The United States Tennis Association/Midwest Section is pleased to announce the 17th annual Midwest Tennis On Campus Championship at the University of Wisconsin’s Nielsen Tennis Stadium. We extend this invitation to your College or University’s Club Team.

**Date:** February 16-18, 2018

**Event Schedule:** Friday, Feb. 19: 8:00 AM first round play. Sat.: Tournament play begins at 8:00 AM. **Sunday: Final rounds start at 8AM.** Schedule will be posted online and emailed to all participants by February 12, 2018.

**Entry Fee:** Please pay by credit card by calling 262-334-3601 during normal business hours. $250/team until January 5, 2018, @ 4:00PM EDT with a separate $100/team forfeiture fee which will be returned after the team has completed the event. **After January 5,** (not including waitlist teams) if spots are still available, the cost is $300/team plus $100 refundable deposit. Credit card is preferred. **If paying by check, two (2) separate checks must be written for these amounts made payable to USTA/Midwest Section.**

**Cancellations:** Cancellations after deadline but before two weeks before event incurs loss of entry fee but deposit is returned. Cancellation less than two weeks before the event incurs loss of entry fee and deposit. Teams forfeiting entire team matches and/or leaving the event early will lose deposit, be subject to committee review and possible suspension from the Midwest TOC program.

**Ball:** The official ball will be the Penn Tennis Ball.

**Tournament Format:** Pool play with tournament draws to follow - each team will play at least four dual matches. *(Format/scoring may be adjusted at tournament committee’s discretion.)*

**Scoring:** WTT scoring: Each no-ad set is won by the first to reach 6 games. Tiebreak at 5-5.

**Teams:** World TEAMTENNIS format: Teams will be comprised of men’s doubles, women’s doubles, men’s singles, women’s singles, and one (1) mixed doubles. A minimum of four players (2 men, 2 women), a maximum of ten (10) players required to field a team. **Note: As in NIRSA NCCS rules, players are only allowed to make a maximum of two (2) appearances per dual match. You must have a minimum of 2 men and 2 women on your team to participate. We recommend at least 3 men and 3 women.**

**Prizes/progression:** Trophy awards for first through fourth place. Champion, finalist, 3-5th place, Sportsmanship and Club Team of the Year winners will receive a travel stipend to attend the 2017 USTA Campus Championship (April 12-14, 2018) in Orlando, FL. **(If play is flighted, the top flight winner and runner up team will receive the stipend)** If two teams from the same school are in 1-5th place, only one team will receive the award. The award/stipend will go to the team in the next position. Seven (7) bids to the National Championship are allocated as follows: 1-5th place, Midwest Club Team of the Year and Sportsmanship Award.

**Hospitality:** All participants will receive a Championship T-shirt. We will also provide complimentary pizza on Friday evening and sandwiches on Saturday at noon at Nielsen.

**Hotel Information:** We have blocks of rooms (Thurs, Fri, Sat) reserved at our host hotel, **Best Western InnTowner** (closest hotel to the Tennis Center), 608-233-8778. Rate is $139 based on double/triple or quad occupancy. Includes hot breakfast, Wi-Fi, parking, and shuttle to Nielsen! **Call before January 16, 2018** to book rooms! **Group Code is USTA18.** You can also make reservations under this group code at [www.InnTowner.com/reservations](http://www.InnTowner.com/reservations). Second hotel: **Residence Inn by Marriott Madison West / Middleton, 8400 Market Street Middleton, WI 53562 Phone: 608-662-1100 [www.residenceinnmadisonwest.com](http://www.residenceinnmadisonwest.com) Group rate: $119.**

Mention “Tennis On Campus room block.” Or you may book online: [Book your group rate for Tennis On Campus Midwest Championship](http://www.residenceinnmadisonwest.com)
Book before **January 16**. Rooms have full kitchen. You may get 4 persons in these larger rooms, 5 if you have an air mattress or cot. Call hotel for more info!

Free breakfast, free WiFi, no shuttle.

**Player Eligibility:** **NOTE:** All participants on roster must be current USTA members through February, 2018 and be on the TennisLink roster for your team. Players must be currently enrolled for a minimum of six (6) credit hours (or 1/2 time equivalent), Graduate students: 6 credit hours or equivalent, and may not be a current 2017-18 varsity tennis team member. Teams are limited to one (1) former varsity player per roster. Players who enter the tournament should expect play at a 3.5 NTRP rating and higher. Details on player eligibility can be found at NIRSA Eligibility.

**“B” or second teams;** Draw is limited to 32 teams. Unique teams have priority over second teams on the waitlist. In the case that the 32 spots are not filled, we may fill spots with B teams. Teams will be chosen on a lottery basis. If interested in sending a B or second team, send in a separate entry form and payment. Credit card or check will not be charged/cashed unless the B team is accepted into the tournament.

**College Eligibility:** The university/college must currently host or plan to host a Tennis On Campus program (an on-going tennis program or a club team in the Midwest TOC League) on their campus by fall, 2017. Send your entry in now! The sooner we receive it the better chance you have of being placed in the draw! If you have a second team, send a separate entry for them; if space permits, "B" teams will also participate. Entries from colleges already participating in the Midwest Tennis On Campus League will be given priority. **Please note:** First come-first serve until 32 spots are filled. Exception: the top five teams from last year (and any teams with an outstanding bid to nationals) will be admitted until January 5th. Get the entries in early!

**In order to be considered for entry, we must have the completed online entry form and tournament fees by the deadline: January 5, 2018. Please do not send incomplete entries, as this will delay and possibly cancel your entry**

Please call Steve Wise, 262-334-3601 or e-mail: steve@midwest.usta.com for more information.