



2026 US Open Umpire Selection Guidelines

The US Open Tennis Championships seeks Chair Umpires, Match Assistants, and Review Officials for the 2026 US Open August 24 - September 13, 2026. All qualified individuals are welcome to apply. Qualifications and selection process are set forth below.

1. Chair Umpires Qualifying and Main Draw Men's and Women's Singles/Doubles and Mixed Doubles matches

Chair Umpires will be selected based on qualifications and considerations, including but not limited to:

- Gold, Silver, Bronze* Badge Chair Umpire certification in good standing
- Competency on both Men's and Women's singles matches
- Evaluations from the ITF/ATP/WTA
- Grand Slam and ATP/WTA Tour Experience using Electronic Line Calling
- Past performance at the US Open
- Feedback provided to the Referee and Chief Umpire by Grand Slam Supervisors and ATP/WTA representatives
- Provisional selections are made by the US Open Chief Umpire and US Open Referee with final approval by the US Open Referee as per the Grand Slam Rulebook
- Selection of Gold/Silver Badge Chair Umpires will be in accordance with the USTA's Diversity and Inclusion policies
- Good standing with Official's National Association, ITF, ATP, WTA, and Grand Slam Board

**A limited number of Bronze Badge Chair Umpires may be selected to perform multiple roles based on tournament needs*

2. Chair Umpire Juniors, Wheelchair and Exhibition events

Chair Umpires will be selected based on the following qualifications and considerations:

- Chair Umpire evaluations
- Overall Chair Umpire experience
- USTA Pro Circuit Supervisor feedback
- Level and quantity of events worked during the current year
- Good standing with Official's National Association, ITF, ATP, WTA, and Grand Slam Board

The US Open Referee, in consultation with the US Open Chief Umpire, is the final authority on all assignments, as per the Grand Slam rulebook.

3. Match Assistants

Match Assistants will be selected by the US Open Officials Selection Committee based on qualifications and considerations, including but not limited to:

- USTA certification
- Availability
- Daily Tournament Needs
- Gender Balance to be able to service Men's and Women's matches equally
- ITF and Joint Certification badge level



- Previous positive performance at the US Open
- Previous experience as a Match Assistant
- Good standing with Official's National Association, ITF, ATP, WTA, and Grand Slam Board

4. Review Officials

- Experience as a Review Official using a Live line calling system and/or Video Review at ATP, WTA, ITF, or Grand Slam events
- Availability
- Daily Tournament Needs
- Feedback provided to the Referee and Chief Umpire by Grand Slam Supervisors and ATP/WTA representatives
- Past performance at the US Open
- Good standing with Official's National Association, ITF, ATP, WTA, and Grand Slam Board

5. General Information

All applicants must have the ability to meet the physical demands for their particular role(s) described [here](#).

Applicants who apply after the application deadline are added to the list of Officials not selected to create an "alternates list" should positions become available at a later date.

The USTA recognizes diversity as essential to achieving our mission to promote and develop the growth of tennis. We are committed to achieving greater diversity throughout the sport and fostering a more inclusive tennis environment.

The USTA does not permit discrimination on the basis of gender, race, or any other prohibited basis in the selection and assignment of Umpires to tournaments and matches.

All qualified Umpires will be afforded equal opportunities to officiate both men's and women's matches. The USTA Officiating Department, where it has the authority to do so, will seek to assign qualified Umpires to matches, including late round matches, in numbers approximating their demographic representation (e.g. gender, race) in the qualified pool of applicants available for such matches.