



2008 USTA National Campus Championship ***Newsletter***

April 17 - 19, 2008 ♦ Cary Tennis Park ♦ Cary, NC



Welcome to the 2008 USTA National Campus Championship! We're excited about hosting your team at the Cary Tennis Park in Cary, North Carolina in just a few short weeks. The ninth annual USTA National Campus Championship will have a field of 64 university/college 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 the whole 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.

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.nirsa.org/sports/tennis/sport_club/2008/Default.aspx.

Playing Venues - Matches will be held at the Cary Tennis Park (2727 Louis Stephens Drive, Cary, NC) and Robert V. Godbold Park (2050 NW Maynard Road): <http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=103583942573320757182.000448b97f05875adc920&z=11>.

Schedule - Play will begin on Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m. SHARP! The schedule will be posted at http://www.nirsa.org/sports/tennis/sport_club/2008/Default.aspx by April 10th. Be sure to check the master schedule at Tournament Headquarters on Thursday, April 17th to find out if any schedule changes have occurred. Teams will play a minimum of six matches (if all teams show up for scheduled matches) and have the possibility of playing seven matches (if they win their bracket), 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. **Please have documentation of all players' matches as it may be requested during the 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 form. 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 schools 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 the 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.

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 16. 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:** Code of Conduct, NIRSA Waiver/Release, USTA Personal Release, and photocopy of photo IDs, along with paperwork for any roster changes/additions.

Post Tournament – The top 4 teams in the Gold bracket and 5 randomly selected teams will be required to fill out and submit a **second** player certification form *following* the tournament. This second form must be filled out, signed and stamped by the registrar, and submitted between April 20 and May 18. Teams that do NOT submit the second certification form, or have students that are not enrolled in the required number of credits will be ineligible for the 2009 USTA National Campus Championship.

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 squeeze 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 16 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.

T-Shirts – Each participant will receive a USTA National Campus Championship T-Shirt. Please send an e-mail to Justin Street at street@usta.com with t-shirt sizes for each member of your team by April 11th. T-shirts are available in Small, Medium, Large, and Extra-Large sizes.

Mandatory Team Rep/Coaches Meeting - All coaches/team representatives are required to attend a meeting on Wednesday, April 16 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. Roll call will be taken to make sure everyone is there as each team is responsible for whatever information is covered in the meeting. If you are unable to make this meeting due to flight arrangements, please email Valerie@nirsa.org prior to the meeting. If you have flights/delays/driving problems on Wednesday 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.nirsa.org/sports/tennis/sport_club/2008/Default.aspx. 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 - 2007 Championships. If you haven't attended the 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 be 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!

Trainers - There will be a trainer to assist with athletic injuries on-site. 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: Cary Tennis Park (919) 462-2061 or 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 sandwiches will be available for sale throughout the event at the Cary Tennis Park - Concession Area. On Saturday, complimentary pizza will be served from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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). Visit www.enterprise.com to make a reservation. At the reservation screen, use customer number **53E4282** to receive the discounted rates. Your PIN number is **NIR**. Or you can call 1-800-RENT-A-CAR and provide the customer service representative with the customer number.

Hotels - Please make your reservations ASAP - hotel blocks are filling quickly! Information can be found at http://www.nirsa.org/sports/tennis/sport_club/2008/Default.aspx.

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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Special Guest: Billie Jean King - Legendary tennis champion and advocate for social change and equality, Billie Jean King, will be making a special appearance at this year's tournament. King will be on site during Friday and Saturday's play and will be on hand to present the Championship awards!

USTA National Campus Championship Official Merchandise - Available for the first time ever, Official 2008 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.

Tennis Industry Corner - Come join Tennis Warehouse, the presenting sponsor of the 2008 USTA National Campus Championship, and the USTA Membership Team between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. These two key organizations are interested in YOU, the college market. Learn how to secure team equipment discounts and discover the many benefits of USTA membership!

Pizza Social - Grab a slice of pizza while you're mixing it up with our friends at Tennis Warehouse and the USTA Membership Team! Pizza will be available for tournament participants from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday by the Tennis Industry Corner.

National Championship Match – Championship Court - The national championship match will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. All teams are encouraged to attend this final match.

Banquet/Awards Ceremony - All team members are invited to a dinner followed by an awards ceremony to be held at the Cary Tennis Park around 6:30 p.m. (following the championship match) on Saturday night. Tickets for guests can be purchased at the tournament desk during the tournament.

Blogging - The Tennis On Campus program wants to highlight the players' experience before, during, and immediately following the 2008 USTA National Campus Championship. If you or any of your teammates are interested in blogging your experience, please contact Justin Street at street@usta.com.





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Teams Attending the 2008 USTA National Campus Championship

USTA Campus Championship - Section Event

Automatic Bids

Caribbean - University of Puerto Rico - Mayaguez
 Eastern - Syracuse University
 Florida - University of Florida
 Florida - Daytona Beach College
 Intermountain - Brigham Young University
 Intermountain - University of Colorado
 Mid-Atlantic - Georgetown University
 Mid-Atlantic - Virginia Tech
 Mid-Atlantic - University of Virginia
 Middle States - Penn State
 Middle States - Villanova University
 Middle States - University of Delaware
 Midwest - University of Wisconsin - Madison
 Midwest - Northwestern University
 Midwest - University of Michigan
 Midwest - University of Illinois
 Missouri Valley - University of Oklahoma
 Missouri Valley - Saint Louis University
 Missouri Valley - Iowa State University
 New England - Brown University
 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
 Pacific Northwest - Western Washington University
 Pacific Northwest - University of Oregon
 Pacific Northwest - Portland State University
 Southern - University of Georgia
 Southern - Louisiana State University
 Southern - North Carolina State University
 Southern - Clemson University
 Southern Cal - UCLA
 Southern Cal - University of California - Irvine
 Southwest - University of New Mexico
 Texas - Texas A & M University
 Texas - University of Texas at Austin
 Texas - Texas Tech University
 Texas - Baylor University

At-Large Teams

Central Michigan University
 Cornell University
 Drexel University
 James Madison University
 Marquette University
 Miami University
 Northeastern University
 Ohio University
 Ohio State University
 Rutgers University
 Southern Methodist University
 Stanford University
 Texas State University - San Marcos
 United States Naval Academy
 University of Mary Washington
 University of Nebraska - Lincoln
 University of North Carolina - Greensboro
 University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Southern California
 University of Texas - Arlington
 University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
 University of Wisconsin - Whitewater
 Virginia Commonwealth University
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