



# 2009 US OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Flushing, NY, USA  
Aug 31 - Sep 13, 2009 - \$ 10,006,000—Grand Slam

FOR ALL PLAYER INFORMATION, VISIT  
THE PLAYERS ONLY WEB SITE AT  
[www.usopen.org/playersonly](http://www.usopen.org/playersonly)

As of July 28, 2009

## TOURNAMENT FACTS

Draw Size	Surface	Prize Money	Tournament Contact Information	Proposed TV Schedule
128M/128Q/64D/32Mxd	DecoTurf II / Outdoors	Ladies Event Total: US\$10,006,000 30% tax withheld from non-residents. US Open prize money and per diem will be paid through the Tour. Limited cash advances will be available on-site. The Tour will wire prize money and per diem directly to players' bank accounts or mail a check.	Jim Curley / USTA 70 West Red Oak Lane White Plains, NY 10604, USA PH: 1 914 696 7254 (before August 3) PH: 1 718 760 6233 (starting August 3) FX: 1 914 696 7019	CBS Sports, ESPN2 and Tennis Channel domestically, and 180 countries worldwide.
2008 Cutoffs	Tennis Ball			
M= 108 Q= 257 D= 190 Mxd= 63	Wilson US Open Regular Duty			

## TOURNAMENT DATES

Qualifying & Main Draw Dates	Entry Deadlines and Sign-Ins - !!NEW DOUBLES ENTRY PROCEDURE!!	Main Draw Ceremony	Special Event
<b>Qualifying:</b> Aug 25 – 28, Tuesday - Friday <i>Start Times: 11:00am</i>	<b>Singles Main Draw:</b> Entry deadline is Monday, July 20. Mandatory entry for all players who qualify by ranking for acceptance into the Main Draw. <b>Singles Qualifying:</b> Entry deadline is Monday, August 3 (!!4 weeks before MD!!) <b>Players will not be required to sign-in for Singles Qualifying.</b> Players on the Qualifying acceptance list will be included in the draw automatically provided they have been eliminated from the Singles and Doubles events at the previous week's tournament prior to 4:00pm on Monday, Aug 24. All alternates may sign-in on-site until 30 minutes before the first scheduled match each day of the first round of Qualifying. <b>Advanced Doubles Entries*:</b> From Monday, Aug 3 to Friday, Aug 21 by 12:00noon *** SEE ATTACHED PROCEDURE *** Players will be able to enter on-site in LA, Cincinnati, Toronto and New Haven. <b>Mixed Doubles Sign-In*:</b> from Mon, Aug 24, 12:00noon to Mon, Aug 31, 12:00noon in the Referee Office. <small>*The better of a player's Singles or Doubles ranking will be used for acceptance purposes for Doubles and Mixed at the US Open</small>	Thursday, Aug 27 time & site TBD	<b>Arthur Ashe Kids' Day</b> – Sat, Aug 29, 2:00pm, contact PH: 1 914 697 2287
<b>Main Draw :</b> Aug 31 – Sep 13, Monday – Sunday (2 weeks) <i>Start Times: 11:00am</i> Main Draw Doubles & Mixed Doubles begin Wed, Sep 2		<b>Finals</b> <b>Singles Final</b> Sep 12, Saturday , 8:00pm <b>Doubles Final</b> Sep 13, Sunday, 1:00pm <b>Mixed Doubles Final</b> Sep 10, Thursday, time TBA	<b>!!MANDATORY MEETING!!</b> <b>Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Player Meeting</b> Sat, Aug 29, 4:30pm, on-site, <b>MANDATORY</b> for all full members competing in Main Draw singles and doubles (Associate Members welcome)

