



MIDDLE STATES

# US Open National Playoffs

Middle States Sectional Qualifying

June 18-22, 2016

Mercer County Park Commission Tennis Facility

## event overview

For many, simply attending the US Open is a dream.

### Now anyone can play in it.

For the seventh straight year, anyone older than 14 will have that chance this weekend when the US Open National Playoffs Middle States Sectional Qualifying Tournament rolls into Mercer County Park. The event is open to USTA members with a membership valid through August.

### The idea behind the tournament is simple: give players a shot to compete on the world's biggest stage.

The US Open National Playoffs were launched in 2010 to provide anyone 14 or older the chance to compete in one of the world's most prestigious sporting events: the US Open in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. In the past, the tournament incorporated three divisions: men's singles, women's singles, and/or mixed doubles. Now, for the second year, the tournament features men's and women's doubles on the draw sheet.

The US Open National Playoffs begin as a series of 15 sectional qualifying tournaments, held in different USTA Sections across the country. The winners at each local site advance to the national stage to compete against the other winning players/teams from across the country.

The winner of each Singles Championship (one male, one female) will receive a wildcard entry to compete in the 2016 US Open Qualifying Tournament. The winner of the Mixed Doubles Championship (one team) will receive a wildcard entry to compete in the 2016 US Open Mixed Doubles Championship, and the winner of the Men's & Women's Doubles Championship (one men's team, one women's team) will receive a wild card entry to compete in the 2016 US Open Doubles Championship at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

## notes and numbers

Unique participants | 209  
Men's Singles | 94 | Women's Singles | 55  
Men's Doubles | 62 | Women's Doubles | 32  
Mixed Doubles | 58  
Youngest player | 14 | Oldest player | 62

## local tournament schedule

Saturday June 18  
First match: 9 a.m.; Last match: 4 p.m.

Sunday June 19  
First match: 9 a.m.; Last match: 4 p.m.

Monday June 20  
First match: 10 a.m.; Last match: 3 p.m.

Tuesday June 21  
First of four semi-finals at 10 a.m.  
Women's doubles final: 1 p.m.

Wednesday June 22  
Men's doubles final: 2 p.m.  
Women's singles final: 4 p.m.  
Men's singles final: 6 p.m.  
Mixed doubles final: 8 p.m.

## national tournament schedule

Yale University Tennis Center  
New Haven, CT

Men's and Women's Singles Championship  
August 19-22

Men's and Women's Doubles Championship  
August 21-24

Mixed Doubles Championship  
August 24-27

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## who competes in the US Open National Playoffs?

Everyone and anyone.

Participants over the past few years include those competing for charity, as well as pastors and rabbis, musicians, lawyers, reporters, former athletes, teaching pros, high school players, and stay-at-home mothers and fathers.

Previous notable participants include Olympic skier Bode Miller, rapper Redfoo of the music group LMFAO, and ESPN's Mike Greenberg, who teamed with six-time US Open champion Chris Evert in mixed doubles.

### **past winners: Middle States Section Qualifying**

	<b>men's singles</b>	<b>women's singles</b>	<b>men's doubles</b>	<b>women's doubles</b>	<b>mixed doubles</b>
<b>2015</b>	Matija Pecotic	Jennifer Elie	Ashley Fisher/Nathan Healey	Rima Asatrian/Kate Fahey	Andrei Daescu/Anda Perianu
<b>2014</b>	Punch Maleka	Jennifer Elie	(event not offered)	(event not offered)	Ilia Shatashvili/Lindsay Graff
<b>2013</b>	Matija Pecotic	Lindsay Graff	(event not offered)	(event not offered)	Matija Pecotic/Lindsay Graff
<b>2012</b>	Punch Maleka	Anna Mamalat	(event not offered)	(event not offered)	Ron Mercer/Stephanie Smith
<b>2011</b>	Nathan Healey	Robin Anderson*	(event not offered)	(event not offered)	Nathan Healey/Veronica Corning
<b>2010</b>	Punch Maleka	Alexandra Mueller*	(event not offered)	(event not offered)	(event not offered)

\* - went on to win US Open National Playoffs (National Tournament)

**“The US Open National Playoffs are all about giving players of all abilities the opportunity to dream big and be a part of the US Open. This year, players have more ways than ever to make it to New York, with all five of the US Open’s draws in play. We look forward to another year of great tennis and watching top juniors, collegians, aspiring pros and weekend warriors connect with the US Open and compete for the chance to play on tennis’ grandest stage.”**

**Katrina Adams** - USTA President & US Open Chairwoman

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