



**US OPEN NATIONAL PLAYOFFS RETURN FOR SIXTH SEASON,  
ADDING MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DOUBLES DRAWS**

**PLAYOFFS OFFER EVERYONE AGE 14 AND OLDER  
THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN A BERTH INTO 2015 US OPEN  
IN SINGLES, DOUBLES AND MIXED DOUBLES**

**ENTRIES OPEN MARCH 15 FOR ALL 14 SECTIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS**

**US OPEN NATIONAL PLAYOFFS CHAMPIONSHIPS RETURN TO NEW HAVEN, CONN.**

**WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., March 4, 2015** – The USTA today announced that the US Open National Playoffs will be held for the sixth season this year, expanding the footprint of the US Open to cities nationwide by providing the opportunity for all players 14 years of age and older to earn a berth into the US Open. New this year, the US Open National Playoffs will include a men's and women's doubles competition. Also, players can continue to compete in both men's and women's singles, as well as mixed doubles.

The US Open National Playoffs men's and women's singles champions earn a wild card into the US Open Qualifying Tournament, held the week prior to the US Open. The US Open National Playoffs men's, women's and mixed doubles champions receive a wild card into the main draw of the 2015 US Open.

"The US Open National Playoffs are all about connecting people to the US Open," said Katrina Adams, USTA Chairman of the Board, CEO and President. "This year, by adding men's and women's doubles, the National Playoffs are giving competitors the opportunity to earn their way into the US Open in every possible way. We look forward to another year of great tennis and watching top juniors, collegians, aspiring pros, and weekend warriors compete for the chance to play on tennis' grandest stage."

Registration for the 2015 sectional qualifying tournaments opens on Sunday, March 15, at [www.USOpen.org/NationalPlayoffs](http://www.USOpen.org/NationalPlayoffs). The entry fee for each of the sectional qualifying tournaments varies, with men's and women's singles entries ranging from \$75-\$100 per player and men's, women's and mixed doubles entries ranging from \$45-\$60 per player. All players competing must have a current USTA membership valid through Aug. 31, 2015.

The US Open National Playoffs begin as a series of 14 sectional qualifying tournaments held in different USTA sections across the country (see complete schedule on page 2). The 14 champions or top available finishers in each division from each sectional qualifying tournament advance to the following US Open National Playoffs Championship events that will take place in conjunction with the Connecticut Open presented by United Technologies, an Emirates Airline US Open Series event, in New Haven, Conn.:

- Men's and Women's Singles Championship, Aug. 21-24
- Men's and Women's Doubles Championship, Aug. 25-28
- Mixed Doubles Championship, Aug. 26-29

Players may compete at different sectional qualifying tournaments in each division (one for men's or women's singles, one for mixed doubles and/or one for men's or women's doubles). However, a player may only compete in one sectional qualifying tournament per division during a calendar year. Participants can be of any playing level, giving everyone an opportunity to advance.

More than 1,200 players competed in the 2014 US Open National Playoffs, which marked the largest year-over-year increase in entries in the program's five-year history. Players ranged from experienced professionals who were once ranked in the Top 50, to junior players and current/ former college standouts, to recreational players of all playing abilities and walks of life. Participants included those competing for charity, businesspeople, musicians, lawyers, reporters, former athletes, and stay-at-home mothers.

Notable past participants include Olympic skier **Bode Miller**; musician **Redfoo** of the music group LMFAO; ESPN's **Mike Greenberg**, who teamed with six-time US Open champion **Chris Evert** in mixed doubles; and **LuAnn De Lesseps** and **Jill Zarin** of "The Real Housewives of New York City."




**2015 SECTIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS**

Date	City, State	Venue	Entry Close	USTA Section
May 2 – 5	Scottsdale, AZ	Scottsdale Ranch Park	April 23	Southwest
May 22 – 28	Las Vegas, NV	Darling Tennis Center	May 12	Intermountain
May 28 – 31	Prairie Village, KS	Homestead Country Club	May 13	Missouri Valley
May 30 – June 2	College Park, MD	College Park Tennis Club	May 19	Mid-Atlantic
June 7 – 13	Flushing, NY	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center	May 28	Eastern
June 8 – 12	Claremont, CA	The Claremont Club	May 28	Southern California
June 11 – 15	New Haven, CT	Yale University Tennis Center	June 1	New England
June 12 – 16	Midland, MI	Midland Tennis Center	May 31	Midwest
June 16 – 21	Salinas, CA	Chamisal Tennis & Fitness Club	June 6	Northern California
June 18 – 21	Tallahassee, FL	Scott Speicher Tennis Center - Florida State University	June 8	Florida
June 18 – 22	Minneapolis, MN	Baseline Tennis Center	June 8	Northern
June 20 – 23 **	West Windsor, NJ	Mercer County Park Tennis Center	June 10	Middle States
June 22 – 27	Arlington, TX	Arlington Tennis Center	June 8	Texas
June 22 – 28	Norcross, GA	LifeTime Athletic at Peachtree Corners	June 12	Southern

**2015 US OPEN NATIONAL PLAYOFFS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP - August 21 – 24**  
**NEW MEN'S & WOMEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP - August 25 – 28**  
**MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP - August 26 – 29**

All championships are staged during the Connecticut Open presented by United Technologies, an Emirates Airline US Open Series event located in New Haven, CT at the Yale University Tennis Center

*Player registration is open for all Sectional Qualifying Tournaments on March 15. \* Schedule subject to change. \*\* Event does not include Men's and Women's Doubles.*

The US Open Qualifying Tournament will be held Aug. 25-28, the US Open men's and women's doubles championships begin Sept. 1 and the US Open mixed doubles championship begins Sept. 2 at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. The 2015 US Open is scheduled to take place from Aug. 31, to Sept. 13.

US Open National Playoffs information is available at [www.USOpen.org/NationalPlayoffs](http://www.USOpen.org/NationalPlayoffs).

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The USTA is the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the U.S. and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level -- from local communities to the highest level of the professional game. A not-for-profit organization with more than 715,000 members, it invests 100% of its proceeds in growing the game. It owns and operates the US Open, the highest-attended annual sporting event in the world, and launched the Emirates Airline US Open Series, linking eight summer tournaments to the US Open. In addition, it owns approximately 90 Pro Circuit events throughout the U.S. and selects the teams for the Davis Cup, Fed Cup, Olympic and Paralympic Games. The USTA's philanthropic entity, the USTA Foundation, provides grants and scholarships and helps under-resourced youth and individuals with disabilities, and supports wounded, ill and injured service members, veterans and their families. For more information on the USTA, log on to [usta.com](http://usta.com), "like" the official Facebook page, [facebook.com/usta](https://facebook.com/usta), or follow @usta on Twitter.

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