



September 5, 2009

Executive Directors, Team Captains and Sectional Coordinators:

Attached is the information packet regarding the USTA National Men's Intersectional Team Event, October 22 – 25, 2009 to be held at the City of Auburn/Auburn University Yarbrough Tennis Center located at 777 S. Yarbrough Farms Blvd., Auburn, AL, 36832. The **entry deadline is October 9, 2009. Please return the following forms by the deadline: Entry Form, Medical Waiver, Banquet Reservation and Player Information Sheet.**

The surface for this year's event will be clay courts. Play in this tournament will count for USTA National rankings (see [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com) under Adults/Seniors). Please let us know by October 9 (or sooner) which age divisions will have teams fielded by your Section.

### **Tentative Schedule**

Practice courts will open at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, and will remain open until 9:00 p.m. that night at Yarbrough Tennis Center. Practice courts will be available Wednesday through Sunday all day at Auburn Intramural courts. Please note Auburn Intramural courts are hard courts.

Captains will check in for teams at Yarbrough Tennis Center on Wednesday, October 21, anytime between 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The Captains' meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21, at 6:30 p.m. During the meeting, final rosters are due and the seeding and draws will be completed.

A mandatory player meeting will be held by the referee on Thursday morning, 8:30 a.m. Team pictures will be taken by a photographer at the meeting.

Play for all age divisions will begin Thursday morning and continue through Sunday morning (tentatively 9:00 a.m. each day). In general, singles will be played in the mornings, with doubles scheduled for afternoons. The schedule may be adjusted due to the weather.



Lunch will be provided for the players free of charge on site each day, Thursday through Sunday.

The player party will be free for all players and up to one guest per player. The banquet will be held on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Awards will be given to teams on Sunday for Champions and Finalists.

Sponsors for the 2009 USTA National Men's Intersectional Team Event are the United States Tennis Association, USTA Alabama Section, Auburn Community Tennis Association and the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department.

We welcome everyone to Alabama and to Auburn for this event and we look forward to seeing you in October.



## 2009 USTA National Men's Intersectional Team Event

**Fact Sheet: Tournament ID: 703226609**

<b>Location:</b>	City of Auburn/Auburn University Yarbrough Tennis Center 777 S. Yarbrough Farms Blvd. – Auburn, AL 36832 334-501-2921 – <a href="mailto:tdebardelaben@auburnalabama.org">tdebardelaben@auburnalabama.org</a>
<b>Dates:</b>	Deadline: Friday, October 9, 2009, 11:59 PM CST Check in: Wednesday, Oct 21 for Captains Match play: Thursday-Sunday, October 22-25, 2009
<b>Sanctioned:</b>	United States Tennis Association
<b>Sponsors:</b>	USTA Alabama Section, City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department and Auburn Community Tennis Association
<b>Field:</b>	All USTA Sections are eligible to enter teams in each division
<b>Divisions:</b>	Men's 35s, 45s, 55s, 65s, 75s Singles and Doubles TC
<b>Awards:</b>	Awards for 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> place
<b>Tournament Entry Fee:</b>	\$75 per player, including non-playing captains  Included with fee are player gifts, player banquet on Thursday night, lunch on site each day (Wednesday-Sunday)
<b>Tournament Inquiries:</b>	Travis DeBardelaben, Tournament Director Yarbrough Tennis Center – 334-501-2921 <a href="mailto:tdebardelaben@auburnalabama.org">tdebardelaben@auburnalabama.org</a>
<b>Playing Surface:</b>	Clay
<b>Official Ball:</b>	Wilson US Open Regular Duty
<b>Playing Sites:</b>	Yarbrough Tennis Center (additional sites as needed at Moores Mill Club)



**Accommodations:**

The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center is the host hotel for this event and they are offering a special rate of \$105.00 for a room with a Double or King bed. Go to the following link for more information on this hotel.

<http://booking.ihotelier.com/istay/istay.jsp?groupID=394955&hotelID=6493>. A list of more hotels is provided at

[aotourism.com](http://aotourism.com). All hotels on College Street are within 10 minutes of the facility.

**Transportation:**

**AIRPORTS**

**Auburn-Opelika Robert G. Pitts Airport**

334.844.4597 - <http://www.auoairport.com>

**Montgomery Regional Airport**

<http://iflymontgomery.com/us/en/index.php>

**Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport**

404.209.1700 - <http://www.atlanta-airport.com/>

**Columbus Metropolitan Airport**

706.324.2449 – <http://www.flygeorgia.com>

**Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport**

<http://www.flybirmingham.com/passenger-gettingtobhm.html>

**DISTANCE/TRAVEL TIME:**

Auburn, AL to Atlanta, Georgia – 100 miles, 1.25 hours

Auburn, AL to Birmingham, Alabama – 115 miles, 2 hours

Auburn, AL to Columbus, Georgia – 30 miles, 30 minutes

Auburn, AL to Montgomery, AL – 45 miles, 45 minutes

**Player Banquet:**

The player banquet is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 22 at 7:00 p.m.

