



2011 ITA Men's All-American Championships
Hosted by the University of Tulsa
Oct 1-9 (PQ: Oct 1-2, Q: Oct 3-5, MD: Oct 6-9)

Sites: Michael D. Case Tennis Center - University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK
Cascia Hall, Tulsa OK

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On-Site Tournament Director: Vince Westbrook, Tulsa, Phone: 918- 631-5090

Tournament Referees: Jim Russell, Phone: 864-940-6010

Withdrawing Players: For Singles and Doubles: A player whose status is "questionable" should not be entered into the tournament and a player who is not eligible by NCAA, conference or university standards cannot be entered into the tournament. Withdraws are permitted if submitted prior to 10 days from the start of the event. For a medical withdraw within 10 days of the start of the event, a letter from the team doctor must be submitted to be classified as "excusable." Letters from the school's athletic trainer will not be accepted. **All "inexcusable" withdraws made within 10 days of the start of the event will be subject to cover the cost of entry fees.** All materials must be faxed or email to Troy Venechanos' attention at 609-497-9586 or tvenechanos@itatennis.com.

Additional note for Doubles Withdrawal – If one half of a doubles team must withdraw the selection committee will review the new team to determine whether a direct line substitution can be made or whether the new doubles team should be moved to another spot. **Withdraws within 10 days of the start of the event that are not accompanied by a doctor's note are deemed "inexcusable" and coaches will be responsible to pay the entry fee for the withdrawn player(s).**

Entry Fees: All entry fees are to be paid online through the ITA website after selections are announced. Entry fees must be paid for all players, in all draws (including main draw). The entry fees this year are: \$50/singles and \$60/doubles team. The online payment center will be available the week of Sept. 12th.

Mandatory Check-In for Pre-Qualifying & Qualifying Tournaments: Check in for pre-qualifying will be all day Friday, Sept 30. Qualifying check in will be all day Sunday, Oct 2.

Player Hospitality: Player hospitality will be available at the Michael D. Case Tennis Center.

Racquet Stringing: Onsite racket stringer will be provided

Athletic Trainer: Onsite trainers will be provided.

Parking: Parking passes will be given to coaches at check-in.

Airport Information: Tulsa International Airport (TUL) is approximately 10 minutes from the university.

Practice Court Information: Call Thomas Liversage at: 918-631-2683 or thomas-liversage@utulsa.edu to set up practice courts. There will be a practice court schedule for the two sites at the university and at Cascia Hall.

Welcome Reception/Banquet Information (for Main Draw participants): Wednesday, October 5th, 6:30pm at Doubletree Hotel, 616 West 7th Street, Tulsa, OK, 71427. Business attire is mandatory (jacket and tie).

Coaches Meeting: This mandatory meeting will be held on Wed. Oct. 5th following the welcome reception at the Doubletree Hotel (there are NO coaches meetings prior to the PQ and Qualifying tournaments). Coaches who miss this meeting are subject to possible fines.

Tournament Hotel: You can access information on the official hotel (address, rates, etc) AND book your reservation online if you like.

Doubletree Hotel – Tulsa - 1-800-838-7914 (booking code: VWT contact: Vicki Burnett 918-732-3611)

Address: 616 West 7th Street, Tulsa, OK, 71427 (approx. 10 min. from site)

Overflow hotel- Crowne Plaza- 918-560-2226 (Contact: Keith Roberson)

Address: 100 East 2nd Street, Tulsa OK, 74103 (approx. 10 min. from site)

Travel: We recommend all flights be booked through Anthony Travel, the official travel management service of the ITA (phone - 877-284-2254).

Alternate List Policy & Lucky Losers: The alternate list is eliminated once play begins in a prior draw - the Qualifying alternate list is void once PQ play starts; the MD alternate list is void once Qualifying begins.

NEW: Lucky losers are selected into the Qualifying draw by drawing names out of a hat of the players who reached the final qualifying rounds, with no preference being given to seeding.

Lucky losers are selected into the Main Draw in order of the highest seeds that lose in the final qualifying rounds. Once the seeds are exhausted the remaining Lucky Losers are determined by random draw. If there are no players/doubles teams on-site who advanced to the final qualifying round, the Lucky Losers will be drawn out of a hat from the list of players who have signed-up on-site.

Wild Card Distribution: The Host School receives a wild card into each draw. The ITA also has 2 wild cards in each draw with 1 wild card selection at the discretion of the ITA National Tournament & Rankings Committee and 1 wild card allotted to the champions and finalists from the ITA National Summer Championships. A breakdown of wild cards per draw is as follows: Main Draw Singles – 3 wild cards (1 Tulsa, 1 ITA Summer Champion, 1 ITA); Main Draw Doubles – 3 wild cards (1 Tulsa, 1 ITA Summer Champion, 1 ITA); Qualifying Singles - (1 Tulsa, 1 ITA Summer Finalist, 1 ITA); Qualifying Doubles – 3 wild cards (1 Tulsa, 1 ITA Summer Finalist, 1 ITA); Prequalifying Singles – 2 wild cards (1 Tulsa, 1 ITA). An ITA wild card can be given for any reason, with the primary ones for an outstanding freshman or a player who missed a significant portion of the previous season due to injury. The selection committee can also decide not to use the ITA wild card in which case the spot would be filled by an "at-large" candidate.

Error Slots: The selection committee reserves the right to save 1 at-large spot in each draw to use in case of administrative error the week of the tournament. If these spots are not filled after the tournament has begun they will be awarded to a lucky loser.

Protest Procedure: A coach can officially protest a player's selection within 48 hrs (no later than Sept. 11th) for the National Tournament & Rankings Committee to review. Protests after the 48 hr. window will not be accepted.

