



**2009 US Open  
Wheelchair Competition  
NEC Tour – Fact Sheet**  
Flushing, NY  
September 10-13



<b>Entry</b>	Entry to the tournament is open to all eligible wheelchair tennis players. Entry Forms must be signed and received by the USTA Wheelchair Department in White Plains, NY, by 5 pm Eastern Daylight Time, <b>Thursday, July 30, 2009</b> . The entry deadline is the same for Singles and Doubles events, and there are no Doubles-only entries.								
<b>Venue</b>	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center Flushing Meadows-Corona Park Flushing, NY								
<b>Type of Court / Type of Ball</b>	The US Open Wheelchair Tennis Competition will be played on DecoTurf II. The Wilson US Open ball (Extra Duty for Men, Regular Duty for Women and Quad) is the Official Ball of the US Open. Ball change occurs after the first seven games, then after every nine games. Six balls are in play at all times.								
<b>Referee</b>	Brian Earley								
<b>Tournament Director</b>	David Schobel								
<b>Draw Information</b>	<table><thead><tr><th><u>Singles</u></th><th><u>Doubles</u></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>8 Men</td><td>4 Men's Teams</td></tr><tr><td>8 Women</td><td>4 Women's Teams</td></tr><tr><td>4 Quads</td><td>2 Quad Teams</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Singles Draws will be made Wednesday, September 9 Doubles Draws will be made Thursday, September 10</p>	<u>Singles</u>	<u>Doubles</u>	8 Men	4 Men's Teams	8 Women	4 Women's Teams	4 Quads	2 Quad Teams
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<b>Prize Money</b>	\$100,000 USD								
<b>Per Diem</b>	\$230 per day through the day of the player's complete elimination from the tournament, plus three days.								
<b>Match Play Start Dates</b>	Singles: Thursday, September 10 Men and Women's Doubles: Friday, September 11 Quad Doubles: Saturday, September 12								
<b>Regulations</b>	The Rules, Regulations and Code of Conduct adopted and published by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) will govern all play.								
<b>Security and Credential Procedures</b>	- <b>EVERYONE</b> (including tournament staff, officials, players, coaches, guests, media, etc.) wishing to receive a credential to the 2009 US Open must submit a Credential Application Form in advance of the tournament. - All credentials (players, coaches, etc.) will automatically expire two days following the player's complete elimination from the tournament.								
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Web site: [www.usopen.org](http://www.usopen.org) or [www.usopen.org/playersonly](http://www.usopen.org/playersonly)

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What needs to be done before I arrive?**

- Complete and submit a **Credential Application Form** (including a photo) for the player and up to three (3) guests ASAP (please note that all requests are subject to application approval). The player's credential will be included in the welcome packet he/she will receive at Player Registration. Coaches and guests will need to present a valid government-issued photo ID to collect their credential also at Player Registration. Players must specifically designate their guest(s) and coach(es) to Player Registration, but do not need to accompany them to pick up their credentials. However, player guest/coach credentials cannot be picked up until the player has picked up his/her credential. Credentials are not transferable, and their appropriate use will be strictly enforced.
- Reserve a **hotel room** preferably in Manhattan, but no more than 15 miles away from the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. Please contact Jeremiah Yolcut for accommodation information at (914) 696-7154 or Yolcut@usta.com.
- Make **travel arrangements**. Pre-arranged ground transportation is available from LaGuardia, JFK and Newark Liberty airports only for those competitors arriving on or after Monday, September 7 provided 24 hour advance notice is given. Please call the Transportation Office after Monday, August 24, at (718) 760-6300 to arrange for transport from the airport (where the driver should be waiting in baggage claim) to the hotel. Please do not travel directly from the airport to the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center as luggage is not allowed on-site. Those arriving prior to Monday, September 7, will need to take a taxi to their hotel. Approximate taxi cost from JFK or LaGuardia airports to Manhattan is \$40.

### **What happens if my flight is delayed or my travel plans change?**

- Please contact the Transportation Office at (718) 760-6300 with your updated travel details.

