



Selection Process

The ITA National Ranking & Tournament Committee, consisting of the 12 region chairs, the ITA Operating Committee Chair and the Associate ITA Operating Committee Chair, is responsible for all selections for the championships. Only NCAA Division I student-athletes are eligible to participate.

Selection Criteria

- A. Main Draw – Automatic entry spots first, including regional representation, followed by remaining selections in order of the ITA preseason national singles and doubles rankings.
- B. Qualifying – Automatic entry spots first, including regional representation, followed by remaining selections 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).
- C. Prequalifying – Selections based ITA preseason national singles rankings. Once ranking list is exhausted, selections based on UTR (weekly average as on Monday, August 28th).

Regional Selections :

Regional representation will be determined by the most recent regional rankings, rather than the ITA Preseason National Ranking (as decided by the ITA Division I Operating Committee, May 2012). For singles this will be the highest ranked returning singles player (who was submitted for the event) on the most recent regional rankings. For doubles this will be the highest ranked returning intact doubles team (who was submitted for the event) on the most recent regional rankings.

If there are not enough players in the regional rankings to for a selection to be made, a region must select representatives in order of ITA Preseason National Ranking. If there are not players listed on either rankings for a selection to be made, then the regional committee will make a selection based on a player's overall results from the previous season.

Main Draw Singles (64 players)

48 automatic, 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)

24 automatic, 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)

112 automatic, 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, Top Ten Freshman

Note: Players who are moved into the MD off of the alternate list are not guaranteed a spot in Qualifying Singles.

Qualifying Doubles (64 teams)

64 automatic, at-large and wild card selections

Teams must win a minimum of 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 automatic, at-large and wild card selections

Final 16 advance to Qualifying

Wild Card Distribution

The Host School receives a minimum of one wild card into each of the main, qualifying and prequalifying draws.

The tournament chair receives a minimum of one wild card into each of the qualifying and prequalifying draws.

The ITA also has 2 wild cards in both the qualifying and main draws, with 1 wild card selection at the discretion of the ITA National Tournament & Ranking 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 Host
 - 1 ITA Summer Champion
 - 1 ITA
- Main Draw Doubles
 - 3 Wild Cards:
 - 1 Host
 - 1 ITA Summer Champion
 - 1 ITA
- Qualifying Singles
 - 3 Wild Cards:
 - 1 Host
 - 1 ITA Summer Finalist
 - 1 ITA
 - 1 Tournament Chair
- Qualifying Doubles
 - 3 Wild Cards:
 - 1 Host
 - 1 ITA Summer Finalist
 - 1 ITA
 - 1 Tournament Chair
- Prequalifying Singles
 - TBD Wild Cards:
 - Host TBD
 - Tournament Chair TBD

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 an “at-large” candidate would fill the spot.

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 timing of the release of this spot is at the discretion of the ITA.

Protest Procedure: Coaches can officially protest a player's selection for the selection committee to review. Protests must be sent to Cory Brooks (cbrooks@itatennis.com) no later than 48 hours after selections are published. Any protests submitted after the 48 hour window will not be accepted.