Format: Best two-out-of-three sets in singles for all draws. Doubles consist of one, 8-game set in all draws with the exception of the Main Draw semifinals and final, which will be best two-out-of-three sets

Ball & Ball Change: Wilson Extra Duty ball. The ball change is 1 can per set in singles and 4 balls in doubles.

Tentative Schedule of Play:

Saturday, Oct 1- PQ 1st and 2nd round

Sunday, Oct 2 – PQ 3rd round

Monday, Oct 3- Q 1st round singles

Tuesday, Oct 4- (8am) Q 2nd round singles; (not before Noon) 1st & 2nd round doubles

NOTE: 1st round Q singles losers will play one consolation match on Tuesday morning at an off-site location. Sign up players at the tournament desk.

Wednesday, Oct 5- (9am) Q singles finals; (not before Noon) Q doubles finals

Thursday, Oct 6- (8am) MD singles 1st & 2nd round, 1st round consi singles, MD doubles 1st round

Friday, Oct 7- (8am) MD 3rd round singles, round of consis, 2nd round MD doubles

Saturday, Oct. 8- (10am) MD and Consi Quarters, MD and Consi Semis, MD doubles Semis

Sunday, Oct 9- (10am) MD singles and doubles Finals; Consi finals.

Draw Making Procedures: A player/doubles team cannot play an opponent from its same region in the first round, if at all possible.

When a draw involves players or doubles teams from the same school, such entries shall be separated as far out as possible, placed in separate halves, quarters or eighths as evenly as possible, depending on the number of entries from that school or university. The same procedure shall be used when a school has multiple seeds. The top 2 seeds from a school shall be in separate halves, a third seeded player in the same half with the second seeded player and so on.

Seeding is as follows: Main Draw - (Singles) No. 1-8 in order, followed by Nos. 9-16 alpha; (Doubles) No. 1-4 in order, followed by Nos. 5-8 alpha; Qualifying - (Singles) No. 1-16 in order, followed by 17-23 in alpha, followed by 24-32 alpha; (Doubles) - No. 1-8 in order, followed by Nos. 9-16 alpha. Prequalifying - (Singles) No. 1-8 in order, followed by Nos. 9-16 alpha, followed by Nos. 17-32 alpha. Seeding is directly off of preseason rankings. When ranking list is exhausted the remaining seeds are determined by the selection committee.

ITA Selection Committee Members & Games Committee:

Northeast Region – Lee Nickels, Buffalo

Carolina Region – Michael Leonard, Elon University

Southeast Region – Dwayne Hultquist, Florida State

Ohio Valley Region – Ian Duvenhage, Vanderbilt

Atlantic Region – Jim Thompson, Virginia Tech

Southern Region – Per Nilsson, Mississippi State

Midwest Region – Steve Rodecap, Marquette

Central Region – Vince Westbrook, Tulsa

Texas Region – Steve Moore, Texas A&M Corpus-Christi

Mountain Region – Danny Westerman, Denver

Northwest Region – Peter Bartlett, San Francisco

Southwest Region – Adam Steinberg, Pepperdine

Note: additional Games Committee members to be added for on-site decisions.

Selection Process: The ITA National Ranking & Tournament Committee, consisting of the 12 region chairs, the ITA Operating Committee Chair and the Assistant ITA Operating Committee Chair, is responsible for all selections for the championships.

Selection Criteria

Main Draw - In order of the ITA preseason national singles and doubles rankings.

Qualifying - In order of the ITA preseason national singles and doubles rankings. If ranking list is exhausted then the ITA National Ranking & Tournament Committee will make selections based on the following: player's overall results from the previous season; position on and ranking of team; regional ranking; and outstanding junior accomplishments (for freshmen).

Prequalifying – Teams are allotted spots in this draw according to their final ranking from the previous season. The allotment per team is determined by the selection committee based on the total number of entries. Each school is guaranteed at least one participant.

Regional Selections: Determined by national (not regional rankings). In doubles, a regional committee can put forth a returning intact team with a top 5 regional ranking from the previous season in place of a new team with a higher preseason national ranking. If there are not players in the national rankings to select, a region must select representatives in order of final regional rankings from the previous season. If there are not players in the regional rankings to select then it is a regional committee selection based on a player's overall results from the previous season

Automatic Spots in Draws:

Main Draw Singles (64 players)

- * 22 at-large (and wild card) selections
- * 16 players from the Qualifying tournament

Automatic entry:

- * Returning Champion
- * ITA National Summer Championships Champion
- * Regional Representation (top 2 players per region)
- * Players returning from the Top 20 of the year-end ITA Rankings

Main Draw Doubles (32 teams)

- * 10 at-large (and wild card) selections
- * 8 teams from the Qualifying tournament

Automatic entry:

- * Returning Champion
- * ITA National Summer Championships Champions (if from same school)
- * Regional Representation (1 per region)
- * Intact teams returning from the Top 10 of the year-end ITA Rankings

Qualifying Singles (128 players)

- * 63 at-large (and wild card) selections
- * 16 players from prequalifying tournament
- * Players must win 3 rounds to advance to Main Draw

Automatic entry:

- * ITA National Summer Championships Finalist
- * Regional Representation (top 4 players per region)
- * In Main Draw of Doubles

Qualifying Doubles (64 teams)

- * 15 at-large (and wild card) selections
- * Teams must win 3 rounds to advance to Main Draw

Automatic entry:

- * ITA National Summer Championships Finalist (if from same school)
- * Regional Representation (4 per region)

Prequalifying Singles (256 players)

- * 256 at-large (and wild card) selections
- * Players must win 4 rounds to advance to Qualifying