The legendary tennis champion, equal rights advocate, and co-founder of World TeamTennis will be returning to the Championship to mingle with teams and enjoy the tennis action. Please feel free to let them know how much you enjoy the tournament and thank them for their support of the Tennis On Campus program.

Tennis Warehouse and Wilson - Make sure to check out the Tennis Warehouse and Wilson booths during the Championship. Learn about the latest tennis equipment and gear, and pick up your complimentary Tennis Warehouse gift card! Both companies will be on site throughout the tournament.

Wilson Demo Court - Stop by the Wilson booth or court #17 at the Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex to play test the latest in high performance tennis frames from Wilson. Try the racquets Roger Federer and the Williams sisters use to win their championships and lift your game to new heights with Wilson.

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.



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