



USTA National Training Academy Day Program Admissions Information

Overview

The United States Tennis Association Incorporated (“USTA”) is pleased to announce the development of the USTA National Training Academy which offers accommodations for student athletes at the USTA East Coast Training Center located in Boca Raton, Florida. The USTA National Training Academy provides the tools and guidance to achieve the highest level of development for a select group of promising young American tennis players, both on and off the tennis court.

USTA National Training Academy Program

The goal of the USTA National Training Academy is to enable promising young tennis players the opportunity to make a commitment to their game of tennis. In addition, this program will assist students in transitioning from junior to professional players. It will provide students with the support they need to grow both professionally and personally and to develop not only into a world class tennis player but a world class individual with the skills and poise to possibly represent the United States in some of the highest level domestic and international competitions.

The USTA National Training Academy is designed for young American players - boys and girls ages 14 to 18 – who have the potential, desire, dedication and genuine ambition to become top level professional tennis players. High levels of physical fitness and mental acuity are prerequisites. The USTA National Training Academy provides students with a schedule of on-court training and coaching, off-court strength and conditioning training, sports science and medical support, and tournament travel. The USTA National Training Academy and its coaching staff will equip its students with the tools and training for success, enabling the passion which is found within only tennis’ most elite players.

The program offers a select number of students the opportunity to reside at home while participating for one academic year in the USTA National Training Academy at our newly constructed USTA East Coast Training Center in Boca Raton, Florida. These select students will have the opportunity to train with some of the country’s most talented coaches and players.

The USTA National Training Academy, through its affiliation with the Evert Tennis Academy (“ETA”), has partnered with several schools to offer students a choice of private and state education. Each student’s education program (including costs) is the sole responsibility of the student and his/her parents. The USTA National Training Academy will monitor the student’s progress in his/her academic programs. Ultimately, however, it is the student’s and the student’s parents’ responsibility to make sure that the student undertakes an appropriate academic schedule. Failure by the student to maintain a high level of academic excellence may result in discipline, suspension, or expulsion from the USTA National Training Academy in the sole discretion of the USTA.

In order to be considered to be one of the elite at the USTA National Training Academy, applicants must complete the USTA National Training Academy Application which will be reviewed and assessed by the USTA National Training Academy Selection Committee.

Application Process

The USTA National Training Academy Selection Committee will assess each applicant, among other things, on ability, potential, major tournament results, as well as additional criteria listed below. The application process may include interviews of both the applicant and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) with the Selection Committee. If the applicant is approved for admission following the application process and the interview, as applicable, such applicant must submit to and pass a USTA medical screening conducted by the applicant's private physician. The applicant must complete any and all forms as may be deemed necessary from time to time, in the sole discretion of the USTA, in order to be formerly accepted and given the opportunity to join the select students at the USTA National Training Academy.

Please note that depending on which academic institution(s) an applicant will apply to, an applicant may additionally be required to take an entrance exam(s).

1. Day Admissions Procedures & Criteria

The USTA will require that applicants meet the following criteria:

1. Full-time residency in the United States with United States citizenship.
2. Applicants must be between the ages of 14 and 18 (an applicant who is currently 13 years old, but who will turn 14 during the upcoming school year, is eligible);
3. High international or national tennis ranking;
4. Strong results at major international junior events (as noted below);
5. Demonstrated potential for development in the game of tennis;
6. Hard working/strong work ethic;
7. Positive attitude;
8. Discipline; and
9. Demonstrated respect for coaches, parents, and other persons and property.

2. Result Based Admission Requirements

As noted above, the USTA National Training Academy Selection Committee will review the applicant's results at national and international junior events. Applicants should show strong tennis accomplishments, including results such as those listed below, before completing the application. Applicants should show strong finishes at the USTA National Championships and/or ITF Grades A and 1 events.

