

DAYTONA BEACH \$25,000 WOMEN'S PRO CHAMPIONSHIPS DAYTONA BEACH, FL • JANUARY 8-15



TOURNAMENT INFO

Site: Florida Tennis Center – Daytona Beach, Fla.

Websites: www.protennisdaytona.com
procircuit.usta.com

Qualifying Draw Begins: Sunday, Jan. 8

Main Draw Begins: Tuesday, Jan. 10

Main Draw: 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

Surface: Clay / Outdoor

Prize Money: \$25,000

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PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES:	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$3,919	50
Runner-Up	\$2,091	30
Semifinalist	\$1,144	18
Quarterfinalist	\$654	9
Round 16	\$392	5
Round 32	\$228	1

DOUBLES:	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$1,437
Runner-Up	\$719
Semifinalist	\$359
Quarterfinalist	\$196
Round 16	\$131

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sunday, Jan. 8

Kids' Fun Day, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 9

Pro-Am, 6:30-8 p.m.

USTA PRO CIRCUIT WOMEN'S TENNIS RETURNS TO DAYTONA BEACH

The **Daytona Beach \$25,000 Women's Pro Championships** returns to Daytona Beach, Fla., for the third consecutive year. It is the first USTA Pro Circuit women's event of 2017 and the first of three consecutive \$25,000 clay-court women's events to kick off the season, all of which will be held in Florida.

To follow the tournament, download the USTA Pro Circuit's phone app for smartphones and tablets by searching "procircuit" in the Apple and Google Play stores.

Notable players competing in Daytona Beach include:

Sofia Kenin, 18, Pembroke Pines, Fla.

- Won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$25,000 event in Wesley Chapel, Fla., in January 2016, and then won the \$50,000 event in Sacramento, Calif., in July.
- Won the 2016 USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge to earn a wild card into the 2016 US Open, facing eventual finalist Karolina Pliskova in the first round.
- Improved from No. 620 at the end of 2015 to No. 212 at the end of 2016.
- Won the 2015 USTA Girls' 18s national title to earn a wild-card berth into the US Open women's singles draw for her first Grand Slam main draw.
- As a junior player, reached the singles final at the 2015 US Open Junior Championships, the semifinals at the 2016 junior US Open and the quarterfinals at 2016 junior Wimbledon.



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Sofia Kenin climbed as high as No. 2 in the world junior rankings and reached the final of the junior US Open in 2015.

- Climbed as high as No. 2 in the ITF World Junior Rankings.
- Represented the U.S. at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games and also competed at the 2016 ITF Junior Masters, both held in China.
- Also goes by Sonya.

Danielle Collins, 23, St. Petersburg, Fla.

- Graduated from the University of Virginia in 2016 as a two-time NCAA singles champion, winning the title in 2014 and 2016. In doing so, she became the seventh woman all-time to win multiple NCAA singles titles.
- Was also a three-time Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American and the 2016 ITA Senior Player of the Year; tallied 125 career singles victories in college.
- Received a wild card into the US Open women's draw in 2014 and 2016.
- Holds two USTA Pro Circuit singles titles (\$10,000 Williamsburg, Va., in 2011, and \$25,000 Stillwater, Okla., in 2016).
- Has trained at Nick Bollettieri's IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla.

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Kristie Ahn, 24, Upper Saddle River, N.J.

- Graduated from Stanford in 2014 as a four-time All-American; went 97-17 in four seasons with the Cardinal and was named the 2014 ITA National Senior Player of the Year.
- Qualified for the 2008 US Open, where she lost to former world No. 1 Dinara Safina in the first round.
- Competed in qualifying for the US Open, Australian Open and French Open in 2016.
- Has won five USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Circuit singles titles, including two titles in Korea and Canada in 2015, and one doubles title in 2010.
- She made her first appearance in Australian Open qualifying last January and also reached the singles final at an ITF Circuit event in Korea in 2016.

Robin Anderson, 23, Matawan, N.J.

- Graduated from UCLA in 2015 after earning All-America honors in both singles and doubles for the fourth consecutive year, becoming the seventh player in school history to accomplish that feat.
- Named the ITA National Collegiate Player of the Year for 2014-15.
- Was part of UCLA's NCAA-title winning team in 2014 and reached the NCAA doubles final in 2013.
- At the 2015 US Open, won the American Collegiate Invitational, a tournament for the top U.S. college players.
- Has won one USTA Pro Circuit singles title (\$10,000 Landisville, Pa., in 2011) and one doubles title (\$25,000 Redding, Calif., in 2013).
- In February 2016, reached the final of the \$100,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Midland, Mich. Advanced to two additional USTA Pro Circuit semifinals in 2016.
- As a junior player, reached the singles quarterfinals at the 2010 junior US Open.