## TOURNAMENT HOTELS

Hotel Name, Address & Rates	Reservations	TRANSPORTATION & AIRPORT PICKUP PH: 1 718 760 6300	TOURNAMENT VENUE Address & PH/FX
<b>LE PARKER MERIDIEN</b>  118 West 57th Street New York, NY 10019 PH: 1 212 245 5000 FX: 1 212 307 1776	Hotel reservations will be handled online this year. Reservations can be made for dates between Aug 16 – Sep 13. Reservations for dates earlier or later than those specified will be rejected and require the personalized attention of Florence Gaudry at Le Parker Meridien. She can be reached at fgaudry@parkermeridien.com. <b>The reservation deadline is July 30.</b> Rates are not guaranteed for reservations made after this date. For Players: <a href="http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/wtaplayers09">http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/wtaplayers09</a> For coaches and family members: <a href="http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/wtacoachfam09">http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/wtacoachfam09</a>	<b>Airport pick-up</b> is provided for Main Draw players only (Singles and Doubles) from JFK, LaGuardia (LGA) and Newark Liberty (EWR) airports only, beginning Wednesday, Aug 26 if 24-hour advance notice is given. <b>Limited shuttle bus service</b> will begin Saturday, Aug 22 at 8:00am between the Waldorf-Astoria and Le Parker Meridien hotels and the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. <b>Limited car transportation</b> will begin Wednesday, Aug 26 for Main Draw Singles players only, with <b>full service</b> starting Monday, Aug 31. Car transportation is provided for Main Draw players only between the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center and the player's hotel/local residence only, provided the location is within a 15-mile radius of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. See the 2009 US Open Player Handbook (on usopen.org/playersonly) or 2009 US Open Transportation Brochure for a map defining the 15-mile radius. Please call 1 718 760 6300 to reserve a car or airport transportation.	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center Flushing Meadow – Corona Park Flushing, NY 11368, USA PH: 1 718 760 6200 FX: 1 718 592 9488 Referee Office (Brian Earley) PH: 1 718 760 6234 <b>Sony Ericsson WTA Tour:</b> <b>PH: 1 718 760 6372</b> <b>FX: 1 718 593 8209</b>
<b>Player Rates</b> Superior Room = \$199 Tower = \$204 Tower Parkview = \$256 Junior Suite = \$259 (king bed/pullout sofa)  Tax = 14.26% + \$3.50/Room/Night <b>See attachment</b>	Internet access is \$16.10 for 24 hrs per computer and use of Gravity gym is \$10 per day (free for players with a US Open credential).  <b>Per Diem:</b> \$230 per diem for MD players for each day in the tournament + 3 days. \$115 per diem for Q players for each day in the tournament + 2 days. Per diem begins as follows: Singles MD competitors on Monday, Aug 31; Doubles only competitors on Wednesday, Sep 2; Qualifying competitors on Tuesday, Aug 25.		<b>Practice Desk</b> PH: 1 718 760 6218 Opens Saturday , Aug 22 at 8:00am
<b>WTA Coaches and Players Family</b> Superior Room = \$223 Tower = \$230 Tower Parkview = \$277 Junior Suite = \$298 (king bed/pullout sofa)  <b>Reservation deadline is JULY 30!!</b>			

**SECURITY AND CREDENTIAL PROCEDURES:** FOR SECURITY PURPOSES, EVERY PLAYER (INCLUDING QUALIFIERS), COACH AND PLAYER GUEST MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A CREDENTIAL APPLICATION FORM BY JULY 20.  
- Credential Application Form is attached to the fact sheet or also available from the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour (contact Linda Christensen or Kristina Lomos at the St. Petersburg Office at PH: 1 727 895 5000), through Danielle Gooding at the USTA, PH: 1 914 696 7277, US Open Player Entry CD-ROM or via usopen.org/playersonly.  
- **Completed Credential Application Forms must be received via regular or overnight mail no later than, Monday, July 20, 2009.**  
- All credentials (players, coaches, player guests, etc.) will be **valid for two (2) days following the player's elimination from the tournament** (extensions may be allowed if requested by player in person).  
- **Main Draw Players** receive three (3) guest credentials (one may be assigned to a coach with access to the appropriate locker room, and one may be assigned to a private physio with access only to fitness center). Seeded Main Draw Singles and Doubles players receive one (1) additional guest credential. **Qualifying Players** receive two (2) guest credentials (one of these may be assigned to a coach with access to the appropriate locker room).

**IMPORTANT CHANGES AT THE OPEN: ELECTRONIC LINE CALLING:** The USTA is expanding the use of Electronic Line Calling technology to include Grandstand. **INDOOR TRAINING CENTER NOW OPEN:** The 245,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art indoor training center will house new Men's and Women's locker rooms, a fitness center, corporate hospitality areas and SmashZone. **NIGHT SESSION SCHEDULING:** During select night sessions, the US Open may schedule a Men's Singles match prior to a Women's Singles match. **REGISTRATION:** Player Registration & Credential Offices open Sat, Aug 22 at 8:00am. All players need to obtain a photo credential for access to site, transport, etc. Site will **not** be accessible prior to this date. Non-credentialed guests will only have access to the grounds from Tue, Aug 25 through Sun, Aug 30. **PLAYER HANDBOOK AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY:** The US Open Player Handbook will be available only via the Players Only web page (usopen.org/playersonly) in late July. **NEW DOUBLES ENTRY SYSTEM:** Entries for Women's Doubles will be accepted **Monday, Aug 3 until Friday, Aug 21 at 12pm.** Entries can be submitted to Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Supervisors or via e-mail [usopendoubles@usta.com](mailto:usopendoubles@usta.com). Entry process for Mixed Doubles remains the same.