Female Players

Players Born 1989

- Singles Winner of the USTA Nationals (Berkeley) or the Easter Bowl (ITF 18's)
- Singles Winner or Finalist of a Junior Grand Slam
- Top 10 ITF Year-end Combined Ranking
- Singles Winner of one Pro Circuit \$25k Challenger event or higher
- Singles Finalist of one Pro Circuit \$50k Challenger event or higher
- One Singles win over WTA Top 100 player
- Three Singles wins over WTA Top 200 players
- Top 250 WTA Singles Ranking

Players Born 1990

- Singles Winner of the USTA Nationals (Berkeley) or the Easter Bowl (ITF 18's)
- Singles Semi-Finalist of a Junior Grand Slams
- Singles Winner or Finalist of one ITF Group 1 event or higher held in the United States
- Top 10 ITF Year-end Combined Ranking
- Three Singles wins over WTA Top 200 players
- One Singles win over a WTA Top 100 player
- Singles Finalist of one Pro Circuit \$25k Challenger event or higher
- Top 300 WTA Singles Ranking

Players Born 1991

- Singles Top 6 finisher in the 18 & under USTA Nationals (Berkeley) or the Easter Bowl (ITF 18's)
- Singles Quarter-Finalist in the 18 & under Junior Grand Slam or Orange Bowl
- Singles Finalist of one ITF Group 1 event or higher held in the United States
- Top 50 ITF Year-end Combined Ranking
- Three Singles wins over WTA Top 400 players
- Singles Quarter-Finalist of one Pro Circuit \$25k Challenger or higher
- Singles Winner of one Pro Circuit \$10k event or higher
- Top 450 WTA Singles Ranking

Players Born 1992

- Singles Top 6 finisher in the 18 & Under USTA Nationals (Berkeley) or the Easter Bowl (ITF 18's)
- Singles Winner of 18 & under USTA National Clay or Winter Championships
- Singles Quarter-Finalist of 18 & under Jr. Grand Slam, Orange Bowl
- Singles Semi-Finalist of one ITF Group 1 event or higher held in the United States
- Singles Winner of one ITF Group 3 event or higher held in the United States
- Top 75 ITF Year-end Combined Ranking
- Quarter-Finalist in one Pro Circuit \$10k event or higher
- Top 500 WTA Singles Ranking

Players Born 1993

- Singles Winner of a USTA 14 & Under USTA National Championships (Easter Bowl, Clays, Hard or Winter)
- Singles Semi-Finalist in two 16 & Under USTA National Championships (Easter Bowl, Clays, Hard or Winter)
- Singles Winner of one ITF Group 5 event or higher held in the North/Central American & Caribbean Region.
- Singles Finalist of Junior Orange Bowl (14's) or Quarter-Finalist of Junior Orange Bowl (16's)
- Quarter-Finalist of Les Petits As or Semi-finalist at Telford (ETA 14 & under Tournaments)
- Three Main Draw Singles wins in any Pro Circuit events
- Quarter-Finalist in one Pro Circuit \$10k event or higher
- Singles Quarter-Finalist of ITF Group 5 or higher in the North/Central American & Caribbean Region

Male Players

Players Born 1989

- Singles Winner or Finalist in Kalamazoo or Easter Bowl (ITF 18's)
- Singles Semi-Finalist in two ITF Group A or Group 1 Level Events
- Top 10 ITF Year-end Combined Ranking
- Two Singles wins over ATP Top 500 players
- Top 500 ATP Year-end Singles Ranking
- Singles Semi-finalist of two USTA Pro Circuit Futures or quarterfinalist in one USTA Challenger

Players Born 1990

- Singles Semi-Finalist in 18 & Under Kalamazoo, Clay Courts or Easter Bowl (ITF 18's)
- Singles Semifinalist of an ITF Group A or ITF Grand Slam level event
- Singles Semifinalist of an ITF Group 1 level event or higher
- Top 25 ITF Year-end Combined Ranking
- Three Singles wins over ATP Top 700 players
- Singles Quarter-finalist or two USTA Pro Circuit Futures or higher
- Top 800 ATP Year end Singles Ranking

