

BOYS' USTA COMPETITIVE PATHWAY MERIT-BASED WILD CARDS – 2026

The USTA Competitive Pathway Merit-Based Wild Card System was created to enhance and accelerate player progression using earned advancement opportunities with merit-based wild card linkages from the juniors and collegiate event pathways; into professional tennis. This helps parents, coaches, and players to optimize their competitive and training schedules which creates greater transparency with more efficient communication. Please refer to the USTA Competitive Pathway Merit-Based Wild Cards document regarding procedures, criteria and linkages. Please note that specific wild cards are linked to designated events.

The following USTA wild card allocations are merit-based for select 2026 tournaments and events which are subject to change per the USTA. Please note individual Tournament Directors may also have local wild cards for their respective events, and those local wild cards are issued at the discretion of those Tournament Directors.

After the completion of each event listed below, every player who earns a wild card will receive a notification by email from the USTA within two weeks after the conclusion of the event, which will be sent to the email currently in our records. Players must reply to the notification and submit a copy of their passport with their reply. If the awarded wild card does not reference that it is a wild card for a specific tournament, players must designate their top 3 choices in their reply. The wild card must be used on the same surface in which it was earned, unless otherwise noted. The USTA will make every effort to grant a player's first preference if the wild card is not designated for a specific event, but preferences are NOT guaranteed. After the earned wild card is communicated to the player, the player is still required to COMPLETE the Wild Card Request Form (which can be found by clicking [here](#) and the form must be submitted no later than the wild card deadline). **These earned wild cards must be used within nine months of being earned.** If the earned wild card is not used within nine months, it is considered to be forfeited. In addition, if a player does not participate in the tournament for any reason, the merit-based wild card will still be considered being used for that tournament and will not be replaced for another tournament. The wild card requirements and conditions of use support the equitable distribution of wild cards, as there are a limited number of wild cards available.

Please be aware that due to the time of the year, some designated events are listed in 2027 based on the 2026 Tournament Calendar. These events are subject to change based on the final 2027 Tournament Calendar released in the 4th quarter of 2026. The USTA will determine the designation of these earned wild cards.

If the USTA finds that wild cards are being sold or bartered, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. All tournaments and tournament dates listed below are subject to change. All decisions relating to the wild card are made solely by the USTA and are not subject to appeal.

CRITERIA

In order for a player to be eligible to accept a USTA issued wild card, the player must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- *Eligibility* – A player must meet the eligibility requirements to represent the United States in Billie Jean King Cup, Davis Cup, Junior Billie Jean King Cup, Junior Davis Cup, or ITF World Junior Tennis Competition. Additionally, to be eligible, a player COULD NOT have previously represented any other nation in an Olympic Tennis Event or in Davis Cup (other than Junior Davis Cup).
- *Good Standing* – A player must be in good standing with USTA National, USTA Sectional, ITF, ITA, NCAA, WTA, & ATP bodies
- *Age* - For all ITF and professional events, a player must meet the age eligibility requirement subject to ITF, ATP, & WTA rules

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EASTER BOWL USTA NATIONAL SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS	Wild Card Awarded
Boys' 18's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J300 College Park - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles Finalist	(1) Junior ITF J200 Cincinnati - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles 3rd Place	(1) Junior ITF J100 Bloomington - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles 4th Place	(1) Junior ITF J60 Champaign - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles 5th Place	(1) Junior ITF J60 - Qualifying
Boys' 16's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J200 Cincinnati - Main Draw
Boys' 16's Singles Finalist	(1) Junior ITF J100 Bloomington - Main Draw
Boys' 14's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J60 Champaign - Main Draw
USTA NATIONAL CLAY COURT CHAMPIONSHIPS	Wild Card Awarded
Boys' 18's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J500 Orange Bowl International Tennis Championship - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles Finalist	(1) Junior ITF J300 IMG Academy International (Eddie Herr) - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles 3rd Place	(1) Junior ITF J300 Bradenton - Qualifying
Boys' 18's Singles 4th Place	(1) Junior ITF J200 Delray Beach - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles 5th Place	(1) Junior ITF J100 Coral Gables- Main Draw
Boys' 16's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J100 Boca Raton - Main Draw
Boys' 16's Singles Finalist	(1) Junior ITF J60 Tampa - Main Draw
Boys' 14's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J60 Orlando - Main Draw
USTA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - BOYS	Wild Card Awarded
Boys' 18's Singles Champion	(1) US Open - Main Draw & (1) US Open Juniors* - Main Draw & (1) Men's USTA ATP Challenger - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Doubles Champions	(1) US Open - Main Draw Doubles (required to play with the same partner) & (1) US Open Juniors* - Main Draw Doubles (required to play with the same partner)
Boys' 18's Singles Finalist	(1) US Open - Qualifying & (1) US Open Juniors* - Main Draw & (1) Men's USTA M25 - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles 3 rd Place	(1) US Open Juniors* - Main Draw & (1) Men's USTA M15 - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles 4 th Place	(1) US Open Juniors* - Qualifying & (1) Men's USTA M15 - Qualifying
Boys' 18's Singles 5 th Place	(1) US Open Juniors* - Qualifying
Boys' 16's Singles Champion	(1) US Open Juniors* - Main Draw & (1) Men's USTA M15 - Main Draw
Boys' 16's Singles Finalist	(1) Junior ITF J300 Pan American - Main Draw & (1) Men's USTA M15 - Qualifying
Boys' 14's Singles Champion	(1) Junior ITF J100 Northeast or Texas - Main Draw
USTA NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	Wild Card Awarded
Boys' 18's Singles Champion	(1) 2027 Junior ITF J200 Las Vegas - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles Finalist	(1) 2027 Junior ITF J200 Las Vegas - Qualifying
Boys' 18's Singles 3rd Place	(1) 2027 Junior ITF J100 Tucson - Main Draw