### **What happens if I have a last minute emergency and can not come to the tournament?**

- Please contact David Schobel (914-409-2338), Dan James (651-271-3169) or Jeremiah Yolcut (914-216-3738) as soon as possible.

### **Can my guests use the tournament transportation car service?**

- Car transportation for 2009 will remain "one player, one car" whenever possible, and requires the player to be one of the passengers in the car. Credentialed guests traveling without a player may use the regularly scheduled shuttle bus service at any time (please note shuttle buses are not wheelchair accessible).

### **What will happen when I arrive at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center?**

- Those arriving at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center via tournament transportation will be dropped off in Parking Lot A near the President's Gate Entrance of Arthur Ashe Stadium. All players and their guests will need to visit Player Registration located next door to the Transportation office to collect their credentials. Players will then be escorted to the chair storage area.

### **More on-site information:**

#### **Indoor Tennis Center Now Open**

The 245,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art indoor tennis facility will house new Men's and Women's Locker Rooms, a fitness center, corporate hospitality areas and SmashZone.

#### **Meal Allowance**

Each player will receive an automated daily meal allowance on his/her credential. A player's daily meal allowance ends the day of his/her complete elimination from the tournament. This electronic meal

allowance is valid at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center only, and may be used at most concession areas as well as the Player Dining Room. Player guests and coaches must purchase their own food.

### **Parking**

All players have access to complimentary parking in Lots E and F by showing their credential to the lot attendant. In all instances, the player must be in the car.

### **Per Diem**

All Wheelchair participants competing as professionals will receive a per diem allowance of \$230 per day through the day of the player's complete elimination from the tournament, plus three days. All per diem payments will be included in prize money checks. IRS regulations require a professional to include his/her Social Security Number on the Entry Form. Also pursuant to IRS regulations, all prize money and per diems payable to players who are non-resident aliens will be subject to 30% tax withholding unless a valid "green card" is presented by the player at the time of payment of prize money.

### **Player Handbook Available Online Only**

The 2009 US Open Player Handbook will be available only via the Players Only web page located at [USOpen.org/playersonly](http://USOpen.org/playersonly) in late July.

### **Players Only Section on USOpen.org**

The Official Order of Play will be available on the Players Only web page located at [USOpen.org/playersonly](http://USOpen.org/playersonly). The site will also include player-related information such as fact sheets, transportation details, important dates/deadlines and more.

### **Practice Courts**

Practice courts will be available starting the afternoon of Tuesday, September 8. Reservations can be made up to one day in advance by calling the Player Operations Desk at (718) 760-6218. Please arrive 10 minutes before the reservation time as courts will not be held. Four players will be assigned per court.

### **Repair Technician**

A repair technician will be on-site Wednesday, September 9, until the end of play on Sunday, September 13. The technician will have a radio and be available during practice (with notification), before matches and on-court as necessary.

### **Stringing**

Stringing service will be available Tuesday September 8, through Sunday, September 13, to all players through Wilson Racquet Sports located just inside the Player Entrance to Arthur Ashe Stadium. **NO OTHER RACQUET STRINGERS ARE ALLOWED TO OPERATE ON-SITE.**

### **Tickets**

The US Open offers all Wheelchair players either two (2) complimentary tickets in Arthur Ashe Stadium for either a day or evening session or four (4) complimentary grounds passes per day starting Thursday, September 10, through their complete elimination from the tournament. Tickets are subject to availability, and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Players requesting tickets that are not collected run the risk of having their ticket privileges revoked for the remainder of the tournament.

### **Web Site Filtering**

Please be advised that web filtering technology will be utilized on-site at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center to restrict access to internet gambling sites via the USTA network.

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

**Until Monday, September 7**

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**As of Tuesday, September 8**

Transportation (718) 760-6300

Player Operations Desk (718) 760-6218

Player Registration/Credentials (718) 760-6350

Wheelchair Office (718) 760-6356