Players Born 1991

- Singles Winner or Finalist of one 16 & Under Kalamazoo or Easter Bowl
- Singles Winner or Finalist in two ITF Group 3 Level Events or higher
- Singles Semifinalist at an ITF Group 1 or higher
- Top 50 ITF Year-end Combined Ranking
- Two Singles wins over ATP Top 1000 players
- Participant in Jr. Davis Cup Finals
- Singles Quarter-finalist of one USTA Pro Circuit Futures or higher
- Singles Quarter-finalist of 18 & Under Kalamazoo or Easter Bowl (ITF 18's)

Players Born 1992

- Singles Winner or Semi-Finalist of one 16 & Under Kalamazoo or Easter Bowl
- Top 6 finisher in one 18 & Under USTA National Championships
- Singles Quarter-Finalist of ITF Group 3 or higher in the North/Central American & Caribbean Region.
- Singles Winner of one ITF Group 5 event or higher in the North/Central American & Caribbean Region.
- Semi-Finalist in two ITF Group 5 events or higher in the North/Central American & Caribbean Region.
- Qualify for one USTA Pro Circuit Futures
- Quarterfinalist at Orange Bowl 16s
- Semifinalist at Eddie Herr 16s

Players Born 1993

- Singles Winner or Finalist of one 14 & Under USTA National Championship
- Singles Semi-Finalist in two 14 & Under USTA National Championships
- Singles Quarter-Finalist of Telford or Les Petite As (European Tennis Assoc.14 & under Tournaments)
- Singles Top 4 Finish at 14 & Under Jr. Orange Bowl
- Singles Semi-Finalist at 16 & Under Eddie Herr
- Participants in World Junior Competition Finals
- Singles Quarter-Finalist of 16 & Under Kalamazoo or Easter Bowl
- Singles Quarter-Finalist of ITF Group 5 or higher in the North/Central American & Caribbean Region

3. Student Expectations

1. Eligible applicants will be selected to participate in the USTA National Training Academy for one academic year; subject to earlier dismissal, suspension or expulsion for non compliance with applicable rules of conduct and other USTA policies and procedures.
2. Applicants selected to participate in the USTA National Training Academy will be required, prior to acceptance and as a part of the application process, to complete and submit additional documents (including, without limitation, a waiver and release and acknowledgement of the Student Handbook), comply with all USTA medical requirements (including physical examinations), and complete any additional requirements as determined from time to time by the USTA in its sole discretion.
3. In April of each year, students currently enrolled in the program will be reviewed, and if renewed, both the students and parents/guardians will be asked to confirm their commitment in writing for the upcoming academic year. This assists in the USTA National Training Academy Selection Committee's determination for the number of incoming students for the following school year.
4. At the beginning of each academic year, students will participate in designing a schedule which will incorporate proper balance of tournament versus training time. As a result, students will be advised, well in advance, of which tournaments they will be joined by a USTA National coach or staff member and to which they will travel unaccompanied.
5. ETA's Student Services will be responsible for all off-court activities for students who are members of the USTA National Training Academy.
6. The USTA will utilize the ETA for meals, security, and student services.
7. All students are required to bring their own individual laptop computer. Students are strongly encouraged to tend to their academic studies during down times on site and while at tournaments.
8. Students are required to have their own health insurance. Students are required to provide such health information to the USTA and ETA as part of the application process.
9. Students are subject to drug testing, at any time with little or no advance notice, and/or out of competition basis, conducted by WADA, USADA, or the USTA, in accordance with the procedures of those bodies.