### Sony Ericsson WTA TOUR STAFF:

**TOUR SUPERVISORS:** Laura Ceccarelli, Donna Kelso, Giulia Orlandi  
**PHCP's:** Elaine Brady, Melissa Baudo, Amber Donaldson, Carole Doherty, Joanna Goldin, Patty Pennell, Sheila Anderson  
**MESSAGE THERAPISTS:** Sourced by US Open  
**PRO UTM:** Ashley Keber  
**COMMUNICATIONS:** Amy Binder, Gina Clement, Kevin Fisher  
**PLAYER RELATIONS:** Natasha Kalashnikova, Christian Forsyth  
**MARKETING:** Jill Hausler



## **NEW DOUBLES ENTRY PROCEDURE**

Sign-in opens on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
Please enter with Sony Ericsson WTA Supervisors  
during tournaments in **Los Angeles–Cincinnati–Toronto–New Haven**  
or through US Open Referee, Brian Earley, at [usopendoubles@usta.com](mailto:usopendoubles@usta.com)

**Sign-in deadline: Friday 21 August**  
**12.00noon (NY time)**

Players will be allowed to pair up with another partner until the Doubles Draw is made on Sunday, August 30. The new partner cannot be already on the Doubles acceptance list and the combined ranking of the new team is equal or better than the original cut-off at the sign-in deadline.

### **DIRECT ACCEPTANCE**

Based on the best of Singles or Doubles  
ranking as August 17

57 Direct acceptances  
7 Wild cards

### **DRAW**

On Sunday, August 30  
Seeding ranking August 24  
Women's Doubles will start on **Wednesday, September 2**



# US Open 2009 Hotel Reservation

Sony Ericsson WTA Players,  
Players' Coach and Family, Friends

**Le Parker Meridien**  
118 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street; New York, NY 10019  
Main Phone: +1 212 245 5000

Hotel reservations for the US Open will be handled online again this year. Below, please find a personalized Web site for Players (and two separate links for coaches/direct family members and for friends) to make reservations for dates between 16 Aug 09 – 13 Sep 09. Reservations for dates earlier or later than those specified will be rejected and require the personalized attention of **Florence Gaudry** at the Parker.

Florence can be reached at [fgaudry@parkermeridien.com](mailto:fgaudry@parkermeridien.com).

Access to the site is organized by guest type and can be obtained by going to the appropriate links below:

NOTE: Internet access is \$16.10 for 24 hrs per computer and use of Gravity gym is \$10 per day (free for players with US Open credentials).

## PLAYERS

Players can access the site to learn more about the event and to book, modify, or cancel a reservation.

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/wtaplayers09>

Players will be required to produce their US Open credentials prior to check-out to verify their eligibility for the player rate.

## COACHES and DIRECT FAMILY MEMBERS

Registered coaches and direct family members should use the following link for reservation:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/wtacoachfam09>

## FRIENDS OF THE US OPEN

All friends and other guests must use the following link for reservation:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/friends09>

Here the Players' rate and the Players' Coach, Family and Friends rate

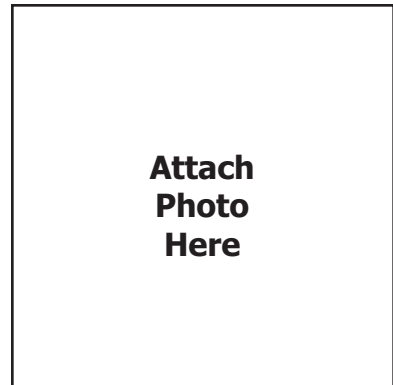
Players		Coaches/Direct Family Members		Friends of the US Open	
Superior Room	\$ 199	Superior Room	\$ 223	Superior Room	\$ 235
Tower	\$ 204	Tower	\$ 230	Tower	\$ 242
Tower Parkview	\$ 256	Tower Parkview	\$ 277	Tower Parkview	\$ 320
Junior Suite	\$ 259	Junior Suite	\$ 298	Junior Suite	\$ 396

**RESERVATION DEADLINE is 30 July 2009.** After this date rooms CANNOT be guaranteed.



# Credential Application

## Player/Coach/Guest/US Open Final 8 Club Only



**Attach  
Photo  
Here**

**Please note: If you received a credential for the 2008 US Open, you do not need to complete this entire form. Simply complete Sections 1, 3 and 4 and update your mailing address in Section 2 (if applicable). Only those who did not receive a credential to the 2008 US Open must complete this entire form.**

**All applications must be received no later than Monday, July 20, 2009. Incomplete applications will be returned.**

First-time applications must be sent via regular mail or overnight delivery service.

