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**RIVIERA/ITA WOMEN'S ALL-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
Hosted by the Riviera Tennis Club • Pacific Palisades, California



*Riviera Women's*  
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TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Selection Process and Criteria

#### **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. Only NCAA Division I student-athletes are eligible to participate.

#### **Selection Criteria**

- A. Main Draw: Automatic entry spots first, including regional representation, followed by at-large selections chosen in order of ITA preseason national singles and doubles rankings.
- B. Qualifying: Automatic entry spots first including regional representation, followed by at-large selections chosen in order of ITA preseason national singles and doubles rankings.
- C. Pre-Qualifying (PQ): Automatic entry spots first including regional representation, followed by at-large selections chosen 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). *Freshmen are only eligible for PQ singles (can receive wild card into Q or MD singles/ can be selected into Q or MD doubles).*

#### **Regional Selections**

New: 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, regional committees will now be asked to complete a selection priority list, where doubles teams from their region are placed in order according to overall strength of the team regardless of whether they are new or intact (as decided by the ITA Division I Operating Committee, December 2014).

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.

If a player transfers into a region with a national ranking higher than returning regional players, then that player must be considered as a regional representative.

#### **Draws**

##### *Main Draw Singles (32 players)*

0-11 at-large (and wild card) selections (dependent on # of returning All-Americans)

8 players from the Qualifying tournament

Automatic entry: ITA National Summer Championships Champion, Regional Representation (1 player per region), Returning ITA All-Americans (from 2016-17 season)

Note: If the number of returning All-Americans exceeds the number of at-large and wild card spots, then the lowest ranked returning All-American may become the No. 1 alternate.

##### *Main Draw Doubles (24 teams)*

7 at-large (and wild card) selections

4 teams from the Qualifying tournament  
Automatic entry: ITA National Summer Championships Champions (if from same school), Regional Representation (1 per region)

*Qualifying Singles (64 players)*

Must win 3 matches to advance to MD

19 at-large (and wild card) selections

8 players from prequalifying tournament

Players must win 3 rounds to advance to Main Draw

Automatic entry: ITA National Summer Championships Finalist, Regional Representation (3 players per region)

*Qualifying Doubles (32 teams)*

Must win 3 matches to advance to MD

3 at-large (and wild card) selections

4 teams from prequalifying tournament

Automatic entry: ITA National Summer Championships Finalist (if from same school), Regional Representation (2 per region)

*Pre-Qualifying Singles (64 players)*

Must win 3 rounds to advance to Qualifying

28 at-large (and wild card) selections

Automatic entry: Regional Representation (3 per region), 10 Ten Freshman/Newcomer

*Pre-Qualifying Doubles (32 teams)*

Must win 3 rounds to advance to Qualifying

8 at-large (and wild card) selections

Automatic entry- Regional Representation (2 per region)

Note: Entries for PQ typically far exceed the number of spots available

Wild Card Distribution

The Host School/Club receives a wild card into each draw. The ITA also has 2 wild cards in both the main and qualifying 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. The ITA also has 1 wild card in both the prequalifying singles and doubles draws.

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
- Qualifying Doubles
  - 3 Wild Cards:
    - 1 Host
    - 1 ITA Summer Finalist

- 1 ITA
- Prequalifying Singles
  - 2 Wild Cards:
    - 1 Host
    - 1 ITA
- Prequalifying Doubles
  - 2 Wild Cards
    - 1 Host
    - 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 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.