



**USTA/ITA National Small College Championships**  
**Hosted by the Copeland-Cox Tennis Center \* Mobile, Alabama**  
**October 13-16, 2011**

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**Copeland-Cox Tennis Center:**

851 Gaillard Drive, Mobile, AL 36608

The Copeland-Cox Tennis Center is the world's largest public tennis facility. This full-service facility includes over 60 courts, all lighted and hard-court, with a pro shop and professional instruction on site.

**Travel:** The ITA will again subsidize the roundtrip airfare/driving expenses for **all participating players** (singles and doubles – approximately 160 players, unless where otherwise noted) who are participating in the 2011 USTA/ITA National Small College Championships. ***All flights must be booked through Anthony Travel, the official travel management service of the ITA (phone - 877-284-2254).*** Participants must book their travel with 48 hours of the completion of your regional. See winner's packet for complete details regarding travel expenses. If a coach decides to drive to the event, he/she will be reimbursed for the roundtrip mileage at the government issued rate of \$.55.5/mile, not to exceed \$150 per player. Coaches will be reimbursed after the completion of the event.

**Rental Car:** It is recommended to use National Car Rental in the Mobile Airport.

Phone: (888)826-6890 ext: MAIN or (251)633-4003 ext: LOCAL.

**Arrival Time:** Please schedule your travel plans so that you arrive in Mobile, Alabama no later than 3 pm on Wednesday, October 12, so that your player(s) may check-in. [Note: Champions from the Division III Northwest and Southwest Regional Championships will need to arrive on Oct. 11 for their Wednesday play-in matches]

**Host Hotel:** Situated in the heart of Mobile's shopping and entertainment district. It is conveniently located near the Mobile Airport and is approximately 5 miles (10 minutes) from the Copeland-Cox Tennis Center.

**Mobile Marriott**

3101 Airport Blvd.

Mobile, Alabama 36606

251-342-7462

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mobmc-mobile-marriott/>

Rate is \$110 per night.

***It is HIGHLY recommended that all participants and their guests stay at the Mobile Marriott. Each person who stays at the Marriott will receive a daily complimentary breakfast coupon, as well as a free ticket to the Welcoming Banquet that is hosted by the Marriott. All parents/guests not staying at the Marriott will be required to purchase a ticket for the Banquet (\$35 per ticket).***

**Player Check-In:** Your player must check-in between 10 am-4 pm on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Tournament Registration Desk at the Mobile Tennis Center. Confirmation of any draw changes will be made at this time. Players/Coaches who are unable to make the check-in time should call Troy Venechanos at the ITA office (609-851-8454) before Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Tournament play will begin at 8:30 am on Thursday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. A complete schedule of play, draws and times will also be sent to participants the week prior to the event.

**Welcoming Banquet:** Mandatory for all coaches and players, this year's Welcoming Banquet hosted by Marriott will be held on Wednesday evening, October 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:30 pm. All coaches and participants are free of charge. Attire: Business Casual (i.e. **NO** blue jeans, tennis shoes, t-shirts). If you are planning on bringing guests to the banquet, please contact Troy Venechanos (tvenechanos@itatennis.com) and let him know the number of guests that will be attending (\$35/guest paid at the door).

**ITA Coaches (or Players w/o coach) Meeting:** This mandatory meeting will be held immediately following the banquet. The meeting will take place at the Marriot. Players do not attend this meeting unless they are traveling without a coach.

**Practice Courts:** Due to the amount of courts (60) available at the tennis center it is not necessary to reserve courts ahead of time. However please check in at the pro shop prior to taking a court. Practice time will be limited to 1 hour per/school on Wednesday, October 12th.

**Stringer:** A stringer will be available on site throughout the event. The stringer is John Driskell (\$15 with your own string).

**Format/Balls:** All singles matches are best 2-out-of-3 sets. All doubles matches will have a match tie-breaker played in place of the third set, with the exception of Divisional Finals and all Super Bowl matches which will be best 2-out-of-3 sets. Wilson Extra Duty ball will be used.

**Games Committee:** The committee will consist of participating coaches from each of the divisions picked on-site, the tournament director and head official.

**At-Large Selection Process:** In situations where the winner (singles or doubles) of an USTA/ITA Small College Regional Championship declines the invitation to the USTA/ITA National Small College Championships, the position will be filled with an "At-Large" selection.

- A. The procedure used to make each at-large selection for NCAA Division II and NAIA singles and doubles will be as follows:
  1. *The runner-up* from the regional tournament from which the winner declined the invitation will be first considered. If the runner-up declines, then . . .
  2. The invitation will be given to *the next highest ranked player or "in tact" doubles team from last year's final rankings, who also participated in the current year's USTA/ITA Regional Championship*. If this player(s) also declines, then . . .
  3. The invitation will be given to *a player(s) from the pool of regional finalist from any USTA/ITA Regional Championship within that Division, who has been selected by the Divisional Committee*. If this invitation is declined, then . . .
  4. The invitation will be given to the player(s) who has been selected by the Divisional Committee.

- B. The procedure used to make each at-large selection for Junior College singles and doubles will be as follows:
1. Items “ii” and “iii” are reversed so that the “pool of finalists” from all Regional Championships will be considered for “at-large” selections prior to selection based on the prior year’s ITA Rankings.
  2. In situations where an alternate must be selected on site due to a late withdrawal and an alternate using the above criteria is not available; an on-site games committee from within that division will make a selection based on the pool of players/doubles teams available to play on site (*Revised 12/03; Clarified 12/02, ITA Small College Operating Committee Meeting*).
- C. The procedure used to make each at-large selection for NCAA Division III singles and doubles will be as follows:
1. In situations where the winner (singles or doubles) of a USTA/ITA Small College Regional Championship declines the invitation to the USTA/ITA National Small College Championships, the position will be filled with an "At-Large" selection. The procedure used to make each at-large selection will be as follows:
    - a. The runner-up from the regional tournament from which the winner declined the invitation will be first considered. If the runner-up declines, then . . .
    - b. The invitation will be given to a regional tournament finalist that was ranked highest in the previous season's national top 20 rankings. If the invitation is declined by all players eligible under these criteria, then...
    - c. The invitation will be given to a first-year player (or non-top 20 nationally ranking player from the previous season) who was a regional finalist, and who beat the next highest nationally ranked player from the previous season's rankings en route to the regional finals. This selection would need to be discussed with the ITA Division III National Committee (committee members with a player being considered for this at-large selection would be required to withdraw from the discussion). If the invitation is declined by all players eligible under these criteria, then...
    - d. The invitation will be given to a regional tournament semi-finalist as determined by the ITA Division III National Committee. The regional semi-finalist must be from a region in which the regional finalist was offered the at-large bid and declined. This selection would need to be discussed with the ITA Division III National Committee (committee members with a player being considered for this at-large selection would be required to withdraw from the discussion).

**Seeding:** When making the draw for each Division, 4 singles players and 4 doubles teams shall be seeded. (See ITA Regulation III.A.4. “The Draw” for additional draw making criteria.)

**A. Division III only:** Seeding will be based on the following criteria:

1. Current year regional performance
2. Previous year performance (end of year rankings). For first year players, seeding should consider performance against previous year performers (direct or indirect wins in the regional tournament or fall play).
3. A player receiving an at-large bid to the USTA/ITA National Small College Championships cannot be seeded ahead of another player in the draw that defeated the at-large recipient in the regional tournament. (*Adopted 12/06, ITA Small College Operating Committee Meeting*).