Faxes will only be accepted from repeat applicants.

**Applications are not accepted via e-mail.**

You must appear in person and present a valid government-issued form of photo identification to collect your credential at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

### CREENTIAL RULES

**Main Draw Players receive three (3) guest credentials:**

- One (1) credential may be assigned to a coach (with access to the appropriate Locker Room)
- One (1) credential may be assigned to a private trainer/physio (with access only to the Fitness Center)
- All private trainers/physios must be recognized by the ATP or WTA Tour
- All coaches of female players are assigned to the Indoor Tennis Facility Locker Room
- Seeded Main Draw Singles and Doubles players receive one (1) additional guest credential

**Qualifying Players receive two (2) guest credentials:**

- One (1) credential may be assigned to a coach (with access to the appropriate Locker Room)

**Champions Invitational Players receive two (2) guest credentials**

**Final 8 Club Members receive one (1) guest credential**

### Section 1

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone numbers (for numbers outside of the United States, please be sure to include country and city code)

(home) \_\_\_\_\_ (mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 2

Repeat applicants only need to complete Section 2 if the information previously supplied in this section has changed.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (month) \_\_\_\_\_ (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (year) \_\_\_\_\_ Gender  Male  Female

Birthplace (city) \_\_\_\_\_ (state) \_\_\_\_\_ (country) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a citizen of the United States?  Yes  No

**If you are a US citizen, please complete items A (if applicable), B and C.**

**If you are NOT a US citizen, please complete items A (if applicable) and C.**

**A.** US Driver's License Number \_\_\_\_\_ Issuing State \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have a US Driver's License, please check here

**B.** Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

**C.** Passport(s) Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Issuing Country(ies) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not a citizen of the United States, do you hold a green card?  Yes  No

If yes, please provide green card number \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 3

You acknowledge and agree that the issuance of credentials is subject to the prior approval of the USTA and/or its representatives and such credentials can be withheld or revoked at any time for any reason in the sole discretion of the USTA and/or its representatives. You acknowledge and agree that if you apply for and accept a 2009 US Open Coach Credential, you will be required to be available for and participate in televised interviews as requested by the USTA and/or its representatives immediately prior to, during and immediately following the 2009 US Open matches of each player you coach.

By applying for a credential, you agree to comply with all the credential terms and conditions issued by the USTA and/or its representatives, including but not limited to the following:

**Terms and Conditions.** A non-transferable credential is issued to an approved, qualified individual ("Bearer") for the sole purpose of providing access to certain restricted areas on the grounds of the 2009 US Open, as determined by the USTA (defined below). These Terms and Conditions shall apply to all Bearers. Any violation of the Terms and Conditions, or any unauthorized use of a credential subjects Bearer to ejection from the 2009 US Open and potential prosecution for criminal trespass and denial or revocation of credentials for future US Open tournaments and other USTA events. USTA is defined, for the purposes of a credential, to include the United States Tennis Association Incorporated, USTA National Tennis Center Incorporated, the US Open, their respective affiliates, and each of their respective agents and employees. A credential is not valid for US Open seating. Each credential is property of the USTA and may be revoked at any time at the sole discretion of the USTA. Completion of the credential application constitutes agreement by Bearer to comply with these Terms and Conditions.

Bearer agrees to: (i) refrain from taking photographs or video footage of any kind in restricted areas including but not limited to locker rooms (the taking of photographs and video footage applies to the use of all equipment having the capability of capturing such images, including but not limited to mobile phones); (ii) refrain from participating in or aiding and abetting, directly or indirectly, any form of gambling or betting on the outcome of any tennis match staged during the 2009 US Open or any other activity relating to the 2009 US Open; (iii) refrain from requesting player autographs at any time during the 2009 US Open; and (iv) abide by any lawful direction given to Bearer by US Open officials during the 2009 US Open.