Tournament Entry & Travel Procedures

Once students are selected into the program, they will be under the guidance of the USTA staff for all areas of their tennis development. This will include their on-court & physical training schedule, tournament schedule, and rest schedule. Parents or personal coaches wishing to provide input may do so, but, ultimately, the decisions pertaining to each student will be made by the USTA staff. All entry fees for tournaments will be paid for by the student or reimbursed by the student to the USTA if paid for by the USTA. The USTA will coordinate all entries and withdrawals for students. It remains the student's responsibility to follow up with the USTA Player Services Staff to confirm that they have been entered or withdrawn (as applicable) from each event. The USTA will accompany the student to the majority of his/her events, but at times, students may travel alone or with a group of students. Parents will be notified in the event the USTA will not send a coach

or staff member on a particular trip. The student's development is a team effort in which the student, the student's parents, and the entire USTA team (including coach, trainer, and administration) will work together with the student's best interests always in mind.

Education Options

The USTA National Training Academy, through its affiliation with the ETA, provides an appropriate array of excellent schooling options to suit the unique needs of our students. The ETA hosts University of Miami Online High School (UMOHS), a fully accredited, online College Preparatory High School, and also offers more traditional educational opportunities through partnerships with several local institutions described below. Students typically attend class in the morning and participate in afternoon training programs at the USTA National Training Academy. Tuition costs for UMOHS, Boca Prep, and American Heritage are between \$12,000 -14,000 per year and are the full responsibility of the student.

University of Miami Online High School (UMOHS)

ETA hosts a fully accredited College Preparatory High School on-campus to meet the unique challenges of athletes who require anytime, anywhere learning. UMOHS at ETA integrates an online education with a traditional high school curriculum that meets and/or exceeds state and national standards. This is the recommended schooling option for full-time high school level students because it is conveniently located on campus and individually tailored to our students' needs. Students are encouraged to apply 3 months in advance for this schooling option.

SEK Boca Raton Preparatory School

Provided that students maintain a solid grade point average, SEK Boca Raton Preparatory School offers the required flexibility needed by our student athletes. This private institution is across the street from the USTA National Training Academy and belongs to an international group of schools known as SEK International Institution. To facilitate this partnership, SEK employs a staff member who is responsible for monitoring the progress and tutoring for full-time USTA National Training Academy students. In addition, Boca Prep is responsible for faxing or e-mailing assignments, required reading, and tests to their students away at tournaments worldwide. Students are encouraged to apply 3 months in advance for this schooling option.

American Heritage

The USTA National Training Academy through its partner the ETA has arranged for schooling options with American Heritage School, a traditional learning institution. American Heritage has an International Program, currently representing 43 countries from around the world. Students must apply 6 months in advance for this schooling option.

Public Schools

In addition to the options above, there are also public school opportunities available to students. The State of Florida has strict rules with regard to missing school, so students choosing this option must plan their schedule accordingly. The public school options which are no further than 20 minutes away are: Boca Raton High School, West Boca High

School, Spanish River High School, Olympic Heights High School, Boca Raton Middle School, Loggers Run Middle School, and Eagle's Landing Middle School.

Financial Responsibilities

The USTA shall provide, at no cost to the student, coaching services for students selected to participate at the USTA National Training Academy. Students and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) shall be responsible for any and all remaining fees and/or expenses related to the students participation in the USTA National Training Academy which shall include, without limitation, schooling, transportation to/from tournaments, tournament registration fees, medical, extracurricular activities, etc.

Academy Policies

Student Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy

The USTA National Training Academy is committed to the highest level of competitive and academic excellence. The use of illegal substances or alcohol is inconsistent with this purpose, has a detrimental impact on student behavior, interferes with academic and athletic performance, and may cause permanent physical and mental harm to the user. This behavior will not be tolerated by the USTA and is grounds for discipline, suspension, or expulsion.

Discipline System

Each student will receive a USTA National Training Academy Student Handbook upon enrollment. The rules and regulations outlined in the handbook are intended to ensure the highest level of respect and mature behavior. They are designed to uphold the level of integrity for which the USTA National Training Academy expects of its student athletes. Behavior inconsistent with such rules and regulations shall by grounds for discipline, suspension, or expulsion.