2018 TENNIS ON CAMPUS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Welcome to the Championship!

April 12-14, 2018



Your guide to the TOC National Championship at the USTA National Campus in Orlando, Florida

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 <u>entire</u> team.

Please contact Valerie McCutchan at valerie@nirsa.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.

Hot Buttons

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Live Streaming

Overview

• Rules

The 2018 Tennis On Campus National Championship follows the World TeamTennis rules and format, the guidelines of which can be found <u>here</u>. 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 8:00 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 Orlando. If your club team is not part of Recreation, Athletics or Student Services, please contact <u>Valerie</u> 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 all matches.

Schedule

Match Times

Pools and times will be posted on Thursday, April 5. Check the Tennis on Campus <u>website</u> often for court assignments, times, and more. Play will begin Thursday, April 12 at 8:00 AM sharp; be sure to check the master schedule at the Tournament Desk on Thursday, April 12 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 11. 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 11 at 7:00 PM on Championship Court at the Campus. This is required for all team representatives/coaches. If you unable to make the meeting for any reason, email <u>Valerie</u>.

• Player Party & Championship Match

Come out for dinner, DJ, and the final match of the Championship on Saturday, April 14! 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. Orlando 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.

On Campus

• Venue

USTA National Campus 10000 USTA Blvd Orlando, FL 32827

• Practice Courts

Practice courts will be available for reservation on Wednesday, April 11 from 12:00 PM -8:00 PM at the Campus on a **first-come, first-serve basis**. Click <u>here</u> to reserve court time - reservations are due by April 4, 2018.

• Food

Lunches, snacks and assorted drinks can be found on the grounds of the <u>USTA National</u> <u>Campus</u> at the Net Post Grill and Courtside Cafe. There are also several restaurants within 5 miles of the campus.



• Official TOC Merchandise

Don't go home without some TOC National Championship swag! Merchandise will be on sale at the Pro Shop as well as by the Tournament Desk over the course of the event.

• 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.

Miscellaneous

• Roster Changes

Teams are allowed to add players to the roster until 5:00 PM PST on April 4. 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, contact <u>Jonathan Elliott</u>, Assistant Director of Club & Intramural Sports - University of Arkansas, 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 <u>Valerie</u>. This number will be answered April 11-15.

• 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.

NIRSA Championship Series Sportsmanship Statement

The NIRSA Championship Series 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 NIRSA Championship Series encourages and promotes sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches, and spectators.

The NIRSA Championship Series is committed to holding tournaments in a safe environment free from bullying. Offensive language including profanity, derogatory remarks around a person's race, ethnicity, culture, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, national origin, veteran status, social economic class, religion, or professional status, 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 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 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 return to the USTA National Campus and to continue the tradition of Tennis on Campus with you.

We look forward to seeing all of you in April!



