



## **ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships**

Hosted by Yale University

November 5-8, 2009

**Site:** Cullman-Heyman Tennis Center  
Yale University  
279 Derby Avenue  
West Haven, CT 06515

**Main Draw:** Singles & Doubles: Thursday-Sunday, November 5-8, 2008

**Draw sizes:** 32 Singles Players; 16 Doubles Teams (Mandatory Consolation for 1<sup>st</sup> round losers)

### **ITA Staff Contacts:**

Please contact the ITA staff for all questions prior to the start of the tournament.

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### **Selection Process (NEW):**

The ITA Operating Committee updated the automatic selections due to the expansion from 8 to 12 Regions at the convention meetings in December 2008. Only the Regional Champions (singles and doubles) will receive automatic entry into the tournament. Also, last year's Intercollegiate Indoor Champions will NOT receive an automatic entry. The breakdown of the draw is below.

A singles player who reaches the semifinals at the ITA All-American will receive an automatic berth. For doubles, an automatic berth will be given to the team that wins the ITA All-American Championship.

The single and doubles Super Bowl Champions from the ITA National Small College Championships will receive an automatic berth as well.

Singles: (32 draw)

- 12 regional champions
- 4 All-American semi-finalists
- 1 super bowl champion
- 2 host wildcards
- 12 at-large bids
- 1 ITA wildcard

Doubles: (16 draw)

- 12 regional champions
- 1 All-American champion
- 1 Super bowl champion
- 1 host wild card
- 1 at-large

**Wildcards (NEW):**

The Host School receives a wild card into each draw. As decided by the Operating Committee in December 2008, the host school is guaranteed 2 players in Main Draw Singles. If one player qualifies and only one wildcard is needed, the 2<sup>nd</sup> host wildcard will become an at-large selection. If the host site qualifies 2 players, they will still receive one wildcard and the 2<sup>nd</sup> wildcard will become an at-large selection.

An ITA wild card in singles can be given for any reason. The selection committee can also decide not to use the ITA wild card, in which case an "at-large" candidate would fill the spot.

**Seedings:**

Seeding for the event will be based on Pre-season ITA Rankings and fall results.

**At-large Selections:**

To be considered for an at-large selection in singles, a player must have reached at least the quarterfinals of an ITA Regional Championship. From this pool, the ITA National Tournament Committee will select singles players in order of preseason ITA national ranking (once the ranking lists has been exhausted, the committee will make the selection based on fall results/performance). Wild card selections do not have to necessarily meet this criteria.

For doubles, the selections will be made from the pool of teams that have reached at least the Quarterfinals at an ITA Regional Championship (but not necessarily in order of ranking).

**Any player who wishes to be considered for an at-large selection must enter their information on the online at-large application found on the ITA website ([www.itatennis.com](http://www.itatennis.com)). Players who do not submit their application before the deadline will NOT be considered for an at-large spot.**

**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 Jennifer Evans attention at 609-497-9586 or [jevans@itatennis.com](mailto:jevans@itatennis.com).

**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 participants (automatic bids & at-large selections) per the Division I Operating Committee meeting of December, 2007 and the fee is \$40/singles and \$50/doubles team. Registration online must be completed regardless of payment method; credit card payments can be completed online and cash/checks transactions will be completed during on-site check-in. In this case, please make checks payable to the ITA.

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

**Player Check-In:** Players may check-in on Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon.

**Schedule of Play:**

Thurs, Nov. 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> Round Doubles and 1<sup>st</sup> Round Singles

Fri., Nov. 6 – QF Doubles and 2<sup>nd</sup> Round and QF Singles

Sat., Nov. 7 – SF Doubles and Singles

Sun., Nov. 8 – Championship Matches

Notes:

- Mandatory consolation draws for first round losers (consolation starts on Friday, consolation draws are redrawn and reseeded).

- Doubles are played first.
- Matches will begin at 9:00 a.m. on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Practice Court Information:** Tennis Central, 110 Bradley Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525, (203)389-2455.  
Practice times will be assigned base on match times.

**Racquet Stringing:** The Racquet Koop (203)389-1900 will provide on-site stringing @ \$16/racquet for labor.

**Welcome Reception/Banquet Information:** Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, site TBA

**ITA Coaches (or players w/o coach) meeting:** Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Welcome Banquet, site TBA

**Official Car Rental:**

Hertz, ITA Championship discount code: 022L2945  
[www.hertz.com](http://www.hertz.com), 800-654-2240  
Discounted rates are available at all area airports.

**Official Tournament Hotel:**

Clarion Hotel  
2260 Whitney Avenue  
Hamden, CT  
203-288-3831  
\$114/night (Reference: Yale Tennis)

**Overflow Hotels:**

Courtyard Marriott at Yale  
30 Whalley Avenue  
New Haven, CT 06511  
203-777-6221  
\$149/night (Reference: ITA National Indoors)

Omni New Haven  
155 Temple Street  
New Haven, CT 06510  
1-800-THE-OMNI  
\$159/night (Reference: ITA National Indoors)

**Format:** Best two-out-of-three sets in singles for all rounds. First two rounds and all consolation of doubles will be pro sets; Main Draw SF and Finals are best two-out-of-three sets.

**Ball & Ball Change:** Wilson Extra Duty / Singles: new can per set / Doubles: 4 balls for pro set matches, new can per set for 2/3 sets (SF/F), SF and Finals are best two-out-of-three sets.

**Airport Information and Directions:**

Bradley Airport (Hartford, CT) – 52 miles from New Haven

Directions to CHTC: 91 South to exit 1 (CT-34). Merge onto CT-34. Turn right onto Ella T. Grasso Blvd. Turn left on Derby Ave. Courts on right approximately .4 miles down the road.

La Guardia (New York, NY) – 72 miles from New Haven

Directions to CHTC: Grand Central Parkway E toward Eastern Long Is. Merge onto 678 N via exit 9E. 678N becomes the Hutchinson River Parkway N. Merge onto 95N via exit 6. Take exit 38 toward CT-15/Merritt Parkway. Merge onto 15N. Take exit 57 and merge onto CT-34 toward New Haven.

JFK (New York, NY) – 70 miles from New Haven

Directions to CHTC: From the airport merge onto 678 N. Follow directions from La Guardia once on 678N.

Tweed Airport (New Haven, CT) – 5 miles from campus

Directions to CHTC: Right on Girard Ave. Right on Townsend Ave/CT-337. Left on Main St. Merge onto 95 S. Merge onto CT-34 via exit 37 toward downtown New Haven. Right on Ella T. Grasso Blvd. Left on Derby Ave.

Cullman-Heyman Indoor Tennis Courts (CHTC) – 269 Derby Avenue, West Haven, CT