

USTA Junior National Championships

Entering Two Divisions

The USTA National Championships permit a player to enter more than one age division. However, it is important to understand the consequences of this decision.

If you want to play in a USTA National Championship, but are unsure if you will get in, you may enter up to two different age divisions. When selection is done, players are selected for the oldest age division first.

- If a player is selected into the older age division entered, the player will not be selected into the younger age division.
- If a player is not selected into the older age division, the player will only be considered for selection into the younger division and the player will only be eligible to be an alternate in the younger division.

SINGLES SELECTION PROCEDURES

USTA National Clay Court Championships, The USTA National Championships, and USTA National Winter Championships

Order of selection for singles main draw:

- Players on Direct Acceptance List for the 18, 16, and 14 Divisions only.*
 - *18 Divisions - May 1 List for USTA National Clay Court Championships and The USTA National Championships.* Up to 32 players shall be accepted in the order in which their names appear on the list.
 - *18 Divisions - October List for USTA National Winter Championships.* Up to 16 players shall be accepted in the order in which their names appear on the list.
 - *16 and 14 Divisions.* Up to 16 players shall be accepted in the order in which their names appear on the list.
- Players who qualified from USTA National Level 2 Tournaments.* Players not previously selected who are the top two singles finishers in each of the four immediately preceding USTA National Level 2 Tournaments shall be accepted, if otherwise eligible.
- Players within Sectional Associations' quotas.* Players not previously selected who are on the Sectional Endorsement Lists and within the quota shall be accepted in order as determined by their Sectional Endorsers. A Sectional Association's quota is never reduced because of players selected into the draw by any other method.
- Endorsed players on National Standings List.* Players not previously selected shall be selected from Sectionally endorsed players on in the order in which their names appear on the list. Check the selection process on TennisLink for the number of players to be selected from the National Standing List used to select players into the draw.
- Wild cards.* As soon as practicable after the deadline for accepting wild card applications, the Wild Card Committee shall award no more than 8 wild cards in a draw of 224, no more than 6 wild cards in a draw of 192, and no more than 4 wild cards in a draw of 128.
- Additional players on National Standings List.* If the Wild Card Committee awards fewer than the maximum number of wild cards, the Tournament Committee shall fill the remaining vacancies in the draw with Sectionally-endorsed players remaining on the National Standings List used to accept players into the draw

USTA National Spring Championships – 16, 14, and 12 Divisions

Players shall be selected into the singles main draw in the following order:

- i. *Players who qualified from USTA National Level 2 Tournaments.* Players who are the top two singles finishers in each of the four immediately preceding USTA National Level 2 Tournaments shall be accepted, if otherwise eligible.
- ii. *Players on National Standings List.* 52 players in the order in which their names appear on the most recently published National Standings List.
- iii. *Wild cards.* As soon as practicable after the deadline for accepting wild card applications, the Wild Card Committee shall award no more than 4 wild cards.

National Indoor Championships

Players shall be selected into the singles main draw in the following order:

- *National Standings List:* 33 players in the order in which their names appear on the most recently published National Standings List.
- *Sectional Quota:* 27 total players within Sectional Associations' quotas. Players not previously selected who are on the Sectional Endorsement Lists and within the quota shall be accepted in order as determined by their Sectional Endorsers. A Sectional Association's quota is never reduced because of players selected into the draw by any other method.
- *Wild cards:* As soon as practicable after the deadline for accepting wild card applications, the Wild Card Committee shall award no more than 4 wild cards.

SINGLES ALTERNATES:

• Alternate List: The Tournament Committee shall prepare an alternate list of those endorsed players not accepted into the singles main draw. Alternates shall be ordered using the National Standings List used to accept players into the draw to fill remaining vacancies. Late entrants who are eligible for selection shall be listed below these players by the date and time on which the late entry is made. If multiple late entries are received at the same time, they shall be ordered by lot. Late entrants are not ordered by their position on the National Standings List.

• Replacement of Player Before Draw is Made: *Player within Sectional Association quota.* The Tournament Committee shall replace a player who withdraws or is otherwise removed but was accepted as part of a Section's quota with the next player on that Section's endorsement list. If no players remain on a Sectional Endorsement List, the player shall be replaced with the highest remaining alternate. The Tournament Committee shall replace a player who was NOT accepted as part of a Section's quota with next highest remaining alternate.

• Replacement of Player Before Draw is Made: *All other players.* The Tournament Committee shall replace

- a player accepted from a Direct Acceptance List;
- a wild card recipient;
- an endorsed player accepted from the National Standings List used to accept players into the draw and
- a player accepted from the alternate list.

with the highest listed remaining alternate.

- Replacement of Player After Draw is Made, but Before the Start of Player's First Match: The Tournament Committee shall replace a player who withdraws, is defaulted, or is otherwise removed from the draw after the draw has been made but before the start of the player's first match with the highest listed remaining alternate, unless the Tournament Committee determines the player may remain in the draw.

Doubles Selection Process

Players Eligible to Enter Doubles Event

The following players are eligible to enter the doubles event of a USTA National Championships:

- Singles players
- Singles alternates
- Players with doubles-only endorsements

A player may not enter one division in singles and a different division in doubles at sites where two divisions are held.

NO other players are eligible to play doubles.

The Tournament Committee shall accept doubles teams into the doubles event in the following order:

1. Teams comprising two players in the singles draw shall be accepted.
2. Teams comprising one player in the singles draw and one sectionally-endorsed player not in the singles draw. If more than the maximum number of entries is received, selection order is based on the most recently published National Individual Doubles Seeding List (see Determining Order Using National Individual Seeding List below), *except* that no team comprised of a Late Applicant shall be selected before a team comprised of timely applicants. Tournaments are NOT authorized to expand the draw size beyond the authorized number of teams in order to accommodate these types of teams.
3. Teams comprising two sectionally-endorsed players not in the singles draw. If more than the maximum number of entries is received, selection order is based on the most recently published National Individual Doubles Seeding List (see Determining Order Using National Individual Seeding List below), *except* that no team comprised of a Late Applicant shall be selected before a team comprised of timely applicants. Tournaments are NOT authorized to expand the draw size beyond the authorized number of teams in order to accommodate these types of teams.

Determining Order Using National Individual Doubles Seeding List. Teams shall be seeded in the order of their combined standings using the most recently published National Individual Doubles Seeding List of the division. For example, Player A holds the #1 standing and Player B holds the #10 standing on the National Individual Doubles Seeding List. The Team of A&B would have the combined standing of 11. A team with a combined standing greater than 11 is seeded after Team A&B. If there is a tie, the team with the player that has the highest doubles standing on the list shall be seeded in the higher position.