Each Bearer: (i) assumes all risks incident to attending the 2009 US Open; (ii) agrees that, unless otherwise designated by the USTA, he/she is not acting for the USTA in any manner whatsoever and is not an employee or agent of the USTA; (iii) consents to the use of his/her image or likeness incidental to any live or recorded video program, photograph, or other transmission or reproduction of the 2009 US Open for any and all purposes in perpetuity; and (iv) agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the USTA, USTA National Tennis Center Incorporated, and the City of New York, their affiliates and respective agents and employees (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") from and against all liability, loss, damage or expense resulting from or arising out of the issuance of a credential, Bearer's presence on the 2009 US Open grounds and/or Bearer's use of any 2009 US Open transportation services or hotels, except to the extent such liability, loss, damage or expense arises directly out of the willful or intentional misconduct of any Indemnified Party.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If under 18 years of age, signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 4

Please check the appropriate box(es) for the type of credential for which you are applying:

#### Player

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Main Draw Player                | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Qualifying Player      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Main Draw Player (Doubles Only) | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Main Draw Player       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Qualifying Player               | <input type="checkbox"/> Champions Invitational Player |

#### Coach

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Main Draw Coach                                    | Name of Player _____     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Qualifying Coach                                   | Name of Player _____     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Davis Cup Coach<br>(2009 World Group Nations only) | Name of Federation _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fed Cup Coach<br>(2009 World Group Nations only)   | Name of Federation _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Federation Coach                            | Name of Federation _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federation Coach                                   | Name of Federation _____ |

#### Private Trainer/Physio

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Main Draw Trainer/Physio | Name of Player _____ |
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#### Player Guest

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Main Draw Player Guest              | Name of Player _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Qualifying Player Guest             | Name of Player _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Player Guest                 | Name of Player _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Champions Invitational Player Guest | Name of Player _____ |

#### US Open Final 8 Club

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| <input type="checkbox"/> US Open Singles Past Champion |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> US Open Final 8 Club Member   |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> US Open Final 8 Club Guest    | Name of Final 8 Club Member _____ |

## Section 5

**THOSE WHO RECEIVED A CREDENTIAL FOR THE 2008 US OPEN ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS RELEASE.**

### General Release of Information

I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize the release to the United States criminal justice agency(ies) conducting the security clearance process for individuals to be credentialed for the 2009 and/or subsequent US Open Tennis Championships (one or more such agencies referred to herein as the "Agency") of any and all records concerning me and/or my background, including without limitation my driving history and any criminal history (including any charges against me), which may be in the possession of any local, state, federal or national entity.

I understand and agree that any information obtained based upon this authorization may be utilized by the Agency in connection with: (1) any background investigation conducted for the 2009 US Open Tennis Championships or any subsequent US Open Tennis Championships for which I seek a credential; and (2) any security measure instituted for the 2009 US Open Tennis Championships or any subsequent US Open Tennis Championships. It is not intended that the United States Tennis Association Incorporated ("USTA") will be made privy to the details or specifics resulting from the Agency's investigations; nevertheless, the USTA agrees to treat any and all information it receives in the credentialing process in strict confidence, such that no information shall be divulged by the USTA to any third party unless, and only to the extent, required by law.

By signing below, I voluntarily authorize the Agency to make such investigations and I hereby release from all liability or responsibility, the USTA, the Agency, my employer (if applicable), and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents, such entities and agencies that receive such information and all persons or entities supplying or collecting such information for disclosure and release to the Agency. In addition, I hereby release the USTA from any and all liability and/or any losses or harm resulting from any ineligibility to attend, compete in and/or work at the 2009 US Open Tennis Championships (or any subsequent US Open Tennis Championships for which I seek a credential) that results from such investigation. I understand that submission of this document does not guarantee the issuance of a credential to the 2009 US Open Tennis Championships.

I am aware that this instrument may be photocopied in its use and hereby acknowledge (i) the validity of my signature on such duplicated copy, and (ii) any facsimile copy or photocopy shall be as valid as the original. If applicable, I am also aware that my employer may retain a copy and hereby release the USTA and the Agency from any liability resulting from any misuse on the part of my employer concerning such copy. I have read and fully understand the contents of this disclosure and authorization for release of information and execute it freely and voluntarily.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If under 18 years of age, signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 6

A current passport-size photograph (head and shoulders view against a light background) must be submitted for each new applicant with the individual's name and affiliation (Main Draw Player, Qualifying Coach, etc.) clearly written on the back of the photo. Those who received a credential for the 2008 US Open do not need to submit a photo.

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**All applications are due by Monday, July 20, 2009 to the address below:**

Danielle Gooding  
2009 US Open Tennis Championships  
70 West Red Oak Lane  
White Plains, NY 10604  
Fax (914) 696-7178

### Questions?

Contact Danielle Gooding at (914) 696-7277 or [gooding@usta.com](mailto:gooding@usta.com)