**Additional Information:**

Player Welcome Bags

Player welcome bags will include tournament shirts and other gifts.

Practice Courts

Practice courts will be available at intramural hard courts located two minutes from site.

Stringing

Yarbrough Tennis Center will have stringing service available throughout the tournament.

### Trainer

A trainer will be on site throughout the tournament.

### Photos

Each team will receive a team picture.

### Match Boards

Posted at site.

### Court Amenities

Identification boards will be on gates, singles sticks (as appropriate) and scorekeepers will be used for all matches.

### Water for Matches

Water coolers will be available on court.

### Locker Rooms

Three showers are available at main site (Towels not provided)



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**Entry Form – RETURN THIS FORM**

Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: 35s 45s 55s 65s 75s

List all players by Singles Strength on this roster, even if they are not expected to play singles.  
Note: Doubles strength may also be listed in the last column.

Please list on the back of this sheet any current information on players that might help in preliminary seeding.

Entry Fee: \$75 per team member and non-playing Captain

Send Entry to: Dean Road Recreation Center (checks made payable to APRD Advisory Board)  
307 S. Dean Road – Auburn, AL 36830  
Attn: Travis DeBardelaben

Players in Order of Singles Strength	USTA #	Shirt Size	2008 or Current National Ranking	2008 or Current Sectional Ranking	Doubles Strength
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Entry form completed by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*If person who completed this form is not the Captain, list Captain's information below:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Medical Release and Waiver Agreement – RETURN THIS FORM**

**Each team member** must sign a medical release and waiver and **submit with the entry form.**

**Medical Release**

I hereby consent to emergency medical / or hospital service that may be rendered by or at accredited hospitals, by appointed physicians in the event such need arises in the opinion of a duly licensed physician.

**Waiver Agreement**

I agree that my participation in the 2009 USTA National Men's Intersectional Team Event is voluntary and undertaken without assumption of responsibility of any kind by the United States Tennis Association, the USTA Alabama Section, the National Senior Men's Tennis Association, the City of Auburn, the Yarbrough Tennis Center, or the Auburn Community Tennis Association, or any other organizations, committees or facilities that are connected with the production of this event, for injuries of any kind or description arising from participation in this tournament

Participant's Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Advance Reservation for Player and Guest Party  
RETURN THIS FORM**

The Player and Guest Party will be held on Thursday, October 22 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served along with free wine and beer.

Players and up to one guest are invited to attend the party free of charge.

Please indicate who will attend the Player and Guest Party **(include both player and guest)**:

Player's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional guests may attend the banquet at a cost of \$20.00 per person if seating is available. Players who wish to bring more than one guest to the banquet should indicate their names below. Players will be contacted in advance to let them know about seating availability. Payment may be made at that time.

Additional guest names: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for Player Party reservations: Friday, October 9, 2009**



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**Player Information Sheet – RETURN THIS FORM**

Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Division 35s 45s 55s 65s 75s2

List name, address/city/state/zip, USTA #, phone and email address for player and non-playing Captains. List bio information for news releases.

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## 2009 USTA National Men's Intersectional Team Event

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### General Tournament Information

#### Team Selection

Each USTA Section will have the sole responsibility for selecting team members by whatever criteria it deems appropriate. Players **must be members of the USTA** through the Section for which they play. Sections are strongly encouraged to have written selection procedures.

#### Team Formats

75s: two singles, one doubles-A maximum number of players per age division team: four  
For 35s, 45s, 55s, 65s: three singles and two doubles- A maximum number of players per age division team: Seven

Players may compete in both singles and doubles. A player may play in two different age divisions if eligible, but may play in only one age division in singles and one age division in doubles **on the same day**.

#### Team Captains

The sections must designate captains before the competition begins. Captains must attend the on-site Captains' meetings. The Captain may be a playing or non-playing Captain. An individual may captain more than one age group.

#### Draw Format

The competition in each age category may be a compass draw, modified compass draw, or round robin. The tournament committee will determine which format to use so that each team will play a minimum of three team matches. A team member will not be required to play more than the number of matches per day allowed for his age division according to the regulations for USTA Adult and Senior National Championships.

The referee may alter the schedule if it is determined that the event cannot be completed on time because of weather delays or other unforeseen circumstances.

#### Scoring

One point is awarded for each court win. The team with the majority of the points shall be the winner of the Team Match. All matches will be played even if a team winner has been established (time, weather and courts permitting). A winner or "champion" team will be determined in each age category.

Option I: The section with the greatest number of **individual** matches won throughout the entire competition will be named the overall sectional winner.

Option II: The section with the greatest number of **team** matches won throughout the entire competition will be named the overall sectional winner.

Note: Teams receiving a bye will receive the average number of individuals points won that they have earned in the entire competition (for the bye round).

In the event a team defaults an entire team match, the opposing team will receive five individual points (35s, 45s, 55s, 65s) or three points (75s).

### **Line-up and Draw**

A roster will be submitted by the Section for each team in each age category represented. Players must be listed in order of strength as singles players. All team members shall be listed on the singles roster even if they plan to play only doubles. (A doubles roster is not required.) Final changes to team rosters and resolutions of order of strength questions will be made at the Captains' meeting prior to making the draw.