Francesca Di Lorenzo, 19, New Albany, Ohio

- Standout sophomore at Ohio State, who was named a 2016 ITA All-American as a freshman, the third-ever Ohio State All-American; set the OSU all-time single season mark for wins, going 37-5 her freshman year.
- Ranked as high as No. 2 in the ITA's national singles rankings in 2016, the highest-ranking in OSU history; finished the year at No. 4.
- 2016 Big Ten Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year.
- In 2016 sophomore fall season, won two ITA national titles in the fall: the Riviera ITA All-American Championship and the USTA/ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championship
- Reached the junior singles and doubles semifinals at the 2015 US Open.

Usue Arconada, 18, College Park, Md.

- Currently No. 5 in the world junior rankings.
- Won her first pro-level match at 14 years old, in qualifying for the WTA's Citi Open in Washington, D.C., in 2013, beating then 26-year old Maria Irigoyen. In 2016, won her first WTA match at the Citi Open as a wild card.
- Won the junior doubles title at Wimbledon in 2016 (with Claire Liu) and reached the girls' singles quarterfinals; also reached the third round in singles and the quarterfinals in doubles at the 2015 and 2016 junior US Open.
- Born in Argentina and moved to Puerto Rico when her father accepted a position as Puerto Rico's national volleyball coach.

Elizabeth Halbauer, 19

- Cracked the Top 350 for the first time after winning an ITF Circuit event in Argentina in April 2016 and reaching the final at another \$25,000 ITF Circuit event in Canada in August 2016.
- Competed in US Open qualifying in 2016 as a wild card.
- Won first USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$10,000 event in Hilton Head Island, S.C., in 2013.

Notable players competing in qualifying include:

Julia Elbaba, 22, Oyster Bay, N.Y.

- Graduated from the University of Virginia in 2016, setting the UVA record for singles wins with 133 in her career. Earned All-America honors in singles for the fourth consecutive year.
- Was ranked No. 1 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association singles rankings during her collegiate career.
- Holds one USTA Pro Circuit title, in doubles at the \$10,000 event in New Orleans in 2012.

Caroline Dolehide, 18, Hinsdale, Ill.

- Won her first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in June 2016 at the \$10,000 event in Buffalo, N.Y.; also won her first career doubles title in Buffalo.
- Advanced to three additional USTA Pro Circuit semifinals in 2016.
- Ranked as high as No. 16 in the ITF World Junior Rankings.
- Reached the singles semifinals at the 2014 junior US Open and the doubles final at both the 2015 junior French Open and the 2016 junior US Open.

Nicole Coopersmith, 17

- Played extensively on the USTA Pro Circuit in 2016, as well as overseas in ITF Pro Circuit events in Germany, Croatia, France, Poland, Portugal and Belgium.
- Won first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in September 2016 at the \$10,000 event in Charleston, S.C. Holds one ITF Pro Circuit singles title, in 2015 in Croatia, the country where her grandparents live.
- Mother played on the WTA and competed for Croatia in Fed Cup. Father is a seasoned tennis coach, working with pros Jelena Jankovic and Jamea Jackson.

Lauren Embree, 25, Naples, Fla.

- Former collegiate standout at the University of Florida, completing her outstanding college career in 2013 by being named the National College Player of the Year.
- Went 26-3 in her final year for the Gators at the No. 1 singles spot, and compiled a staggering 117-16 singles record during her four years.
- In 2013, won her second USTA Pro Circuit singles title, at the \$10,000 event in Fort Worth, Texas, after also winning a title in Wichita, Kan., in 2008.
- Holds four USTA Pro Circuit/ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles.
- In 2009, won a USTA wild-card playoff to earn a berth into the main draw of the French Open, where she lost in the opening round to former world No. 3 Nadia Petrova.
- Announced in April 2016 that she was retiring after a series of injuries, but is now making a comeback.

Sophie Chang, 19, Havre de Grace, Md.

- Won the 2016 US Open National Playoffs – Women's Singles

Championship to earn a wild card into the US Open qualifying tournament in her US Open debut.

- Holds four USTA Pro Circuit doubles titles.
- Committed to play at the University of Virginia before turning pro.
- Great-grandfather, Joseph Carpenter, won the mixed doubles title at the 1910 U.S. National Championships.

Alexandra Mueller, 28, Abington, Pa.

- Holds 18 career USTA Pro Circuit and ITF Pro Circuit doubles titles and seven singles titles.
- Two-time winner of the US Open National Playoffs, earning wild cards into the US Open Qualifying Tournament in 2010 and 2012.

**Player field subject to change*

DAYTONA BEACH PAST WINNERS

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner
2016	Ons Jabeur (TUN)	Olga Fridman (UKR)	2016	Natela Dzalamidze (RUS) – Veronika Kudermetova (RUS)
2015	Darya Kasatkina (RUS)	Elise Mertens (BEL)	2015	Sanaz Marand (USA) – Jan Abaza (USA)
2014	Anna Tatishvili (GEO)	Allie Kiick (USA)	2014	Nicole Melichar (USA) – Teodora Mircic (SRB)