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Boys' 18's Singles 4th Place	(1) 2027 Junior ITF J100 Tucson - Qualifying
Boys' 18's Singles 5th Place	(1) 2027 Junior ITF J60 Los Angeles- Main Draw
Boys' 16's Singles Champion	(1) 2027 Junior ITF J200 Las Vegas - Qualifying
Boys' 16's Singles Finalist	(1) 2027 Junior ITF J100 Tucson - Main Draw
ORANGE BOWL INTERNATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS	Wild Card Awarded
Boys' 18's Singles Champion	(1) 2027 Men's USTA M25 Pensacola - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles Finalist	(1) 2027 Men's USTA M15 - Main Draw
USTA NATIONAL WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS	Wild Card Awarded
Boys' 18's Singles Champion	(1) 2027 Junior ITF J300 San Diego - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles Finalist	(1) 2027 Junior ITF J300 San Diego - Qualifying
Boys' 18's Singles 3rd Place	(1) 2027 Junior ITF J100 Northeast or Texas - Main Draw
Boys' 18's Singles 4th Place	(1) 2027 Junior ITF J100 Northeast or Texas - Qualifying
Boys' 18's Singles 5th Place	(1) 2027 Junior ITF J60 Northeast Medford - Qualifying
Boys' 16's Singles Champion	(1) 2027 Junior ITF J300 San Diego - Qualifying
Boys' 16's Singles Finalist	(1) 2027 Junior ITF J100 San Antonio - Main Draw
16U JR DAVIS CUP TENNIS FINALS	Wild Card Awarded
3 Team Members for the Finals	(1) Men's USTA M15 Orlando (Fall) - Main Draw
JUNIOR GRAND SLAM	Wild Card Awarded
Boys' Singles Champion	(2) Men's Challenger ATP75** - Main Draw
Boys' Singles Finalist	(1) Men's Challenger ATP75** - Main Draw
DI NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS	Wild Card Awarded
Men's Singles Champion (US Only)	(1) Direct Link to the US Open Playoff
Men's Singles Finalist (US Only)	(1) Direct Link to the US Open Playoff
Men's Doubles Champions (US Only)	(1) Direct Link to the US Open Playoff - Doubles (required to play with the same partner, both players must be able to represent the US)
ITA NATIONAL SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS	Wild Card Awarded
Men's Singles Champion (US Only)	(1) Men's USTA M25 - Qualifying
Men's Singles Finalist (US Only)	(1) Men's USTA M25 - Qualifying
ITA MEN'S ALL AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	Wild Card Awarded
Men's Singles Champion (US Only)	(1) Men's USTA M25 - Main Draw
Men's Singles Finalist (US Only)	(1) Men's USTA M25 - Qualifying
Men's Doubles Champion (US Only)	(1) Men's USTA M25 - Main Draw Doubles (required to play with same partner, both players must be able to represent the US)
USTA COMPETITIVE PATHWAY WILD CARD LINKAGE	Wild Card Awarded
Men's USTA M15 - Singles Champion	(1) Men's USTA M25** - Main Draw

**Players must be age eligible subject to ITF rules in order to receive the wild card allocated to this event.*

***The awarded wild card may be utilized on any surface, regardless of the surface on which it was earned.*

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USTA will have the final discretion when it comes to these earned wild cards.

***** Please note the USTA does not hold Wild Cards for all Pro Circuit events. This [document](#) lists which events are applicable for players earning a Wild Card in a Pro Circuit event mentioned above.*