### **Seeding**

A seeding committee will determine preliminary seeding prior to the Captains' meeting. All current player information (e.g., significant wins, losses, rankings) must be submitted to the tournament committee with the player information sheets in order to formulate preliminary seedings. Any questions concerning seeding will be resolved prior to making the draw. One team in four will be seeded. Four seeds will be allowed in age categories where there are more than 12 teams.

### **Substitutions**

A substitution in the daily singles line-up may be made at the discretion of the Captain. A substitute must be placed in accordance with the team rosters' order of strength.

### **Doubles Teams**

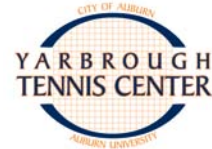
Doubles teams are formatted at the discretion of the team captain, but must be set up in order of strength. The tournament committee has the right to review questionable doubles combinations and take appropriate action.

### **Daily Line-ups**

The time frame for turning in the daily singles line-ups shall be determined by the referee and announced at the Captains' meeting. Doubles line-ups do not have to be turned in until 15 minutes after the last singles match as been completed for that particular team match.

The tournament committee and referees may issue appropriate procedural instructions for each specific event.

*Adopted by the USTA Intersectional Subcommittee in accordance with USTA Tournament Regulations May, 1997.*



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### Referee's Notes

#### **Code of Conduct**

USTA Rules and Regulations govern all play.

#### **Officials**

In addition to the Referee, one to two USTA certified officials will be roving during match play. The Tournament Director and Site Director will also be available.

#### **Competition**

The format will be best of three tiebreak sets with regular scoring. Use of the Coman Tiebreak will be determined at the first Captains' meeting. Default time will be 15 minutes. It is always the player's responsibility to find out the time of his match. The referee can switch to alternate scoring systems in order to complete the tournament if necessitated by inclement weather.

#### **Team Captains**

Captains will check in for teams on Wednesday evening and attend the Captains' meeting during which time the seeding and draws will be done. Captains will also attend daily Captains' meetings if the referee determines they are needed.

#### **Host Captains**

The Captain of the team listed on the left side of the line up sheet will be Host Captain responsible for administration of the new and used balls and for general court tidiness throughout the daily team competitions.

#### **Court Usage**

The winners of each match are responsible for reporting the score and returning the balls within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the match. The next match scheduled must be ready to play as soon as the court has been cleared.

#### **Draws**

The draws will be done at the Captains' meeting on Wednesday, October 21.

#### **Warm-ups**

Warm-ups will be limited to five minutes at beginning of each scheduled match. An additional warm-up will be allowed if the match is suspended for more than 10 minutes.

#### **Rest Period Between Matches**

Rest periods will follow guidelines established in Friend at Court.

### **Rest Periods During Matches**

A ten-minute rest period is authorized between the second and third sets unless a match tiebreak is used due to weather related issues.

### **Coaching**

Coaching will be permitted as established in Friend at Court. Coaching is allowed from a Captain or designated appointee who is sitting on the court only on changeovers, other than after the first game of a set or during tiebreaks. Coaching is not allowed during toilet breaks, injury timeouts, when seeking a referee or during a warm-up.

### **Cell Phones**

Cell phone use is not allowed by players or coaches during matches. During a match, opponents may claim the point due to hindrance if your cell phone rings.

### **Water**

Water coolers will be available on court.

### **Attire**

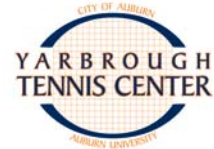
Players must wear appropriate tennis attire. The tournament committee will determine the suitability of tennis attire, including shoes, worn by the participants.

### **Medical Time-out**

Medical time-outs include, but are not limited to, injury, illness, heat-related condition or cramping. Medical time-outs consist of evaluation time, plus a maximum of three minutes treatment time, for a total of no more than 15 minutes. Only one medical time-out is allowed for cramping in a match, even if cramping occurs in different parts of the body.

### **Special Conditions**

The referee may authorize play using artificial lights or transfer play to other courts if necessary in order to complete the tournament.



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**Press Release**

The United States Tennis Association will be holding the National Men's Intersectional Team Event October 22-25, 2009, at Yarbrough Tennis Center in Auburn, Alabama. The team from (City/ State) \_\_\_\_\_ has won the right to represent the \_\_\_\_\_ Section in the \_\_\_\_\_ age division.

This Section includes(state names)\_\_\_\_\_

The players on this team will be competing against top players from 16 other sections in the United States.

For more information, please contact :(Captain)\_\_\_\_\_ at (phone and email) \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament Headquarters: Yarbrough Tennis Center  
777 S. Yarbrough Farms Boulevard  
Auburn, AL 36830  
334-501-2920  
[tdebardelaben@auburnalabama.org](mailto:tdebardelaben@auburnalabama.org)

Tournament Director: Travis DeBardelaben

Include the email address of your newspaper and/or television station so we can send daily tournament results.

**Deadline: October 9, 2009**